



BECOME A TREE: GROW FROM WITHIN....

*This
Christmas
end a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten
friend. Dismiss suspicion,
and replace it with trust.....
Write a love letter. Share some
treasure. Give a soft answer. En-
courage youth. Manifest your loyalty in
word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the
time. Forgo a grudge, forgive an enemy. Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout
envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of some-
one else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh
a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice.
Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to worship. Welcome
a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and
wonder of the earth.
Speak your love.
Speak it again.
Speak it still
once again.*

May the Blessings and Peace of Christmas be yours!

The Snowman

The snowman is white and clean, depicting the pure, sinless nature of our Savior.

Each snowflake is unique representing each person of the world that Jesus loves, for whom He came to earth to live and die.

The snowman lasts only for a season, and when melted, turns to water, suggesting that we can turn to the Living Water, our Source of Eternal Life.

The snowman's existence is a symbol of hope. Its cheerful nature gladdens our spirits. Likewise, when we feel burdened and our hearts are cold, Jesus tells us that He is our source of hope, and that the warmth of life can be found in Him.

LAUGHLIN CHAPEL

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They are planning ahead for Christmas at the Chapel. Generally, they provide about \$40 worth of gifts for the children in K-3; each of the older kids, grades 4 & 5, a Walmart gift card. Martha says they take them shopping which is always an adventure as the kids struggle to make decisions while keeping track of their money!

So, if you wish to help The Chapel make Christmas special for their children, you may send to Laughlin Chapel % Martha Wright, indicating its for Christmas or leave with our secretary who will send all to The Chapel. Thank you in advance for your help.

I AM ¹³ alive
BECAUSE HE LIVES ¹³

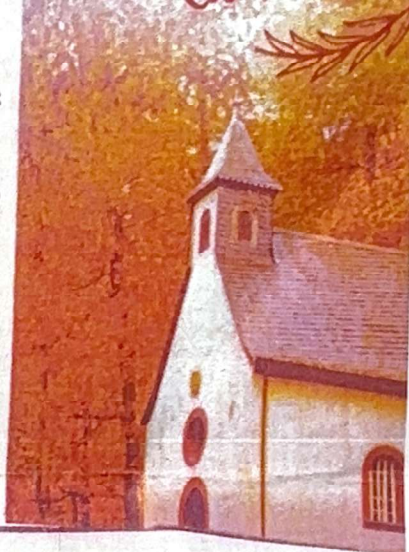


DECEMBER QUIZ:

◆ Under the Influence

1. What husband, the victim of David's adulterous scheming, was made drunk by the king?
2. What man was seduced by his daughters while he was drunk?
3. Who dropped dead as a stone on hearing bad news the morning after being drunk?
4. What virtuous man, who later married a virtuous woman, fell asleep in a heap of grain after eating and drinking?
5. Absalom wanted to avenge the rape of his sister, Tamar, so he waited until the rapist was very drunk. Who was this drunk, later slain by Absalom's men?
6. This king of Israel, who ruled barely two years, was assassinated while drunk. Who was he?
7. What Syrian king was getting drunk at a time when he was supposed to be making war on the Samaritans?
8. Nehemiah waited until this Persian king was softened up with wine before he asked the king to let the Jews return to their homeland. Who was the king?
9. What Persian queen refused to obey her drunken husband's order that she appear before his besotted guests?
10. Job's sons and daughters were so busy eating and drinking that they failed to notice that disaster was about to strike. What killed them?
11. The arrogant Babylonian king Belshazzar, drunk at his feast, committed an outrage when he asked for new drinking vessels to be brought in. What were these vessels that led to so much trouble for the king?

I still believe in
Amazing Grace
that there is
Power in the Blood
that **He walks**
with me and
He Talks with me
that because **He Lives**,
I can face tomorrow
all because of the
Old Rugged Cross



◆ So Many Dreamers

1. Who told Pilate that a worrisome dream made it clear that Pilate was to have nothing to do with Jesus?
2. According to one Old Testament prophet, there will come a day when young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams. Which prophet?
3. Who repeats the words of this prophet in an early Christian sermon?
4. Joseph, Mary's husband, was warned in dreams to do four things. What?
5. In Nebuchadnezzar's famous tree dream, who is symbolized by the majestic tree that is cut down?
6. Daniel had a dream of four beasts rising out of the sea. What did they look like?
7. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue, what four metals are mentioned as composing the statue?
8. One of Gideon's soldiers dreamed of a Midianite tent being overturned by an unlikely object. What was it?
9. When God came to the young Solomon in a dream and asked him what he desired, what did Solomon ask for?
10. What three Egyptian officials did Joseph interpret dreams for?
11. God protected Jacob by sending a dream of warning that Jacob should not be pursued or harmed. Who received this dream?
12. Who irritated his brothers by telling them of his dreams?
13. Who slept on a stone pillow at Bethel and had a dream of a stairway to heaven?

