

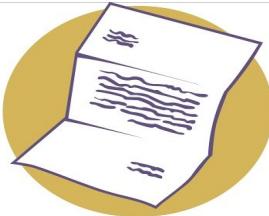
# January 2026 Newsletter



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." *Lamentations 3:22-23*

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## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



The 2025 Contribution Statements will be in alphabetical order on the table at the back on Sunday, January 18 and Sunday, January 25, 2026.

If you have questions contact the Church Office at 717-336-2141 or Shirley Sweigart at 717-538-1946.

## Altar Guild Training Meetings: January 18 and February 1

Members of the Altar Guild (both new and returning) are asked to attend one of two offered Trainings on January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> with Pastor Marissa immediately following Morning Worship. This training will review new practices and answer questions that have arisen.



**ALTAR GUILD**



**Pastor Marissa Becklin**  
**538 Campus Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610**

## Scripture Keys to a Joyful New Year

H old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
A ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
P ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)  
P ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
Y ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)  
N eglect not your talents and opportunities  
    (Galatians 6:10)  
E xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
W ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)  
  
Y ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)  
E xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
A im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
R edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

— Gus Nichols



**Monday, January 19, 2026 in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday**



**Deadline For February, 2026 Newsletter Is Sunday, January 25, 2026.**

## Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at: [grammyss@ptd.net](mailto:grammyss@ptd.net)  
or [grammyss46@gmail.com](mailto:grammyss46@gmail.com)  
or call 717-538-1946

## Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

[faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net). Thank You!

## WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Coatroom.

## Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college;
- You schedule a meeting or an event of a committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

## Financial Stewardship

There are many ways you can choose to support our ministry:

1. A physical offering will be collected in the plate next to the bulletins prior to and following Worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account for the sake of regular stewardship, contact our office at (717)336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit this link [Give to Faith United](#).
4. You may also mail offerings to the church in lieu of the options listed above.



We invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship. To do so, or to ask questions about this process, contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm for more details.

## Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



## Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Cynthia Kauffman

Sharon Levering Lisa Beard  
Grady Daub

Festival Choir Director — Ellen Houser

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

# From Pastor Marissa Becklin

## Marked with Water, Named with Love

January in the church year always brings us back to the waters.

On the First Sunday after Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord—the moment when Jesus steps into the Jordan River and joins a line of ordinary, broken people seeking repentance and renewal. John’s baptism was meant for sinners, and yet Jesus wades in anyway. The heavens open. The Spirit descends. And a voice declares, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

It is a striking beginning to Jesus’ public ministry: not with a miracle or a sermon, but with water and a promise.

That promise matters deeply in a world like ours. Baptism does not remove us from the brokenness of life. It does not protect us from grief, injustice, illness, or fear. Jesus’ own baptism did not spare him from the wilderness, the cross, or death. Instead, baptism names us within the world as God’s own—claimed, beloved, and sent.

In baptism, God does not say, “Nothing bad will happen to you.” God says, “You belong to me. I am with you. And even here—especially here—I will bring life.”

At the font, the church confesses something bold and countercultural: baptism is not our declaration about God; it is God’s decisive declaration about us. This is why we baptize infants.

In a culture that prizes choice, agency, and understanding, infant baptism proclaims that God’s grace does not wait for our maturity, our knowledge, or our consent. God acts first. God claims first. Long before we can believe about God, God is already faithful to us.

Luther insisted that baptism is not merely a symbol of human faith, but a means of grace—a concrete place where God binds God’s promise to ordinary water and speaks forgiveness, life, and salvation into a real body, in real time. Infants do not bring belief to baptism; they are brought into belief. Faith, like life itself, is received before it is ever articulated.

To baptize a child, then, is not to presume future faith but to trust the promise God has already made: that the Holy Spirit is at work creating faith where and how God wills. The child’s life will include doubt, struggle, and resistance—just as ours does. But baptism anchors that life not in the strength of human faith, but in the unwavering faithfulness of God.

In baptism, God names even the smallest among us as beloved, forgives sin before it can be named, and incorporates the child into Christ’s death and resurrection before they can understand either. This is not sentimentality. It is a confession that salvation is sheer gift.

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Every time the church pours water over an infant's head, it preaches the gospel in its most distilled form: we are saved not by choosing God, but because God has chosen us.

This January, that truth feels especially close to home as we recently brought our son Nels to the font. Like every child baptized before him, he did nothing to earn God's love. He did not understand the words or the promises being spoken over him. And yet God spoke anyway. God claimed him anyway. God said, "You are mine."

That is the heart of Lutheran baptismal theology: grace first. Always first.

January is often a season of resolutions and self-improvement, but the church offers us something deeper: remembrance. To remember our baptism is to return again and again to the truth that our lives are held by God's mercy, not our own perfection.

As we begin this new year together, may we remember the waters that have marked us. May we trust the voice that still speaks over us: Beloved. Claimed. Sent. And may we live boldly into that promise—for ourselves, for our children, and for a world that desperately needs good news.

*Grace and Peace, Pastor Marissa*



**Baptism of Nels Malcolm Becklin in Joint Service with Trinity, Reading**

# January Worship

## Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 11, 2026

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29:1-11; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.



## Second Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, January 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42. Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.



## Third Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, January 25, 2026

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23. Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God's grace and mercy.



# February Worship

## Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, February 1, 2026

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12. Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the



peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this counter-cultural way of living and serving.

## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, February 8, 2026

Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20. Light shines in the darkness for



the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



# Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517  
Phone: 717-336-2141

## The First Saturday of Each Month

**February 7, 2026**  
**March 7, 2026**

**7:30-10:00am**

If you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month just show up! Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.



## January/February Food Collection

Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch.

Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Terry Burkholder - President	Adrianne Arment
Tim Wise - Vice President	Rich Billings
Carol Wallace - Secretary	Bob Gates
Scott Gola - Treasurer	Terri Kilrain

# Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 7:30 PM

## FUEL Council Members Present

Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Kelly Lesher, Adrianne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

## Devotions

Scott Gola gave the devotions. He spoke about the color blue and what it means for Christmas. He reminded us that the gospel says that blue means peace, hope, and joy. Scott read several scriptures regarding the birth of Jesus. Matthew 1:18-25 and Isaiah 9: 6-7. Scott followed the scripture readings with prayer.

## Treasurer's Report

Scott Gola presented the account balances. Main Checking Account, \$116,701.00; Money Market account, \$75,115.00; Endowment Account, \$80,085.00.

Scott reported that offerings over this past year were slightly higher than the year before.

## Budget Discussion

The Council members reviewed the Proposed Budget with Scott leading the discussion. It was noted that the Evangelism budget was slightly increased and so was the Technology budget.

The Council discussed giving Shirley Sweigart a bonus. Kelly Lesher made a motion to give a bonus of \$2,000.00 to Shirley Sweigart. Bob Gates seconded this motion and all Council members were in agreement to give this bonus to Shirley.

## Special Speaker/Guest/Kitchen Safety

Mitch Arment and Tim Hegeman spoke with the Council members regarding ideas to ensure safety in the kitchen when using the stove. Mitch presented the Council with a checklist of Standard Operating Procedures for kitchen use.

The idea of using a calendar to keep track of who is using the kitchen and when it is being used was discussed.

Each member of the Council was provided with a document to review regarding standing operating procedures for a kitchen.

It was decided that further discussion will need to take place regarding the calendar for the kitchen use and a checklist for kitchen safety.

Tim Wise, Council member, discussed the possibility of purchasing a fan to be used with the stove to ensure that gas would be vented outside. Pastor Marissa recommended that the Property Committee continue to investigate and discuss the best solution for oven/stove safety.

## Pastor's Report

**Misson and Ministry Highlights:** Pastor Marissa reflected on what a blessing it is to be back at FUEL and expressed her gratitude to everyone for all of their prayers and support.

**Congregational Challenges:** The safety of the kitchen and developing a calendar for kitchen use.

**Prayer Priorities:** Gerry Philips, Nina Mayhew

**Council Action/Discussion:** The Council members reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Congregational Meeting. This meeting will be held December 14 after the church service. After reviewing and discussing the agenda, Scott Gola made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Adrianne Arment seconded this motion. All of the Council members agreed to accept the agenda for the Congregational Meeting. Four new members will be joining the congregation soon: Rita and Jon Dienst; Karen and Jim Larson.

**Endowment Committee Information:** The Council members reviewed the grant request for the Endowment Committee to give \$1,000.00 to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Scott Gola made a motion to modify the amount of the grant to \$5,000.00. Kelly Lesher seconded this motion and all Council members agreed to a grant of \$5,000.00 to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

## Committee Highlights:

### **Property Committee - Tim Wise**

A handrail for the stairs leading to the pulpit is needed. The Property Committee is developing a plan for this. A handrail will also be needed in the sacristy.

The sound system needs to be inspected and possibly repaired/updated.

The contract for the Stain Glass Window project will be signed after the project is approved by the congregation.

### **Peter's Porch - Terry Burkholder**

The month of November saw a big turnout in regards to the number of families receiving food from the monthly distribution.

Anticipating another busy Peter's Porch this Saturday.

The Boy Scouts will be assisting with pushing carts on Saturday, December 6.

### **Fellowship - Carol Wallace**

The Christmas Movie Night will be held Monday, December 29 with more information to follow.

We are need of someone to lead the Fellowship Committee. This can be one person or a small group of people. The congregation has been informed of this need.

### **Social Ministry—Rich Billings**

The Christmas Card List for shut-ins will be available this Sunday.

All of the tags on the Giving Tree were distributed. Gifts should be purchased, wrapped and placed under the tree by Sunday, December 14. (5 families will be given gifts and food items this year)

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# December Council Minutes

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## Old Business

Rich Billings presented information regarding an AED to purchase. He provided Council members with documents to review for two specific AEDs made by Zoll. The pricing for the recommended AED would be \$2,807.00. This AED can be used with adults and children. Training for AED use will be available at the Ephrata Recreation Center and Rich will provide information about the date and time for this. It was suggested that Rich Billings attend an upcoming Endowment Committee meeting and request a grant for the purchase of an AED for the church.

## New Business

The Council members said goodbye and Thank You to Kelly Lesher for her years on Council. This was her last meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

*Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wallace  
FUEL Council Secretary*

## **Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Council president Terry Burkholder called the meeting to order. The meeting was held after the 9:00am Worship Service. Pastor Marissa led the congregation in prayer. Carol Wallace, Council secretary, read the minutes from the December 8, 2024 Congregational Meeting. Barry Martzall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Terri Kilrain: motion carried.

Election of Congregational Council Members took place with the following members returning to serve in 2026: Scott Gola, Terry Burkholder, Tim Wise, Rich Billings, Bob Gates, Adrienne Arment, and Carol Wallace.

The following member has been nominated to serve on the Church Council beginning in January 2026: Terri Kilrain. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Todd Stewart made a motion to elect Terri Kilrain to the Council, seconded by Dawn Frees: motion carried.

The 2026 Budget was shared with the congregation. Scott Gola began by thanking all those who have supported him in developing the Budget. He mentioned that the church's expenses are in line with the revenue. He also stated that the 2025 Budget year marked a continuation of steadiness of finances for the church. No questions were asked regarding the Budget. Bruce Carpenter made a motion to accept the Budget as presented, seconded by Todd Stewart: motion carried.

Pastor Marissa presented information regarding the Endowment Committee. She referred to a list

of grants in the report that the Endowment Committee had granted this past year with a total of \$20,500.00. Pastor Marissa explained how often the Endowment Committee meets and how they review grant requests. She encouraged the congregation to ask for assistance writing a grant request if they have a specific need in mind. It was reported that the Endowment Committee will be matching the donations received for the Stained Glass Window project.

