

Make a 'Connection' with



# The Connection

Newville  
First Church of God

February, 2016



## Saving the Lost!

***One of the greatest burdens I have in ministry is how to bring people into a relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior.***

This week, I read a movie review on the 2006 movie ***“The Guardian”***. In the movie, Kevin Costner plays the role of a rescue diver. He is well known for his lifesaving skills. In a conversation between Costner and a young hotshot diver by the name of Jake, Jake asks Costner, ***“What’s your number? How many have you recued?”*** Costner replies, ***Twenty-two.”*** Jake is shocked thinking he only saved twenty –two lives when Costner reply’s, ***“Twenty-two is the number of people that I lost. That’s the only number that counts.”***

This made me think, how many opportunities have I missed to save a person. Not physically, but spiritually? How many times did I pass up an opportunity to share Christ with someone in need? I know distinctively of several occasions, and I know some of our church family has shared stories with me about missed opportunities as well. And then, ***sometimes we try to share the message of Jesus, but there are people who just flat out refused accepting the message.***

We can beat ourselves up over missed opportunities, but take heart, even Jesus teaches us that we will not be able to lead everyone to Him. Read the Parable of the Sower in Matthew, chapter 13, or read in Luke, chapter 4, how Jesus was driven out of town for sharing the Old Testament story of Elijah and Elisha. Then remember on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion, one thief on the cross accepted the saving power of Jesus, and the other mocked Jesus and turned Him away.

None of us wish to see anyone in the world go into a lost eternity. We know that Jesus came to save the whole world so that none would perish (John 3:16), but reality is as Jesus told His followers in the Sermon on the Mount, ***“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”*** (Matthew 7:21-23 NIV)

I know it is not always easy to share our faith with other people, but it is something that all of us should have a burden in our hearts to do. I want to share with you a devotional I read this morning that can help each of us in sharing our faith in Jesus.

*A Little Girl, A Light - and How to Help the Lost Ones*  
By Ron Hutchcraft, A Word With You, January 28, 2016

She was just seven years old; the lone survivor of a plane crash that killed her parents, her sister, and her cousin. The sheriff said "she literally fell out of the sky into a dark hole." He called her survival "a miracle."

This "miracle" survivor somehow crawled out of this upside-down wreckage of her dad's plane dressed only in shorts and a t-shirt on a winter night. Shoeless, through brambles and underbrush, this what they called "remarkable" young girl navigated two embankments, a hill, and a creek bed in the dark.

And then the light. Actually, just a single security light on a house. When she knocked on that door, a kind, grandfatherly man brought her inside. Then she was safe. One report said this: "He thinks his security light may have been a beacon." Yeah, a beacon for a little girl who had lost so much. But, thank God, she was alive.

This story got me to thinking about who I need to be for people who've lost so much, who feel alone, whose world has suddenly crashed, who need someone to be a light - a "beacon" - in an otherwise dark night. *(continued on page 2)*

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Actually, that is what my Jesus said I should be as His follower. It's actually in our word for today from the Word of God in Matthew 5, beginning with verse 14, **"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."**

I've been thinking what it means to be a light for people in my personal world. It means being one person they know who is all about their need, not about my own. Who has time to listen. Who doesn't just ask the obligatory "How you doin'?" But who asks that second and third question to see if that obligatory "fine" answer they gave you is really how they're doing.

Being a light means being the one who refuses to hear or speak trash talk about anyone. Who protects a person's name when they're not in the room. Who builds a person up and never tears them down. Who says, "Thank you" and "I'm sorry" and "I was wrong."

It's always treating people, as the Bible says, "with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). Not "turning off the light" by making them feel condemned or put down.

The "light" is the person who remembers a person's birthday, who checks on them when they're sick, who's at the hospital, the wedding, and the funeral. Who drops what I'm doing when they're hurting. Who offers to pray with - not just for - them when God is needed so much.