So Many Dreamers **NOVEMBER** (Answers)

1. His wife (Matthew 27:19)
2. Joel (2:28)
3. Peter, at Pentecost (Acts 2:17)
4. Go ahead and marry Mary, take a different route out of Bethlehem, flee to Egypt, return from Egypt (Matthew 1:18-2:23)
5. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:5-17)
6. A lion, a bear, a leopard, and a monster with iron teeth (Daniel 7)
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A merry heart doeth
good like a medicine.

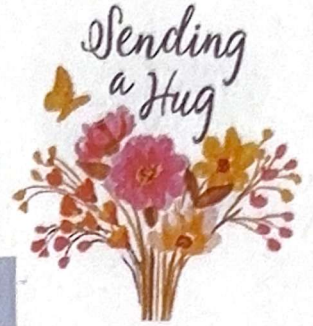
Proverbs 17:22

DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS
15TH CLARINDA TIMMONS
24TH CAROL SCHUL

ANNIVERSARIES
22ND DOUGLAS & CHERYL CONRAD



In Our Hearts and Prayers

General, Long-term, and Special Health Concerns

- Dorothy Werbecki, health concerns
- Rev. Homer Harden, health concerns
- Joellen McNeil, health concerns
- Nancy Elliott, health concerns
- David Waites, health concerns
- Camden Brown, eye/health concerns
- John Adams, health concerns
- Nancy K. Mumley, health concerns
- Eydie Garvin, health concerns
- Pam Cooper, health concerns
- Kathy Butler, health concerns
- Kitty & Ron Patrick, health concerns
- Bill Syphers, surgery
- Nancy Hostutler, health concerns
- Anita Marvin, health concerns
- Maxine Landon, health concerns

*Pray to
the Lord*

NURSING HOME & RETIREMENT HOME

- Dorothy Werbecki, Continuous Care Center, Room 248,
236 Hullihen Place, Medical Park, Wheeling, WV 26003
- Peggy Foster, Good Shepherd Nursing Home,
159 Edington Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003
- Craig Garvin, Peterson Healthcare & Rehab Center,
20 Homestead Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003
- Tom Hostutler, Moundsville Healthcare Center, Room 404,
2200 Floral Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041
- Don Hinton, Continuous Care Center, Room 155
236 Hullihen Place, Medical Park, Wheeling, WV 26003

At Winter's Call

Out my window I can see
 Leaves are brown as they can be,
 Though it's Wintertime for sure
 Dressed in finest of decor.
 All seem sure to take a bow
 Dancing in the wind for now,
 Leaves that once belonged to Fall
 Dancing brown at Winter's call.
 Each are patterned and with grace,
 Some look like the finest lace,
 Changing colors in a while,
 Seasons in the latest style.
 Dancing, blowing in the wind
 Leaves designed "and all by Him."
 God, our Maker, up above
 In His wisdom and His love.

Katherine Smith Matheny

*God
is
Love*

be joyful in hope



a friend loves at all times

CHURCH RECORDS:

Communion: October 6, 2024 25
Home Communion: 2
Deaths, New members, Baptism,

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bill had copies of the gas leases and another gas lease related document. The document had to be signed by five members of Session. Tony Werner was present to notarize the documents.
2. Sue said that the kitchen passed the Health Department inspection.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jason Pettit, representing Hughes Office Supply, presented a plan for upgrading the copier equipment. The plan will provide better service at a lower cost. Bill motioned to upgrade the equipment. Jody seconded and it passed.
2. Sue presented a request from the Presbytery to host a Presbytery meeting on October 22, 2025. Eydie motioned to do so. Bob Young seconded and it passed.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:52 PM. The date for the next regular Session Meeting is November 25, 2024 in the Church library.

SESSION MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2024

A meeting of the Session of the Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was held on Monday, October 28, 2024 in the Church Library.

The meeting was moderated by Rev. Alan Jeffries.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00 PM.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Eydie Garvin, Bob Mengeu, Bill Syphers, Sue Johnson, Jody Werner, Bob Young

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for September, 2024 were presented for review and placed on file.

