



FEBRUARY



2019

PASTOR'S PAGE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

They nominated two: Justus and Matthias. Then they prayed, "You, O God, know everyone of us inside and out. Make plain to us which of these two people you choose to take their place in this ministry and leadership." Then they drew straws. Matthias won and was counted in as one of the apostles. **Acts 1: 23-26 from The Message**

When new leadership was needed among the earliest followers of Jesus, they drew straws. It might seem like a strange strategy for finding a new apostle. But they really were not leaving it up to chance. They were letting God's voice be heard when they couldn't decide themselves.

Our process is not that simple and not that quick. Our Pastor Nominating Committee has done a lot of work and has a lot of work yet to do. The process can seem like alphabet soup. So here is what the letters mean.

Our PNC, the Pastor Nominating Committee, has written a description of our church called the MIF, the Ministry Information Form. The denomination maintains a web site called the CLC. That is the Church Leadership Connection. It's sort of like Match.Com for churches and pastors. Pastors seeking a call fill out a PIF; a Personal Information Form. There they describe what they believe and what they are looking for in a church. The CLC then matches those with churches that are looking for someone that matches our MIF. Confused yet?

What happens is that they try to match pastors with churches in a way that will work for both. Right now, pastors and seminary seniors are checking us out on the CLC. They are looking at numbers and programs and location. But there are things that don't show up on a form. They will have to wait to see the love and unity and commitment and faith that are all part of who you are as a church. There is faith involved on their part and ours.

We won't be drawing straws. Our PNC will take a lot of time and effort to find the one they believe God is calling to be our pastor. They will read and interview and listen to many candidates. Then they will prayerfully select the one they believe God chooses.

It takes time. So be patient with the PNC and pray for them regularly. And be of good cheer, your Matthias is already on route.

Peace,

Pastor Rick

GREETERS & USHERS – NURSERY & ACOLYTE’S **(Mark Your Calendars)**

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over & PUT A REMINDER NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR OR REFRIGERATOR!!

If the date assigned you conflicts with your schedule, **PLEASE TRADE with someone else on the list and let the church office know of this change.**

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:10 AM and the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Greeters also will be responsible for having people help to receive the offering.

Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship – open doors into the sanctuary and close when the service begins.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTE’S</u>
Feb. 3 – Jeff & Marcia Elgin		Allyson Tutak
Feb. 10 – Pam Flickinger & Nancy Schrecengost		Travis Johns
Feb. 17 – Bob & Kim Anderson		Makayla Scrips
March 3 – Bob & Loretta Coleman		Kirsten Manarelli
March 10 – Bill & Barb Creighton		Braden Tutak



NURSERY

Feb. 3 – Terri Maughan
Feb. 10 – Sheila Brumbaugh
Feb. 17 – Hannah Schrecengost
March 3 – Carmen Riggle
March 10 – Laurie Pritt



FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

Flower Person – Sue Quinn

GIVING FLOWERS:

February 24 – Shirley Schall



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Happy Anniversary

February Birthdays

Emira Brooke Shipley, 1st
John Speer – 4th
Madilyn Grace Silvis – 5th
Rick Milleman – 7th
Scott Craig – 8th
Brian Schall – 11th
Kai Shultz – 11th
Matt Brown – 12th
Joe Bertolino – 14th
Shelby Clowser – 14th
Nicholas Schall – 15th
Bob Coleman - 17th
Dave Dyott – 18th
Karen Gray – 18th
Aaron Patrick Quinn – 18th
Jillian Shaffer – 20th on her 5th
Brandi Bertolino – 21st
Janet (Mrs. Don) L. Rearick – 23rd
Eddie Gray – 23rd
Amanda Perry – 26th
Haley Rose Brumbaugh – 26th
Donna Howard – 27th
Paige Beers – 27th
Ashton Beers – 27th
Sarah Pritt – 28th



Thank You

February Anniversaries

Melvin (Buster) and Lori Rodgers – 7th on their 36th
Paul and Merilyn Meyers – 17th on their 49th

PULPIT SUPPLIES FEBRUARY

February 3 – Rev. Al Kimmel
February 10 – Bill Creighton
February 17 – Jeff Hartung
February 24 – Jeff Hartung

Received a card of thanks from the Milleman family for the beautiful banner, friendship & love through this difficult time in the loss of mother, Gail Barr.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Gail Barr
December 31, 2018

*"I have fought a good fight, I have
finished
the course, I have kept the faith."*

**Many thanks to everyone for their cooperation in
putting together the annual report.**

Mary

COMMITTEE & CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2019

Stewardship/Finance/Mission

Elders: Tom Spencer– Chair, Peg Rowan, Chet Schall

Deacons: Cory Srips, Gary Henderson, Ryan Srips

At-Large: Sharon Aikins, Eric Schrecengost, Linda Richardson

Music & Worship

Elders: Cassie Clowser – Chair, Sarah Pritt, Blythe Johns

Deacons: Klathy Jo Srips, Nathan Johns

Choir Director: Blythe Johns

Bell Choir – Dee Craig

Music Coordinator: Cassie Clowser

Christian Ed

Elder: Joe Srips -Chair, Jennifer Johns,Susan Schrecengost

Deacons: Terri Maughan, Kathy Jo Srips

Christian Life and Evangelism

Elder: Nancy Schrecengost-Chair, Terry Johns, John Craig

Deacons: Brian Dyott, Tom Wingard, Dave Smail

Personnel

Elder: Terry Johns - Chair, Peg Rowan, Joe Srips

Deacons: Dave Smail

Nominating Committee

Elders: John Craig Chair, Sarah Pritt

Deacons: Sue Quinn, Ryan Srips

Deacons (sub committees)

Property: Cory Srips – moderator, Tom Wingard, Gary Henderson,

Ryan Srips, Nathan Johns, Dave Smail

Food Bank – Terri Maughan – Sue Quinn



NEW ELDERS/DEACONS

Elders: Terry Johns, Blythe Johns, Tom Spencer

Ordained Elder: Susan Schrecengost

Deacons: Tom Wingard, Gary Henderson,
Bryan Dyott, Dave Smail



Butterfly Hill Preschool

January's variety of winter weather is gone and who knows what is in store for February. A couple of 2-hour delays for preschool because of snow or cold; then there were the days of sunny, and warmer! Never know what to expect.

