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18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Matthew 1:18-21

Wow! Talk about a step of faith! Can you even imagine what was going through Joseph's mind in those challenging days? Here was an honest, God-fearing Jew who had been betrothed to what he thought was a good, virtuous Jewish girl, and then he gets the news that she is expecting. Well, even if others might have questioned it, he knew it wasn't HIS child. He might have felt sad, angry, dishonored...a whole host of emotions that would have been justified by a promise broken in that day and age. Being a man of faith, though, the Scripture tells us that he was willing to divorce her quietly rather than publicly shaming her and possibly risking her stoning.

This is where God intervenes. He sends his angel to Joseph in a dream and tells him that her crazy story of conceiving a child through the Holy Spirit is, in fact, TRUE! Now I have had some bizarre, even scary, dreams in my day, but I can imagine Joseph must have run over and over and over that dream in the wee hours of the morning, trying to discern his next move. If this message from the angel was true, it didn't change the fact that he was still going to be the object of ridicule now alongside of his already pregnant wife-to-be. Who was ever going to believe it? But he took a step of faith.

I think Joseph is one of the most overlooked but amazing people discussed in the Bible. If you think about the level of faith that man had to have to take Mary as his bride despite the snickers and the finger-pointing, it's amazing. This doesn't even begin to consider the level of responsibility that he was undertaking to be the earthly father to God's own Son.

May we, as we journey through Advent, Christmas and enter into the coming year, be willing to be people of strong faith, as well. May we say "yes" even when the task before us seems overwhelming. May we trust God's provision in every aspect of our lives, knowing that, if He takes us to it, He will bring us through it. Have a blessed Christmas!

In Him,

Pastor Lenore

December Mission Project

Gatehouse Hospice

Housed in the former Divine Providence Hospital, the Gatehouse is a place for those individuals and families facing terminal illnesses.

January Mission Project

Matthew 25 Fund

This fund is a discretionary account managed by the office staff and pastor made available for any financial needs, from within the congregation and some beyond the congregation.

This fund can be supported through your monthly Communion Offering envelope.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

This worship service will be offered in the sanctuary at 7pm on Wednesday November 27th. All are welcome to attend this time of celebrating all that God has done in our lives.

Bible Studies

We will be continuing with our Advent Study, *Almost Christmas*, through December 17th on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. We also are continuing our Tuesday morning study on the Book of Genesis at 10 a.m. each week. There will be a break between December 18th and January 18th for the holidays.

Community Bible Experience: Did you ever think that you could read through the whole New Testament in eight weeks? Join us for the Community Bible Experience on Sunday evenings beginning January 19th from 6-7 p.m. at the church as we discuss God's Word. Books will be available at the church or can be purchased online.

Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service: Dec. 22nd 6pm

The Christmas season is often marked by expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It's a time for family to gather and for churches to worship, pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. However, this time of joy and expectation can often overshadow the pain and hurt many experience during this season, when the world's merriment comes up against many person's grief and sorrow at their loss of a loved one or other struggles they are facing in their lives. All are welcome to join us for a time of reflection and healing as we remember this God who is Emmanuel, God with us, even in our trials and tribulations. Service to be held in the sanctuary.

Walk to Bethlehem

Keep up the walking and submitting your mileage! With the cooler temps and the changing seasons, it is easy for us to get lax about our exercise routines. Let's keep up the great work that we have been doing since September so that we can finish strong as we wind down on Christmas Eve. Reminder, the church is often open, and the loop around the Sunday School classrooms is almost 1/10 of a mile. Contact the church office if you aren't sure if the doors are unlocked when you are available to walk.



Holy Land Trip

Just a reminder that there will be a team of eight persons (7 from Saint John's-Newberry) from the Williamsport area going with a group from Educational Opportunities to the Holy Lands from January 8th through the 16th. Please be praying for your pastor and the team as they go to learn more about the land of the Bible and its people.

All Church Christmas Caroling and Bell Ringing

Join us on **Friday, December 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at the entrance to K-Mart, 1915 E. Third Street, Williamsport for a time of caroling, bell ringing and fellowship.

There will also be hot chocolate and cookies!

Bundle up, come out and help us share the spirit of Christmas with others.

Hope to see you there. Any questions, please see PattyJo Kline.



A Cup of Christmas Tea

Ladies,

Please join us for A Cup of Christmas Tea on **Saturday, December 7th from 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall**. Come enjoy special music, light refreshments and fellowship. **RSVP by November 23rd** by calling the church office (570 326-5569) or sign up in the lounge. There will be **NO COST**, but donations would be appreciated.



