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March Mission Project

Mission Central

Located in Mechanicsburg, PA, to provide mission education and awareness training: to be a center for receiving, storage and shipping of supplies, kits and emergency materials for areas of need - local and worldwide.



Dear Church Friends and Family,

As we turn the calendar page over to a new month, we begin March and our journey through the Season of Lent. As I think about Lent, I am thankful to come from a faith tradition that recognizes this special time of forty days (minus Sundays) that we remember Jesus' forty days in the wilderness after his baptism as He prepared for His earthly ministry. If Jesus allowed Himself time to refocus and prepare, how much more could we benefit from an intentional time of repentance and preparation as we head towards Holy Week and Easter?

A passage that we often share in this season is from the Prophet Joel: *"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity (Joel 2:12-13 NIV).* What a great reminder that God desires for us to return to Him, giving our hearts and our lives to Him.

So how might you enter into a holy fast this Lenten Season? Some of you might choose to do what many over the years have done by giving up a favorite food or drink for the duration of Lent. Others might choose to do periodic fasts from the television, cell phone, social media or other technology. Maybe you will fast from shopping or other activities that you enjoy in order to spend more time with God. I challenge all of you (with doctor approval, of course) to experience the spiritual discipline of fasting for a meal or even a day each week as we travel through Lent together. As we take the focus off our physical selves, may we be able to invest more intentional time on our spiritual selves. My hope for all of us this year is to draw ever closer to God with repentant hearts ready to experience anew both the pain of the crucifixion and the joy of the resurrection.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Lenore

Devotionals Available

A limited quantity of **“Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection”** by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie are available at the church for those who might want something “extra” for the Lenten season. \$15 for the hard copy or you can purchase the e-book version on Amazon for \$12.

Ash Wednesday: March 2, 2022

The sanctuary will be open all day (7 a.m. - 7 p.m.) for prayer. Feel free to just stop by. 7- 8am Pastor Lenore will be available in the sanctuary for those who like to receive ashes earlier in the day before school/work, etc.

Noon - Pastor Lenore will be leading the Ecumenical Luncheon on ZOOM with an Ash Wednesday service. Please contact the office for the link if you are interested in joining in.

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary with the imposition of ashes and communion.

Saturday Morning Lenten Devotions

Once again this year, as we have done for numerous years, we will share in Saturday morning breakfast and devotions during Lent. This will start March 5 and run for six weeks ending April 9, Palm Sunday weekend. We will start at 8:00am and be done by about 9:00am.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall for the first gathering. This will be a continental type breakfast consisting of pastries or baked goods, fruit, yogurt, coffee or tea. There will be no cost to attend but an offering to offset costs will be taken.

Lent is a time for self-reflection and deepening one's relationship with God. One of the ways we can do that is through reading and meditating on God's word. The devotions will provide one such opportunity.

We will use “Final Words from the Cross” by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton uses the seven traditional statements Jesus made from the cross and offers a reflection on each one during the weeks of Lent.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Holy Week Schedule: April 10-17

April 9/10 - Palm Sunday Worship at Saint John's-Newberry

April 12/13 - Self-Guided Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary @ SJN open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Worship 12 p.m. worship with communion in the sanctuary at SJN;
7 p.m. worship at Saint Paul –Calvary on Memorial Ave

April 15 - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship 12 p.m. at St. Luke (1400 Market St.) or 12 p.m. at
Saint Paul-Calvary on Memorial Ave; 7 p.m. worship in the sanctuary at Saint John's-
Newberry

April 16 - Easter Saturday Vigil Service: 5:30 p.m.

April 17– Easter Sunday Sunrise in the parking lot; Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary at
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Music Appreciation

Gratitude is expressed to the following musicians who lead regularly in our worship services. You are all appreciated very much! J

Chancel Choir – every week

Chancel Bell Choir – every 3rd Sunday

Ellen Davis, song-leader – every 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday

Dayspring and Daun Williamson – every 2nd and 4th Sunday (8:15)

Ban Manetta, pianist – every 2nd and 4th Saturdays and Sundays (10:45)

Doreen Mileto, pianist (& Chancel Choir accompanist) – every 3rd Saturday and Sunday