So I ask myself: do people around me see me as "safe"; the "go-to" person when it's dark, when it's cold and when it's lonely? Have I so lived that when they hit a wall, they'll think of me as a place to turn? I'll know it's because of the Jesus in me. Am I the light on the porch when people around me are feeling lost?

I can be that for one reason. Jesus Christ has been that for me. As a dad who didn't know what to do, when there was no money, in the cold chill of that cemetery. When I was spiritually lost with no hope of heaven, because of running my life instead of God running it, I found one beacon in my storm - a cross and an empty tomb. It is, by the way, where you will find that same light, that same help, that same forgiveness; that light inside of you.

My prayer for you is that you know Jesus and you are letting your Light shine for all the world to see. You may not always be able to verbally share your faith, but you can be a constant beam of light for Jesus, so that anyone walking in the storms of life will be able to find a way to safety.

***Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).***

Don't let the number of missed opportunities to share your faith outnumber the times you let your light shine and share Jesus with someone you meet today!

*Praying for Your Light to Shine,  
Pastor Wayne*



*Newville First COG,*

*Thank you so much for all of your support in 2015! Thank you for your dedication to the ministry at Hooghan Nizhoni. We pray that God would bless you as much as you have been a blessing to us. God sure moved in 2015 and we cannot wait to see what He has in store for us in 2016! Once again, thank you for your support.*

*Love, The Dillingers, The Thummas, and the Hooghan Nizhoni Church*

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Big Spring Senior Center.*

*Cathy S. Graver, Director*

*Paul Spahr would like to thank everyone for the Birthday wishes and Birthday cards he received for his birthday.*

*Dear Newville Church,*

*Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We are so grateful for your generous contribution. You are a blessing to us and the Kingdom of God!*

*Be Blessed, David Newell*





The Paw Pack Ministry has been blessed with monthly donations of Applesauce, Raisins, Pudding, Goldfish, Pork and Beans and Monetary donations from several churches.

We appreciate your continued support collecting the other items left on **the list. We met with Saylor's and they were gracious enough to give us food at their cost.**

The launch date of the families receiving their food occurred on January 15. We are currently hosting 5 families with 19 children. Currently each child is receiving 3 meals per weekend. That equals out to 57 meals per weekend and 228 meals per month. We also have indicated that we are looking for an additional 10 children to provide meals to.

**Newville Elementary appreciates everyone's participation and support with the Paw Pack Ministry. The first week went "Great". Newville Elementary will be hosting a "Team Newville" day in which the teachers will be wearing their Newville shirts and paying to dress down. They are donating the money from this event to the "Paw Packs" program to supply their students with additional food moving forward. They are excited about adding additional children to the program.**

Due to the major Snow Storm on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, "Painting for a Purpose" has been rescheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are continuing to reach out to the local churches and businesses for their support. We want to **"Thank You"** and look forward to your continued support. **May the Lord continue to Bless You as you have blessed the Ministry.**

The next PAW Packs Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The PAW Pack Ministry is in need of single serving packages of corn and peas.

10th Annual Newville Rural Festival ~ June 4, 2016 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.  
Join us at a Planning Meeting on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Bring your ideas!



Break out your favorite team jersey and come join our worship services on Super Bowl Sunday. The biggest football event of the year takes place on February 7th. Call all your unchurched sports fans and have them come rally for their team.  
All fans welcome!

***Women's Ministries will meet on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Each lady is asked to bring a baby photo or young child photo of themselves as we will be trying to guess who is in the photograph.***





**Community Lenten Lunches will begin on Friday February 12th at Noon and continue each Friday through March 18th. More details coming soon!**

**“Night of Prayer”**  
on Sunday,  
February 21st at  
6:30 pm.



The G.I.G.G.L.E.S. Ladies’ Lunch Ministry will tentatively meet on Tuesday, February 23rd at Blue Mountain Pizza in Newville. More details coming soon!

**Children’s Ministry Luncheon Meeting has been rescheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:45 a.m. Everyone who helps in anyway with planning, teaching, music, helpers, etc. is invited to come be a part of this meeting.

