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**THE COMMUNICATOR**

Dear Church Friends and Family,

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.* - 1 John 3:16-1

As we enter the month of February, we look around all of the stores and see a sea of pink's and red's. There are expansive choices of cards and gift items to give those we care about the most a special reminder on Valentine's Day about how much we love them. Imagine that! It's a whole season focused on love. As Christians, though, we need to consider this same love for others not just on the Hallmark holidays but all year round.

How do we love? Well, we know how God loved. He loved immeasurably-- not holding anything back. He sacrificed all for his beloved. He gave his own son's very life for the sake of those he loved. God didn't love with just words but with very intentional actions. All that he asked for in return was acceptance of such a wondrous gift of love and a willingness to give such love back to others.

Again, I ask, how do we love? Do we love passionately? Do we love sacrificially? Do we love without expectation of getting something in return? Do we proclaim love with our mouths but fail to live it out in our actions? Scripture very clearly tells us that true Christian love entails more than mere words. Sadly, words are the easy part. It takes us stepping out to love with our actions to truly love as God has loved.

How do you show love to others? What acts of love do you show to those who cross your path? Are you willing to show love to all or just to those with whom you are comfortable? Take some time each day to intentionally do something loving for another. It might be for someone in your own household, at your school, at your workplace, or in your neighborhood. Maybe, though, you can find a way to show love towards someone who you would not normally come in contact with? Maybe a visit to a nursing home? Maybe to a homeless shelter? Or maybe going on a mission trip? Wherever you go in love, do it with a sincere heart, desiring to love God and neighbor.

...and while you give of yourself in love, be reminded that God loves us even when we aren't very loveable!

In His Service,  
Pastor Lenore



## *Church Council Report*

The first meeting of the Church Council was held January 16. Our church conference in October approved the new Simplified Accountable Structure. Simplified means making things easier and less complicated. Accountable means we set a high standard for attendance, service and personal growth. The Council serves as the Administrative Board, Trustees, Finance and Staff Parish Relations Committees in a governance and oversight role over all ministries. With fewer people involved in meetings the hope is to free us up to be more actively involved in ministry opportunities via our ministry teams.

The Church Council meetings are open meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend except when the Council deals with Staff Parish Relations matters which by the Book of Discipline must be confidential. The officers elected at the meeting are Bob Weaver Council chairman and Staff Parish Relations chairman, Kent Weiland vice-chairman, Lori Mahaffey secretary, and Ralph Hoyt Trustee chairman. The other members of the Council are Tom Bixler, Bob Burns, Dorothy Eiswert, Pastor Lenore (voice, no vote), Jake Lusk, Cathy Prowant, Janet Walters, and Lynell Whitnack.

The following are the major items from the Council's agenda discussed at the January meeting:

Spent time in spiritual and leadership development including review of the simplified accountable structure model and a review of the introduction to the book "*Kingdom Come*" by Reggie McNeal. Pastor Lenore will lead us in a study of this book.

Discussed setting goals to achieve our vision for ministry including a possible retreat in the spring

Approved previous minutes of Administrative Board and Trustees

Reviewed 2018 year end financial statement and celebrated the fact we finished the year with income matching expenses

Reviewed an organizational chart that is a work in progress

Reviewed draft guiding principles and a leadership covenant

As with anything new there will be a learning curve as the Council becomes familiar with the new structure and responsibilities. It will take some time for us to identify the ministry teams and staff them but we think there are exciting possibilities for our shared ministry together. We want to be transparent and will share monthly reports on the work of the Council. Remember - this Council was created by action of our congregation and is a lay led initiative with the Pastor serving in a leadership role. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please talk to me or to any member of the Council.

Bob Weaver,  
Church Council Chairman

## *Safety and Security Mission Team*

**“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4: 10**

We are in **NEED** of a few good people. We are looking for volunteers to join our team. We are charged with the Safety and Security at Saint John’s-Newberry UMC.