The next Senior Fellowship Luncheon will be held on **Monday, December 9th** at 12 noon. The first time you come is free, otherwise the cost is \$5.00. Please join us for this time of food and fellowship. If you have not been contacted, please call the church office (570 326-5569) **no later than Wednesday, December 4th to make a reservation**. Hope to see you there!



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The newsletter deadline preceded our regularly scheduled November Council meeting so I offer no report on details and specific actions of Council. I will offer some general observations on the work of Council as we approach the end of this year.

This is the initial year of our new structure as a Church Council. We approved this simplified accountable structure at our 2018 church conference. The Council serves as the Administrative Board, Trustees, Finance and Staff Parish Relations Committee in a governance and oversight role over all ministries. The Council has spent a significant amount of time this past year dealing with administrative items, some of which were tabled in the transition from the Administrative Board structure to the Church Council structure and in the transition time between pastors. You will recall Pastor Lenore started her ministry with our congregation about the time we voted to change structure. Many of our ministry teams became inactive during that same time of transition. I believe part of Council's focus for 2020 needs to include a plan to reenergize and perhaps reorganize those teams. Council has already started that process with a planning retreat held in early October. We developed the following vision statement:

CONNECT – ENGAGE – SERVE

We will share additional information and details on this initiative in the new year. We believe there are exciting possibilities for our ministries.

Some have asked when we are returning to the “old” structure and my answer is “No Time Soon”. In fact Council also affirmed that at our October meeting. This was not intended to be a short term experiment but a structure to better serve the needs of our congregation. We trust and hope that is understood.

Council nominated me to be chairman at our initial meeting in January 2019. It has been my honor to chair the Council and I appreciate Council's confidence in my leadership. Having said that, I, as well as Council, welcome honest and constructive criticism, but are not open to criticism without a suggestion for improvement or solution. If you have concerns or suggestions please talk to Pastor Lenore, to me or to any other member of Council. Our meetings are open so take advantage of that opportunity. We have tried to be as transparent as possible. I trust that has come across to our congregation.

On behalf of Council I need to talk about our financial picture. As we have shared in past updates we are running a deficit with our income but it has improved. At the end of August the deficit was \$22,919; in September \$19,306 and in October \$17,669. While this only amounts to about 5% of our overall budget, it is enough to potentially impact ministry opportunities. Historically our income is lower over the summer months and increases in the fall and at the end of the year. We want to thank all for the ways you have supported the ministries of our congregation during 2019. We cannot accomplish what we have without each one contributing. As part of a year end push we ask everyone to consider a year end, sacrificial, catch-up gift so we can finish the year strong and fund all our ministries. We do not want to have discussion about what we cannot do, but rather discuss all we could and should be doing.

Thank you for your past generosity and for your continued support of our shared ministry together with your time, talents, treasure, prayers and witness. Grace and peace.

Bob Weaver, Church Council Chairman

Copyright Law Reminder

The recent Williamsport District Newsletter recently contained a reminder about copyright infringement. Churches were cautioned to not ignore the FBI warning against piracy that is contained at the beginning of all movies and videos. Playing a film publicly without proper licensing is not only unethical but risks a fine of \$150,000 per infraction and possibly even jail time. We do not want the video police to come knocking at our door.

Our church pays for a CVLI license to view movies as well as a license to cover music and recordings we use in worship. The radio station also has the necessary license for our broadcasts. Ellen Davis monitors this for us. Anyone offering movie-viewing experiences should confirm with her that the Producers are covered by our copyright license. If not it will not be shown publicly at church. Remember - "thou shall not steal".

How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes; count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears; count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean; count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth; count on God instead of yourself.

- Author Unknown

Radio Broadcast of Worship Services

By the time we reach the New Year (2020) it is the intention of the radio station to have the services air on News Talk 104.1 FM and 1600 AM WEJS and eliminate the simulcast on Fox Sports 92.7 FM & 1050 AM.

The FCC has approved an additional FM signal on 104.1 in Jersey Shore to expand our signal.

The links to the listen to the live streams on line are:

<http://radio.securenetsystems.net/v5/sjnumc>

<https://tunein.com/radio/St-Johns-Newberry-United-Methodist-Church-s259921/>

New Giving Option! Electronic Giving

Go to our website at <http://stjnumc.com/giving/> and you can setup a one-time gift or a recurring gift using your bank account or by debit/credit card. The first time you go to our online giving page, you need to create Your Online Profile. This only needs to be done once. During this process, you will enter your email address and create a unique password. Record your password in a secure place for your records. If you create a recurring donation, you won't need to log in unless you desire to change the amount or schedule of your donation. You may then use the password you created to log in to your account. This is a great option for regular giving, special giving or when we might be away from church for the weekend. Easy to use!