Voices of Grace and Connie Hepler – periodic Sundays

Irenay Weaver, pianist (& VOG accompanist) – every 1st Saturday and Sunday

Kent Weiland, song-leader – every 2nd and 4th Saturday



Chancel Bell Ensemble at Eagle Grange

On December 7th four ringers from our Chancel Bell Choir performed four different quartets at the Eagle Grange in Montgomery. The event was part of the Grange's year-long, 50th-anniversary celebration. It included a delicious dinner and featured a presentation involving bells from around the world. We listened to many different kinds of bells made from various materials (wood, metal, etc.) ranging from ceremonial to common uses (cats, turkeys, yaks, etc.) Our ensemble music was the "icing on the cake" to the bell presentation and included a secular song played entirely with mallets. The opportunity was initiated by Daun Williamson and served as a musical outreach from our congregation to the community.

The monthly meeting of the Church Council was held January 19th. This report is submitted to communicate to our congregation the work of the Council. By way of background, the Council serves as the Administrative Board, Trustees, Finance and Staff Parish Relations Committees in a governance and oversight role over all ministries. Church Council meetings are open meetings except when the Council deals with Staff Parish Relations matters.

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

- Approved December Council meeting minutes.
- Reviewed December Council newsletter report.
- As we do every meeting, we reviewed the monthly financial reports. We ended the year with a \$2,872 surplus. Our total income for 2021 was \$305,382.21. Of that total envelope giving was \$240,809.05 or 79% of the total. Permanent fund income was \$47,244.68 or 15% of the total. Miscellaneous income made up the remaining 6%. The majority of our funds come from the generosity of the congregation through current envelope giving and the generosity of past donors to the permanent fund that permits us to withdraw income. Principal has never been used. At the current time without permanent fund income we would not be able to balance the budget and provide all our ministries. Council feels strongly since we have the means to fully fund our plan for ministry we need to do so.
- Tom Bixler working on SOTA, endowment and scout unit audits.
- Last month we reported on the \$23,800 anonymous gift in memory of Martha Martz. We did not discuss a specific use for it but will do so in the future. We did authorize donating \$1,000 to UMCOR for hurricane relief in the Kentucky area. Also, stipends for Council members WLL NOT be considered and that WAS NEVER to be considered. We wanted to see if folks read and pay attention to the reports shared with the congregation.
- We received \$1,500 from the District Office to be used for technology. One of the items to be considered is some improvements to the sound system in the sanctuary. We are awaiting a proposal from a vendor.
- Learned we have not had any applicants for the pianist position. We will continue to use temporary pianists for the short term as we did over the summer months.
- Approved a written policy for the use of the organ fund money that is invested with Woodlands.
- Reviewed the BSA Bankruptcy issue. The UMC has reached an agreement to raise funds toward the survivors trust fund as part of the settlement. We have been told to support the agreement as it now has language releasing sponsoring organizations from liability. The hope is this issue will be completely resolved in the next month.
- We discussed combining endowment, stewardship, memorial and honor gifts with our finance team and enlisting volunteers to assist with that ministry team.
- Ed Zeiders will meet with the SOTA Visioning Team January 18th. Council will meet with him before that meeting to discuss capital and stewardship campaigns.
- Council is down two seats. The Lay Leadership Committee will meet to consider candidates.
- We will receive Endowment Fund income on a monthly basis in 2022 as opposed to quarterly. This will more evenly distribute the funds throughout the course of the year.
- The Town Hall meeting was cancelled due to snow. We will try and reschedule.
- Council reorganized and elected officers for the 2022 year. Chair Bob Weaver, Vice chair Cathy Prowant, Trustee chair Ralph Hoyt, Secretary open, SPR chair Bob Weaver.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please talk to me or to any member of the Council (Bob Burns, Scott Hall, Nancy Jacobs, Erin Kuriga, Pastor Lenore, Cathy Prowant, Ed Souter Sr., Janet Walters). Bob Weaver, Church Council Chairman

