

# Chit Chat



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## From the Pastor

Recently, one of my daughters-in-law posed a challenging question after attending one of our Worship Services. "Why do we pray for God to be with someone? Why don't we pray instead for that person to be aware of God's presence with them?" I told her I thought that was a great question and that she was on to something. I know that sometimes I do pray as she suggested - that God would help someone be aware of His presence and care. But more often than not, my prayer is the one that she, challenged - "God be with so and so..." There are a couple of problems with that prayer. First of all, my prayer asking for God to be with someone is a "default" phrase. I say it without thinking much about what I'm saying. I think I do a lot of that. Instead of thinking about my words, I just revert to a habit of saying something that sounds good. That's not good. I need to learn the discipline of being intentional about what I say, especially when I am praying. I think I'm not alone. I suspect that many people, when they pray have become good at using phrases that they have heard others use, or that they have used so long, that they just come rolling off our tongues without our thinking about what we are saying.

The second problem with that "default" prayer is theological. My daughter-in-law is right. God is with us. The Psalmist one time asked the question, "**Where can I go from Your Spirit?**" (Ps. 139:7). If we believe that there is no place where God is not present, then our prayer for God to be with someone is not really necessary.

We have just come through the Advent and Christmas seasons. A theme of those seasons is "Emmanuel", which means God with us! In the person of Jesus, God has come to earth to be with us - to live with us, to live life as we live it, to know what living in this world is all about. God with us! So it is more appropriate for us to pray that God would make us aware of His presence, rather than to pray that He will be with us.

What are the things that keep us from being aware of God's presence with us? Troubles? Worry? Lack of faith? Lack of Biblical understanding of God? Other people? Busy-ness? Sin? We need to learn to pray that God would help us to see Him throughout the day, no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in.

**Have a good 2016!**

## Sunday Morning Schedule Change

New Sunday Morning Schedule - Beginning January 3

**Worship - 9:30 AM**  
**Sunday School - 10:30 AM**

Please note this change. We will have only 1 Worship Service. We don't want to miss seeing you. Children's Church will be provided for children through Grade 2. A reminder that we have Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults. Any of our classes and teachers will be happy to welcome you. For more information about Sunday School, please contact Terry Sherald.

## Church Membership



We are happy for all who attend and participate in our Services and activities. We would like to invite anyone who is currently attending, but not yet a member of our Church to consider joining us as a member. Being a member is an opportunity to you to publicly affirm your commitment to the ministry and mission of our Church. Members are eligible to be candidates for our Administrative Council.

For those who do desire to be a member, we will be offering a membership class soon. The purpose of this class will be to learn about the history, beliefs and practices of our Church. If you are interested in becoming a member, please sign up on the sheet in the mailbox area. Even if you are not interested in membership at this time, you may still participate in the class.

# Women's Ministry News



Ladies in our Church are encouraged to participate in our Women's Ministry organization. They have a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

Throughout the year, there are other activities for the ladies. The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5. The meeting begins at 6:30 with a business and planning meeting. There is a Bible Study that begins around 7:00. The theme for January's study will be "Hospitality to those in need."

## Churches of God Women's Retreat

**March 4-6, 2016**

The Churches of God Women's Ministry will hold their annual weekend retreat, March 4-6, in Findlay, OH on the campus of Winebrenner Seminary. Featured speakers will be Dr. Brenda McNeil, and Kim Kinter. For more information, see the Bulletin Board, or go to [www.WomenForGod.org](http://www.WomenForGod.org) on the internet.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men in our Church have a monthly meeting. The meeting is a time for fellowship, conversation, Bible Study and Prayer. All men are welcome. The January meeting will be on Saturday, January 16, at 7:30 AM. We will be meeting at the Parlor House Restaurant on Potomac Street, in Waynesboro. We'll enjoy breakfast together along with a devotional time and prayer. (Breakfast is dutch treat).



## Winter Weather Updates



As the winter months have arrived, there is always a threat of bad weather, and unsafe driving conditions. We will use several means to spread the news about service changes or cancellations.

