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# "The Little Lutheran"

Greenford Lutheran Church

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*Our mission is to "Know Christ and Make Christ Known"*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A PARTY

GUEST OF HONOR: JESUS CHRIST

**DATE:** Every day. Traditionally, ~~December 25~~, but He's always around, so the date is flexible.

**TIME:** Whenever you're ready. ~~Please don't be too late~~ though, or you'll miss out on all the fun.

**PLACE:** In your heart. He'll meet you there--you'll hear Him knock.

**ATTIRE:** ~~Come as you are~~. Grubbies are okay, as He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

**TICKETS:** ~~Admission is free!~~ He's already paid for everyone. He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it - it's cost Him everything He had!

**REFRESHMENTS:** ~~New wine, bread and His special stash of "living water."~~ This will be followed by a supper, that promises to be out of this world!!

**GIFT SUGGESTIONS:** ~~Your heart~~. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though - just wait until you see what He has for you!)

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise... and much more! (All rated "G" so bring the entire family)

**RSVP:** Very Important! He must know ahead, so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, he's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

**PARTY GIVEN BY:** ~~His Kids. That's us!~~ Hope To See You There! Friday ~~Dec. 24~~ at 7:00 pm @ Greenford Lutheran Church. Share this invite with a friend... you're definitely encouraged to bring a "plus one." :-)





Everyone knows the standard colors for Christmas are red and green. The red holly berries, the green Christmas tree. The red poinsettia on tables and the green roping on the stairways.

These are joyous vibrant colors that remind us of the joy and life that the birth of the Christ child at Christmas brings. Through God's gift of his only beloved Son, we have received- as the Gospel writer John likes to say- "from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace." (John1:16)

"Grace upon grace" is great way to rephrase all that is right with our culture during this Christmas season. The red and green decorations seem to lift people's spirits during a time when light is fading and temperatures dropping. We tend to see more "Christmas cheer" lighting up our lives despite the crisp air and shortened daylight. Folks overall tend to be sharing generously with those less fortunate; whether its volunteering at a soup kitchen, donating to a jar at a check out counter, or dropping off warm clothes for homeless shelters. It seems apparent at this joyous time that most everyone is trying their best to bring light and love to the people around them. Sure there are those few "Grinches" and "Scrooges" but in general I'd say most people truly are trying to make it "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

But there is another color for this time of year "Blue." I was reminded of this when I received a caring letter from the hospice organization that cared for my dad in his last days this past spring. They hadn't forgotten about me or my family's loss and wanted to give me permission to know a "Blue Christmas" is an appropriate décor for me this year.

I appreciated the sentiments and wondered what it would be like to not have his wisdom, wit, and healthy appetite around for the holidays this year? I had to admit considering his absence and that of several other departed love ones- who made Christmas past so special, I wondered if this year's colors could be anything other than blue?

In the midst of that "blueness" I realized that for liturgical Christians much of December is spent in the "blueness" of Advent. The four Sundays preceding

Christmas are the season of Advent. The choice of blue as its theme color is not simply a "gender reveal" preparation for the Holy Child. It has much more to do with the fact that blue is both a somber and hopeful color.

Blue is a color symbolizing both sea and sky. The blue of the sea gives us the idea of depth as well as struggle, serenity as well as storm. Is it any wonder "singing the blues" is our term for music that deals with the struggles in life?

The blue of the sky gives us the sense of uplifting, inspiring, potential, and hopeful. As in something we aspire to or hope for. Perhaps that's part of what's meant when we use the phrase "true blue." Something true blue can be trusted, relied upon, be a basis for hope. Or when we say "nothing but blue skies" meaning we're looking forward with hope and anticipation to what's to come.

Dealing with the loss of a loved one can make our Christmas seem extremely blue and out of step with society's joyous festive red and green décor. But as liturgical Christians we can find solace in the blueness of Advent. It acknowledges and reflects our sorrow, struggle, and storms in life. And yet it also encourages us to look ahead with hope. Just as those faithful long ago in the midst of their blues looked ahead with hope to the blue sky days when a Messiah would come, (and Christ did- after all he's the reason for the season).