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- Accepted Nancy Jacobs offer to serve as secretary
- Approved January 19 Council meeting minutes.
- Approved February 9 Council meeting minutes with District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Paul Amara
- Reviewed January Council newsletter report.
- As we do every meeting, we reviewed the monthly financial report and balance sheet. We are off to a good start for calendar year 2022.
- Tom Bixler working on SOTA, endowment and scout unit audits.
- We will meet with Tom Bixler to lead a finance team and focus on a stewardship campaign this spring.
- No decision made on use of the \$23,800 anonymous gift in memory of Martha Martz. However we are leaning toward using it for capital improvement projects such as the sanctuary roof which needs replaced.
- Received a year end financial statement from the WECCC. Finances are in good condition. Reviewed an article Cal Phillips placed in the Williamsport District newsletter with an update on all the ministries and happenings at the WECCC. We are very pleased with the work Cal and all the volunteers are accomplishing. The article will be shared with the congregation via the newsletter.
- Ten persons will participate in the congregational care webinar next weekend. Congregational care events were identified by Council as a significant need and the hope is this opportunity will be beneficial to that work.
- Learned we have not had any applicants for the pianist position. We will continue to use temporary pianists for the short term as we did over the summer months.
- We are looking into some ways to improve the quality of sound in the sanctuary.
- Received a BSA Bankruptcy issue update. The UMC has reached an agreement to raise funds toward the survivors trust fund as part of the settlement. An extension has been granted until June 30 to sign the charter agreement. It is permissible to proceed with membership renewals.
- Accepted a letter of resignation from Ralph Hoyt. Chairman Weaver wrote a response letter to Ralph and thanking him for his service the past three years. Council is down three seats. Learned the Lay Leadership Committee met and is considering candidates.
- Elected Bob Burns to serve as Trustee chair.
- Reminded Council of the church conference on February 27 to reaffirm the Endowment Fund agreement.
- Learned we will offer Saturday morning Lenten continental breakfast and devotions again this year starting March 5th.

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Bob Weaver, Church Council Chairman

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Souper Bowl Luncheon. The youth were awesome serving the soups and helping with desserts. Thanks to everyone who donated soup - especially the Moms.. Kim, your rolls were so yummy !! Thank you to those donating desserts... they were awesome and so yummy !! So Grateful for the Youth...and Blessed by all those who enjoyed the fellowship.... God is Good Everyday... Many...Many THANKS.....

To My Church Family at Saint John's-Newberry UMC,

I just want to thank you for all the kindness that was shown to me during recuperation from a fall. Thank you, also, for the Christmas gifts with cards, treats and prayers.

Everything was very much appreciated.

In His Love,
Shirley Morris

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Veteran's quilt that was made for me. Although it's been 30 years since I've served, it was humbling to be honored by my church.

Thanks again,
AC Cruz

Dear Saint John's-Newberry,

Thank you very much for the college boxes full of devotionals and snacks! I always look forward to receiving them and appreciate them very much!

Sincerely,
Gabe Manetta

Saint John's-Newberry,

Thank you so much for the care packages you sent this semester! It meant a lot knowing that my church family thinks of me! I love picking up that package every month at the mail room!

Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Jocelyn Cruz

Saint John's-Newberry,

Thank you so much for your care packages this semester. Every time I saw one on my porch I got so excited! It is so nice knowing that my church family still thinks of me when I'm 3 1/2 hours away.

Thanks again,
Juliana Cruz

Dear Saint John's-Newberry,

Thank you to everyone who sent me a Christmas card and goodies. It was very much appreciated.

Dorothy Douty

To the Saint John's-Newberry Church Family,

Thank you for the surprise gifts and many cards I received from so many of you. I appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Jane Sperow

Saint John's-Newberry,

First, thank you for your prayers. The test for Covid was negative! Next, I am so grateful for all who so kindly sent me cards, treats and so many lovely things in a BIG box. It truly warmed my heart to know so many still remember me. Thank you to each one of you - you are special!

Sincerely,
Ruth Smith

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

This year we will be giving classes, organizations and individuals the choice of purchasing either lilies, chrysanthemums or tulips. These will be placed on the altar on Easter, April 17th. You may remove your plant(s) following the 10:45 a.m. worship service or during the week.

You may take the flowers you order - Any flowers left behind will be planted on the church campus.