We are looking for volunteers that attend the Sunday services, and are at least 18 years of age. Anyone who has the **GIFT TO SERVE** is welcome. Prior military, law enforcement, fire fighting, or EMS training a plus. Please think about joining our mission team and **SERVING THE CHURCH CONGREGATION**.

If interested, please contact Robert Burns (Safety Coordinator) at home at 570 322-3425 or cell at 570 220-7531 or email [burnsrj@verizon.net](mailto:burnsrj@verizon.net) or contact the office staff.

## *Pastor's Bible Studies*

**All are welcome. Join us in “the Cave” (Room 136). Books can be ordered (for \$10) by contacting the office.**

Christian: Its Not What You Think by Andy Stanley; Continuing til March 5th on Tuesday mornings at 10am.

The Mission of Jesus by Ray Vander Laan; February 3<sup>rd</sup>-March 3 on Sunday nights from 6-7:15pm

**Lenten Study Coming Soon!** The Path to the Cross by Ray Vander Laan; March 12<sup>th</sup>-April 9 on Tuesdays either at 10am or 7pm. Pick a time and join in.

## *Protestant Prayer Bead Workshop*

Prayer is an essential component of our life-long walk with God. Yet in the midst of our busyness, it can be difficult to focus and allow ourselves to be still in God's presence.

For millennia, people have used beads as a tool to reach a state of contemplative prayer. Come learn more about the history of prayer beads, make your own set, and practice using them in community and in solitude at our workshop in the fellowship hall from 4-5:30 pm on Sunday, March 3.

A great way to prepare ourselves for the Lenten Season. Upper elementary through adults welcome. Cost \$7.00 (covers all materials)

To be led by Pastor Denise Haskins. Please call or email Kris in the office at [secretary@stjnumc.com](mailto:secretary@stjnumc.com) by Feb. 21st to let us know that you are planning to attend so that we can have materials for everyone.

## Kids Club

Come find out more about how Jesus loves us all and how He teaches us to love others.

Who: all kids ages 5-12 years old

Time: Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

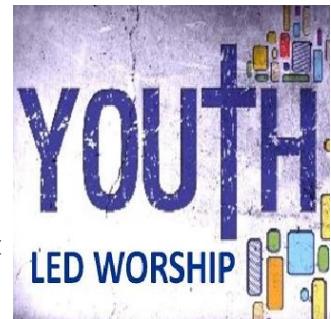
Place: Saint John's-Newberry UMC (follow the *Kids Club* signs to the room)

You won't want to miss it! Can't wait to see you there!



## Youth Led Worship

The Youth will be involved in leading a Good Friday evening service at 7pm on April 19th, and the Youth Sunday service is being planned for May 12th (Mother's Day). If your child (youth age, 6th grade-12th grade) is interested in participating in either/both of these events, please contact the church office with your child's name, contact information, and in what capacity they would like to participate.



## Seeking Participants

The Events Committee Coordinator is seeking participants to provide food donations for funeral luncheons, with setup and/or tear down at church events (birthday parties, showers) and help with the day of the event. If you are interested in any or all of the above mentioned or have questions, please call Heather or Dawn Counsil at 570 505-3944 or email at [hdcounsil@aol.com](mailto:hdcounsil@aol.com). In an effort to include all who are interested, even if you have helped in the past, please contact us. Any and all help/donations is greatly appreciated.

## Look What's New!

In the spirit of hospitality, we have begun to offer a coffee/study area in the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the tables to eat, do homework or just have conversation. A Keurig machine has been donated for all to use. Donations are appreciated to keep it supplied. PLEASE keep the area clean and neat so that we can continue to provide this hospitality to all. Thank you and enjoy!