Lots of activities for February – the month of LOVE & VALENTINE'S DAY! The children love Valentine's Day. Also subjects of Healthy Eating, Dental Health, Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Valentine Parties for all classes will be held on February 13 and 14. They will exchange Valentines and have a fun day with games, singing, dancing, etc. Toddlers will have topics at Valentine's Day of Emotions and Sign Language! Plus, all classes will be doing the Dr. Seuss's Birthday "Reading Across America".

We received a "thank you" letter from CYS and Taffie Lloyd about this years Angel Tree and the recipients. Everyone was very appreciative of the gifts. And the mattresses and beds made the children "tickled pink"! That is what Christmas is all about!

Registrations are open for the 2019-2020 preschool year. Classes are filling up.

In-house registrations were offered first; now registrations are open to the public. If you know any Pre-K (ages 4-5), 3 year old or 2 year old children who have families interested in coming to preschool, please have them call and ask for registration forms. Pre-K classes are Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning or afternoon, 3 year old classes are Tuesday-Thursday morning or afternoon, and Toddlers are Monday-Wednesday AM or Tuesday-Thursday AM.

Don't delay calling!

See announcement within this newsletter about the "Shoe Drive Fundraiser", which runs from February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 that benefits Samaritan's Purse for postage costs for the Shoeboxes!

"Children coming out of their cocoons and developing as beautiful Butterflies in a Christian-based preschool."



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Friends of Samaritans Purse – Butterfly Hill Preschool & the Elderton Presbyterian Church – launches Shoe Collection Drive to raise money for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!

Shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and reduce what goes into landfills.

Friends of Samaritans Purse is conducting a shoe collection drive from February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 to raise funds for filling and shipping Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse. Friends of Samaritans Purse will earn funds based on the number of pairs of shoes collected. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated goods. Those dollars will benefit needy children here and abroad. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes.

RESTRICTIONS ON TYPES OF SHOES THAT CAN BE DONATED??? All gently worn, used or new shoes are accepted. NOT ACCEPTABLE – Single shoes or mismatched pairs of shoes. Ice skates, rollerblades or roller skates, wet/moldy shoes, shoes with holes/tears. No thrift store shoes are accepted.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Org network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from shoes they sell are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

Would you join us in gathering and donating gently worn, used or new shoes to help those less fortunate become self-sufficient? Also, to help this local multi-county, multi-church non-profit organization supply children with much needed school and personal supplies, clothing and a toy or two? It's a win-win for everyone. Many area churches are involved in this Shoe Drive Fundraiser.

By donating shoes to the Friends of Samaritans Purse Shoe Drive, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you in advance for considering this worthwhile effort.

Shoes will be accepted at Butterfly Hill Preschool – Elderton Presbyterian Church from February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019. Place shoes in the bin marked "Shoe Drive Fundraiser".



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January 8, 2019

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Attn: Jeannie Spear, ^{the}Margie Dyott and Butterfly Hill Preschool


Dear Pastor, Parishioners and the Butterfly Hill Preschool:

Thank you for your donations and support of 17 children and 7 families of this Agency for the 2018 Christmas Season and the \$200 donation. The overwhelming response in support of some of the children and families involved with our Agency is always so welcome when we think of the hardships some of these children and families have endured at this special season.

Family unity and stability are key components to promoting a safe and healthy setting for children, and your contributions helped to promote these key elements for families who experienced many hardships this past year. This Agency is devoted to our central mission of protecting children from abuse, neglect or exploitation. In conjunction with that mission is our belief that family life and relationships within the family are key ingredients in promoting healthy, safe settings for children. You have supported that goal in your kind and generous efforts.

We at Armstrong County Children, Youth and Families extend our best wishes to you and your families in 2019. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,


Taffie D. Lloyd
Administrative Assistant


Paula McClure
Agency Administrator

PM/nd

Note:

Just wanted to let you know
that the kids were tickled pink
about the beds! Very happy!

Taffie



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Hello Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you well and enjoying the blessings of the Christmas season!

We are excited to announce the creation of a new "Lambec Challenge". A long-time camper has made a very generous offer to match contributions to the Capital Campaign, up to \$50,000. The contributions can come from individual campers, groups or churches, but must be donated between December, 2018 and March 1, 2019. This Challenge could raise up to \$100,000 for repairs and upgrades needed to move the camp into the future.

We hope that you will be able to help us take advantage of this surprising offer. Please share this opportunity with your friends, family and fellow campers.

Contributions should be mailed to CAPNWP, "Lambec Challenge", PO Box 106, West Sunbury, PA 16061.

May the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ fill you this Christmas and always...

In Christ,

CAPNWP Board of Directors
camplambec.net

Please return in the enclosed envelope.

Amount of Contribution _____

Name _____

Address _____

The CAPNWP is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit and contributions are tax-deductible.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Helping Hand
3 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday Sch. 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice Rev. Kimmel	4 6:00 - Deacons	5 6:00 - Session	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday Sch. 10:30 – Worship Soup, Salad Social Cantata Practice Bill Creighton	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday Sch. 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice Jeff Hartung	18	19	20	21 Helping Hand	22	23
24 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday Sch. 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice Jeff Hartung	25	26	27	28		