Happy New Year!
Monday, January 1st

2018 Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 21st
After Morning Service
Pot Luck Lunch

Sledding at Skonewood
Saturday, January 27th
10:30am
Lunch and Hot Cocoa provided!
We are blessed to live in a country that has Christianity’s fingerprints all over it. We have three holidays during every calendar year that are devoted to God. The first is Easter in the Spring. This day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter has been celebrated as a holiday since Christ’s resurrection about 2,000 years ago. In November we have another major holiday called Thanksgiving. This was a holiday that started in the early 1600s when the pilgrims set aside a day, with their Native American friends, specifically focused on Thanksgiving to God. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln made the last Thursday of November a federal holiday. Lincoln said that this day was set aside to give thanks to the God of the Bible. The last major Christian holiday is Christmas. I remember in my elementary school days thinking that Christmas was about Santa Claus and presents. During one of our assignments, my classmate asked me how to spell Christmas. I spelled it C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s. I forgot the “t” that spelled the first part of the word, Christ. I was distracted because the world around me had forgotten that Christmas was all about Jesus Christ and my little mind forgot.

I know that as you see this posting in the Newsletter Christmas has just passed. But with the holiday still fresh on our mind I want you to remember what this Holiday is all about. December 25 is intended to mark the day the God-man was born into the world. He came to this world on a mission to establish a forever kingdom (Luke 1:32-33) and to save a people who will populate this future kingdom (Matthew 1:21). The angel had Mary and Joseph name the baby Jesus because he will save his people from their sins. The name Jesus literally means, “Yahweh (God) is my salvation.” Everyone on planet earth is a sinner in need of a Savior. God is ready to forgive you of your sins if you will believe in this Savior King. Christmas is a celebration of the first advent (coming) of Jesus. The Christian hope is the second advent (coming) of Christ. One day Jesus will return to establish his eternal kingdom on this earth. If you believe in Christ you will reign with him in this kingdom. This is what Christmas is all about! As we kick off a New Year, may the wonderful reality that God became a man to accomplish his great purposes in the world be on our minds.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Seth

Thank you to everyone that helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season! And thanks to Shailla Johnson for coordinating all the decorations!

DECORATE!!
The Community Carol Sing was held on December 10th. The event was very well attended by many throughout the community. Micah Hoyt played guitar and Ronda Haley played piano. Brianna Brickley was lead vocal. Cookies and hot cider were served after the program.
Christmas Service
Sunday, December 24th
On MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018, let’s gather at NOON for a little Teaching, Lunch, Conversation!

Please come if you are able and join friends around the table.


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After Morning Service
A Pot Luck Meal will be served after Morning Service. The Annual Meeting will follow the meal.

SLEDDING AT SKONEWOOD!
Saturday, January 27th - 10:30am
Lunch and Hot Cocoa provided. Remember to bring a sled!
Can you imagine what it would be like to live in a life-sized gingerbread house? That would almost seem like the perfect place to live. Well, the Bible tells us about a real live "perfect place to live." It's called Heaven. God sent Jesus because He loves you very much! One day, when Jesus was still a young man, He left His home on Earth. He took the punishment for all the bad things we’ve done when He died on a cross. And now He has a new home. Do you know where that is? He still lives in Heaven, but He wants to live in our hearts. He will come and live in our hearts if we just ask Him to. He will forgive us for all of the wrong things we’ve done.

Thank you to Shaila Johnson for coordinating the Gingerbread House event and providing the houses/candy!

The children worked hard learning their parts for the Christmas Program. They enjoyed pizza after rehearsal. Thank you to Shaun and Rachael Anderson for providing the pizza.
Words About.....Bible Reading

The Bible will change your life...but you have to read it.

_The Bible is God’s side of the conversation._

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night that you may be careful to do all that is written in it, for then you shall make your way profitable and then you shall have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

**Ten Books of the Bible to read in 2018**

1. Genesis..._where it all begins_
2. John..._getting to know the Son of God_...
3. Romans..._and His righteousness_
4. Psalms..._worshipful words_
5. Ephesians..._blessings in Christ_
6. Proverbs..._practical wisdom_
7. Philippians..._the joy-filled life_
8. 1 John..._fellowship with God_
9. James..._genuine faith_
10. Isaiah..._salvation_

We treasure the word of God not only by reading the words of the Scriptures, but by studying them. We may be nourished more by pondering a few words, allowing the Holy Ghost to make them treasures to us, than to pass quickly and superficially over whole chapters of scripture. (Henry B. Eyring)

**This Book will keep you from sin**
or **sin will keep you from this Book**.

_I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You._

(Psalm 119:11)

_The more you READ THE BIBLE the more you will LOVE THE AUTHOR!_

Women's Bible Study
Saturday, January 6th
9:00am

Men's Breakfast Group
Saturday, January 13th
8:00am

Submitted by Barbara Trombley