You can check WCRH radio (or their website). We will also use the Church's Facebook page and the Church's Web Site ([www.germantowncog.org](http://www.germantowncog.org)) to announce changes. We will also make phone calls to those who wish to be notified in that way.

## Internet Web Site

The web site for our Church has been re-built and is now online. Our Administrative Assistant Terry Smith has been busy putting the new site together. We appreciate his hard work. The site is filled with lots of helpful information about our Church. There are also helpful links to other sites. We hope to add to the web site, and will use the site to communicate important information about programs, services, cancellations, etc. Please take advantage of this helpful tool.

[www.germantowncog.org](http://www.germantowncog.org)

Find us on 

**A Reminder:** If you are a Facebook user, our Church also has a Facebook Page. We use the Facebook page to provide information about Sunday services and sermons, and other events at our Church. Go to the page, and click "Like" to receive updates on Facebook.

## ACTS TEAMS

The Churches of God provides opportunities for youth and young adults to participate in Mission trips through a program known as ACTS Teams (Advancing Christ Through Service). Trips are scheduled for Haiti, Sweden, Southwest USA, Fallbrook, California, Boston, MA, Mexico, Brazil and Kenya. Mission Trips are experiences that can change your life. Deadlines for registering for these trips are approaching soon. There is information on the Church Bulletin Board, or you can go to [www.cggc.org](http://www.cggc.org), for information.



# Missions News



## **Gordon and Annie Avey – Brazil**

Gordon and Annie Avey serve in our Churches of God outreach to Brazil. Through our Missions budget, Germantown Church provides some support for the Avey's.

Here are some highlights from a recent newsletter:

I trust this finds you and your family well and bracing for winter. We have just gone on daylight savings time here in Brazil, heading into summer. Annie and I were in the States this summer for some vacation and then in September I attended the Missionary Retreat held at the YOLJIWA camp in EPA. It was a great time of fellowship and catching up with all our colleagues from the various fields where the CGGC has personnel. Director Ben Tobias and Travis Helms did a great job of leading the devotionals and discussions. There was a good bit of downtime in order to allow for us all to interact and visit.



## **Youth Rally Campinas**

In September our two churches in the city of Campinas had another Youth Rally. I say youth, but really just about everyone and age group shows up! The is sort of cool when you see the generations worshipping together and having a great time. The youth of both churches presented special skits, dramas and dance. There were a good number of visitors and they were able to see that being a Christian is anything but boring. God is raising up some committed young people who will soon be in leadership positions and will take the church through this century and beyond!



Annie and I want to say we are so thankful for your prayers and support to our ministry. At this special time of Thanksgiving, may the Lord bless you and your family as we all give thanks for God's bountiful blessings. May we never forget He who provides all we have, and those veterans and service men and women who sacrificed for our freedoms

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We recently received a letter from Steve and Jan Trostle regarding their ministry in South Africa. The letter contained some information and prayer requests to help you know how to support and encourage them with your prayers.



### Dear family and friends

Greetings from Cape Town, South Africa. What beautiful weather we are having right now! It was in the upper 70's with a breeze today, and the sky was gorgeous. Since we are on our summer break from school until January 11th, we are really enjoying this while it lasts. Surely our temperatures will increase soon. I am not a hot weather person, so a day like today was wonderful.

The number of cars on the roads around Cape Town is thinning out. Many people go on holiday (vacation) this time of year. After all, it is the summer here. Many businesses shut down around the middle of December. I went to my mechanic this morning, only to find that he had closed until early January. We finished the school year on December 4<sup>th</sup>, but by the time I tried to schedule appointments to get two things done, places had closed up. Many of our Xhosa people at Simanyene Bible Church go to their homeland in the Eastern Cape (we are in the Western Cape) this time of year. I preach on Christmas morning in a special Christmas Day service, but it remains to be seen how many will still be here.



Stacey Cole will be arriving on January 6th to do her student teaching with us. She is from Iowa and is coming here to fulfill the student teaching requirement to earn her degree in early childhood education. Jan and I will be her sponsors until she leaves in late March. Pray for Stacey as she comes to mind, especially for the cultural adjustments she will be faced with.