**WEST END FOOD BANK****911 DIAMOND ST.****WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701**

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*"Feed MY sheep....." JOHN 21:15-17 "our mission"*

Our Ministry has been so blessed by taking GOD at HIS word. We have asked HIM to bless us so we can be a blessing to others by perhaps again expanding our array of ministry offerings. HE sufficiently did that in 2018. HE gave us new partners in ministry and allowed us to serve our clients in new and practical ways. With father and son team, Allen & Nick Raczkowski, they diligently helped our clients secure the best possible health insurance coverage. We had other providing agency reps in to access the health of our clients and provide up to date info on where to go for various needs physical and economic. We partnered with our local VFW unit to supply them with extra food to help serve those in need.

We could not complete our mission without the countless unnamed contributors nor the continued commitment of the following to whom we are deeply indebted: Central PA Food Bank, Hepburn-Lycoming Ministerium, the Lycoming UM Parish (especially Maple Springs & State Road for above & beyond the call to service in their generous giving); Ralston, Balls Mills, Heshbon Park, Trinity UM churches, St. Michaels Lutheran; Lycoming & Lycoming Centre Presbyterian; and 2 of our most ardent supporters – Hepburn Baptist and our home church Buchanan Baptist. We are likewise forever indebted to those whose donations / help is crucial in serving our clients: Aldi, Weis Markets (especially Lycoming Creek Road for Dan's meat & Brad's dairy crew), Wegmans for their outstanding commitment to our area & the great help of their Traffic manager & his crew, Mister Sticky, the Letter Carriers Union, Lycoming Creek Lions, the Newberry Lionesses, Gretchen & Susquehanna Financial Strategies Group, Winner hardware, and West Branch Valley FCU.

Through the blessings from countless unnamed individuals and those listed above and their generous support they enabled us to be an extension of WECCC and St. John's-Newberry UM Church, to whom we owe our very existence. In 2018 we were able to serve: 47 new client households making our average of regular households served monthly at 61 and for the year 743 total households, comprised of approximately 1680 individuals served and equating to 16,120 meals at a value of \$56,420.00. This in no way includes individuals or families who had received one time Emergency Food nor food we donated to assist our Meal Kitchen downstairs.

Though we have received less grant money in the last few years, allowing us to acquire most of our needed food, the above donations help us meet the need and have allowed us to meet our operating expenses totaling \$6671.04. Our financial and operating records are always open for inspection and we encourage all who are interested in our ministry to pay us a visit. For more information contact us at: [westendfb911@micro-link.net](mailto:westendfb911@micro-link.net) or [570-323-1891](tel:570-323-1891). Our all-volunteer staff thanks you for your support and prayers.

In **HIS** Service,*Pastor John F. Aderhold, Director*

## Thank You

I was so pleased to be remembered by so many of my Church family. I have been away for three years and yet you went to all that effort to remember me at this blessed time of the year. You touched my heart! So many nice cards and all the other things included were very much appreciated. Thank you and may your hearts be filled with joy.

Sincerely,

Ruth Smith

To the Barnhart-Beard Scholarship Committee,

My first semester of seminary has come and gone. It was hard work but I was blessed with professors and fellow students who challenged me to go deeper in my walk with Jesus. I'm looking forward to my J-term class as well as a full spring semester.

Thank you for your financial support. Your generosity has enabled me to faithfully respond to God's call.

In Christ,

Suzanne Rider

Thank you for the beautiful quilt you made the veterans at Valley View. My dad, Bernard Obert, was a recipient of one. He entered the Army 1 day before his birthday in September 1941. He returned home in April 1945. His time was served mainly in New Guinea fighting the Japanese. He has always been so proud of his service and his country. Thank you for recognizing him and the 17 others at Valley View.

Jill Sysock & Family

My family wanted to thank you for the beautiful quilt you gifted my father for his military service. Not only was it gorgeous, but the thoughtfulness touched all of us. Thank you again for such a thoughtful and kind gift.

The Family of Earl Fox

Resident of Valley View SNF

Just a note to thank you for the lap quilt you gave to my husband, Coleman Woolever, who is a patient at Valley View Nursing Home and a veteran. The quilt is beautiful and he does appreciate it and uses it to keep warm. Thanks again for your kindness!

