

January/February 2024

The Shepherd

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

- Isaiah 43:18-19

Hello Everyone,

Praise be to God, for getting us through another year. The scripture from Isaiah tells us to forget the former things, do not dwell in the past. This is good advice. Let us move into this new year, taking with us the good memories, the lessons learned from the mistakes we had made, the lessons we learned from trying new things, and the lessons we have learned from the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Even if the future looks a little dull and dry, don't fear to enter in, as the scripture also tells us that He will be making a way in our wilderness and allowing clean, living water to flow in places we would think not to be good.

Remember that all things are possible with God, so take Him with you every moment of the day, every day of the coming year, and watch the great things He will do with you, for you, and through you.

In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

- Proverbs 16:9

Another good advice scripture for a new year. Remember that the plans we make for the coming year will not always be the plans He has determined for us. Father knows best, so look for the plans that He has made for you, for us, and know that His plans are perfect.

May God Bless all of you in the coming year beyond what you could imagine.

Happy New Year and Blessings to all of you,

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
Ronald Detwiler	Jan. 17
Clint Hardenbrook	Jan. 17
Leslie Schrieber	Jan 19
Bobbie Heiland	Jan. 24
Karen Culp	Jan. 25
Virginia Detwiler	Jan. 30
Cathy Rindels	Jan. 31

John Sutherin	Feb. 3
Sandy Webber	Feb. 4
Judy Cook	Feb. 4
Jeanette Van Pelt	Feb. 6

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

Christina House

The Christina House is a safe place for battered women,
Judy Stevens delivers donated items every month or so.

The following is a list of items needed for the

Christina House in Lisbon:

Paper towels, disposable diapers, baby wipes, tissues, toilet paper,
sanitary napkins/tampons, laundry detergent, bleach, bath soap,
cleaning supplies, towels/washcloths, underwear, bras, socks,
baby clothes, pajamas (women's and children's), shampoo,
deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair spray, disposable
razors, canned food, dry food mixes, beauty shop certificates,
stationary, light bulbs, alarm clocks and aa batteries.

Way Station

We are also collecting nonperishable foods for The Way Station.

There are boxes and baskets at church where these items
can be collected.

Thanks to all that donate!

Good As New Shoppe

The store had a great year with sales up 10% from last year. We have given the church money for utilities and clothing to the Christina House.

Plans for 2024

Chocolate Walk on February 9 & 10—Special Sale, Chocolate Candy

March 22—23—Egg Hunt with prizes & sales.

All events go along with retail merchants in Columbiana.

The first of April we will start taking Spring attire.

Store hours Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-3.

Store Phone Number: (330) 831-0399

Have a Blessed Year,

Marge & Linda

Methodist Women

The women have donated to Christina House \$100.00, Meals on Wheels \$100.00, and Foster Children of Columbiana \$100.00.

Our Christmas Party was held Dec. 7th at Sabi's with 32 attending. Everyone enjoyed a good lunch, fellowship and games. We collected a large amount of gloves, & stocking caps. These items were taken to Joshua Dixon and Crestview Schools.

Blessings,

Anne

Church Fellowship Breakfast

We will be having our next Church Fellowship Breakfast on Wednesday, Feb 21st, 10:00 am at the Dutch House. All are welcome, no reservations needed.

Thanks,

Marge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Adult Sunday School class 9:30 am Sunday mornings.**
- **In person Worship Service is on Sunday at 10:30am.**
- **Jan 21st and Feb 18th, we will have Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service. Another opportunity to share a meal and have fellowship with your church family.**
- **Kid's Club is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.**
- **PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) meetings are being held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:30 pm. These meetings help those who are dealing with addiction in their family. It is not an easy road to travel, and many do not have others to talk to. These meetings intend to bring hope into your life when it can look like there is none.**
- **Bible Study Wednesday at 11 am. We meet in the Pastor's Study. All are welcome.**
- **Soup Sales have started, preorders only, deadline to order will be January 7th, and February 4th. Soups to order are: Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, Potato, Ham and Bean, Chili, and Vegetable Soup. The cost is \$8.00 a quart. Pick-up dates are January 12th, and February 9th. Call the office to order (330) 482-2382.**
- **February 11th we will be hosting Mark Allen Chapman, a Gospel singer, @ 7 pm. A fresh, unique and uplifting style of music that touches the hearts of young and old alike. From the Great Hymns of the past to his new exciting songs of today. The audience will hear the positive and powerful message of hope, love and peace in Christ through music. Don't miss out!**
- **February 14th we will be having an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm.**
- **In Need of Offering Counters and Liturgists. If you are interested please let Anne or Pastor Cyndi know. Thank you.**

TRUSTEE NEWS

We made it through another year, thank you all so much for continuing to support your church, allowing us to keep up with all the things that come up and our regular maintenance that is needed to keep our church building functional.

Projects that still need to be tackled in this coming year, the Lord willing.

1. The parking lot needs to be resealed and lines painted.
2. Windows in the education wing need to be recaulked.
3. Numerous areas throughout the church need a fresh coat of paint.
4. The folding doors in the fellowship hall need to be replaced.

Bob has been trying to get bids for both the parking lot, and windows. So far we have only received 1 estimate for each, looking to get at least 2 more to compare pricing. If you know of anyone that reseals and stripes parking lots, or that recaulks windows, please let us know. Thank you.

A big thank you goes out to Lowell Snyder and Bob Belding for their efforts on removing the overgrown shrubs in the turn around area. Looks great!

We are praising God for allowing the Digital Sign to start working again, which has saved us the expense of purchasing an upgrade kit. He is good.

Sincerely,
Pastor Cyndi

Bob and Betty are away for the winter months, if there is anything that is in need of repair, please contact, Sam Detwiler, Phil Nelson, or Pastor Cyndi.

Kid's Club

Kid's Club celebrated Christmas by singing Christmas Carols around the piano with Sally Bricker.

Painting Rocks and putting inspirational messages on them. These rocks have been placed in front of the Digital Sign, for those with curious minds, in hopes that they will brighten someone's day.



The kids also enjoyed Pizza and Cookies, along with a gift exchange.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. If you have any children in your life, let them know about our Kid's Club, we would love to have them join us.
- Karen Culp