Music Ministries

Christmas Music Program (HE IS BORN! by Lloyd Larson)

This year's music program and potluck dinner will be held on December 15th. Dinner will be at 5:00 and the program will be at 6:15. **(Please note the time change from previous years.)** The program consists of a short choral cantata, involving all of the music groups, narration, and congregational singing, which recounts the Christmas story and its universal significance. The evening is anticipated to end by 7:00 or shortly thereafter. See below for the warm-up schedule.

12/15 Warm-up times:

Chancel Bell Choir – 4:30-4:45 (Sanctuary)

Chancel Choir – regular rehearsal, 12/12 (no separate warm-up on 12/15)

Dayspring – 4:45-5:00 (Sanctuary)

Voices of Grace – TBA

Youth Bell Choir – 12/15, 9:00-9:30 (Music Room)

Future Worship Music

December 1 (8:15 & 10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

December 8 (8:15) – *Dayspring*

December 8 (10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

December 14 (5:30) – Ellen Davis (special music)

December 15 (8:15 & 10:45) – *Voices of Grace* (anthem)

December 15 (6:15) – all music groups

December 22 (8:15) – *Dayspring*

December 22 (10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

December 24 (3:00) – TBA

December 24 (7:00) – *Chancel Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Dayspring, Voices of Grace, Youth Bell Choir*

December 24 (10:00) – *Doreen Mileto & Elaine Hinston* (anthem)

December 29 – TBA

January 5 (8:15 & 10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

January 11 (8:15) – *Dayspring*

January 11 (10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

January 19 (8:15 & 10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

January 26 (8:15) – *Dayspring*

January 26 (10:45) – *Chancel Choir* (anthem)

Holiday Rehearsal Schedules

Chancel Bell Choir: Regular rehearsals (12/4 & 12/11)

TBA (12/18)

No rehearsals (12/25 & 1/1)

Resume rehearsals (1/8)

Chancel Choir: Regular rehearsals (12/5, 12/12, 12/19)

No rehearsals (12/26 & 1/2)

Resume rehearsals (1/9)

Dayspring: TBA

Voices of Grace: Regular rehearsal (12/5)

Extra rehearsal (12/12)

No rehearsals (12/12/19 & 1/2)

Rehearsals resume (1/1/16)

Youth Bell Choir: Regular rehearsal (12/8)

Extra rehearsal (12/15)

No rehearsals (12/29 & 1/5)

Resume rehearsals (1/12)

A Word from the WECCC

Dear Members of Saint John's Newberry,

As I'm writing this the day after Election Day, I wanted to take the time to thank everyone involved with our bake sale. Then I got to thinking about our congregations participation in all of our fundraisers, really, many of which we are in the heart of right now.

Thank you thank you to everyone who baked goodies, and to everyone who volunteered to sell them for us on election day. We were very busy, most especially in the morning.

As I'm writing this we have a crew in our kitchen making Christmas toffee. Thank you to everyone who buys our Christmas toffee and chocolate peanut butter meltaways, and of course, our Christmas Wreaths and Swags as well.

We rely on all of our fundraisers for about 15% of our yearly operating budget. Saint John's Newberry, you support the WECC Center in so many ways, yes through our fundraisers, but also with outright donations, volunteers, board members and prayers, none of which we can do without.

Thank you, Merry Christmas,

Todd

Properly pack a car emergency kit

After home and work, the next most common place people spend their time is in their vehicles. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety says the average American spends 17,600 minutes driving each year. Statistics Canada indicates that most of the Canadian population averages 1.2 hours per day behind the wheel.

Because they spend so much time behind the wheel, drivers need to be prepared for breakdowns. Packing an emergency kit in the car can help people make the best of such situations.

A car emergency kit can help drivers get back on the road promptly. Without such kits, drivers may be stranded for hours after a breakdown. Emergency kits also come in handy during weather-related events that can sideline cars until roads become passable. Getting caught in a vehicle during a snowstorm and failing to have the proper gear can be a life-threatening scenario under extreme conditions.

It is always wise to plan for the worst and hope for the best. The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Homeland Security note that these key items should always be included in a car emergency kit.