We modern Christians who often find ourselves in the midst of our blues, can look forward to the day when the Messiah will come again- to put all things right, to establish his Kingdom of Peace and Love and Grace; And he will, for we know his promises to be "true blue."

Blessed Christmas to you all,

*Pastor Mike*

**On the following page I've included the caring advice from the Hospice of the Valley letter I received. If you or someone you know is finding themselves in more of the "blue décor" of Christmas than the world's festive red and green. I encourage you to read and share this.**





## **WHAT WE NEED DURING GRIEF**

### **TIME**

You need time alone and time with others whom you trust and who will listen when you need to talk. It may take months or sometimes years to feel and understand the feelings that go along with loss.

### **CARING**

Try to allow yourself to accept the expressions of caring from others even though they may be uneasy and awkward. Helping a friend or relative suffering a similar loss may bring a feeling of closeness with that person.

### **SECURITY**

Try to reduce or find help for financial or other stresses in your life. Allow yourself to be close to those you trust. Getting back into a routine helps but do things at your own pace.

### **PERMISSION TO BACKSLIDE**

Sometimes, after a period of feeling good, we find ourselves returning back to the old feelings of extreme sadness, despair, or anger. This is the nature of grief; emotions go up and down, and it may happen over and over for some time. This happens because, as humans, we cannot take in the pain and make sense of our loss all at once. Therefore, we let it in a little at a time.

### **HOPE**

You may find hope and comfort from those who have experienced a similar loss. Knowing what helped them, realizing that they have recovered, and that time does help, may give you hope. Know that sometime in the future your grief will be less raw and painful.

### **SMALL PLEASURE**

Do not underestimate the healing effects of small pleasures. Sunsets, a walk in the woods, a favorite food — all are small steps toward regaining your pleasure in life.

## **GOALS**

For a while, it will seem that much of life is without meaning. At times like these, small goals are helpful. Something to look forward to, like playing tennis with a friend next week, a movie tomorrow night, or a trip next month, helps you get through today. Living one day at a time is the rule of thumb. At first, don't be surprised if your enjoyment of these things isn't the same — this is normal. As time passes, you may want to work on longer-range goals to give some structure and direction to your life. If you are having trouble getting started guidance or counseling can be helpful.

## **Youth Group:**

Ed Schaefer, Chairperson  
Matthew Crutchfield, Youth Director



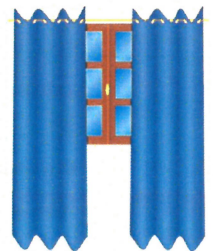
### **STUFFING STOCKINGS:**

The youth will be collecting Stocking Stuffers for "The Lord's Blessing Food Pantry" in Washingtonville. Please help us fill 85 children's stockings. We have the stockings, now we need your help with the fun part, the goodies! We are looking for new small toys, small books, crayons, pencils, hand sanitizer, and treats. If you are unable to shop, you can donate money & the youth will shop for you. This is a great opportunity to help children in our backyard.

**Confirmation Classes** will meet in December on **Sunday December 5th and Sunday December 19 from 5pm to 7 pm.**

## **Curtains Needed:**

Pastor Mike is looking for someone with sewing skills who'd be willing to make curtains for the Junior High/Senior High Youth Room. One of the last things needed in renovating the room is to have curtains to block out the sunlight when we are trying to watch videos. Contact Pastor Mike if interested.







### COUNCIL OFFICERS

#### **President**

Ed Schaefer, Jr

#### **Vice President**

Dave Chizmar

#### **Council Secretary**

Joanie Brooks

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### **Christian Education**

Chris Kondas

#### **Evangelism**

Vicky Elwood

#### **Finance**

Evan Schaefer

#### **Fellowship**

DeLaine DeChellis

#### **Member Care**

Joanie Brooks

#### **Property**

Brad Scheetz

#### **Stewardship**

Dave Chizmar

#### **Worship & Music**

Charlotte Fishback

#### **Youth**

Ed Schaefer Jr.