**ORDER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE IS:
MARCH 20TH
WE MUST ORDER EARLY THIS YEAR TO BE
SURE OF FLOWER AVAILABILITY**

I wish to purchase:

_____ lilies x \$8.50 = _____
_____ tulips x \$7.00 = _____
_____ mums x \$8.50 = _____

Enclosed is \$_____. Checks should be made payable to Saint John's-Newberry United Methodist Church.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

Signature: _____

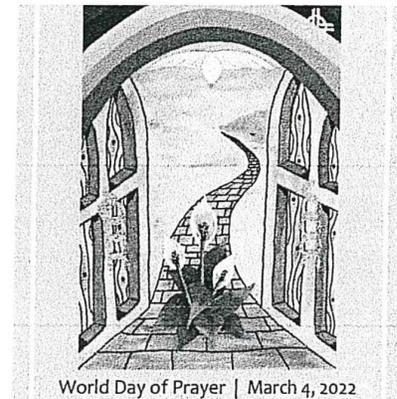
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN LYCOMING COUNTY

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

DATE: Friday, March 4, 2022
1:30 PM

PLACE: First United Methodist Church
604 Market Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

THEME; "I Know the Plans I Have for You"
Jeremiah 29: 1-14



This year the World Day of Prayer Celebration is written by our sisters in England, Wales & Northern Ireland. The program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a place of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing view on how to respond to the moment.

We come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, we listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Refreshments will be served following the celebration
Parking is available in lower parking lot across from fountain.

URGENT NEED FOR WALKER, CATHETER BAGS AND LAP ROBES are always appreciated! Nursing Homes throughout the county welcome these items and will be received at this World Date Of Prayer Celebration. Instructions for these items can be obtained from Patt Wittig (570)322-4330.

FAIR SHARE CONTRIBUTION:

Your contribution is your Fair Share of our Local Church Women United in Lycoming County budget. Contributions from individuals as well as Women organizations are very much appreciated and will be used towards our "Christmas Stockings Project". Your contributions may also be sent to Sally Grieco, 401 Wyndham Ct, Williamsport, PA. 17701.

In Christ Service

Yvonne Shenuski,
President CWU

United Churches Campus Ministry Soup Sale

Donation: \$8.00 per quart

(Checks payable to “United Churches Campus Ministry”)

All soup freshly homemade then frozen.

Order Form

- | Type | Quantity |
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| Beef and Barley_____ | |
| Broccoli and Cheddar_____ | |
| Chicken Corn Chowder_____ | |
| Chicken and Wild Rice_____ | |
| Chili_____ | |
| Ham and Bean_____ | |
| Hot Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo_____ | |
| Italian Wedding_____ | |
| Pasta Fagioli_____ | |
| Potato with Chicken and Rivals_____ | |
| Spinach, Sausage, and Tomato Tortellini_____ | |
| Vegetable Beef Soup_____ | |



Total # of Quarts ordered: ____ x \$8.00_____

Name: _____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

- * Orders are needed by **March 17th**.
- * Quantities are limited to first ordered, first served.
- * Delivery will between **March 24th – 31st**.
- * Soup will be delivered frozen.
- * All proceeds go to our campus ministry.

Please circle one option: •**pick-up (at UCLC office)** OR •**delivery**

* Shelley Litz will contact you for arrangements.

Mail check and order form to:
United Churches of Lycoming County
c/o Pastor Tammey Aichner
 202 East Third Street
 Williamsport, PA 17701

Prayer Chain Report

Please pray for: Beth Ziegler, Cheryl Kontz, Patty Wehr, Vicki Schneider, Sarah Dyer, Dan Walmer, Denny & Kim Davis, Eric Barr, Danielle Fantaskey, Steve & Krystie Britton, Dick Carothers, Barb, Riley O'Connell, Brian Michael, Nancy Sanders, Dorothy Douty, Butch Morgan, Beth, Terry & Patty, Cody Michael, Kathy Keagle, Claire Head, Art & Patty DeParlos, Chris Rafter, Brenda Rake, Merle Campbell, Robert Eiswert, Joyce Shaffer, Bob Smith, Allen Feist, Earl Huckins, Cindy Cybulski & Baby, Brian, Maria, Elaine Confer, Sierra & Unborn Baby, Bernie & Donna Helminiak, Ron & Jill Johnston

Our love, prayers and sympathies to the families and friends of *Jason Meyers, Paul Stroble, Karl Peters, Doris Weaver, Bob Walters, Frank Morse and Charlene Artley* on their recent passing.

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

Prayer for Others

Our Bishops —

Cynthia Moore Koikoi &
Sandra Steiner Ball

Our Superintendent —

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Amara

Our Local United Methodist Churches — Wmspt. St. Paul Calvary

†Those serving in the Military...