I would like to share a serious need with you. Zaahir Gentle, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader this coming year, will be in my 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> combination class. We held Zaahir back when he was in kindergarten, only to find out later that he has a severe hearing loss. When he was in Jan's class two years ago, we noticed he wasn't hearing well and took him to my audiologist. To make a long story short, Zaahir received hearing aids through a government hospital. He is struggling to hear adequately again. I made a return trip with Zaahir to my audiologist this past Monday. His hearing is getting worse. The audiologist strongly suggests an FM (frequency modulation) system to increase his ability to hear in the classroom. The system consists of a transmitter microphone, which I would wear, and a receiver used by Zaahir that would send the sound of my voice directly into Zaahir's hearing aids. Without some financial help, this is not possible. Zaahir lives in a home that still has a dirt floor. His grandmother is raising him. In fact, she has three grandchildren in our school, and she is raising them all. We use two grandmothers of our school children to clean the school, and she is one of them. Both cleaners are very faithful to the church. The FM system cost about \$1,500. If you can help in any way with the purchase of this hearing system for Zaahir, you can make a contribution to the Good Hope Christian School account at ABWE (account #76212) and earmark it "Zaahir." Please pray that the funds will come in.

This will be our 15<sup>th</sup> year at the school, and God continues to provide our needs. I wrote thank you notes today to six dear people that give money each month to provide scholarship money for our families in need. Immanuel Bible Church of Three Springs, PA, leads the way by helping about half of our families each month. Without that help, Zaahir and others could not be in our school.

The greatest gift was when God became human flesh at Bethlehem many years ago. That babe was born to redeem us. Jan and I have Jesus in our lives. His name means "God with us." Wherever we have been on the mission field, God has been with us because we both have trusted Jesus as Savior. It is my prayer that each of you can testify to the same.

Merry Christmas and a blessed 2016,



Steve and Jan



## News...

Nadine McFarland returned home after spending several weeks with son, Eddie and wife, Anna in Myrtle Beach, SC. along with her grandchildren and families. Upon returning she needed to go to the hospital to have some blood work done. She noticed her one tire was low, but ignored it. So she went to Martin's after the blood work to pick up a few groceries. But when she came out the tire was completely flat. Never had a flat away from home and was 'befuddled' as to what to do next. She is thankful for two friends, Bryan and Tim McCleaf coming to her aid. They pumped it up and she was off to a tire center! She says: "You boys are truly her knights in shining armor". Thank you!!

-Facebook...

Then there was this embarrassing moment from one of our own....not mentioning any names. This couple and young boy went to Cracker Barrel for lunch. Their name was called and so-and-so and grandson made their way through the crowded store to the hostess stand.

Grandma: I'm with the ---- party.

Grandson: Run Forest, Run!

Host: Is a fast pace good enough?

Grandson: I-I-I man, I didn't know!

Grandma: What?

Then I get a peek of the host's name tag, it said "Forest!" I just asked the kid did you truly not know the man's name?

Grandson: I didn't know. You stopped right in front of me and I thought the girl was already walking toward our table so I said "Run Forest, Run!!!"

-Facebook

Pastor Mark and Sue had an opportunity to visit with their daughter Rebekah in Myrtle Beach for a few days early in December. It was great to re-connect with her. Although the weather in Myrtle Beach that weekend was much colder than usual, we were able to take a few walks on the beach, and Rebekah and Dad braved the cold for a dip in one of the hot tub spas (outdoors!). Other activities included make fudge, whoopee pies and watching non-stop Christmas movies on the Hallmark Channel. We were able to go to Church as well at Barefoot Community Church in North Myrtle Beach.

Pastor Mark and Sue also enjoyed some time with Steve and Amy and their family. On December 12, they returned from their 2 month internship in Haiti. They

were able to spend some time together before heading back to New York for work and school. They hope to be able to come back later in January to visit and share an update with our Church about their experience in Haiti.

B.J. and Christina came for a visit to be able to attend Sue's family Christmas party in December. So it was a good month for us to see all of our kids and grandkids.