### CHURCH STAFF

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Michael Knauff

#### **Church Secretary**

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#### **Music Director**

Martha Rogowsky

#### **Youth Director**

Matthew Crutchfield

#### **Accompanist**

Alyssa Titi

#### **Custodian**

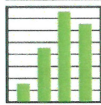
Fran Hall

#### **Treasurer**

Shirley Martz

#### **Financial Secretary**

Dorothy Conkle



**Annual  
Report**

### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Attention all GLC Council Members, Staff, and Special Committee leaders your Annual report is due January 3, 2022. Please don't be late! The church office needs to compile and publish the GLC 2021 Annual Report**

**by January 9, 2021 for the congregational annual meeting on January 16, 2022 If you're wondering "does this includes you?" check the list below. We need 2021 annual reports from:**

- ✦ **Council members and officers**
- ✦ **Pastor**
- ✦ **Church Secretary**
- ✦ **Youth Director**
- ✦ **Music Director**
- ✦ **Treasurer**
- ✦ **Financial Secretary**
- ✦ **Cemetery Committee**
- ✦ **Leslie Ann Seidner Jenkins Foundation**
- ✦ **Men's Group**
- ✦ **Women's Group**

## **Upcoming Calendar Church Events**

December 1.....6:15 Potluck/7pm Prayer Service  
 December 5..... Second Sunday in Advent  
 ..... Hanging of the Greens  
 December 8.....6:15 Potluck/7pm Prayer Service  
 December 12 ..... Third Sunday in Advent  
 December 13..... 6:00 pm MADRIGAL DINNER  
 December 14..... 7:00 pm Council Meeting  
 December 15 .....6:15 Potluck/7pm Prayer Service  
 December 19 ..... Fourth Sunday in Advent  
 December 24..... 7 pm Christmas Eve Worship  
 December 25..... Christmas Day, Church office closed  
 December 26..... Christmas Carol Worship  
 January 3..... 2021 Annual Reports Due





## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:

On Sunday, November 21, following the worship service GLC held its annual fall congregational meeting. Thanks to everyone in attendance, we had more than enough for our quorum. President **Ed Schaefer** began the meeting by thanking everyone for supporting our congregation and began with the first item of business which was reading the past congregational meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. The next item of business was voting on the proposed 2022 budget. President Schaefer went over line items that had the most change from the previous years explaining the council's reasons for making these changes.

**Jennifer Schaefer** along with the committee working on a second worship service made a presentation regarding the need for a second service and then proposed amending the budget to include an additional \$20,000 to provide the seed money to bring about this project. There was much discussion and then the vote was called.

Since the vote was by ballot the meeting moved on to the proposal for changing the worship times to allow for a second service on Sunday morning. After some brief comments this was also called to a vote. Since it was also by ballot the meeting moved on to the next item of business electing council members.

President Schaefer explained that four council members were completing their terms. Evan Schaefer agreed to serve for another two year term. While **Joanie Brooks, Chris Kondas, and Charlotte Fishback** were not running for another term for various reasons.

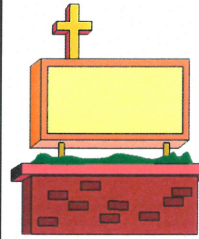
Nominations were accepted from the floor and after several minutes **Ann Myers, Madeline Hiner, and Angie Bowman** agreed to

be candidates to serve on council. After the ballots were counted it was announced: the budget passed as amended, the proposed worship time change passed, and the three council candidates were elected. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Congregational meeting is set for **Sunday January 16, 2022** immediately following worship.

### PROPERTY:

**Brad Scheetz, Chair,**

### NEW CHURCH SIGN?



If you think GLC got a new sign out front think again. Thanks to the work of **Brad Scheetz and Dave Chizmar** the old plexiglass was replaced and the light fixtures were updated and fixed. Now it shines forth as an "almost like new" beacon to help fulfill our mission of "Make Christ Known."