Registration Forms for each of these Conferences are in the Welcome Center.



ERC Summit for Evangelism and Discipling on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

(1:00 pm - 10:00 pm) and Saturday, February, 27th (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) at Winebrenner Theological Seminary (Scotland Campus). 35 Exciting, In-depth Workshops on Evangelism, Discipling, Leadership and Missions! Cost: One day \$15.00; both days \$25.00; Friday Dinner \$9.00. Registration deadline is February 19, 2016. The Summit is a way to provide church leaders with proven ways and practical steps that will assist them to become a positive force for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus.

**Men’s Conference featuring Frank Shelton: “Victory in Jesus – Winning in the Race of Grace”** on February 26 & 27, 2016 at the Hanover First Church of God for all men 18 and over. Cost is \$20.00 and includes Saturday continental breakfast and lunch).

**“Forgiveness is Freedom” – Women’s Conference** on March 4 & 5, 2016 at the Hanover First Church of God. Guest Speaker is Sylane Mack. Cost is \$35.00 (first come, first served) and includes lunch on Saturday (non-refundable). Payment due at time of registration. Registration deadline is February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Ladies – Are you interested in seeing Priscilla Shirer LIVE at the Santander Arena on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>?** Ticket cost is \$45.00; Bus is \$29.00 (optional box lunch - \$14.00) for a total of \$88.00 per person for all of the above. If you’re interested, please sign the list on the table in the Welcome Center.



**Ladies - All Aboard The Bus To Cape May! JUNE 14-16, 2016.**  
**The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. For further information, contact Kim Bailey at 776-5989 or 448-5141 (cell) or email [grasshopper125@aol.com](mailto:grasshopper125@aol.com).**



## CAMP YOLIJWA NEWS

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Spring Work Day  
March 26  
9:00 am  
Help us  
prepare Camp  
for our upcoming  
season! Lunch  
will be  
provided.

Summer Staff  
NOW HIRING!  
Camp is accepting  
applications for its paid  
summer positions. All  
positions include room,  
board & salary.  
Contact camp for open-  
ings. Offered positions  
are: Activity, Craft,  
Lifeguard, Technology,  
Music, Nature, Kitch-  
en, Maintenance.

FAMILY CAMP  
JUNE 26—JULY 2  
Bring your family to  
spend quality time  
together at Camp.  
Enjoy a time of rest,  
renewal and fun.  
Activities for all  
ages. Call Camp  
for more information.

Wilderness Staff  
Needed!  
Do you like cabin  
camping, hiking,  
canoeing, cooking  
over an open fire  
and mentoring  
youth? If you are  
over 18, call the  
Camp to find out  
more about helping  
with a week-long  
wilderness camp.

WANTED:  
KITCHEN AIDES  
One adult is need-  
ed each camp  
week to assist the  
cooks in food prep-  
aration and dining  
services. Position  
includes honorari-  
um, plus room &  
board in Mountain  
View Suites. Con-  
tact Camp!

### FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

#### 8:30 AM Worship Service

**Greeters:** Roger & Linda Woltz, Bernie & Marylyn Allen family

**Nursery:** Marylyn Allen, Cindy Finkenbinder, Roger Woltz

#### 9:30 AM Connection Groups

**Nursery:** February 7: Elaine Good, Emma Shughart  
February 14: Marylyn Allen, Cindy Finkenbinder  
February 21: Elaine Good, Teresa Hockenberry  
February 28: Marylyn Allen, Brooke Roberts

#### 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Greeters:** Ron & Sheri Houser, Galen & Linda Brenize, Chip Shughart, Steve Mixell, and Jerry & Phyllis Hershey

**Acolyte:** Evan Diep

**Toddler Church Helpers:** February 7: Angie Anderson, Katlyn Hoskins  
February 14: Stacie Nickel, Rebekah Nickel  
February 21: Angie Anderson, Heather Wolf, Katlyn Hoskins  
February 28: Stacie Nickel, Rebekah Nickel