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 23, 2024 Session meeting were presented for review. Sue motioned to accept the minutes. Eydie seconded and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: OUR OFFERING TO GOD THROUGH SERVICE

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE: Eydie Garvin

1. Eydie reported that she was developing a budget to be presented at the congregation meeting on November 10.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Mengeu

1. Bob reported that the sealing and crack repair of the parking lot had been finished.
2. One of the furnaces is in need of checking and possible repair.
3. Someone knocked over our mailbox and it needs to be replaced.

BY-LAWS: Committee is not active at this time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sue Johnson.

1. Sue reported that she had received 30 copies of Advent in Narnia for distribution during Advent.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Syphers

MISSION/OUTREACH: Bill Syphers

NOMINATING: Bill Syphers

1. Bill reported that the committee had two nominees for Deacon, but still needed two for Session. Bob Young and Eydie agreed to serve another term.

PARISH LIFE: Jody Werner

1. There will be a special coffee hour after the congregation meeting on November 10, with sloppy joes and a salad.
2. She suggested that we do another "Carols and Cocoa." She will talk to Cliff and set up a time.

WORSHIP: Bob Young

1. Bob reported that he had pulpit supply through the end of December. The Elders and Deacons will conduct the Christmas Eve service.

CORRESPONDENCE: none



NAMES OF JESUS

	REFERENCE	ADVENT READING
1. Glory of the Lord.....	Isaiah 40:5	Isaiah 40:1-5
2. I AM	John 8:58... ..	Malachi 3:1-6
3. Alpha and Omega	Revelation 1:8... ..	
4. Lamb of God.....	John 1:29	Romans 5: 1-11
5. Root of David.....	Revelation 22: 16.....	Psalm 89:1-4
6. Good Shepherd.....	John 10:1 1.....	Ezekiel 34:1 1-16
7. The	Word.....John 1:14.... ..John 1:9-18
8. Branch.....	Isaiah 4:2	Isaiah 1 1:1-10
9. Prophet.....	Luke 24:19	Deuteronomy 1 8:15-19
10. Morning Star.....	Revelation 22: 16.....	Genesis 15:1-6
11. Light of the World.	John 8:12.....	Isaiah 49:6-7
12. Arm of the Lord.....	Isaiah 51 :9.....	Isaiah 40:9-1 1
13. Servant.....	Isaiah 52: 13.....	Isaiah 52:13-15
14. Man of Sorrows.....	Isaiah 53:3.....	Isaiah 53:1-12
15. The way	John 14:6.....	Isaiah 35:8-10
16. Redeemer.....	Isaiah 59:20.....	Psalm 130
17. Horn of Salvation.....	Luke 1:69.....	Psalm 85:1-7
18. The Gate.....	John 10:7.....	John 10:7-10
19. Mediator.....	1 Timothy 2:5.....	1 Timothy 2•.1-7
20. Cornerstone.... .	Isaiah 28:16.....	Psalm 1 18:18-24
21. Bread of Life..... .	John 6:48.....	John 6:44-51
22. Immanuel.....	Isaiah 7:14.....	Isaiah 7:10-14
23. Son of God.....	Luke 1:35.....	Luke 1:26-35
24. Prince of Peace.....	Isaiah 9:6.....	Isaiah 9:2-7
25. Messiah.	Daniel 9:25.	Matthew 1:18-25
26. Savior.	Luke 2:1 1.	Luke 2:1-20
27. King of the Jews.....	Matthew 2:2.	Matthew 2:1-2
28. Jesus..	Matthew 1:21.....	Luke 2:21-35



December 2014

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

COMMUNION with our C.O.M. approved Bill & Kathy Syphers, or a Presbyterian,
Lutheran, or Episcopal Minister

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>>> Church Staff <<<

Music Director & Organist ~ Cliff Elliott

Custodian & Grounds Keeper ~ Dan Burns

Treasurer ~ Eydie Garvin

Secretary ~ Sue Lane Johnson

Faith,
Hope,
Love



Jesus loves me this
I know, for the
Bible tells me so.



December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT NEW 1	2	5 p.m. Friendship DINERS 3	4	5	6	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 7
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE 8	9	10	11	8:00 a.m. Men's BREAKFAST 12	13	14
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE DEACON SUNDAY 3 p.m. Carols Cocoa 15 FULL	16	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE 22	23	Christmas Eve 7:00 Christmas Eve Service 24	Christmas Day Hanukkah Begins 25	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 26	27	28
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE 29 NEW	30	New Year's Eve 31			NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