### NEW FLAG?

If you thought the Christian flag on the flag pole out front looked new, it is! Thanks to our property chair, **Brad Scheetz**

we have a new more durable flag from a local distributor W.B. Becherer, Inc. Plans are also in the works for finding a more durable American Flag to replace the one currently on the pole.



### New Devotional Books are in.

If you enjoy Our Daily Bread devotional books the new Dec, Jan, Feb installment has arrived. You'll find them on the shelf near the church organ or on the information table in the fellowship hall. There are also a few of the Oct-Dec. Portals of Prayer devotionals left as well.

### New 2022 Calendars available:

If you still enjoy having an "old school" calendar on your kitchen fridge or above your desk we've got a free calendar for you. Stark Memorial has provided GLC with 50 medium sized wall calendars for 2022 which have GLC's name and information on them. Share them with family... we hate to see them go to waste. You can pick yours up at the information table in the fellowship hall.







## WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Charlotte Fishback, Chairman,  
Martha Rogowsky, Music Director,  
Alyssa Titti, Accompanist

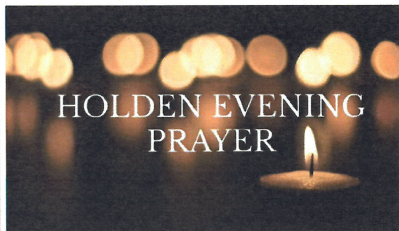
### POINSETTIA ORDERS:

This year we're ordering 6 1/2" plants and have a choice of red, white, pink or marbled Poinsettia's. Deadline to order is December 5, cost is \$8.50 each. There is an order form in the Sunday bulletin or stop into the office and pick up a form.



Speaking of Christmas Poinsettia's *did you know* as a symbol of Christmas, the Christmas Poinsettia is a completely American development. It was brought to the USA in 1836 by the U.S.'s first Minister to Mexico, Dr. Joel R. Poinsett, and was thus named after him. As it grew in the wild, the poinsettia was a wild, small weed. However, cultivation has produced the lovely flamboyant flower we know today.

Since we encourage you to take your sponsored poinsettia home following Christmas Eve worship we thought it might be helpful to share some *"care and upkeep" advice*. Poinsettias are sensitive, they drop leaves easily if caught in a breeze (like walking out to the car) so make sure they're covered before transporting. This sensitivity continues at home when they are left in a place with a warm or cool draft or in a room that is too cold or too hot. Water the soil thoroughly when necessary and avoid drafts. Be sure to remove or loosen the foil wrap around your pot to insure that the soil drains properly. With proper attention a poinsettia can bring the joy of Christmas all year round.



### MIDWEEK ADVENT POTLUCK AND PRAYER SERVICES COMING SOON!

Reserve the following Wednesday, in December 1, 8, and 15.

On those Wednesdays

we will be having our midweek Advent services at 7 pm utilizing the beautiful and contemplative worship service known as the "Holden Evening Prayer". We will be holding our Pot Luck dinner at 6:15 prior to the service.



*Hanging of the Greens*

**HANGING OF THE GREENS SUN. DEC. 6:** Following the service on Sun. Dec. 6 the worship and music committee invites everyone to help us adorn our sanctuary with our traditional Christmas decorations. It's a great way to get in the spirit of the season and as always "Many Hands Make Light Work!"

### SPECIAL MUSIC ANYONE??

With Advent and Christmas coming please share your vocal or instrumental talent with the "songs of the season." Contact our Music Director, Martha Rogowsky if you're interested in sharing.



### FAMILIES NEEDED TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH:

Lighting the advent wreath is a meaningful way to play with fire and prepare for Christmas (*just kidding about the fire part!*). If you're interested in taking a turn with this advent worship tradition contact Pastor Mike.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Mark it on your calendar, bring your family, invite a friend; Greenford Lutheran Church's **Christmas Eve worship is planned for Friday, December 24 starting at 7:00 pm. Prelude and Special Music**

**will begin at 6:30 pm.** We could really use some evangelists to serve as worship volunteers at this service: ushers, acolyte, a/v crew, reader, communion assistant. Let Pastor know if you can help with this important worship service.





