

JANUARY EAGLE

January 2 - Worship, Communion - 10:00 am
January 3 - OFFICE CLOSED
January 9 - Worship
January 16 - Worship
January 19 - ZOOM & In-person presentation - 7:00 pm
"So, we're Open & Affirming. Now What?"
January 23 - Worship
January 23 - MESSY CHURCH
January 30 - Worship

2022 JANUARY

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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DATED MATERIAL



“Aha” “Oh my” “Now I get it”

What do those phrases have in common? Someone is having an epiphany - a moment of awareness or a revelation (Wikipedia says it's “an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure”). In the life of faith the meaning takes on a slightly more specific meaning - and Oxford's says it “is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).” It's also “the festival commemorating the Epiphany on January 6.”

As we move into the new year we are also moving into the season of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany will last until the end of February this year. During this season we will be exploring the many ways Christ's reality may be made manifest in our lives, in our congregation and in the world. How will we manifest God's love in the world? It may seem like a really big question with answers that seem overwhelming, but sometimes it's simply living life as faithfully as possible. Yes, there are times we see a need and respond; then there are other times when God surprises us and we had no idea that God is at work.

I love the surprising nature of God's work in this story:

“In their book *Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life*, Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat recount the experience of author Frederick Buechner who, in his autobiographical book, *Telling Secrets*, “breaks silence about a family secret: how his teenage daughter struggled with anorexia. There came a day when he, himself, was in the pits of despair, worried sick that his daughter would never get well again. But then, in a dark night, came a message of hope, from an unusual quarter.”

Buechner writes: “I remember sitting parked by the roadside once, terribly depressed and afraid about my daughter's illness and what was going on in our family, when out of nowhere a car came along down the highway with a license plate that bore on it the one word out of all the words in the dictionary I needed most to see exactly then. The word was TRUST. What do you call a moment like that? Something to laugh off as the kind of joke life plays on us every once in a while? The word of God? I am willing to believe that maybe it was something of both, but for me it was an epiphany. The owner of the car turned out to be, as I suspected, a trust officer in a bank, and not long ago, having read an account I wrote of the incident somewhere, he found out where I lived and one afternoon brought me the license plate itself, which sits propped up on a bookshelf in my house to this day. It is rusty around the edges and a little battered, and it is also as holy a relic as I have ever seen.”

May God surprise you with moments of revelation, moments of hope and moments of joy. May God use us in surprising ways to manifest Christ's love in the world (sometimes in ways that even surprise us)!

Blessed and Happy New Year! Happy Epiphany Season!

Alice

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

01/06 Margaret Brouse
 01/06 Jerry Weslosky
 01/09 Dee Ledgerwood
 01/14 Andrew Derr
 01/15 Mary Stover
 01/25 Debra Drasher
 01/25 Rita Griffith
 01/27 Craig Swineford
 01/31 George Pardoe Jr

01/30 Hoban, Brenda & William
 01/04 Baish, Susan & James
 01/24 Stahley, Joanne & William
 01/21 Berry, Carol & Richard

Facility Adoption

Our congregation has been asked to adopt a health care facility in the area. This program is to support the staff who continue to provide care during these challenging times. Watch for more information about this project in the new year.



LAY-READERS NEEDED

The Worship Committee is looking for Lay-Readers for the 2022 Church year. We currently have **June, Aug. - Dec., 2022** open. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex, or call the Church office to volunteer your time as a Lay-reader. You can also split a month with someone. Give it some prayerful thought, and sign up!



NOVEMBER 2021 REPORT

Current Operating Receipts	\$	12,585.92
Current Operating Disbursements	\$ -	17,825.85
Current Operating Balance	\$	- 5,239.93



Consider Joining a Committee

As we approach a new year, we have many committees where we could use your assistance. The committees are: Mission and Social Action, Finance and Personnel, Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Worship, and Hospitality and Growth. Please contact Don Adams, Todd Hummel, or Pastor Alice with your interest.



“WASHING THE FEET” PROJECT

Angie Donlin has created a program called “Washing the Feet”. This program is designed to provide basic essential needs to patients in need, who come through the Emergency Department. We will be collecting the following items to support this endeavor.

- ◆ Travel-size body wash/bar soap
- ◆ Travel-size tooth paste
- ◆ Hair brush or comb
- ◆ Individually packaged tooth brush
- ◆ Wash cloth
- ◆ Gallon size zip lock “type” sealable plastic bag

There is a location in the Narthex for the collection of these items.

Messy Church

Mark your calendars! Our next Messy Church will be on **Sunday, January 23, 2022, from 3:30-5:30 PM (snow date January 30)**. The theme will be The Parable of the Lost Coin, which we'll explore through fun activities, a brief worship time and a sit-down meal.

