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The Shepherd

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

As another year begins, we hear familiar phrases about fresh starts and new beginnings. Out with the old and in with the new, people say. And while those words can sound like clichés, Scripture reminds us that in Christ, this isn't just a slogan—it's a promise.

We truly have been given the chance to start anew. As you step into this new year, carry with you the things that matter: the habits that nourish your soul, the relationships that strengthen you, the practices that draw you closer to God. And just as importantly, let go of what weighs you down. Release the patterns, burdens, and voices that keep you from living fully into the life God desires for you.

How you enter this new year is a choice. You can walk into it carrying the same old fears, frustrations, and assumptions—or you can walk into it with Christ, trusting that He is already making you new.

The Scripture above is not wishful thinking. It is a declaration. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Not “might be,” not “could be someday,” but is. Right now. Today. Living with Christ is the only way to truly live. Yet so many people settle into their circumstances, believing, This is just how life is for me. Some feel stuck in patterns that bring no joy, no peace, no hope. I know what that feels like—I’ve been there myself. But hear this truth: your circumstances are not your destiny. Your past is not your prison. Your identity is not defined by what has been, but by the One who makes all things new.

As we begin this year together, may you embrace the freedom Christ offers. May you trust that He is already at work within you. And may you step boldly into the newness He promises, knowing that with Him, transformation is not only possible—it is already unfolding.

It is truly a blessing to serve as your pastor.

Blessings,
Pastor Cyndi

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

(If we have missed your special day,
please notify the church office to be
added to the list! 330-482-2382)

Cheryl Snyder Jan 13

Don Fioravanti Jan 16

Leslie Schreiber Jan 19

Bobbie Heiland Jan 24

Karen Culp Jan 25

Sandy Webber Feb 4

If your birthday is in January
or February and it is not on the
list we wish you also a very
Happy Birthday.



Christiana House

Christina House launches text-only crisis line.

The Christina House Domestic Violence Program has launched a text-only crisis line. Persons seeking help or information about domestic violence can text 234-335-7908 24 hours a day. A trained advocate will reply to the text message and offer advice, a listening ear, or referral to other resources. Information about any of the Christina House's services is available through the text line.

The crisis phone line is also available 24 hours a day for phone calls at 330-420-0036.

The Christina House program includes an emergency shelter, legal advocacy, case management, and referral to other community resources. The legal advocate offers information about and assistance with protection orders. To connect with the legal advocate directly individuals can call 330-420-0845 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

Additionally, the Christian House offers community education about healthy relationships, teen dating issues, and domestic abuse. The community education specialist can be reached at (330) 744-3320 ext. 206.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **In person Worship Services are on Sunday's at 10:30am.**
- **Bible Study is on hold at the moment.**
- **Soup Sales will in January. Due to the price of groceries we do feel the need to raise our price a little. Soup will be \$9.00 a quart this year. Pre-Orders only.**
Soups available to order will be: Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, Potato, Ham & Bean, Vegetable, and Chili
Pre-Order deadline will be Jan. 4th
Pick-Up will be Jan. 8th between 3:30 —4:30 pm
February Soup Sale, pre-orders due by Feb. 8th, Pick-Up will be on February 12th 3:30—4:30 pm.
- **Jan. 21st & Feb. 18th One Board Meeting 5:30 pm**
- **No Brunch in January, February 15th we will have Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service**
- **Kids Club is from 6—7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.**
- **Fellowship Breakfast at Dutch House, 10 am, all are welcome. February 18th.**

On behalf of the congregation, we'd like to thank Bob McMurray for his gift of our Christmas Eve invitations. They were absolutely beautiful and his assistance in planning this year's service was a great help.

With our sincere appreciation,
Sam and Monica Detwiler

Trustee Report

Work on the parsonage continues to move forward steadily, and we are grateful for the dedication of all who have contributed their time and skills.

Painting Completed: The interior painting has been finished. We extend our sincere thanks to Rodney and Bob McMurray for their hard work and commitment to this task.

Upstairs Wood Flooring: The wood flooring in the upstairs bedroom has been thoroughly cleaned and restored to its beautiful condition. We are deeply appreciative of Karen Culp for her careful and diligent efforts.

New Lighting Installed: Updated lighting has been installed in the front door hallway and the kitchen. Our thanks go to Becky McMurray and her sons for completing this important improvement.

Plumbing Updates: The sanitary sink, shower, and associated piping have been replaced. We are grateful to Bob Belding and Sam Detwiler for ensuring this work was completed properly.

Carpet Removal: The carpeting in the den has been removed. We thank Bob Belding for taking on this task.

Gas Service Restored: The gas has been turned on at the parsonage, providing heat and hot water. We extend our appreciation to Sam Detwiler for overseeing this step.

Flooring Ordered: New flooring has been ordered for the den, dining room, and kitchen areas, and will be installed upon arrival. Which will be sometime in January. Thank you to Sam Detwiler for overseeing this part of the project.

Gratitude for Support

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who faithfully support the ministry of our church. Your generosity enables us to maintain our facilities, uphold the work entrusted to us, and continue serving our congregation and community with integrity and care. As ongoing repairs and necessary expenses arise, your steadfast commitment remains invaluable.

We pray that God's abundant blessings rest upon you and your family, and that His grace will continue to sustain and strengthen you in every season.

Kids Club

Our youth group is wrapping up our curriculum on "The Me I Can't See".

We have a few kids who just became eligible for our annual lock-in at the Youngstown YMCA in January with a church service prior. This is a district event where our kids have the opportunity to make new friends from other youth groups.

Thank you to Jeff Schreiber and Nancy Lanza for their help at our meetings, Brad for always having the lights on and Ginny Neville for her help in funding our Kids Club!

Happy New Year and may it be full of God's blessings!
Karen Culp



Good as New Shoppe

We recently ended the year 2025. Our annual sales continue to grow and we exceeded sales of 2024. We have been so blessed with this consignment store thanks to all who volunteer their time in different duties to make this possible. Various sales will be being held to clear out our winter merchandise over the next several months. If you haven't stopped in the shoppe, please do so! Our hours remain the same only being open on Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-3. We will be closed in the event of bad weather.

Thank you!

Marge & Linda

Store hours Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-3.

Store Phone Number: (330) 831-0399

United Methodists Women

Next breakfast at the Dutch Haus on February 18th at 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Word Search

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Find the words in the puzzle and write them under the appropriate picture:



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Fun Holidays

January



New Year's Day (January 1)



National Bubble Bath Day (January 8)



Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 19)



National Popcorn Day (January 19):



National Cheese Lover's Day (January 20)

February



Groundhog Day (February 2)



Super Bowl (February 8)



Presidents Day (February 16)



Ash Wednesday (February 18)