

Winter Greetings!!

Jesus said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35, NRSV) As followers of Christ, we know that the hope, love, joy and peace of Christ, that we celebrate through Advent and Christmas continue to live in our hearts throughout the year, as we love and serve God and others every day, through every season.

American author and theologian Howard Thurman reminds us of our calling as Christ’s disciples in his poem, “And Now the Work of Christmas Begins”

“And now the work of Christmas begins:
When the angels’ song can no longer be heard
When the manger is empty,
The star gone
When the shepherds are back
On the hillside
And the astrologers have returned to the East....
The work of Christmas begins....
To find the lost,
To heal the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nation,
To bring peace
Among the people,
To make music in the heart.”¹

Friends, I look forward with joy and anticipation to walking the disciple’s path, and continuing the work of Christmas with you through 2021!

Your Sibling in Christ,
Pastor Deb

¹(A Worship Packet for Advent, Christmastide and Epiphany, Seeds of Hope Publishers, 602 James; Waco Texas 76706, seedshope@aol.com)

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTR

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the February newsletter is **January 17th !!**

SOUPER SOUP SALE

Our annual soup sale is taking place **Saturday January 16th with pick-up from Noon-2pm** as a drive-thru (same as Apple Fest).

An order sheet is in the newsletter or call the church office mornings at 570-788-1572; Barb Gaval at 570-788-4219 or Joyce Bradbury at 570-788-5372. Order deadline is *Saturday January 9th* or until sellout (some restaurants donate a certain number of quarts). A check to the church or exact cash for payment is appreciated

We usually have a sign-up sheet for volunteers, but since we are not in church Barb will be calling our helpers the first week in January. Workdays are January 13, 14 & 15 with morning and afternoon shifts.

P.S. We need boxes to pack the soup orders. Please bring in what you can.

THE ANNUAL PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

will be held **Saturday February 6th from 2:00pm-6:00pm**. The dinner will be TAKE-OUT ONLY. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. You may call Mary Lou Keck at 453-5969 or the church office at 788-1572 weekdays between 9am-Noon to make reservations, as a limit of 600 meals will be prepared. You may also purchase tickets at the church office. Look for sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex for ways to volunteer! Cakes are needed, too!

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be held here at Christ Church on **Monday January 11th from 9am-2pm**. Please mark this date on your calendar and donate blood as supplies are very low in the winter. The donation van will be in our parking lot and you must call the Red Cross to make an appointment, as there are no walk-ins.

WILLING WORKERS

The **January** meeting will take place on **Tuesday the 12th at 1pm**. This will happen only if the members are comfortable attending and COVID restrictions and the weather permits. Further information will come closer to the meeting date.

2021 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS ARE AVAILABLE

With our church building closed at the present time, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to sponsor flowers or bulletins for the coming year. Once we are open, the charts will be displayed in the parlor.

QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The first meeting of this group has been postponed to **February 2nd**. We will work from 9am to 3pm, breaking for lunch. If you have questions, please see or call Jean Frye at 570-788-5700 or Noney Yazwinsky at 570-926-5525.

PLEASE NOTE: Worship helper schedules are on hold for now.
Assisting ministers and readers will be contacted as needed.
Thanks for your understanding!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Martha Kellow
Wilma Stein
1/4 Archie Topolski
1/6 Ken Welsh
1/8 Ron Heller
Trina Marencin
1/9 Brantley Ackerman
Marcie Cheslock
1/10 Gus Marini
1/11 Darlene Antolick
Shirley Ikeda
1/12 Derek Antolick
Lucas Ruckle
1/13 Adrienne Mangler
Cindy Rockovich
1/15 Mary Landis
1/17 David Antolick
Cynthia Derr
1/18 Pete Bobrowski
Tyler Russell
1/19 David Carsia
1/20 Doris Renninger

1/21 Tony Cussat
Patty Kisenwether
1/21 Anthony Middleton
Julia Pecora
1/22 Betsy Fisher
1/23 Pat Fickner
Bonnie Floryshak
Patricia Matz
1/27 Elizabeth Caltabiano
1/29 David Getz
1/30 Nancy Zanoline
1/31 Susan Danko

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/8 Alex & Noney Yazwinsky
1/22 Rosalie & Ed Wright