ACOLYTE/ CROSS BEARER*	FELLOWSHIP HOST	ALTAR FLOWERS	SANCTUARY CANDLE
DEC 5 <i>needed*</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<b>Donna Harbin</b> <i>in memory of her parents, brother &amp; sister</i>
DEC 12 <i>needed</i>	<b>Buffy Leininger</b>	<i>Needed</i>	<b>Donna Harbin</b> <i>in memory of her parents, brother &amp; sister</i>
DEC 19 <i>needed*</i>	<b>Joanie Brooks</b>	<b>The Toys</b> – Merry Christmas to our church family	<i>Needed</i>
DEC 26 <i>needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<b>The Toys</b> – Merry Christmas to our church family	<i>Needed</i>
ALTAR CARE	COMMUNION STEWARDS	USHERS	A/V CREW
<b>Sandy McCabe</b> <b>Carrie Toy</b>	<i>needed</i>	<b>Harold Everson</b> <b>George Toy</b>	<i>needed</i>
LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	OFFERING STEWARDS	
<b>Charlotte Fishback</b>	<b>Delaine DeChellis</b>	<b>Evan Schaefer</b> <b>Carrie Toy</b>	
CHRISTMAS EVE	USHER	ACOLYTE	READER
	<i>needed</i>	<i>needed</i>	<i>needed</i>
	COMMUNION STEWARD	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	OFFERING STEWARD
	<i>needed</i>	<i>needed</i>	<i>needed</i>



## 2022 SIGN-UPS NOW AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

We appreciate members sponsoring flowers and the eternal flame throughout the year to beautify our altar. If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers or the sanctuary candle for next year please check out the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall. Also, the 2022 worship volunteer sheets are available. If you can help support our worship by serving as an usher or lector please fill in the sign up sheet. "Many hands make light work"

### A Christmas Toast

May the roads be clear  
And your fortunes wide.  
May the friends you love  
Be At your side.

### A New Year's Toast

"Here's to a bright New Year  
and a fond farewell to the old;  
here's to the things that are yet to come,  
and to the memories that we hold."  
"May you have a prosperous New Year."





	OCT 31	7	14	21
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>OFFERING</b> (AVE. WEEKLY NEEDED \$3,625)	<b>\$1,830.00</b>	<b>\$3,625.00</b>	<b>\$1,776.00</b>	<b>\$2,605.00</b>

## Benevolence/Stewardship:

Dave Chizmar, Chairman



# RESCUE MISSION

*Food, Shelter, Safety  
and a Second Chance*

RescueMissionMV.org

## DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE:

GLC'S outreach for December is the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley. The RESCUE MISSION has been serving our Valley in Jesus' Name Since 1893 through education, counseling, compassion, prayer, access to local resources and the Love of Christ They are celebrating the opening of their new 50,000 sq ft building located at 1300 Martin Luther King Blvd. The new facility is nearly double the size of their former location! The new location will have 186 beds, an increase of 52 compared to the old building. The new facility also has a computer room where people can train for a new job.

One of the best things about the Rescue Mission is it does not receive government funding. This means they are free to speak the name of Christ in every aspect of their ministering to those in need.

## SHARING THE WARMTH WINTER COAT DRIVE:

In Sept. the directors of Salem High School's "Quaker Closet" told us of the great need in their school. A list of needs for the closet is in the Fellowship Hall along with collection boxes. Questions? See Fran Hall.



Dear Rev. Knauff + Church Families,  
Thank you so much for your most generous donation of \$770.00 to purchase pumpkin pies for South Range Council of Church and Community. This is truly a blessing for each client to receive a delicious pumpkin pie for their Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you for being a special part of our mission in serving God.