**Nursery:** February 7: Ashley Snyder, Brooke Roberts  
February 14: Norma Barrick, Ruth Clark  
February 21: Kathy Biscuit, Kacey Biscuit  
February 28: Kristina Kephart, Emma Shughart

**Junior Church Teachers:** February 7: Jr. Church Children begin in the sanctuary; Brian & Julie Lay  
February 14: Brian & Julie Lay  
February 21: Brian & Julie Lay  
February 28: Brian & Julie Lay

**Wednesday Night Connection Group Nursery:** February 3: Elaine Good, Kellene Parthemore  
February 10: Judy Greenawalt, Pat Martin  
February 17: Roger Woltz, Linda Woltz  
February 24: Marylyn Allen, Elaine Good



**Ski Round Top Snow Tubing Youth Event!** 2 Hours of tubing fun with Magic Carpet Lift to take you back to the top and plenty of comfy warmth in the Lodge to just hang out and watch the fun!! **On Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> we will be leaving the church at 6:30 p.m. and returning around 11:30 p.m.** Families welcome. Drivers are needed. Youth cost is \$15.00. Adult cost is \$22.00. **Release forms must be signed prior to going. Sign-Up Sheet on table in the Welcome Center.**



|                                        | <u>Dec 15</u>    | <u>Jan - Dec 15</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> | <u>% Budget</u> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>         |                  |                     |                      |                 |
| <b>Income</b>                          |                  |                     |                      |                 |
| <b>General Fund Income</b>             |                  |                     |                      |                 |
| <b>Birthday Gift for Jesus Income</b>  | 14,516.25        | 14,516.25           |                      |                 |
| <b>Building Rental Income</b>          | 170.00           | 1,355.00            |                      |                 |
| <b>Envelopes Income</b>                | 13,848.00        | 166,608.76          |                      |                 |
| <b>Interest on Account</b>             | 4.28             | 41.58               |                      |                 |
| <b>Loose Offering Income</b>           | 5,835.00         | 78,035.22           |                      |                 |
| <b>Miscellaneous Income</b>            | 374.30           | 10,464.42           |                      |                 |
| <b>Missions Income</b>                 | 300.00           | 6,776.00            |                      |                 |
| <b>Online giving</b>                   | 1,660.65         | 10,581.45           |                      |                 |
| <b>Stamp &amp; Tape Fund Income</b>    | 0.00             | 58.00               |                      |                 |
| <b>Total General Fund Income</b>       | <u>36,708.48</u> | <u>288,436.68</u>   |                      |                 |
| <b>Money Market Income</b>             |                  |                     |                      |                 |
| <b>Building Fund Income</b>            | 5,204.00         | 105,784.38          |                      |                 |
| <b>CD - Interest</b>                   | 0.00             | 1,554.66            |                      |                 |
| <b>Kennedy Camp Fund Income</b>        | 0.00             | 1,376.00            |                      |                 |
| <b>Memorial Fund Income</b>            | 0.00             | 1,530.00            |                      |                 |
| <b>Money Market Interest Account</b>   | 0.00             | 280.97              |                      |                 |
| <b>Total Money Market Income</b>       | <u>5,204.00</u>  | <u>110,526.01</u>   |                      |                 |
| <b>Total Income</b>                    | 41,912.48        | 398,962.69          |                      |                 |
| <b>Expense</b>                         |                  |                     |                      |                 |
| <b>Total Administration - Other</b>    | 1,823.61         | 9,563.81            | 13,300.00            | 71.91%          |
| <b>Total Administration - Staffing</b> | 8,595.67         | 120,334.40          | 128,232.70           | 93.84%          |
| <b>Total Benevolences</b>              | 8,689.32         | 55,969.31           | 58,210.00            | 96.15%          |
| <b>Total Christian Education</b>       | 818.35           | 10,693.75           | 14,500.00            | 73.75%          |
| <b>Total Church Life Activities</b>    | 233.70           | 1,425.38            | 1,900.00             | 75.02%          |
| <b>Total Property Management</b>       | 5,661.21         | 33,431.46           | 35,650.00            | 93.78%          |
| <b>Total Stewardship &amp; Finance</b> | 0.00             | 1,219.07            | 1,350.00             | 90.30%          |
| <b>Total Worship &amp; Evangelism</b>  | -67.16           | 1,410.02            | 3,000.00             | 47.00%          |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <u>25,754.70</u> | <u>234,047.20</u>   | <u>256,142.70</u>    | <u>91.37%</u>   |

The Church Council will meet on Monday, February 8th at 7:00 pm.