Scott Gola requested that Pastor Marissa explain the gift policy when persons choose to donate money to the church without any specifications for how the money is to be used. Pastor Marissa explained the policy and informed the church members that a copy of the gift policy is available in the Church Office. Pastor Marissa stated that a gift that is received with a specific request for how the monies are to be used is always honored.

An update regarding the Stained Glass Window project was provided by Pastor Marissa. She started by explaining that the scope of project and cost of the project had changed since the last Congregational Meeting in December 2024.

One group of professionals will be completing the work. The congregation was informed that they would need to approve up to \$70,000.00 for the project. The Council has designated \$10,000.00 for the project. This money had been budgeted for manse upkeep and since the church does not have a manse, the Council agreed that this money should be used for the windows. The Stained Glass Window project is slated to start this spring and the work will be completed by Castle. Pastor Marissa and Terry Burkholder thanked the Property Committee for all of their hard work in the past year regarding this project. Kelly Lesher made a motion to move forward with the Stained Glass project, seconded by Rich Billings: motion carried.

Terry Burkholder thanked everyone for their support of the church and the Council.

Barry Martzall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa Gable: The meeting was adjourned.

**Congregation Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
6:30 PM**



**Nina S. Mayhew  
June 18, 1931 -  
December 13, 2025**



## **Birthdays:**

January 15: Meg May  
January 19: Matt Donley  
January 20: Arlene Brumbach  
January 22: Emma Schrom  
January 23: Mitch Arment  
January 26: Isla Rabe, Lucas Rabe  
January 27: Bryan Strohl  
January 28: Victoria Weidner  
January 30: David Brumbach  
January 31: Kellen Strohl, Emily Hafer,  
Kaitlin Hafer

## **Anniversary:**

January 23: Cindy and Phil Kauffman



## **Birthdays:**

February 3: Andrew Nessinger  
February 5: Evan Frees  
February 6: Carrie Reed  
February 10: Corinne Kipple, Tabitha Kipple  
February 12: Dennis Hill  
February 18: Jeffrey Hartman

## **Anniversary:**

February 28: Mitch and Adrienne  
Arment

## **80+ Birthdays**

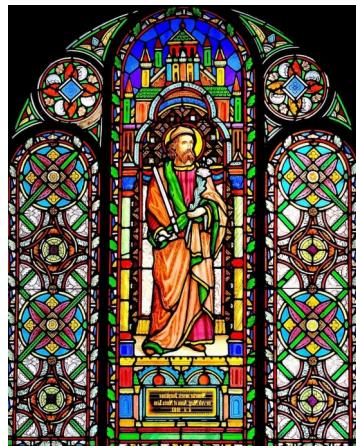
 Blessings on your Birthday! Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

**John Luciani - January 13** - 1116 Marilyn Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Mae Raudenbush - January 23** - Apartment 110, 250 Park View Heights Road, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Ethel Farrow - February 3** - Apartment 1110, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543

**Doris Reinoehl - February 10** - 540 Wollups Hill Road, Stevens, PA 17578



## **Stained Glass Window Fundraiser: Help Us Maintain The Beauty Of Our Sanctuary**

We're excited to finally announce a fundraiser in support of preserving the stained glass windows

in our Sanctuary. This project was discussed at the 2024 Annual Meeting. After much thoughtful research and dedication, the Property Committee has successfully located skilled artisans who will be completing the work. Their commitment and persistence have brought us one step closer to this long-awaited project.

Work is set to begin as soon as financially possible, and your support is crucial to making it happen. We are looking to raise around \$20,000.00. Every gift, large or small, will help us preserve the beauty and heritage of our Worship space for generations to come. You can give by using the special offering envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary, or by putting a special line on your regular offering envelope. All gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by our Endowment Fund until our funds are raised.

## **Connect With Us On Facebook!**



For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.



**January 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Second Sunday Of Christmas Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Barbara Booze Birthday Epiphany Of Our Lord 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>7</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30am Bible & Breakfast 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz
<b>11</b> Baptism Of Our Lord Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	<b>12</b> 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	<b>13</b> John Luciani Birthday	<b>14</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church Food Pantry	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
<b>18</b> Altar Guild Training Meeting Immediately Following Worship Service Pick Up Your 2025 Annual Contribution Statements Second Sunday After Epiphany Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity Begins Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>19</b> Church Offices Closed Confession Of Peter Dorothy Hoyer Birthday Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>20</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>21</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 7:00pm Denver Women's Club Meeting, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Mae Raudenbush Birthday	<b>24</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
<b>25</b> February Newsletter Article Deadline Pick Up Your 2025 Annual Contribution Statements Third Sunday After Epiphany Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity Ends Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	<b>26</b> Conversion Of Paul	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	<b>28</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**February 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Altar Guild Training Meeting Immediately Following Worship Service Black History Month Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 4:00pm 26th Disaster Response Trip Planning Meeting, Luther Acres Community Room 7:00pm 25th Disaster Trip Presentation, Luther Acres Community Room	<b>2</b> Black History Month Groundhog Day Presentation of Our Lord	<b>3</b> Black History Month Ethel Farrow Birthday 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>4</b> Black History Month 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	<b>5</b> Black History Month	<b>6</b> Black History Month 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	<b>7</b> Black History Month 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
<b>8</b> Black History Month Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	<b>9</b> Black History Month 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	<b>10</b> Black History Month Doris Reinoehl Birthday	<b>11</b> Black History Month 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church Food Pantry	<b>12</b> Black History Month Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b> Black History Month	<b>14</b> Black History Month Valentine's Day 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz

## What's Happening at Faith United?

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Send your pictures in for next month's newsletter!