Sincerely yours,  
South Range 3c's



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## TREASURER REPORT OCTOBER 2021

### CURRENT FUND

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	- \$12,293.20
Receipts:	
<u>Church/e-offering</u>	\$9,830.05
(see below)	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	- \$2,463.15
(after covering overdrawn)	
Expenses:	
Christian Edu	\$316.95
Electric Church	\$398.52
Electric Parsonage	\$145.16
Gas Church	\$56.26
Gas Parsonage	\$0.00
Telephone Church	\$155.69
Evangelism	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$128.75
Flowers	\$200.00
Federal Tax	\$806.04
State Tax	\$57.32
Pastor Salary	\$4,818.34
Pens/House Eq'ty	\$459.48
Secretary Salary	\$0.00
Music Director	\$459.18
Sexton Salary	\$507.84
Treasurer Salary	\$254.38
Organist	\$294.16
Youth Lead Sal	\$440.90
Supply Pastor	\$0.00
Payroll Expenses	\$22.52
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Postage & Delivery	\$110.00
Equipment Lease	\$284.16
Office Supplies	\$78.26
Repairs Parsonage	\$0.00
Supplies Janitor	\$0.00
Lawn Mowing	\$0.00
Trash Hauling	\$63.00
Water System	\$101.00
Worship & Music	\$0.00
Property Taxes	\$0.00
Bldg Insurance	\$1,295.50
Fees	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$25.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$11,478.56

**BALANCE CURRENT FUND** - \$13,941.71

(from above)	
Church receipts	\$9,207.75
e-offering receipts	\$622.30
Receipts	\$9,830.05

### BENEVOLENCE

Balance	\$605.00
Receipts	\$770.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$1,375.00

### BUILDING FUND / BUILDING MAINT.

Balance	\$19,550.29
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$19,550.29

### RYAN LUTSCH EAGLE SCOUT FUND

Balance	\$581.98
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$581.98

### DISCRETIONARY FUND

Balance	\$2,350.49
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$2,350.49

### JR YOUTH

Balance	\$5,026.23
Receipts	\$650.00
Disbursements	\$329.62
Balance	\$5,346.61

### MEMORIAL FUND

Balance	\$27,607.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$3,395.00
Balance	\$24,212.00

### MISSION TRIP

Balance	\$7,022.61
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$7,022.61

### CEMETERY

Balance	\$7,140.58
Receipts	\$55.00
Disbursements	\$26.30
Balance	\$7,169.28

### CAMPERSHIPS

Balance	\$732.00
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$732.00

### VBS

Balance	\$2,588.25
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance	\$2,588.25

### WOMEN'S GROUP

Balance	\$4,938.26
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$1,105.00
Balance	\$3,833.26

### MEN'S GROUP

Balance	\$2,325.20
Receipts	\$135.71
Disbursements	\$150.00
Balance	\$2,310.91

### CHECKBOOK SUMARY

Current Fund	- \$13,941.71
Accrued State & Fed	\$319.90
Benevolence	\$1,375.00
Building Fund/Bldg Main	\$19,550.29
Eagle Scout Fund	\$581.98
Cemetery	\$7,169.28
Discretionary Fund	\$2,350.49
Jr Youth	\$5,346.61
Memorial Fund	\$24,212.00
Mission Trip	\$7,022.61
VBS	\$2,588.25
Men's Group	\$2,310.91
Women's Group	\$3,833.26
Camperships	\$732.00
Uncleared Checks	\$4,954.28
Uncleared Deposits	\$0.00
Balance	\$67,765.35





### December Birthdays

1.....Curtis Schewirey  
 2.....Marilyn Blackburn  
 .....Jack Ericson  
 8.....Sam Brooks  
 11.....Myrna Pim  
 12.....Carl Jacobson  
 14.....Nathan Chizmar  
 .....William Wilkins  
 .....Laura Witmer  
 15.....Andrea Hiner  
 26.....DeErla Schaefer  
 .....Craig Fehr  
 27.....Martha Hiner  
 28.....Ella Crumbacher  
 30.....David Chizmar  
 .....John Lindquist



### December Anniversaries

6.....Lawrence & Fran Hall  
 17.....Darren & Angie Bowman  
 27.....Stan & Charlotte Fishback

### Member Care: Barbara Sloan, Chairman



#### PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY:

Our prayers of sympathy are extended to:

- ✦ The family of Brian & Kristen Crumbacher upon the death of Brian's father, Doug.
- ✦ The family of Sue DeCort upon the death of her brother, Bill.