Sincerely,

Thelma Woolever

Dear Members of Saint John's-Newberry,

Now that the rush leading up to Christmas is over, there is time to count blessings. One of the blessings for the West End Christian Community Center is you. Your giving, both financially, and physically is unmatchable. We have had anonymous financial donations given, as well as many physical ones, whether they be items, time, effort, or prayer. Thank you. All of the resources directed here are appreciated and are having an impact on our community. Thank you for believing in and supporting the ministries that operate from our Diamond Street campus. Your gifts are well received.

Sincerely,

Todd Penman

I just wanted to send out a thank you to Irenay Weaver for doing such an amazing job on the Safe Sanctuaries training. Thank you also to all those who got up so early to attend the training. Thank you for wanting to be part of a place where our kids are safe. If you were unable to attend and want to know more about how you can receive Safe Sanctuaries training, please see Irenay Weaver or myself for information.

As always, honored and blessed to serve our Lord and Savior with you,

Patty Jo Kline

Thank you to all those who have donated and continue to donate to the ministry of the praise band. It is more than appreciated as we are ever grateful. It has allowed us to maintain upkeep on our equipment as well as the ongoing musical materials.

Thank you again, and God Bless,

In Christ,

DaySpring

### Hugs

It's wondrous what a hug can do. A hug can cheer you when you're blue. A hug can say, "I love you so." or "Gee, I hate to see you go." A hug is, "Welcome back again!" and, "Great to see you!" or "Where have you been?" A hug can soothe a small child's pain and bring a rainbow after rain. The Hug! There's just no doubt about it, we scarcely could survive without it. A hug delights and warms and charms. It must be why God gave us arms. Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, sweet sisters, swell for brothers. And chances are some favorite aunts love them more than potted plants. Kittens crave them. Puppies love them. Heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barrier and make the dullest day seem merrier. No need to fret about the store of 'em. The more you give, the more there are of 'em. So stretch those arms without delay and give someone a hug today.

## Prayer Chain Report

Please pray for Beth Ziegler, Oskar, Susan Feist, Patsy, Aaron, Art Altemose, Kathy, Shirley Winer, Cheryl Kontz, Auburn Seagraves, Ron & Mary Ruth Barner, Danielle Fantasky, Connie Kibbe, Mike Clark, Vaughn Dahlgren, Pam Kontz, Lou Hunsinger, Sr., Joyce Campbell, Paul Stroble, T. J. Blair, Pastor David Keller, Dee O'Donnell, Mary Peters, Jeffrey Richard, Doris Metzger, Patty Wehr, Charlie Shaffer, Mark Austin Marinucci, Muriel Cupp, Michele Hall, Rick Livermore, Joan, Kinsley Peacock, Norma Lockwood, Tracy Bowser, Jim Bufford

We extend our love, prayers and sympathies to the friends and families of *Margaret Altemose, Scott Hope, Rob Siegfried, Sandy Kurtz, John Fritz and JoAnn Casale* upon their recent passing.

**The Prayer Chain primary contact is Shirley Morris (570 323-4310). If unable to contact her, please call Ann Allison (570 326-4671).**

If anyone would like to be a part of the prayer chain ministry, please call Shirley Morris (570 323-4310).

**New prayer requests are listed for a given time of 2 months. Variations of that time frame must be designated by calling the contact person for that month.**

## Prayer for Others

### Our Bishop—

Jeremiah Park

### Our Superintendent—

Rev. Troy Howell

### Our Local United Methodist Churches

Trinity Charge - Pastor Kathleen Keller

### †Those serving in the Military...

John Affield, Jeffrey Bache, Joel Barr, Nathan Byer, Chase Bower, Richard Campbell, Brian Clarkson, Joey Cummings, Robert Daugherty, Joe DeArment, Aaron Fillman, Joe Fioreth, Ron Furman, Andrei Helminiak, Randy Hosier, Ryan Middleton, Eric Miller, Andrew Pepperman, Taylor Prosba, Matthew Ricci, Jeffrey Richard, Sarah Sanner, Cara Hunsinger-Schumacher, Zach Schumacher, Col. David Smith, Brett Snauffer Jr., Jason Starr, Charlie Wolf, Jason Work. **We would like to have addresses for those currently serving in the military. Please contact PattyJo Kline at the church at (570) 326-5569 to provide an address.**