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## Boy Scouts Volunteer at Peter's Porch in December



**Giving Tree Gifts and Groceries ready for delivery to one of our five families sponsored**



# thank you

Thank You for thinking of me and my family with cards, phone calls and especially your thoughts and prayers during my recent health issues.

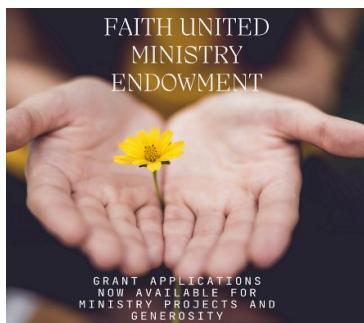
It is a blessing to be part of this caring congregation of friends. *Lorna Buohl*

Thank You for the cards, thoughts and prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home. I remember Pastor Rustico remarking about how our congregation seems to care so much about each other and it truly is a blessing to be a part of our church family.

*Ann Roseboro*

To our Dear Friends at Faith United:

Your encouragement through prayers, kind words and many lovely cards has meant so much to us. God shows His love to us through all of you. God's richest blessings to each one. *Gerry and Joanne*

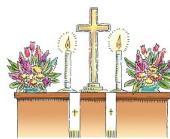


## Faith United Ministry Endowment: Grant Applications Now Available For Ministry Projects And Generosity

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.

**When Writing Out Checks Please Remember To Use Blue Or Black Ink ONLY. The Bank Will Reject Any Other Color Ink.**

## 2026 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



The Altar Flower Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance.

**Altar Flowers Format:** To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call the church office, 717-336-2141, to arrange to bring them to the Church. Shirley will call you to find out the wording you want in the Church Bulletin.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance.



Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.

## Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2<sup>nd</sup> And 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00am.

## Christian Symbol

**SHIP:** The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave—Latin for ship.



# Education Opportunities

## Weekly Bible Study After Worship

A Weekly Bible Study will be held following Worship each Sunday about the texts from Church that morning. Bring questions you had about the sermon, thoughts and wonderings about the readings, and a heart ready for fellowship!

As the readings from each week are the topic, simply come when you're able.

**We Will Be Taking A Hiatus  
From Tuesday Bible Study Until  
Pastor Marissa Has Returned  
From Family Leave.**

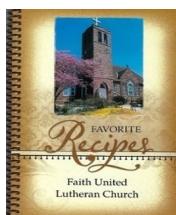
## Bible And Breakfast

7:30-9:00am

Saturday, January 10

*Daily Spiritual Habits:  
Practicing the Presence of God  
Every Day*

Please sign up on the counter so we know to expect you!



## Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

## Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.

Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00am—12:00pm. Open Dates: January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 18, 22.



## Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:15am-11:15am on the following Sundays of each month:

- September 14
- September 28
- October 12
- October 26
- November 9
- November 23
- December 7
- December 21
- January 11
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22
- April 12
- April 26
- May 17



We are hosting Kid's Church during 9:00am Worship.

Children will come up for the Children's Sermon, exit to Kid's Church, and return for Holy Communion.



Have you been attending Worship with us online or in-person, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

[pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).

## The Upper Room Daily Devotional

January-February, 2026

## Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

January, February, March, 2026

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Swegart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

## 2026 Offering Envelopes



Your 2026 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up on a table at the back of the Church.

Even though you contribute through Vanco, there are envelopes for you for the special days throughout the year.

If you were missed, contact the Church Office.

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

A good alternative is through Vanco which automatically remits your offering to the Church.

Contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm for more details or Shirley Sweigart at: [grammyss46@gmail.com](mailto:grammyss46@gmail.com) or call 717-538-1946

## Email Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain receive emails with prayer requests from our congregation and commit to lifting these needs before God throughout the week. This is a simple but powerful way to care for one another in Christ.

If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office, 717-336-2141.

*“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2*



## The Cozy Comforters

need gently used sheets (No flannel, No white, please) or fabric (should be cotton or cotton blend) to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.

## 26TH Disaster Response Trip Planning Meeting

Greetings:

I have two opportunities to share with you about our Disaster Response Trips.

I am currently organizing the next Disaster Response Trip (the 26<sup>th</sup> trip of Lower Susquehanna Synod LDR Team) for April 26 to May 2, 2026.

The Trip Planning Meeting will be held in the Community Room at Luther Acres on Sunday, February 1 at 4:00pm. We will be returning to Western North Carolina to continue with Hurricane Helene restoration.

Also, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm we will be talking about our most recent trip in November to North Carolina. We will be telling stories and showing pictures of the work and experiences we had during our work. The presentation will be held in the Community Room.

Thanks to everyone who supported our work and helped make it possible.

If you have any questions, please let me know! - Glenn Beard, 717-626-1171, extension 1669.

?? ???? Bible Quiz ?? ??

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from 2 Corinthians:  
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new \_\_\_\_\_.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



A) Creation  
B) Beginning  
C) Season  
D) Covenant

Answer: A (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)



**Monday,  
February 2,  
2026**

## SERVING JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
<b>January 11, 2026</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b> <b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Craig Stover</b> <b>Lori Stover</b>
<b>January 18, 2026</b>	<b>Deb Semler</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b> <b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Linda Riddell</b>
<b>January 25, 2026</b>	<b>Cindy Kauffman</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Teri Arment</b> <b>Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Robert Gates</b> <b>Gloria Gates</b>
<b>February 1, 2026</b>	<b>Ann Roseboro</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Linda Riddell</b> <b>Jeff Hartman</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain</b> <b>Rich Billings</b> <b>Chris Billings</b>
<b>February 8, 2026</b>	<b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>June Wolf</b> <b>Don Wolf</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Craig Stover</b> <b>Lori Stover</b>
<b>February 15, 2026</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Lori Wise</b> <b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b> <b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Linda Riddell</b>
<b>February 18, 2026</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Carol Wallace</b> <b>Mike Wallace</b>	<b>XXXXXX</b>
<b>February 22, 2026</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Mary Stewart</b> <b>Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Robert Gates</b> <b>Gloria Gates</b>
Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
<b>January 11, 2026</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>	<b>Jackson Lesher</b>	<b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	<b>Teri Arment</b> <b>Joyce Fischer</b>	
<b>January 18, 2026</b>	<b>Josh Gola</b>	<b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	<b>Karlene Cook</b> <b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	
<b>January 25, 2026</b>	<b>Kellen Strohl</b>		<b>Karlene Cook</b> <b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	
<b>February 1, 2026</b>	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>		<b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	
<b>February 8, 2026</b>	<b>Jackson Lesher</b>		<b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	
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We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