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND WHOLENESS:** Laura, Marti, Brian Bair, Carolyn Bartell, **Tom Butts, Marge Cope**, Rod Cushman, Teresa Everson, **Barb Feicht**, Wayne Grieir, **Stan Fishback**,

Vickie Keene, **Sue Lotti, Cindy McCue**, Emily Mead, **Raquel Scheetz**, Randy Schmidt, Jason Schultz, **Ed & Suzanne Smith**, Kalani Tejedor, and **Carrie Toy**.

**PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Lane Bowman, Kasey Shidel, Richard Travis Toy, and Matt Yarab.



### BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Please send all bulletin announcements to the church office by **9:00AM** each Wednesday for inclusion in that week's Sunday bulletin

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** should be turned in by the **15th** of each month. **NO EXCEPTIONS** Thank You!



## Fellowship:

DeLaine DeChellis, Chairperson

### LADIES GROUP:

#### THE MADRIGAL DINNER

Our beautiful Madrigal dinner is Mon. Dec. 13 with appetizers at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30. We have an enjoyable evening celebrating the birth of Christ with family and friends. The fellowship hall is decorated in a different theme each year. To add to the surprise of the evening our 7 course dinner I never disclosed. The cost of the dinner is \$20.

**Lynn McGehee** is taking reservations for the Madrigal dinner up until Nov. 28 or until we have 120 reservations. Try to get your reservations in early as we fill up fast and then have trouble seating a large family together. If possible please pay by check at the time you make your reservations as it makes it easier for Lynn. If need you can call her at 330-502-6036.

There's a sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall for donations of a table centerpiece along with 8 favors. The beautiful centerpieces are then given away by a Chinese drawing. We will need centerpieces for 15 tables. If you buy a light up centerpiece, please get battery operated. WE only have a few outlets and someone can trip on the cords. Please don't get too large of a center piece as we need room for dishes, glasses, cups etc.

Any questions please see **Jacki Lipp** or call 330-533-6527.

### F.R.O.G.S

The Fully Rely On God Stitchers have resumed their craft fellowship on Monday afternoons. They are meeting in the fellowship hall to allow for social distancing..

*Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year*



### MEN'S GROUP:

The Men's group met for breakfast on Sat. Nov 20. Our thanks again to George Toy for providing a great breakfast. There were seven men in attendance: **Harold Ever-son, Jeff Hum, Pastor Knauff, Clyde Martz, Don Olson, Ed Schaefer, and George Toy.**

After a time of fellowship the group discussed some business items. Thanks to the church and community support of our donation shed the Men's Group bank account was closed to \$2,300. George reported that he'd taken the initiative between meetings to approve a donation of \$100 to and a \$50 donation to the FLC auction basket given to the Greenford Rotary Fundraising breakfast. The group heartily endorsed the actions.

The Men's Group then made motions to convert more finances into ministry. They approved donating \$300 to the GLC Youth Group service project. The youth have committed to filling 85 stockings for "the Lord's Blessing Food Pantry" in Washingtonville. The Men's group also approved donating \$500 to the Leslie Fund. This will hopefully help the fund to continue its outreach support of providing camperships to Camp Frederick, supporting Camp Frederick's Grief Camp, and providing scholarships for our youth pursuing higher education.

The Men's Group discussed helping serve at the Women's Madrigal Dinner. While we have commitments from 7 men and youth we will continue to recruit until we have the necessary 12-15 volunteers to serve the anticipated 120 guests. Any men or youth interested in helping please contact George Toy. It was also decided due to concerns about busy December schedules the Men's Group will not be meeting in December. A final topic of discussion was moving the practice piano from the second floor to the first floor to make it available to a group that would like to receive it as a donation. A wise choice was to approve paying movers and sparing our backs to move it. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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**Dec: 1, 8, & 15**

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00 PM**  
*(Prelude music starts at 6:30 pm)*

*May God's blessing be poured out on the family of:*

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