On Sunday afternoon, December 13, 26 carolers from our Church spread some holiday cheer by visiting some special friends of our Church in our community and singing some carols. We were well received wherever we went. After caroling we returned to the Church to enjoy a time of fellowship and dinner together. It was an enjoyable evening.

**Operation Christmas Child** - This year, our Church collected 190 shoe boxes to be sent to Samaritan's Purse for children. This was our highest shoe box total yet! We were helped by Holly Frazer's daycare students who put together 50 boxes. We appreciate all who contributed boxes. We also had a team of 14 from our Church who went to Baltimore to help with the processing of shoe boxes, preparing them for their journey overseas. We left the Church parking lot on a cold December 3 around 2:00 pm. After stopping for dinner, we arrived at the processing warehouse and worked from 5:00 - 10:00 PM. When we arrived back at the Church around 11:30, everyone was pretty worn out. But it was a rewarding day!



## Thank you!!

*Bryan McCleaf* and his helpers for putting up and decorating our beautiful Christmas tree. He does such a beautiful job each year, and we thank him for his willingness in doing so....

To *Keith, Kathryn Starliper* and *Pastor Mark* for putting the decorations up for the Advent Season. Your help was greatly appreciated....

Last, but not least, to everyone who participated in the Hanging of the Greens Service: the musicians, song leader, readers, and many other participants. The Pastor and I thank you for working with us to bring this beautiful service to you and the public. Thank you...

Thanks to *Brenda Biser* and *Connie Bombardier* for arranging to order poinsettias that adorned our sanctuary.

Kathryn Starliper, Coordinator

Our condolences are extended to the following persons:

Lorri (Gates) Willard and her family on the passing of her mother, **Bette Jane (DeBold) Gates**, 85, of Rouzerville, on October 27, 2015 with her family at her side. Services were held at Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home with Rev. John Huff officiating. Burial followed in Harbaugh Church Cemetery, Rouzerville. Mrs. Gates is survived by eight children, Darrell, Benjamin, Wallace, and Zachary all of Rouzerville; Mary (Fl), Rebecca (C'bg), Joy and Lori of Rouzerville.



Our heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers are extended to Lorri.

**Betty Jane (Fox) Sanders**, 87, passed away on November 18, 2015. She was the wife of Raymond E.

Sanders for over 68 years and made their home in Sabillasville, MD. She is survived by five children: Deborah, and David (Waynesboro), Rita (Chambersburg), Larry, and son-in-law Michael Rathvon (Cascade), James (Emmitsburg), and one grandson she raised, Jeffrey of Austin, TX. Services were held at St. Rita's Catholic Church with burial in St. Mary's, Fairfield.

Word was received via Record Herald that Roy G. Stottlemeyer, Jr., 97, of Raven Rock Rd., Cascade passed away on December 23, 2015. Some of the Stottlemeyer family members were 'raised' in the church many years ago. He is survived by three children, Kay Stephens of TN, Roy III of Illinois, and Karen Baetzel of Florida. Also, three step children, Linda Vaessen (NC), Steven Lanehart (Waynesboro) and Henry Lanehart of Hagerstown, MD. Graveside services were held on December 28 in Bethel Church Cemetery with Pastor Mark Hosler officiating.

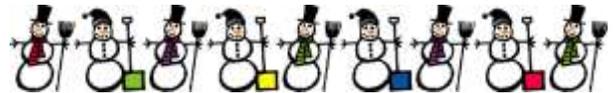


## POETRY FROM OUR READERS...

### Summer is Over

Summer is over  
So is Fall  
It's getting time now for  
The flakes to fall.  
Hope Winter is short  
As short as can be,  
Then most of us will be glad  
And shout aloud with glee.  
Some like the cold weather  
The snow and the ice  
But I for one, like the days  
To be nice.  
Then there's no rheumatism  
To worry about.  
No colds or sore throats,  
A thing of the past.  
Just hope for nice weather  
To come early in Spring.  
Then we'll burst into song  
So you know we can sing.