**For Comfort:**

Nina Mayhew Family  
Robert Ludwig Family  
Rebecca Anderson Family

Danna McGarvey Family  
Alissa Cook family

**For Healing:**

Jamie Carpenter  
Lorna Buohl  
Christine Diener  
Luke Fabian  
Madeline Glass

JoAn Weaver  
Mary Stewart  
Dorothy Brubaker  
Galen Stauffer  
Robert White

Janet Hirneisen  
Lisa Donmoyer  
Scott Witmer  
Lori Moyer

Ann Roseboro  
Pat Miller  
Rich Hawk  
Curt Snyder

**You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.**

List Is Refreshed At The End Of Odd Numbered Months. If You'd Like Someone To Stay On The List Longer, Please Contact The Church Office, 717-336-2141.

**Continuing Concerns**

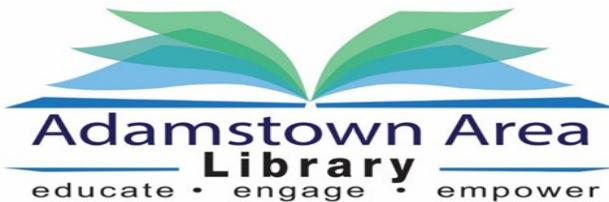
Gerry Phillips, Jean Worline, Betty Witmer, Terry Burkholder, Lisa Beard, Caryll Lausch, Susan Hartman, Barb Boose, Dave Harnish, Kim Brugger, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, Ethel Farrow, Mae Raudenbush, Mel Schmeck, Jim Kreider, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Michele Lacy, Traci Krick, Rob and Terri Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Kathryn Ginter, Kristin Means, Pennie Gutshall, Bea Hassler, Fred Leathery; Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Jane Imhoff, Patricia Krick, Stanley and Jeannette Uibel, Joyce Hahn, Dennis Hill, Terry Moyer, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Stan Henderson, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

**The Magic of a Song**

If you wake up in the morning and your day begins all wrong,  
Start with determination, together with a song.  
A song will make your day brighter, give you courage without end.  
You can claim it as your very own or share it with a friend.  
A song is the words of poets from all around the world,  
A story with a melody when it becomes unfurled.  
You can hear it on the mountain tops, you can hear it in the valleys,  
It resonates in our homes, on playgrounds, streets and alleys.  
A song can bring you joy and laughter or fill your eyes with tears,  
It may be for a short moment or remain with you for years.

It can be about the ocean waves, the land or sky above,  
The birds, the trees and flowers or two people smitten with love.  
It can calm a baby when it cries or mend a broken heart.  
It can fill the emptiness of time, when two lovers are apart.  
You hear it in our churches, in a synagogue or temple.  
Its beauty fills the solemn air where angelic voices assemble  
If you are sad or lonely, just listen for a song.  
Whistle, hum or sing along and your spirit will be strong.  
A song will make you dauntless to continue on your way.  
It is a precious gift from God, that will brighten up your day.

*(R. Whitcomb)*



## Adamstown Area Library Events

Adamstown Area Library is located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office. Regular Library hours have changed for 2026 to better serve our community! The new hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 7:00pm, Friday, 11:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Learn more about free events at your Library and register at [AdamstownAreaLibrary.org](http://AdamstownAreaLibrary.org) or 717-484-4200.

**“Budding Bookworms” Preschool Storytime** - Wednesday January 14, 21, 28 February 4. Every Wednesday at 10:00am and 11:00am. Stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult. Special guest, Ephrata Police on January 28..

**“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime** - Every Thursday at 10:00am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. For babies with adults.

**“The Young and the Restless” Toddler Time** - Every Thursday at 11:00am. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with adults. For ages 5-12.

**American Girl Bag Pickup** - Monday, January 12. Packet filled with fun for you and your doll! Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. One per family please while supplies last. For ages 5-12 years.

**LEGO® Build Off** - Tuesday, January 13 at 5:30pm. Bring your family/friend team of 2-5 people to compete in building their favorite Children’s Book themed LEGO® creation. The winning teams will receive an awesome prize sponsored by Rich and Linda Schamus from the Little Brick Gallery, Adamstown. For all ages.

**Friends Book Sale** - Tuesdays, January 20, and 27, February 3 from 9:30am-7:00pm. Whatever your favorite genre, you’ll find something to love at the Friends Book Sale! \$2 hardbacks, \$1 trade paperbacks, 50¢ paperbacks, plus kids’ books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks. Book Sale hours are every Tuesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm in the Library Community Room.

**Book Club** - Monday, January 26 from 5:00-6:00pm. Join us at Adamstown Area Library for our monthly Book Club! Share your thoughts on that month’s book and get to know other readers in your community. All are welcome, regardless of whether you’ve finished the book. For our January meeting, we’ll be reading *“The Frozen River”* by Ariel Lawhon. Copies of the book will be available through our online catalog or by calling or visiting a branch. Please register.

**Teen Pizza and Puzzle Mystery “Murder at Bedford Manor”** - Tuesday, January 20 from 12:00-2:00pm. This CHS day off school will be a delicious experience as we enjoy Two Cousins Pizza, piece together the jigsaw, read the mystery story, and solve a murder. Must register by January 19. For ages 13-19.