- durable bags or crates to store supplies
- complete first aid kit
- small fire extinguisher
- jumper cables
- rain ponchos
- plastic tarp
- flashlights and extra batteries



Photo Provided

- bottled water
- small cache of nonperishable foods
- wrench and pliers
- local maps
- rags
- duct tape
- multipurpose tool
- ice scraper
- automotive fluids

- blankets/warm clothing
- cat litter for slick roads
- tire-changing equipment
- spare tire
- road flares or caution reflectors
- empty, refillable gas canister
- cash for gas
- phone charger cable

Being prepared can make a difference when vehicles are sidelined. In addition to an emergency kit, cars and trucks should be regularly maintained to prevent breakdowns. This includes ensuring all fluids are at proper levels, filters are changed, batteries are in good working order, and tires are inflated correctly. Investing in a roadside assistance service also can help get drivers back on the road quickly.

This information provided by the Williamsport

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Prayer Chain Report

Please pray for: Beth Ziegler, Susan Feist, Aaron, Cheryl Kontz, Auburn Seagraves, Mary Ruth Barner, Danielle Fantasky, Connie Kibbe, Mike Clark, Patty Wehr, Rick Livermore, Bob Harman, Tom Artley, Frank Morse, Vicki Schneider, Royce Hostrander, Jocelyn Beagle, Thad Withers, Doris Metzger, Sandy Dobson, Sarah Dyer, Valerie Hasselman, Mary Kelchner, Wendy Keller, Mary Lou Missigman, Jan Morrisey, Matt Pohl, Pastor Cal Phillips, Jeffrey Richard, Tammy Salvatori, Steve Britton, Dawn McCandless's Family, Norma Lockwood, Dan Reed, Jean Hare, Bob Boatman, Jim Bufford, Jim Johnson, Donna Reed, Courtney, Vaida Sheddy, Spencer & Mackenzie

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

New prayer requests are listed for a given time of 2 months.

Variations of that time frame must be designated by calling Shirley or Ann.

Prayer for Others

Our Bishop—

Jeremiah Park

Our Superintendent—

Rev. Troy Howell

Our Local United Methodist Churches

Towanda - Damien C. Brooks

†Those serving in the Military...

John Affield, Jeffrey Bache, Joel Barr, Kaeden Barr, Joasalyn Bradley, Nathan Byer, Chase Bower, Richard Campbell, Brian Clarkson, Joey Cummings, Robert Daugherty, Joe DeArment, Aaron Fillman, Joe Fioreth, Ron Furman, Andrei Helminiak, Randy Hosier, Eric Miller, Andrew Pepperman, Taylor Prosba, Matthew Ricci, Jeffrey Richard, Sarah Sanner, 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 Patty Jo Kline at the church at (570) 326-5569 to provide an address.**

† Our College Students...

Josalyn Bradley, Bryce Britton, Kale Britton, Kendrick Burns, Olivia Conklin, Juliana Cruz, Sarah Freezer, Michael Gillett, Allison Harlan, Andrew Hunsinger, Spencer Karasek, Lydia Kirkendall, Taylor Kirkendall, Emily Litz, Gary Litz, Sarah Litz, Bailey Luna, Regan Luna, Jake Lusk, Kelli Macauley, Alicia Meyer, Kaitlyn Michael, Abbey O'Dell, Sam Penman, Makenna Rupert, Brianna Walters



CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



The Church Library offers a selection of fiction books that are catalogued by the author's last name and shelved alphabetically by the first 3 letters of the author's last name. Stop in and browse when you need a good book to read.

Thank You

Dear Tom Hirschle & Saint John's-Newberry Crew,

Thanks once again for coming to be a part of our dinner church ministry and for bringing the delicious meal to Sojourner Truth Ministries.

Great to see you and share ministry.

Pastor Angelique Labadie

Dear Saint John's-Newberry,

Thank you so much for the Halloween care package! I really appreciate it! I will definitely be eating all of the snacks and have read through all the papers you sent as well. The Halloween riddles were a nice touch. Thanks again for putting a smile on my face and letting me know my church family is thinking of me.

Jules Cruz

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of the lovely blankets to the patients at the Gatehouse. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated.

The Gatehouse at Susquehanna Health Home Care & Hospice

We want to shout a huge THANK YOU to everyone who purchased items from either our pull tab wishlist in the lounge area or our Amazon wishlist! Because of your generosity, the nursery staff and kiddos are enjoying new age appropriate toys and much needed supplies.



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS...