Community Events & Senior Center News is on the Welcome Center bulletin board.

**Council Minutes & detailed Financial Report copies are in the Welcome Center.**



**STORM WATCH & CANCELLATION OF SERVICES** - Please listen carefully to the cancellation announcements to see if one or all of the services are being cancelled on a particular day. As always you can call Pastor Wayne at 448-6994 or Buz Anderson at 776-4734. As always, please use sound judgment as to whether or not to attend services during inclement weather. **BE SAFE!**



## ANNIVERSARIES

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Donald & Shirley Heishman | 2/3  |
| Larry & Janis Jones       | 2/18 |
| Jerry & Phyllis Hershey   | 2/27 |
| Steve & Beth Shenk        | 3/18 |
| Tom & Kim Bailey          | 3/18 |
| Timothy & Alexis White    | 3/19 |
| Dave & Jo Schoonover      | 3/25 |
| Tony & Chelsea Jackson    | 3/26 |

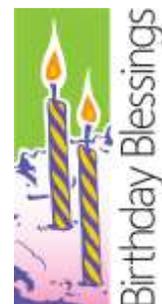


Donate your used printer ink cartridges to benefit Pregnancy Ministries Inc. Please place them in the **basket marked "PMI Ink Cartridges" in the Welcome Center.**

**Don't forget your Big Spring Area Food Bank Donations.** Collection Box is in the Welcome Center. Especially needed are peas and other non-perishable food items.

## BIRTHDAYS

|                    |      |                     |      |
|--------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Robert Woltz       | 2/4  | Michael Hippensteel | 3/1  |
| Benson Stake       | 2/4  | Mick Hutchinson     | 3/1  |
| Elfi Hoskins       | 2/4  | Kelly Biscuit       | 3/3  |
| Abby Stitt         | 2/4  | Richard Mentzer     | 3/3  |
| Lynn Finkenbinder  | 2/4  | Scott Parthemore    | 3/5  |
| Jeanette Frey      | 2/5  | Sharon Diehl        | 3/5  |
| Chuck Markley      | 2/6  | Vonnie Mowery       | 3/6  |
| Pat Shughart       | 2/7  | Carla Grimes        | 3/10 |
| Pearl Dull         | 2/8  | Janis Jones         | 3/11 |
| Wyatt Jones        | 2/8  | Addison Lay         | 3/12 |
| Cherie Darhower    | 2/8  | Ashton Thrush       | 3/13 |
| Vonnie Lay         | 2/9  | Bernie Allen        | 3/13 |
| Sharon Bitner      | 2/10 | Thai Diep           | 3/14 |
| Steven Lehman      | 2/10 | Tyler Witter        | 3/15 |
| Zachary Greenawalt | 2/10 | Erica Diep          | 3/16 |
| Helen Fisher       | 2/10 | Charles Johnson     | 3/16 |
| Hailey Fraker      | 2/11 | Micah Weaver        | 3/16 |
| Joe Carbaugh       | 2/12 | Breanna Fickes      | 3/16 |
| Taylor Coy         | 2/13 | Krystal Boyles      | 3/17 |
| Edward Hall        | 2/15 | Don Mowery          | 3/17 |
| Brayden Mentzer    | 2/18 | Evan Diep           | 3/18 |
| Dalton Eberts      | 2/18 | Katlyn Hoskins      | 3/18 |
| Alexis White       | 2/19 | Linda Woltz         | 3/21 |
| Tanner Greenawalt  | 2/19 | Russell Groff       | 3/23 |
| Tom Griffie        | 2/19 | Twyla Stouffer      | 3/26 |
| Dillan Hershey     | 2/19 | Dave Schoonover     | 3/27 |
| Rebekah Nickel     | 2/19 | Phillip Barrick     | 3/28 |
| Louis Biscuit      | 2/21 | Carson Lay          | 3/29 |
| Lisa Baer          | 2/21 | Annabelle Allard    | 3/29 |
| Mark Long          | 2/21 | Janelle Lloyd       | 3/29 |
| Richard Shriner    | 2/21 |                     |      |
| Ann Peters         | 2/21 |                     |      |
| Zach Reed          | 2/23 |                     |      |
| Linda Martin       | 2/25 |                     |      |
| Stacie Nickel      | 2/25 |                     |      |
| Bradley Lay        | 2/26 |                     |      |
| Danielle Reed      | 2/27 |                     |      |