Written and submitted by  
*Gwendolyn Ridenour*



### Only Trust Him

God knows your secret longings,  
He knows your silent tears,  
and even within the shadows  
His hand is on your fears.

When your head is on the pillow  
in the wee hours past midnight,  
just trust that God is with you  
somewhere within your room this night.

Watching, never sleeping,  
He tends your fragile care,  
and in the quiet hours a vigil keeping  
He breathes for you a prayer.

Just trust Him for the answers  
that a questioning heart can't give,  
for God holds your every tomorrow  
Knowing your "each today" is His.

Submitted and Written by  
*Ivy Bare*

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HI-LITES

– **OCTOBER 13, 2015** – 11 members were present.

Reports were heard from the Pastor, Commissions and Treasurer.

- Coat Closet, October 24.
- Delani Stitely will be giving a report on Camp YoliJWa along with Erin & Kayla Peck and R.J. Simmons.
- Steve & Amy Hosler shared their upcoming internship to Haiti.
- A/C's have been removed and stored.
- Tree removal completed; dead limbs removed from tree at pavilion and swing is on a safe limb.
- Spouting on FLC taken care of by Rob F.
- Snow Removal for parking lot and sidewalks (Greg and Kip).
- A team will be going to Baltimore to work in an OCC Shoebox Processing Center, Dec. 3.
- Revival Services, Nov. 8-11th w/Pastor Ed Rosenbery
- CPR/First Aid Training. October 31 with Greg Mann as trainer.
- Discussed a Hanging of the Greens Program, Nov. 29.
- Christmas Caroling, December 13.
- 2016 Budget still being worked on.
- 2016 Nominating report given:
- Elder: Stewart McCleaf, Sr.; Deacon: Delbert Biser; Deaconess: Pam Cauthen; Trustee: Don Cauthen; CE Director: Terry Sherald
- Annual Congregation meeting: Sunday, November 29, 2015 @ 10 a.m.
- Gave a \$250 Love Offering to gentleman who removed/cut down tree at parsonage.
- Stewart McCleaf, Sr. resigned as Deacon to serve as an Elder.
- Next Council meeting will be the third Tuesday of November due to Revival.
- Council approved a budgeted Clergy Couples Retreat at the Boardwalk Plaza Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, DE, January 8-10, 2016.

**NOVEMBER 17, 2015** - 13 members in attendance.

Commission meeting were not held so that the finances of the church could be gone over at the regular business meeting.

- Pastor's report given: several events at the church in October: Operation Christmas Child Campaign Kick-off, Oct. 18, Coat Closet Outreach, Oct. 24. Participated in the Community Thanksgiving Service at Ft. Ritchie Community Center, Oct. 25. Hosted a second First Aid/CPR Training on Nov. 14. Total of 19 people participated. Conducted a marriage vow renewal ceremony for Dan & Sue Matthews for their 25th

anniversary. Hosted a Visitation for David Beard, and conducted the memorial service. Attended the visitation for Bette Gates. Revival went well.

- Discussed utilizing old offering envelopes until depleted.
- Don Cauthen will get down the spare bulletins from storage and use until depleted.
- July 17, 2016 Chiz Rider Concert approved
- Rescue Mission Ministry on Wednesday.
- Contributions received from Bette Gates memorial.
- Service contract on copier will be discontinued as parts are no longer available.

1. Treasurer took the floor to discuss the 2016 Budget and ways to meet the projected income. Lengthy discussion held concerning the pastor's health insurance. In order for him to keep his Gold Plan, we had to find ways to cut the budget. The TV bill seemed a logical cut because we felt the Pastor would probably prefer better health insurance coverage than TV cable. Additionally, the Deacons contingency fund and CE reduced a few of their budget lines to help cover the increase in cost of the Pastor's Gold Plan.

2. Due to the resignation of Deacon Stewart McCleaf, Sr., the Council will need to fill that position.

3. To help in these cost cutting issues, the church is facing, it was presented to the Council to change our worship services. After much discussion it was agreed upon to have worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. to begin the first of the year.

4. The Trustees will organize snow removal teams this winter. (Terry Sherald took it upon herself to get these teams set up. A schedule was formed and given to the teams.)