Karen Furey	1	Angela Krebs	10	Ashley Miller	20
June Shireman	1	Devin Thompson	10	Kathy Yaw	20
Maverick Smith	1	Pat Hart	11	Christin Lovell	21
Emily Turner	1	Sharon Kuriga	11	Diane Turner	21
Veronica Jones	2	Paul McBride	11	Ryan Green	22
Jared Mahaffey	2	Jeffrey Ulman	11	Delores O'Donnell	22
Daniel Brown	3	Beverly Barnfield	12	Mark Ertel	23
Linda Confer	4	Dennis Davis	12	Michael Gramley	25
Beverly Stroble	4	Gladys Archambault	13	Chris Haberstroh	25
Sierra Frantz	5	Gerald Kabot	13	Lauren Raemore	25
Catherine Piccolo	5	Xavier Lyon	13	Anne Bosch	27
Deborah Rupert	5	Patti Sheriff	15	Lewis Litz	28
Cameron Strouse	5	Karen Robinson	16	Mark Stroble	28
Carla Hoover	6	Curtis Ertel	17	Sherrie Benson	29
Gianna Rupert	6	Kristoffer Krebs	17	Bailey Luna	29
Sally Metzker	7	Paul Shaffer	18	Barry Rake	29
Faye Carlisle Thomas	7	Robert Beiter	18	Jerry Bennett	30
Dalton Kriner	8	Denise DeArment	19	Jay Jones	30
Arlene Brown	9	Mary Ruth Barner	20	Anna Spirko	30
Helen Hunsinger	9	Bill Knerr	20		
Kaitlyn Michael	9	Gary Litz	20		



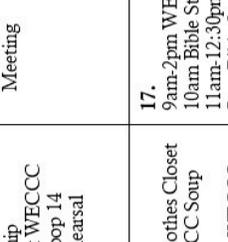
Michael & Kristin Slagus	December 1, 2007	Debra Bisbee & Mike Knarr	December 17, 2011
Tim & Stacy Conklin	December 2, 1993	Bill & Lana Encke	December 19, 1970
James & Madelyn Howe	December 3, 2005	David & Peggy Bross	December 23, 1978
Harold & Susan Hunsinger II.	December 7, 1991	Frank & Sandra Hartzel	December 27, 1978
Jeff & Christin Lovell	December 8, 1996	Max & Joanne Ameigh	December 29, 1962
Adam & Megan Hartzel	December 16, 2006	Ron & Lea Frymire	December 31, 1973

Memorials and Honors

The following have made contributions to the Memorial and Honor Fund to the Glory of God and in Memory of **Linda Williamson**: Lori Mahaffey; Lynn & Kathy Broughton; J.P. & Susan Hanna; in Memory of **Ray Mahaffey**: Lori Mahaffey

Dial-A-Devotion

Have you called yet? The number is 570-322-5762. It's available 24 hours a day. Devotions are three minutes or less, change weekdays and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God." Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1. 7:40am Prayer Time 8:15am Worship - Hanging of the Greens 9:15am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School 10:15am Blood Pressure Screening 10:45am Worship - Hanging of the Greens 12pm Odyssey of the Mind 6pm Needlework Group</p>	<p>2. SOTA Lessons 9am Needlework Guild Ingathering 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 12-1pm Bible Study at WECCC 3pm Hope Christmas Party Set Up 6pm Hope Christmas Party 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7pm College Student Support 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7pm Cub Pack</p>	<p>3. SOTA Lessons 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Bible Study - Led by P. Lenore 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 7pm Bible Study - Led by P. Lenore</p>	<p>4. SOTA Lessons 9am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 4:30pm - 7pm WECCC Clothes Closet 7pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>5. SOTA Lessons 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 1pm-3pm West End Food Bank at WECCC 6pm Voices of Grace Rehearsal 6:30pm Basketball Practice 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>7. 8:30am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Shoe Express at WECCC 1-3pm A Cup of Christmas Tea 1:30pm Odyssey of the Mind 5:30pm Worship</p>
<p>8. 7:40am Prayer Time 8:15am Worship 9am Youth Bell Choir 9:15am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 6pm Youth Fellowship 6pm Kids Club 6pm Needlework Group</p>	<p>9. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Mental Health Support Group Facilitators Meeting 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 12pm Senior Fellowship 12-1pm Bible Study at WECCC 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7pm Cub Pack</p>	<p>10. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Bible Study - Led by P. Lenore 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 7pm Bible Study - Led by P. Lenore 7pm Safety & Security Mission Team Meeting</p>	<p>11. 9am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 3pm Odyssey of the Mind Photo Shoot 4:30pm - 7pm WECCC Clothes Closet 7pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>12. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 1pm-3pm West End Food Bank at WECCC 6pm Voices of Grace 6:30pm Basketball Practice 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>14. 8:30am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 9am Prayer Walk 5:30pm Worship</p>
<p>15. 7:40am Prayer Time 8:15am Worship 9:15am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 5pm Christmas Dinner & Program</p>	<p>16. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 12-1pm Bible Study at WECCC 6pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg. 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7pm Cub Pack</p>	<p>17. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Bible Study - Led by P. Lenore 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 7pm Bible Study - Led by P. Lenore</p>	<p>18. 9am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 4:30pm - 7pm WECCC Clothes Closet 6:30pm West Branch Valley Hall of Fame Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting 7pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>19. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 1pm-3pm West End Food Bank at WECCC 7pm Bereavement Support Group 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>21. 8:30am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Shoe Express at WECCC 5:30pm Worship</p>
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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS...