**Almost Perfect Crimes** - Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Join Miss Jess as we discover “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be

revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For teens and adults due to some graphic content.

**Young At Heart** - Wednesday, January 21 from 9:00-11:00am. REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit [REALLCS.org](http://REALLCS.org).

**TEEN “Spice of the Month”** - Monday, January 26. On the fourth Monday of every month, bags include a packet of that month’s spice, papers that include history about the spice, recipes, and cookbook recommendations. January’s spice is cumin. For teens.

**“Barn Owl” Discovery Drop-In** - Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Every month we will use our senses to explore a different Pennsylvania Game Commission Kit of pelts, wings, skulls, claws, books, activities, and all kinds of other manipulatives. For all ages.

**Ephrata Police Visit** - Wednesday, January 28 at 10:00am and 11:00am. Officer Bronne Bruzgo from the Ephrata Police Department will be a guest reader during Budding Bookworms Storytime. Children can enjoy stories, crafts, and a tour of the police cruiser. For all ages.

**Castañeda’s Library Fundraiser** - Wednesday, January 28 from 11:00am to 8:00pm. On the last Wednesday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Castañeda’s Mexican Restaurant in Denver will go to the Library! (excludes alcohol). Dine-in or take-out that day to enjoy great food while supporting the Library! 323 Main Street, Denver.

**Wildlife Wednesdays** - Wednesday, January 28 at 6:00pm. Every month, the Lancaster County Parks & Recreation Department will teach us about different wildlife and environmental topics. We will be covering a wide range of topics, so be sure to check out our upcoming events! January is *The World’s Most Unusual Animals*. For all ages.

**Touch a Heart Valentine Collection** - Throughout January. All month we will be collecting your handmade cards to distribute to nursing home residents, veterans, soldiers, caregivers, and hospital patients. Pick up any needed supplies at the Library and drop off your completed cards in the Library foyer or book drop by February 3. The Library will deliver to Blue Ridge for their Touch A Heart Campaign. For all ages.

**LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup** - Monday, February 2. On the first Monday of each month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up, with instructions for a special project. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. One per family please while supplies last. For ages 5-12 years.

**Mah-Jongg Group** - Monday, February 2 from 1:00-3:30pm. Join our welcoming Mah-Jongg group on the first and Third Monday of each month for an afternoon of tiles, tactics, and great conversation. Whether you’re brand-new or a longtime player, our bimonthly meet-ups are the perfect chance to learn, practice, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome!

**Doggie Downtime** - Wednesday February 4 at 10:45am. Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into Twinkle’s big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! (Therapy Dogs International). For all ages.

**Connect with a Social Worker at the Library** - Wednesday, February 4 from 11:30am-2:00pm. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help! Regular hours are every other Wednesday from 11:30am-2:00pm in the Library’s Community Room. To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email her at [becca@reallcs.org](mailto:becca@reallcs.org). REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

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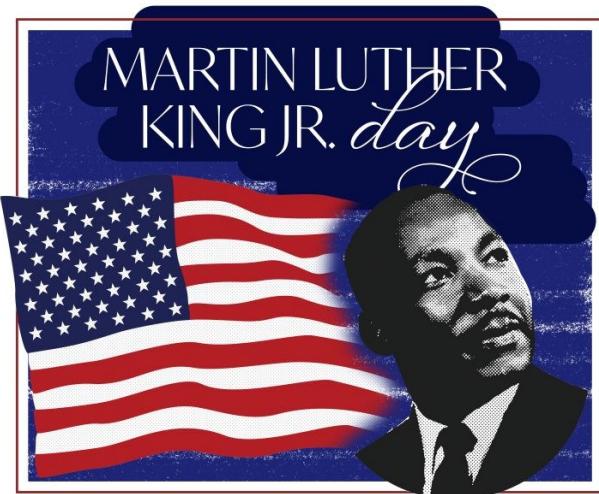
**"Nursery Rhyme" Play & Learn Center** - All month. Stop in at the Library to enjoy our story corner Play & Learn Center. It's a great place to hang out for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks, and more all with a "Mother Goose" Theme.

**Teen Question Board** - All winter. We invite teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to vote for "Winter...Would You Rather?" Add a sticker dot to select your favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page.

**Fluff the Cow Adoption** - For the next three (3) months, our patrons will watch Baby "Fluff" grow up at Kurtland Farm in Elverson, PA. We will follow her journey of growth, care, and milk production. Stop in the Children's Room often to see updated pictures and information. For all ages.



**Sunday, January 11, 2026**



**Monday, January 19, 2026**



# Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 6:7)



C \_\_\_\_\_ n P \_\_\_\_\_ e  
(1 Peter 2:9)



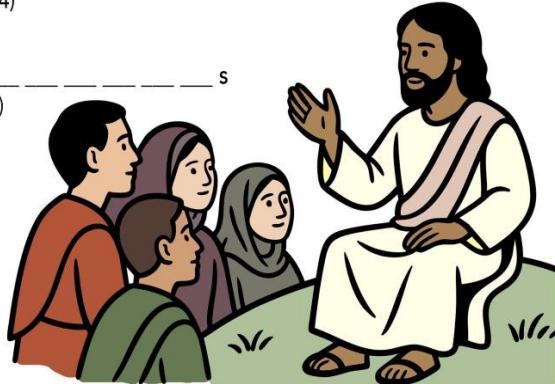
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(1 Corinthians 4:1)

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(Acts 11: 26)

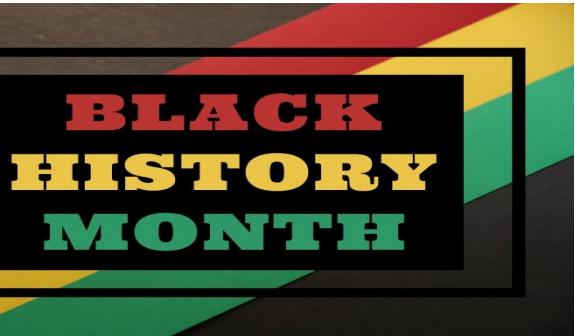
B \_\_\_\_\_ s and S \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 5:14)

W \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 1:8)



Believers; Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christians; Brothers and Sisters;



**February 1-28, 2026**

**Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.**

**As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.**

### **ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS**

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

**In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy.** Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.** Register online at [pathways.hccnet.org/groups](http://pathways.hccnet.org/groups) or call the Pathways Center.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age):** Monday, January 19, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Tuesday, January 13, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, January 27, 2:00-3:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling:** Tuesday, January 20, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Wednesday, January 28, 6:00-7:30pm.

**GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing):** Tuesday, January 20, 6:30-8:00pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Virtual:** Thursday, February 5, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Walk The Pathways Labyrinth:** Weekdays, February 15-28), 8:00am-5:00pm, **Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy.** Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation and prayer. You are invited to visit the Pathways Center weekdays during the month of December to walk our indoor labyrinth as you remember your loved ones throughout this season. **No registration needed.**

**Newly Bereaved Program:** Tuesdays, February 3, 10 and 17, 6:00-7:30pm, **Virtual.** If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. **Register 1 week prior to series start.**

**Coping Kids & Teens:** Pathways Center counselors recognize that grief is experienced by the entire family—children, teens and adults. When there is a serious illness or death, children are often overlooked, yet their needs are significant. The Coping Kids & Teen program provides a safe atmosphere for children, teens and families to learn about grief, develop coping skills and build self-confidence. **Call the Pathways Center for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Support For Caregivers:** If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00pm, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

**Individual Grief Support:** The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation at no cost for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Evening appointments may sometimes be arranged. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

**Social Dine-Out Options:** The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

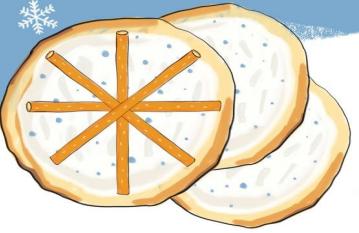
**Ladies Lunch:** Wednesday, January 28, 11:30am-1:00pm; Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at (717) 823-9889 (text or telephone) or [pathways@choiceshealth.org](mailto:pathways@choiceshealth.org) by noon the day before the event.

**Men's Breakfast:** Wednesday, February 4, 8:00-9:30am; Centerville Diner 1, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Dan Farmer at (717) 435-8023 or [pathways@choiceshealth.org](mailto:pathways@choiceshealth.org) by noon the day before the event.

**Dinner Out (for men and women):** Saturday, February 14, 2:00pm, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 3604 East Market Street, York. RSVP to Connie Whitacre at (717) 577-1138 or [pathways@choiceshealth.org](mailto:pathways@choiceshealth.org) at least three days prior to the event.

# KID'S PAGE

## Snowflake SNACK CAKES



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

**What you need:**

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls

**What you do:**

- Frost each cracker or cookie.
- Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
- Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
- Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

**Lesson tie-in:**  
Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!  
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)

# PUZZLE



## TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages. "Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=+
A=■	G=●	M=↗	S=■
B=×	H=◀	N=↓	SH=✿
D=◀	I=▲	O=✿	T=♪
K=	P=□	TH=●	

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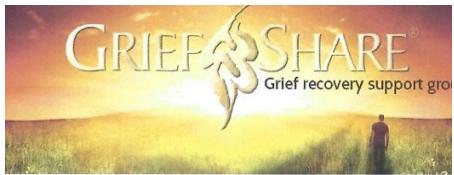
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*Proverbs 3:13*

Answer: Happy is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding.

# Community Events



## GriefShare

**Wednesdays starting April 2nd**

**Time: 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm**

**The Lighthouse Community Center**

**239 Main St. Denver, PA 17517**

**This is a 13 week cycle to help navigate from a grief journey to a healing destination.**

**For more information**

**Please call 610-775-3667**

## New GriefShare

**Sundays @ Mohn's Hill Church Cafe**

**Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Starting September 8, 2024**

**Navigating through our grief journey and bringing us to a healing destination.**

**Let the healing begin**

**Please join us every Monday**

**At the Living Room**

**5:00pm-6:30pm**

**409 N State St**

**Ephrata, PA 17522**

**OR**

**At City Gate**

**7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Location: 100 E. Main St.**

**Ephrata, PA 17522**

**Are you struggling with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup?**

**Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for you to come!**

**For more information call 610-775-3667**



## Seeking Safety

**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT SEEK SAFETY FROM TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based group therapy program that focuses on coping skills in the present moment for persons with past trauma and substance abuse.

Many people affected by trauma may turn to addictive behaviors to try to manage difficult feelings. Learn to navigate triggers and successfully build a life of safety, security and wellbeing. People do not share stories of their traumas, but instead look towards the future and practice new ways to cope, safely.

Seeking Safety is a free, open-enrollment group. Participants may join the group at any point, and receive a certificate after participating in 10 complete sessions. This program is open to the community.

Classes funded in part by the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency.