### † Our College Students...

Bryce Britton, Kale Britton, Kendrick Burns, Olivia Conklin, Baleigh Dunkleberger, Bryssa Dunkleberger, Bynnn Dunkleberger, Julia Fought, Sarah Freezer, Michael Gillett, Allison Harlan, Shannon Helman, Brennan Hepler, Brock Hepler, Keara Hepler, Rebecca Hosier, Andrew Hunsinger, Taylor Kirkendall, Aimee Lindauer, Gary Litz, Sarah Litz, Bailey Luna, Kelli Macauley, Kaitlyn Michael, Abbey O'Dell, Miranda O'Dell, Sam Penman, John Peters, Makenna Rupert



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## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS...

Doreen Mileto	2	Ann Yeagle	13	Holden Furey	22
Shannon Wapinsky	2	Robert Curry	14	Paul Colley	23
Susan Curry	4	Blake Love	14	Brian Michael	23
Donald Allison	5	Don Richard	15	Nancy Sanders	24
Travis Kerschner	5	Jenna Seiler	15	Jane Sperow	24
Jeanette Outerbridge	5	Darrin Wascher	15	James Bryan	25
Dylan Garbrick	7	Connie Hepler	17	Cody Michael	25
Dominik Goode	7	Lloyd Waltz	17	Linda Cohick	26
Lori Clutter	8	Garrett Knerr	18	Francesca Rupert	26
Glenn Clutter	8	Shirley Morris	19	Emma Jean Waltz	26
Steve Thompson	8	Marcus Smith	19	James Furey	27
Della Mae Carothers	9	Jean Steffen	19	Miranda O'Dell	27
Gail Knerr	9	Josie Wollet	19	Jason Pick	27
Tyrone O'Connell	9	Kim Fredo	20	Victoria Caroccia	28
Fae Waltz	9	Joy Hudson	20	Nancy Clark	28
Clyde "Mike" Jacobs	10	Kylie Kirkendall	21	James Knepley	28
Lisa Hepler	12	Dante Cruz	22		



Michael & Faith Stainbrook  
Joe & Melissa Caroccia  
Michael & Sharon Kuriga

February 10, 1990  
February 14, 2004  
February 24, 1973

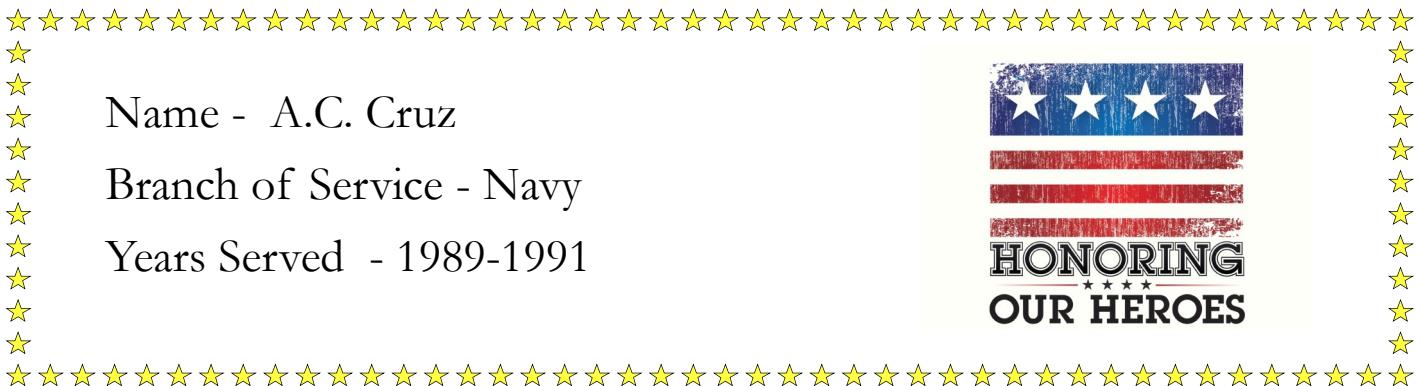
David & Karen Raemore  
Dan & Liz Manetta