Robert Thomas	1	Frank Morse	12	Dylan Ritchey	20
Ethan Kuriga	2	Stefanie Steele	13	Diane Brown	22
Michael Borowski	4	Paul Stroble	13	Michael Luna	22
Bruce Brossman	4	Jessica Hepler	14	Robert Burns	23
Kurt Laudenslager	5	Heather Council	15	Cindi Hill	24
Janice Brossman	7	Marissa Kontz	15	Ben Kaler	24
Ann Allison	8	Nancy Parr	15	Dennis Myers	25
Thomas Boring	8	Matthew Turner	16	Colton Conklin	27
Samantha Pick	8	David Bross	17	Grant Fausey	27
John Borowski	9	Loren Harris	17	Benjamin Springman	28
Hunter Cero	9	Jake Lusk	17	Noah Springman	28
Verna DeWald	10	Rachel Robinson	17	Sarah Bastian	29
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Patty Driscoll	11	Elissa Weaver	18	Jessica Wollet	29
Lori Kriner	11	Meadow Wertz	19	Julie Bittner	31
Luke Springman	11	Madolyn Jacobs	20	Muriel Cupp	31



AC & Justine Cruz	January 11, 1998	Ed & Sally Souter, Sr.	January 25, 1969
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Operation Christmas Child 2019

Thank you to all who followed your hearts and donated to the Operation Christmas Child project this year! Because of your generosity we filled 104 shoe boxes with toys, hygiene products, school supplies and more! We also received monetary donations to cover the \$9 per box postage cost in full! God calls us to be a generous people and He has filled Saint John's-Newberry with generous people! ***“Every gift filled shoe box is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship - transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!”*** (OCC website)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.’

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9: 7-9, 11

Sincerely,

The 2019 Operation Christmas Child Team

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5. 7:40am Prayer Time 8:15am Worship 9:15am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School 10:15am Blood Pressure Screening 10:45am Worship 6pm Needlework Group</p> 	<p>6. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 12-1pm Bible Study at WECCC 6pm College Student Support Group Meeting 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7pm Cub Pack</p>	 <p>7. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>1.</p>	<p>2. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 1pm-3pm West End Food Bank at WECCC 6pm Voices of Grace Rehearsal 6:30pm Basketball Practice 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3. 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>4. 8:30am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 10am Shoe Express at WECCC 5:30pm Worship</p> 
<p>12. Holy Land Trip 7:40am Prayer Time 8:15am Worship 9am Youth Bell Choir 9:15am Fellowship Time 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 6pm Youth Fellowship 6pm Needlework Group</p>	<p>13. Holy Land Trip SOTA Lessons 8:45am Quilters 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 12-1pm Bible Study at WECCC 6:30pm Boy Scout Troop 14 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7pm Cub Pack</p>	<p>14. Holy Land Trip SOTA Lessons 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>15. Holy Land Trip SOTA Lessons 9am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 4:30pm-7pm WECCC Clothes Closet 6:30pm West Branch Valley Hall of Fame Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting 7pm Chancel Bell Choir</p>	<p>9. Holy Land Trip 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen 1pm-3pm West End Food Bank at WECCC 6:30pm Basketball Practice 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Usher Training</p>	<p>10. Holy Land Trip 9am-2pm WECCC Clothes Closet 11am-12:30pm WECCC Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>11. Holy Land Trip 8:30am-12pm WECCC Clothes Closet 9am Prayer Walk 9:30am Usher Training 5:30pm Worship</p>
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