### HELD YEAR-ROUND

**Held Via Zoom**

**Wednesdays**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Registration is required – please do so at [www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered).**



**Questions? Contact [education@cobys.org](mailto:education@cobys.org) or 717-435-8139.**



## Lighthouse YOUTH CENTER

**Come join us at the Lighthouse Youth Center!**

**Must be Cocalico School District Middle or High School students**

**Youth Night: Tuesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**To register, go online at [realcls.org/youth-center](http://realcls.org/youth-center)**

**Or if you would like more information, call our office at 717.336.7797**



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**Please register ► ► ► [www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered)**

# Community Events

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Faith United Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street  
Denver, PA 17517  
717.336.2141  
[www.FaithUnited-elca.org](http://www.FaithUnited-elca.org)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Lititz Mennonite Church  
165 East Front Street  
Lititz, PA 17543  
717.626.8327  
[www.LititzMC.org](http://www.LititzMC.org)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Zion Lutheran Church  
435 Main Street  
Akron, PA 17543  
717.859.2100  
[www.ZionAkron.org](http://www.ZionAkron.org)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am  
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church  
2420 Kissel Hill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.569.6051  
[www.LandisValleyFellowship.org](http://www.LandisValleyFellowship.org)

Providing a free breakfast and  
a bag of food for our neighbors  
There is donated clothing at Lititz  
and Akron Peter Porches

REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND  
SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

## FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at

**Swamp Lutheran Church**

every 2nd Wednesday of the month  
1:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849  
to let us know you are coming



# First Friday Food Drive

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

Between 3pm - 5pm

Drop off items at Warehouse 916

#### FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned chicken
- Salsa (mild)
- Green Chilis (4 oz cans)
- Black olives
- Egg noodles (1 pound)
- Ramen Noodles
- Mushrooms
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Gluten Free food items - soup, pasta.

#### OTHER ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Picnic products -
- Plates
- Napkins
- Cups
- Sun Screen



# REAL Life

COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are a non-profit community services ministry serving Northern Lancaster County. We do everything possible to connect the community to Hope through partnerships, collaborations, and building purposeful relationships by meeting people's physical and emotional needs.

#### What We Offer:

- Faith-Based Social Services
- Affordable Housing Units
- Homelessness Prevention
- Food Distribution
  - Power Packs
  - Client Choice Shopping
  - Emergency Food Boxes
- Momentum - a Youth Mentoring Program
- Young at Heart - a Program for those 60 and older
- Parent as Teacher (PAT) Program
- Operation Warm
- Project Christmas Presents
- Back to School Backpacks
- Volunteer Opportunities, and More...

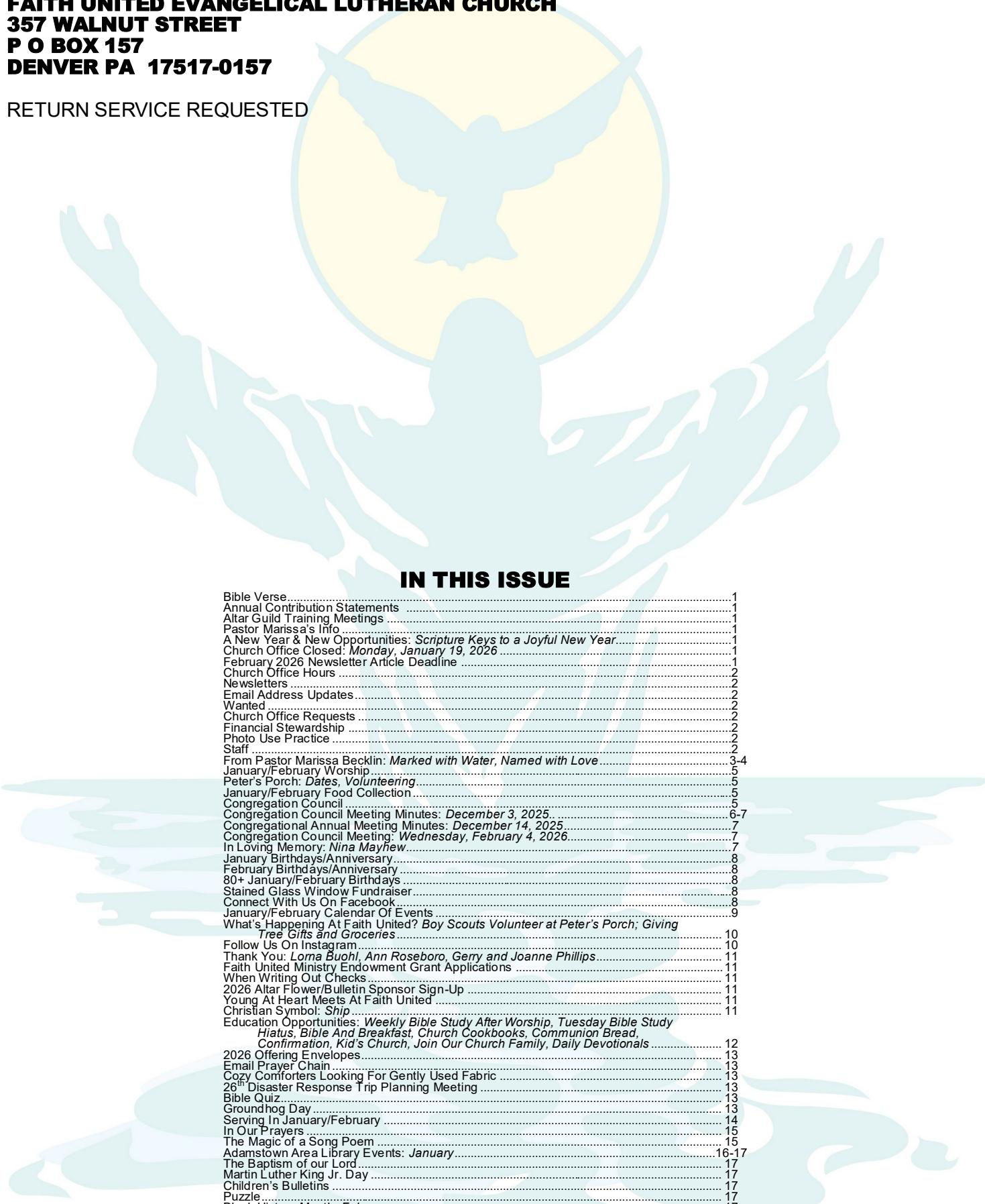
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**357 WALNUT STREET**  
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