### Congratulations to:



Andy & Christina Bobb on the birth of their son, Cael Matthew Bobb, born on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:18 p.m. Cael weighed 6 lbs. & 13 ounces and stretched to 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to Grandparents, Joe and Vicki Carbaugh.

Ben & Carrie Eichelberger on the birth of their daughter, Evie Mae Eichelberger, born on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Evie weighed 7 lbs. and 14 ounces and stretched to 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to Grandparents, Luther and Chris Frey.



1. Pray for caregivers, that they will be able to handle the pressures with renewed strength and patience. Pray the people they are helping can feel the love and comfort surrounding them.
2. Praise God for those little unexpected occurrences that bring you joy. We often take them for granted, but they can be wonderful gifts from God.
3. Pray for those who have lost their jobs, that God will show them clearly where He wants them to be. Pray for their emotional strength as well as their physical needs to be met.
4. Praise God that just as He has a huge imagination, He has built some of that into us, if we open ourselves up to it. We can do great and mighty things for Him as a gift of gratitude.
5. Pray for those with "mystery diseases". It is so frustrating when there is an obvious problem and no diagnosis. Pray the problems will be found and treatable.
6. Praise God for those compassionate souls who can "read" when someone is hurting or in need of prayer, and willing to put themselves out to take care of the needs of others. Pray God will renew their strength "as the eagle".
7. Pray for those who are suffering from memory loss or dementia. It can be very scary for everyone involved, and hard to function to get everything necessary done each day.
8. Pray for our church council, for wisdom and patience as they meet to serve God through the church business decisions.
9. Praise God if you have recovered from an illness of any type, no matter how small or how complicated.
10. Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. People traditionally give something up, but maybe it would be a good time to add something to your life. Pray that God will show you what you can do to have a closer fellowship with Him that will be a great witness to others.
11. Pray that the area churches will all work together to be an outreach to those in need - whether it is physical or spiritual salvation. If we are all going to be together in Heaven, there is no reason we can't cooperate now.
12. Praise God that He is always there, just waiting for us to come to Him with open arms. How often we must disappoint Him when we ignore Him.
13. Pray for those dealing with chronic fatigue - who never seem to feel rested and feel they just can't keep going. Pray they will be able to get the rest they need and sense God's strength carrying them through.
14. Pray for your loved ones - all those you hold dear, for their salvation, health, safety and over all well being.
15. Pray for parents who are raising their children or in joint custody, that the kids will know they are loved and the parents will have calmness, strength and courage to continue to be good role models.
16. Pray for those who are single and would love to have a good spouse, that God will put the right one in their path, the one He has chosen for them.
17. Pray for those who live in war torn countries. Just imagine the constant fear of being killed at any moment.
18. Pray for those feeling lonely or confused, that there will be someone who can help and they will feel serenity with Christ.
19. Praise God if you have gotten ANY good news in the last month. We hope and pray for good. How often do we give God the glory and the credit when we get the answer we want?
20. Pray for all those of our church, that each one will grow closer in their relationship with Jesus, to be excellent witnesses for Him. Pray for good health for each one, too.
21. Pray for those who desperately want a child, but are having a hard time conceiving or getting to term. Pray for patience and comfort while they wait and a clear sign what the next step should be.
22. Pray for Pastor Wayne, Elaine and their family, that they will be covered by spiritual and physical blessings. Likewise, pray for all the other pastors and leaders in our church and their families.
23. Pray for those who have fallen, that they will heal quickly. Also for those walking on icy areas, that they will stay on their feet, held up by the angels.
24. Praise God for all the outreaches of our church family. Many church plants have been supported, as well as missionaries, the Gathering, Karate classes and other activities. We do not say this bragging, but mentioning the doors that have been opened along with the courage and insight from God to help others find salvation.
25. Pray for our troops, wherever they may be, for safety, mental, spiritual and physical health. Also, pray for the ones waiting at home who are missing an important member of their home.
26. Pray for all those who are traveling, that all will be safe with no accidents, crashes, etc. Also, no flat tires, or that some one will help if needed.
27. Pray for our Vision Team, that God will show them clearly the things He wants accomplished so our church attracts more unsaved people, that hearts will be changed so more will have eternal life with Christ.
28. Praise God that the days are starting to get just a little longer, that the promise of warmer weather is becoming more evident.
29. Today is a bonus day. An extra day in this year to plan or do something special. Is there someone whose life you can touch/make an impact on? Pray that God will put someone in your path today who needs a special encouragement, then don't be afraid to have that interaction. You may never know what even the smallest gesture here could mean to another being.