5. Lisa Frazer informed the Council there will not be a bill for the food served at the Renewal Service on Sunday. The Council thanked those involved.

6. Kathryn Starliper also reported there will not be a bill for the ad placed in the Record Herald for the Coat Closet.

### **Treasurer's Summary for October:**

Checking Account beginning Balance:	\$44,468.78
Deposits/Credits	13,030.00
Withdrawals/Debits	9,071.33
Transfer from Savings Account	
Transfer to Savings Account	
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$48,427.43</b>
Savings Account beginning Balance:	\$25,202.95
Transfer from Checking Account	
Interest Payment	1.07
Transfer to Checking Account	
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$25,204.02</b>

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**NOTE:** Treasurer's Highlights for October, 2015

- Per the minutes from the Ad Council meeting on August 11, \$420.00 from the Doris McCardell Memorial Fund (NB99H) have been moved to the Carpet/Painting Fund (NB03).
- Check #7419 dated 9/18/15 in the amount of \$75.00 issued to Hope Club of Niagara Falls cleared the bank on 10/2/15 in the amount of \$25.00. The bank has been notified and they will correct the error.
- **Based on an average \$2,735.55, weekly tithe and offering YTD, our projected deficit is \$16,313.24.**

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## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ELECTIONS**

### **Sunday, November 29, 2015 - 10 a.m.**

52 members were in attendance with 9 non-members giving us a total of 61.

The Chair called the meeting to order with Pastor Mark having prayer.

Dispensed with reading of the minutes from the last congregational meeting. Report packets were distributed while the Chair informed the congregation that we are operating on a deficit Budget - we need to be good stewards of our finances.

The following were nominated and elected to the 2016 Council:

Elder: Stewart McCleaf, Sr.

Deacon: Delbert Biser

Trustee: Don Cauthen

Deaconess: Molly Peck

Christian Education Director: Terry Sherald

The Congregation was reminded that the Council will need to replace Stewart's Deacon position, since he resigned to fill the Elders position.

Question arose from the floor concerning the Organ Fund not being listed in the Budget. According to a research of the minutes it was found on (quote): January 13, 2015 treasurer's records when Robert Sherald took over the treasurer's job, a motion was made and a vote taken to merge all the 'sub-accounts' (organ, scholarship, major improvements and miscellaneous) within the savings to be merged into the General Savings Account. This was so moved on a motion by Rob Frazer, seconded by Stewart McCleaf, Sr. Motion carried. This action was the result of the new treasurer asking the council what they were looking for in a report as he was trying to establish a

format that was informative and easy to understand. At that time, it was the consensus of the Ad Council that the organ could no longer be repaired and that parts were no longer available so that it wasn't necessary to identify a portion of the savings as the 'organ fund'. However, if in the future repairs were needed to be made that they would be made from funds from property repair and maintenance or some other funds as the Ad Council saw fit.

Throughout 2014 there were two transactions from/to the organ fund, the first was a check issued for \$325 on 10/15/14 and the second was \$200 deposit on 10/28/14 leaving a balance of \$2,934.03 as of 12/31/14. However, to date during 2015 the only transaction pertaining to the organ was for a repair made by Lawless & Assoc. Pipe Organ, Inc. This \$115 repaired part re-installation was paid from NB13 (sound system) on 3/8/15 as directed by John Ralston. (Unquote).

It was also suggested the report packet be distributed prior to the meeting so members can look through them better. This would work, if reports were handed in on time.

Bob Sherald, Treasurer, took the floor to discuss the 2016 Budget. He informed attendance is down, giving is down and we were \$16,000 less and need to cut the budget to meet it.

The Chair informed Congregation that we voted to go back to a One Worship beginning at 9:30 am and Sunday School at 10:30. A ballot vote was taken with 44 for and 7 against. The ballot vote passed and the new schedule will begin first of the year.



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. *"Is there anything breakable in here?"* asked the postal clerk. *"Only the Ten Commandments,"* answered the lady!