John Affield, Jeffrey Bache, Joel Barr, Kaeden Barr, Josalyn 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.

† Our College Students...

Kale Britton, Kendrick Burns, Olivia Conklin, Jocelyn Cruz, Juliana Cruz, Hannah Freezer, Maria Davis Johnson, Spencer Karasek, Makenzie Karasek, Lydia Kirkendall, Taylor Kirkendall, Emily Litz, Sam Litz, Jake Lusk, Gabe Manetta, Alicia Meyer, Katie Penman, Sam Penman, Jordan Phillips, Makenna Rupert, Brianna Walters, Daun Williamson



MARCH CELEBRATIONS...

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| Justine Cruz | 1 | Cathy Prowant | 8 | Austin Furey | 19 |
| Jennifer Jacobs | 1 | Sara Eiswert | 10 | Jennifer Foust | 20 |
| Deborah Kabat | 1 | Andrew Havens | 10 | Alexandra Re | 20 |
| Mark Karasek | 1 | Wendy Hinkal | 10 | Elizabeth Seagraves | 20 |
| Brandon DeArment | 2 | Steve Johnson | 10 | Aiden Davis | 21 |
| Leatha Kieser | 2 | Arianna Miller | 10 | Stephanie Kennelley | 21 |
| John Rall | 2 | Rachael Cohick | 11 | Betty Rhone | 21 |
| Tristan Tyler | 2 | Nancy Colley | 11 | Angelo Rupert | 22 |
| Kendall Austin | 3 | Steele Britton | 12 | Marsha Bergman | 24 |
| Morgan Bennett | 3 | Lea Frymire | 12 | Josephine Wilde | 24 |
| Sandra Hartzel | 5 | Richard Wapinsky | 12 | Joanne Ameigh | 25 |
| Alexander Kremer | 5 | John Bubb | 14 | Andrew Gummo | 26 |
| Daniel Turner | 5 | Shannon Frantz | 14 | Camille Snyder | 26 |
| Jessica Bower | 6 | Cade Lusk | 16 | Susanna Vogel | 26 |
| David Livermore | 6 | Suzanne Richard | 16 | Kim Davis | 27 |
| Lori Luna | 7 | Brendan Kuriga | 17 | Donna Helminiak | 27 |
| Jamie Hepler | 8 | Ron Shireman | 17 | Juliana Cruz | 30 |
| Jonathan Hunsinger | 8 | Timothy Conklin | 18 | Megan Pryor | 30 |
| Ben Manetta | 8 | Lindsay Cohick | 19 | Olivia Conklin | 31 |

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Tyler & Angela Rhone
George & Sharon Elder

March 7, 2009
March 12, 1969

Dan & Ellen Cero

March 31, 1990

Memorials and Honors

The following have made contributions to the Memorial and Honor Fund to the Glory of God and in Memory of **My Family**: Susan Toti; in Memory of **Peggy**: Anonymous; in Memory of **Mark L. Steele**: Sandra Steele; in Honor of **Wendy Decker**: Tracy Fox; in Honor of **Cal Philips and Jan Walters**: Mary Weaver; in Honor of **Clothes Closet/Thrift Store Volunteers**: Mary Weaver; in Memory of **Karl Peters**: Kim Davis; Rick & Nancy Jacobs; Sandra Lentz & Roderick Strothers; The Harmans/Sensabaughs; Julie Bittner; Robert & Susan Curry; Teresa Nolan, Carol Cohen, Sherry Bischof, Nancy Kelley, Carole Parker and Sandi Irion; Irene Deangelo; Mary Weaver; Mr. & Mrs. George Doyle, Bob & Ann Burns; Bruce & Janice Brossman; in Memory of **Paul Stroble**: Saint John's-Newberry UMC; in Memory of **Robert Walters**: Saint John's-Newberry UMC; Liz Manetta; Bob & Ann Burns; Barry & Brenda Rake; Muriel Cupp; Mary Weaver; Sally Metzker; Staggered Starters SS Class; in Memory of **Ann Rishel**: Saint John's-Newberry UMC; Julie Bittner; Janice Matthews; in Honor of **The Russell Family**: Tracy Fox; in Memory of **Robbie Curry**: David Bower & Catherine Piccolo; in Honor of **The Body of Christ**: Tracy Fox; in Memory of **Delores Schafer-Fox-Bower**: Tracy Fox; in Memory of **Rebecca Rametta**: Phil & Daun DePasqua; in Honor of **Boy Scouts of America**: Tracy Fox; in Memory of **Mary Peters**: Bruce & Janice Brossman; in Memory of **Jason Peters**: Bruce & Janice Brossman; in Memory of **Frank Morse**: Saint John's-Newberry; Raymond Clymer; Lori Mahaffey