Messy Church is a church for people at all stages of their faith journey. People of all ages and family configurations are welcome. Parents and caregivers should plan to stay and enjoy Messy Church with their family. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Masks are to be worn by all.

For more information or to let us know you're coming call the Church office at 570-523-0162.



Souper Bowl of Caring SOUP SALE

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation-wide, grassroots youth program to address hunger, where every dollar raised stays completely local. On the Sunday of The Big Game, thousands of groups across the country raise money for food charities of their choice.

St. John's will be participating again this year with a homemade soup sale. The soup pick-up will be on Sunday, February 13th, following the worship service. Soup choices are either Beef Vegetable or Chicken Corn, \$7 per quart and \$4 per pint. All soup must be pre-ordered by Sunday, February 6th Please call the church office at 570-523-0162 to place your pre-order. Please bring exact change or check to the soup pick-up.

All proceeds of the soup sale will be donated to the Lewisburg Food Pantry. If you are unable to pick up your soup, please let us know when you order, and we can arrange for delivery. Soup will already be refrigerated. All you'd need to do is reheat and eat!

CHURCH *Anniversary* PREPARATIONS

200TH ANNIVERSARY of ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Members and Friends of St. John's UCC,

The history of our congregation is rich and fruitful, with stories of many faithful generations of followers of Christ that have made an impact on our communities and our world. In 2024 we will have the privilege and joy of celebrating our 200th anniversary. We are hoping to start planning soon for our celebration year.

The first step will be to create a 200th anniversary planning team to start shaping plans for 2024. We have a couple of people who have indicated their interest in serving on this team. If you would like to be a part of this exciting team, please let Pastor Alice or Don Adams know. We hope to start meeting in early 2022.



"Dinner By The River" volunteers needed.

St Johns UCC is part of a multi-church mission to provide meals once a month for those families/ individuals with food insecurity. This monthly mission goes by the name "Dinner By The River" Serve Safe Program. Our church is scheduled to provide the meals Thursday, Feb 3, 2022. We are in need of 4-5 volunteers to prep, prepare and package meals for drive-up pickup. The approximate times are 2 pm to 5 pm for prepping, preparing and packaging the meals. Families/ individuals will drive up between 5 pm and 6 pm while meals last. Will only need a couple of volunteers to stay during pick up times. The meal location is at First Presbyterian Church located in downtown Lewisburg on N. Walters and Market St. Parking lot is in the rear of the church. If you are interested, please contact Pat Wigsmoen at pwigsmoen@outlook.com or cell 772-216-3304. Thanking you in advance for your support of this mission.



Dear Friends, Thank you for the Thanksgiving dinners you provided for then of our struggling families this year. The food enabled them to enjoy the holiday by having a nice meal with their families without the added strain to their budgets. The families were appreciative of these gifts.

Thank you for your kindness.

Jamie Batman, Foster Care Coordinator

Dear Hospitality Committee,

Thank you for the gift of food. It was very comforting on my family and me during a busy time.

God bless you,

Marian K. Anderson & Family

Dear St. John's Quilters,

I want to thank you for the lovely quilt. It was put to immediate use on my return from the hospital. The surgery went well and I am on my way to a full recovery.

Ed Crow

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers:

Lock-up:

Lay-Reader: **CAROL LAUDERMILCH**

Preparation of Communion Elements:

JANUARY	Children's Church	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
2	DURING WORSHIP	SUE MILLER & MILLIE SATTESON
9	DURING WORSHIP	
16	DURING WORSHIP	
23	DURING WORSHIP	
30	DURING WORSHIP	

JANUARY	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte
5		?
12		?
19		?
24		
26		?

JANUARY	GREETERS
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Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Indoors or online
on Facebook or YouTube

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No matter who you are, or where
you are on life's journey, you're
welcome here!

MONTHLY COMMUNION MISSIONS

DECEMBER - The Christmas Fund & Bethany Christmas gifts

JANUARY - LEAF Fund

FEBRUARY - Church Vocation Fund



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 19th at 7 pm. We will begin a monthly series titled, ***"So, we're Open and Affirming. Now what?"*** - The series will be held on Wednesday evenings, both In-Person or ZOOM, whichever is most comfortable for you. Please call the Church office (570-523-0162) if interested in attending.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00 AM WORSHIP 1:00 PM Piece Makers Quilters (FH)	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (ZOOM) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	29 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 10:00 AM WIRM (PAR)	30 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 10:30 AM Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH)	31	1
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9 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 9:00 AM BELL CHOR REHEARSAL (SANCT) 10:00 AM WORSHIP	10 10:00 AM ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & MORE (CR) 2:00 PM WORSHIP/MUSIC (RR) 7:00 PM BVS Board meeting (PAR) 7:00 PM CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE (ZOOM)	11 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	12 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	13 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 10:30 AM Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH)	14	15
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