# February

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                        | Mon                                                                                                                         | Tue                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thu                                                                     | Fri                                                                                                                                                          | Sat                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>7 Family Sunday Super Sunday<br/>8:30 am Worship Service<br/>9:30 am Connection Groups<br/>10:30 am Worship Service</p>                                                 | <p>1<br/>6:00 pm Karate School<br/>6:30 pm Teen Bible Study &amp; Fellowship<br/>7:00 pm Trustee Meeting</p>                | <p>2 Ground Hog Day<br/>6:00 pm PAW Packs Meeting<br/>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p> | <p>3 6:00 pm The Gathering<br/>6:00 pm Newville Rural Festival Planning Meeting<br/>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice<br/>6:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice<br/>7:00 pm Connection Groups<br/>7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz</p> | <p>4<br/>6:00 pm Karate School<br/>7:00 pm Building Finance Meeting</p> | <p>5<br/>12 Noon Community Lenten Lunch</p>                                                                                                                  | <p>6<br/>8:00 am Men's Prayer<br/>Camp YoliJwa Camp Leaders' Workshop<br/>10:00 am &amp; 2:00 pm Painting for a Purpose</p> |
| <p>7 Family Sunday Super Sunday<br/>8:30 am Worship Service<br/>9:30 am Connection Groups<br/>10:30 am Worship Service</p>                                                 | <p>8<br/>6:00 pm Karate School<br/>6:00 pm Elders Meeting<br/>7:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p>                            | <p>9<br/>7:00 pm Cub Scouts<br/>7:00 pm Women's Ministry Meeting</p>         | <p>10<br/>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice<br/>6:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice<br/>7:00 pm Connection Groups<br/>7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz<br/>7:00 pm The Gathering Bible Study</p>                                     | <p>11<br/>6:00 pm Karate School</p>                                     | <p>12 Noon Community Lenten Lunch</p> <p style="background-color: #fce4ec; padding: 5px;">Weekend to Remember at Hershey Lodge through February 14, 2016</p> | <p>13<br/>8:00 am Men's Prayer</p>                                                                                          |
| <p>14 1st Sunday of Lent<br/>Valentine's Day<br/>8:30 am Worship Service<br/>9:30 am Connection Groups<br/>10:30 am Worship Service</p>                                    | <p>15 President's Day<br/>1:00 pm Happy Helpers<br/>6:00 pm Karate School<br/>6:30 pm Teen Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</p> | <p>16<br/>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>                                             | <p>17<br/>6:00 pm The Gathering<br/>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice<br/>6:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice<br/>7:00 pm Connection Groups<br/>7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz</p>                                                 | <p>18<br/>6:00 pm Karate School</p>                                     | <p>19 Noon Community Lenten Lunch<br/>6:30 Youth Snow Tubing</p>                                                                                             | <p>20<br/>7:00 am Scout Merit Badge College<br/>8:00 am Men's Prayer</p>                                                    |
| <p>21 2nd Sunday of Lent<br/>8:30 am Worship Service<br/>9:30 am Connection Groups<br/>10:30 am Worship Service<br/>1:00 pm Pinewood Derby<br/>6:30 pm Night of Prayer</p> | <p>22<br/>6:00 pm Karate School</p>                                                                                         | <p>23 GIGGLES Ladies Lunch Ministry<br/>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>               | <p>24<br/>6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice<br/>6:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice<br/>7:00 pm Connection Groups<br/>7:00 pm Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz<br/>7:00 pm The Gathering Bible Study</p>                                     | <p>25<br/>6:00 pm Karate School</p>                                     | <p>26 Noon Community Lenten Lunch</p>                                                                                                                        | <p>27<br/>8:00 am Men's Prayer</p>                                                                                          |
| <p>28 3rd Sunday of Lent<br/>8:30 am Worship Service<br/>9:30 am Connection Groups<br/>10:30 am Worship Service<br/>11:45 am Children's Ministry Luncheon Meeting</p>      | <p>29<br/>6:00 pm Karate School<br/>6:30 pm Teen Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</p>                                           |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                             |