## JANUARY



- 1 Gerald Brown
- 2 Brenda Calimer
- 8 Brenda Biser
- 12 Pastor Mark, Garret Worth, *Amy Hosler*
- 13 Amy Moffat
- 15 Bryan McCleaf
- 19 Tony Lantz
- 20 Julie Sanders
- 24 Lisa Ohler
- 26 Tom McCardell, Regina Wetzel

## FEBRUARY

- 5 Stewart McCleaf, Jr.
- 6 Arlene Beard, Ann Donatto, Lisa Frazer, Dot Martin
- 8 Elaine Buhrman
- 12 Faye Ann Worth
- 15 Ryan Willard, Charlie Manahan
- 17 Sharon Mann
- 20 Tim McCleaf
- 22 Martha Huff, Jenny Peck

## JAN/FEB ANNIVERSARIES...



- January 19 Stewart, Jr. & Judy McCleaf
- February 14 Louis & Marge Lajoie  
Steve & Laura Shuck

## Help Hotline – Pantry Items...

Any Canned Goods, Pantry Items or Monetary Gifts. (The first Sunday of the month is designated as “Food for the First” where we bring in our items; but any time is appreciated. Please help consider those less fortunate than we.)



## Mission of the Month...

- January: Gordon & Annie Avey
- February: Steve & Jan Trostle

## Hagerstown Rescue Mission Ministry...

- January: Women's Ministry
- February: Seekers Elective Class

## Snow Removal Team Captains:

- Jan 3-9: Rob Frazer
- Jan 10-16: Greg Shaffer
- Jan 17-23: Doug Willard
- Jan 24-30: Don Cauthen
- Jan 31-Feb 6: Rob Frazer
- Feb 7-13: Greg Shaffer
- Feb 14-20: Doug Willard
- Feb 21-27: Don Cauthen
- Feb 28-Mar 5: Rob Frazer

## Greeters...

- | <u>January 9:15 am</u>  | <u>February 9:15 am</u>   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 Don & Pam Cauthen     | 7 Josephine Willard       |
| 10 Steve & Laura Schuck | 14 Lori Warner            |
| 17 Rosalie Sanders-Luke | 21 Tom McCardell          |
| 24 Garry & Martha Huff  | 28 Jerry & Geraldine Reck |
| 31 Roy & Dollie Sanders |                           |



## Sunday School Greeters...

- | <u>January 10:15 am</u>   | <u>February 10:15 am</u>  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 Steve & Laura Shuck     | 7 Gary & Martha Huff      |
| 10 Gary & Martha Huff     | 14 Josephine Willard      |
| 17 Josephine Willard      | 21 Jerry & Geraldine Reck |
| 24 Jerry & Geraldine Reck | 28 Steve & Laura Shuck    |

## Nursery...

### January (Worship 9:30 am; Sunday School 10:30)

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 3 Laura Shuck   | 3 Laura Shuck      |
| 10 Lisa Frazer  | 10 Shelley Johnson |
| 17 Lori Warner  | 17 Lori Warner     |
| 24 Arlene Beard | 24 Terry Sherald   |
| 31 Laura Shuck  | 31 Laura Shuck     |



### February (Worship 9:30 am; Sunday School 10:30)

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 7 Laura Shuck   | 7 Laura Shuck      |
| 14 Lisa Frazer  | 14 Shelley Johnson |
| 21 Lori Warner  | 21 Lori Warner     |
| 28 Arlene Beard | 28 Terry Sherald   |

## Children's Church...

One Class for C.C. 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 9:30 am only...