A Word from the WECCC

We kicked off our F.O.C.U.S.E.D program for the 2021-2022 school year in September. The Feeding Our Children United Serving Each with Dignity provides food to those children in the Williamsport School District that choose to and qualify for participation in the subsidized lunch program. Each student that does participate is provided each week with a bag containing breakfast and lunch foods thus ensuring a minimum of two meals for the student over the weekend. Last year when we established the program, we were packing 200 bags each week then in the fall we started off with just over 500 per week this number now has grown to over 1,100 bags and we place orders to serve over 2,200 children per week! God is doing a mighty thing right here in our community. We regret that there is a need but thank God that we are given the blessing to carry His love to so many children each and every week.

2021 was a year of unimaginable growth at the WECCC. Needs would show up and God's provision would follow on its heels. We find only that which we look for so if you seek to see impossible problems then you are lost. If you seek to see God at work, then you get to labor in amazement as you work in His service. Our S&K Café served nearly 13,000 hot meals in our dining room in 2021. Since our Shoe Express started, we have put over 4,200 pair of shoes onto the feet of our children. The Christmas Sale reached a level 400% of the original. Our Phoenix program works with probation offices and offers community service volunteer hours ensuring that each person is treated with dignity and given an opportunity to succeed with 22 individuals graduating from the program in 2021. We are a distribution site for COVID19 test kits working in conjunction with River Valley Health and Dental making sure that the health of our most vulnerable can be addressed. We are in negotiations with the James V. Brown Library to serve as a stop for the Book Mobile when it resumes service.

All of this was done without heat in our building from August to December. This meant that a complete steam boiler needed to be purchased and installed. The cost of such a massive repair was daunting. The call was sent out to the community and the community responded in the way only God's people can. Donations started coming in and in just a few weeks nearly half the cost of the project was received in donations. We received large checks from congregations, personal gifts and even coins raised by children. Seek to see God and you will find him, we call these God Sightings.

Twenty-six programs either are housed or are run out of the WECCC. Every single one would not happen without the dedication and sacrifice of over 125 volunteers, incredible prayer warriors and the donations of countless people. I served congregations for fifteen years as a pastor and leader in this community but never knew of this incredible place prior to my coming here. This is one of the greatest hurdles we face. Many people, churches and organizations have no idea the WECCC is here. John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" this scripture drives every program, service, or outreach that we do. I want to invite anyone who has yet to see what is going on at the corner of Diamond St. and Fourth St. in Newberry to come for a personal tour.

Pastor Calvin Phillips, Executive Director

Saint John's-Newberry, UMC

2101 Newberry Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

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Fax: 570-326-5867
E-mail: secretary@stjnumc.com

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Reminders

The **MARCH/APRIL 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 - Thursday 9am to 3pm, **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

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| <p><u>DUE DATE FOR MAILED COMMUNICATOR</u> <u>MARCH 23, 2022</u> <u>COMBINED JANUARY/FEBRUARY</u></p> <p><u>COMMUNICATOR MAILED:</u> <u>MARCH 30, 2022</u></p> <p>Articles may be submitted via e-mail to: secretary@stjnumc.com</p> |
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Take a look at our website at:
<http://stjnumc.com>



<https://www.facebook.com/saintjnumc/>

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- Pastor Lenore Hosier, *Pastor* •
 - Joyce Paulhamus, *Church Administrator* • Kristine Michael, *Secretary/Treasurer* •
 - Ellen Davis, *Choir Director* •
 - Steve Martin, *Sexton* • Jennifer Jacobs & Vanessa Bennett *Child Care Providers* •
 - Becky Ciabattari, *Director of the School of the Arts* • Cal Phillips, *Director of WECCC* •
 - Church Office, 570/326-5569 • WECCC, 570/323-6297 • Saint John's School Of The Arts, 570/327-5575 •
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