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### UPCOMING EVENT

- 2/1 Karate School meets each Monday & Thursday at 6 pm; Teen Bible Study; Trustee meeting
- 2/2 Ground Hog Day; PAW Packs Meeting; Cub Scouts meet each Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- 2/3 The Gathering meets at 6:00 pm, Newville Rural Festival Planning Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 2/4 Building Finance Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 2/6 **Men's Prayer meets each Saturday at 8:00 am; Camp YoliJwa's Camp Leader's Workshop**  
Painting for a Purpose at 10 am & 2 pm
- 2/7 Family Sunday/ Super Sunday
- 2/8 Elders Meeting; Church Council Meeting
- 2/9 **Women's Ministry Meeting**
- 2/10 Ash Wednesday; The Gathering Bible Study at 7:00 pm
- 2/12 Community Lenten Lunch at Noon; Weekend to Remember at Hershey Lodge until 2/14
- 2/14 **Valentine's Day; 1st Sunday of Lent**
- 2/15 **President's Day; Happy Helpers; Teen Bible Study**
- 2/17 The Gathering meets at 6:00 pm
- 2/19 Community Lenten Lunch at Noon; Youth Snow Tubing
- 2/20 Scout Merit Badge College
- 2/21 2nd Sunday of Lent; Pinewood Derby at 1:00 pm; Night of Prayer at 6:30 pm
- 2/23 **GIGGLES Ladies' Lunch Ministry**
- 2/24 The Gathering meets at 7:00 pm
- 2/26 Community Lenten Lunch at Noon
- 2/28 **3rd Sunday of Lent, Children's Ministry Luncheon Meeting**
- 2/29 Teen Bible Study



### **Worship Service**

**8:30 am**

**Nursery Care**

Ages under 2

### **Connection Groups**

**9:30 am**

**Adult Electives**

lecture or discussion

**Children's Classes**

Nursery thru High School

Post High School Classes

### **Worship Service**

**10:30 am**

**Junior Church**

1st - 5th grade

**Children's Church**

Ages 2 - Kindergarten

**Nursery Care**

Ages under 2

**Join us each Wednesday at 6:00 pm for Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 pm for Easter Cantata Practice and at 7:00 pm for Connection Groups, Kidz Choir Practice and Promise Kidz**