### January (Teacher/Helpers)

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Sue Hosler      | 3 Bryanna Luke       |
| 10 Ann Donatto    | 10 Colin Donatto     |
| 17 Katie Boylan   | 17 Brenda Biser      |
| 24 Christina Reck | 24 Connie Bombardier |
| 31 Sue Hosler     | 31 Bryanna Luke      |

### February (Teacher/Helpers)

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 7 Sue Hosler      | 7 Bryanna Luke       |
| 14 Ann Donatto    | 14 Colin Donatto     |
| 21 Katie Boylan   | 21 Brenda Biser      |
| 28 Christina Reck | 28 Connie Bombardier |

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**BOOKS: Youth / Adult, NON-FICTION:**

- Bonhoeffer. *The Cost of Discipleship*. Simon & Schuster. c1955. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
Buchanan. *THOMAS KINCADE, I'll be Home for Christmas*. Harvest House. c1997. D/Bryan McCleaf.  
*God's Miracle Eye. Best Loved Bible Stories in 3-D.* (adult). Leisure Arts, Inc. c1995. D/ Bryan McCleaf.  
Haystead. *BIBLE 101, great for group study*. Standard. c1996. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
Mansfield. *The Faith of George W. Bush*. Penguin. c2005. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
Morgan. *Then Sings My Soul, 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories*. Bks 1 & 2. Nelson. c2003, 04.  
Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
Schwenk. *CULTURED FOODS FOR HEALTH: A Guide to Healing Yourself with Probiotic Foods – Kefir –  
Kombacha – Cultured Vegetables*. Hay House. c2015.  
Watts. *The Complete Christmas Book. Everything for Christmas, How to Give, Entertain, Decorate, Celebrate*.  
Franklin Watts. c1958. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
Swanberg. *Planting Shade Trees, 6 lessons, Study Guide*. Swanberg, Inc. c2014. D/Roy & Dollie Sanders.

**BOOKS: Youth / Adult, FICTION:**

- Brown. (The author of *Sensible Shoes*.) *Two Steps Forward, A Story of Persevering HOPE*. IVP Books. c2015.  
Brunsetter. *The Lopsided Christmas Cake*. Shiloh Press. c2015. Donated / Laura Shuck.  
Fabry. *WAR ROOM, Prayer is a Powerful Weapon*. Tyndale. c2015. (based on the motion picture by Alex &  
Stephen Kendrick.)  
Fisher. *A Lancaster County Christmas*. Revell. c2011. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
Fisher. *The Imposter: The Bishop's Family*. Bk 1. Revell. c2015. Donated / Laura Shuck.  
Gray. *Whispers in the Reading Room. A Chicago World's Fair Mystery*. Bk 3. Zondervan. c2015. D/Laura S.  
Jenkins. *EMPIRES END, A novel of The Apostle Paul*. Worthy. c2015.  
Lewis. *Child of Mine*. Bethany. c2014. Donated / Molly Peck.  
McDowell. *The Witness*. Tyndale. c2008. Donated / Laura Shuck.  
Miller. *The Potter's Lady. Refined by Love*. Bk. 2. Bethany. c2015. Donated / Laura Shuck.  
Tagg. *Here to Stay*. Bethany. c2014. Donated / Laura Shuck.

**CHILDREN:**

- Bader. *WHO was Alexander Graham Bell?* Grosset & Dunlap. c2013.  
Belviso. *WHAT was the ALAMO?* Grosset & Dunlap. c2013.  
*Bedtime Bible Story Book, 365 Read-aloud stories from the Bible*. Paradise Press. Donated / Bryan McCleaf.  
*The First Christmas* (board book). Standard. c1991. Donated / Christian Ed. Dept.

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# January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Epiphany 9:00 AM Fellowship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Women's Ministry	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>-Clergy Couples</i>	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM AA Breakfast Retreat ----
<b>10</b>  <i>Clergy Couples Retreat</i>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:30 - Commissions 7:00 – Admin. Council	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship at Parlor House
<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study Resumes	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>		<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:30 AM – Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM – Sunday School 6:00 PM – Evening Bible Study (except 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> )				

**Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service - Women's Ministry**

**Missionary of the Month - Gordon & Annie Avey**



# February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Women's Ministry	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Family Fellowship Meal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:30 - Commissions 7:00 - Admin. Council	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM AA Breakfast
<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Hagerstown Rescue Mission	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 PM Women's Ministry Cabin Fever Extravaganza
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>					
		<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:30 AM - Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30 AM - Sunday School 6:00 PM - Evening Bible Study				

**Hagerstown Rescue Mission Service - Seekers Elective Class**

**Missionary of the Month - Steve & Jan Trostle**