February 24, 1995  
February 27, 1988



## Memorials and Honors

The following have made contributions to the Memorial and Honor Fund to the Glory of God and in Memory of in Memory of **Margaret Altemose**: Alan & Linda Daddona and family; The Williamsport Home; Gladys Leidhecker; in Memory of **Ray Mahaffey**: Lori Mahaffey



Name - A.C. Cruz

Branch of Service - Navy

Years Served - 1989-1991

**SAINT JOHN'S NEWBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**December 2018 Attendance & Financial Report**

**ATTENDANCE:**

	5:30	8:15	10:45	Worship Totals	Sunday School
<b>December</b>					
week 1	23	102	93	218	107
week 2	34	100	96	230	98
week 3	27	104	82	213	84
week 4	51	106	109	266	95
week 5	26	74	82	182	75
Christmas Eve - 3 pm	145				
Christmas Eve - 7 pm	179				
Christmas Eve - 10 pm	81				
Christmas Choir Program					
<i>average</i>	32	97	92	222	92

**FINANCES:**    Budget Fund \$361,681 for 2018    Needed each month \$30,140

**Month End (December 2018):**

Offering envelopes	\$26,382.38		
Mission Conference Benevolence	\$207.00		
Interest	\$1.53		
Church Use/One Time Gifts	\$175.00		
Miscellaneous	\$9,707.10		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$36,473.01</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,525.39</b>

**Year to Date (as of December 2018):**

Offering envelopes	\$286,187.85		
Mission Conference Benevolence	\$3,002.00		
Interest	\$18,521.05		
Church Use/One Time Gifts	\$1,500.00		
Miscellaneous	\$31,739.25		
Prior Years Interest (Getgen, Legacy, Tingue)	\$14,600.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$355,550.15</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$353,970.02</b>

If you have any questions regarding the financial report, please feel free to contact the church secretary/treasurer, Kris Michael at the church office (phone 570 326-5569 or e-mail [secretary@stjnumc.com](mailto:secretary@stjnumc.com)).

The Church Library has a collection of Sunday School/Small Group resources available. These items may be borrowed at any time for short term use in groups. There are multiple copies of some of these resources. Feel free to stop in and browse what is available and make arrangements to borrow what you need. Thank you.



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## Reminders

The **JANUARY/FEBRUARY UPPER ROOM** daily devotionals are now available on the literature rack located in the Lounge area. The cost is \$1.00 for the regular print, \$1.50 for the large print.

**Church Office Hours** are Monday - Wednesday 8am to 5pm, Thursday 8am to 4pm, **Closed Friday**

During lunch breaks, staff meetings and after office hours you may leave messages on the voice mail answering system (570 326-5569).

All general information and questions may be sent to:

[secretary@stjnumc.com](mailto:secretary@stjnumc.com)

**DUE DATE FOR MAILED COMMUNICATOR**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

**COMMUNICATOR MAILED:**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

Articles may be submitted via e-mail to:  
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**Take a look at our website at:**

<http://stjnumc.com>



• Pastor Lenore Hosier, Pastor •

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• Patty Jo Kline, Age Level Ministry Coordinator • Cal Phillips, Community Outreach Liaison

Megan Hartzel, Organist • Ellen Davis, Director of Music • Jennifer Jacobs & Mandy Mundrick, Child Care Providers •

• Laura Schreckengast, Director of the Saint John's School of the Arts • Todd Penman, Director of WECCC •

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