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PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The "property committee is procuring bids for a new roof. Yes our roof is becoming elderly and will need to be replaced in the next few years. This is going to be a very large expense and a "Capital campaign" will probably be needed, more news to follow.



PROJECT OUTREACH

"Soup-er" Bowl Sunday - where we collect cans of soup or other non-perishable items to be donated to the Project Outreach Pantry. We will be collecting through [February 2nd](#). Thanks for your support!



ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Endowment committee will meet the last week of February to review funds available this year and any applications we receive. Application forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex. We must receive a completed form for any charity requesting funds. According to the guidelines we can disburse funds for Christian education, Community service and outreach, and the Wider Mission of the church. For more information on each of these areas, please read the applications.

Currently we have received one application. If you would like to request funds or know a special group needing additional money this year, please complete an application and put it in the Endowment committee mailbox.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

For our friends Shirley Major, Melissa Moore, Janice Moore *and others who are a long-term care residence, we pray for comfort and peace.*

For our friends Pat McFarland, Pauline and Bill Ebersole *and others who are not easily able to leave their residence, we pray for companionship, healing, and respite from pain.*

For our friends Vivian, Earl, Elsie, Tony, Darlene Brunk, Ellis *and others with ongoing health concerns and challenging life circumstances, we pray for caring hands, hope to live each new day, and the reassurance of God's presence through the support of our congregation.*

For our friends Isabella, Barbara, Allen, Iris *and all cancer survivors, we pray for treatment where it is possible and release from suffering where it is needed.*

Lord we thank you for all the blessings you give us each day. For thank you for the healing, support and comfort you have given us when we needed it. We ask that you hold those on our prayer list and those we hold in our hearts, that they may feel your presence and be made whole in body, mind and spirit. Amen.

Please note that we will remove names on the prayer list after one month, except for home-bound and hospitalized members. Let us know if you would like to add or renew a request by office phone or email.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mark the date for St James Mardi Gras February 22, 5:30 P.M. The evening will consist of a pot luck dinner, games, prizes and fellowship, Come out and beat the winter blues, invite a friend. The Activities Committee works hard at entertaining you, so if you've never been to any of our events before, come out and have some fun! Sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

HOLY COMMUNION

We will be beginning a class on Holy Communion for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Please talk directly with Pastor John for details.



SUNDAY HYMNS

If there are hymns you would like us to sing on Sunday please write these down and give them to Pastor John. Thank you to Donna Serina for suggesting "Be Still My Soul" (Great Hymns of Faith Book) and Fairest Lord Jesus" (Hymn 140).

BIRTHDAYS**February**

2....Dolores Slough
 3....Crystal Boyer
 3....Coleen Tursi
 4....Geoffrey Sean Wilson, Jr
 5....Joan Ide
 5....Donald Grisdale
 6....Jody Voorhees
 7....Linda Klaus

7....Geoffrey Wilson
 8....Marion Hentz
 8....Julia Roth
 10....Jim Cossaboon
 10....Barbara Waltz
 10....Brian Coseo
 12....Anna Rebecca Hendricks
 13....Larry Hennessy
 14....Nona Breaux
 17....Amy Baranoski
 17....Jessica Mogel
 17....Kathryn Stoufer

19....William Earnshaw
 19....Steve Lightcap
 20....Edward Myers
 20....Joy Rubeo
 20....Christine Sekkes
 23....Kenneth Raspen, Jr.
 25....Katelyn Gelwicks
 25....Adrien Cibulsky
 26....Jennifer Blackner
 26....Philip Levering
 27....Kim Murphy
 27....Barbara Fritz

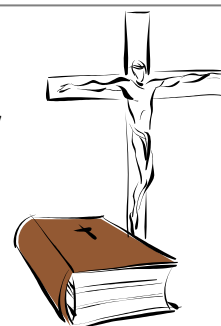
28....Eleanor Donofrio
 28....Sandra Koenig
 28....Jodi Little
 28....Pete Mogel

ANNIVERSARIES**February**

9....Anthony & Linda Alexander
 14....Paul & Faye Sweigart
 15....Brian & Paula Coseo
 21....Bob & Lori Stauffer

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (cont.)**THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Pastor's Bible Study meets at 9:00 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying: "The Ten Commandments." These are found in Exodus 20: 2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. This study is open to all.

**UPDATE ON TORI PACAN**

Tori is continuing on her journey to recovery. It is long, slow and often unfruitful. She started Cyber School this month in efforts to focus more on her recovery. She had a set back from November to December. We are hopeful that this change and new routine will have a positive impact on her recovery. Tori is seen each month by a specialist at CHOP. When she was first seen in October, he gave a timeframe of 4-6 months for a full recovery, we are not there yet. When you see Tori, you will have a very hard time understanding what she is going through because she looks completely fine. It is very hard to explain what life is like for her and she has a hard time articulating it as well. She has daily struggles. Her balance is off which limits her from physical activity. Her eyesight is blurry. She has a constant headache. Tori appreciates all of the prayers and cards as do Rob and I. This journey can be lonely at times. Please continue to pray for healing, mental well being and courage for Tori. She is very frustrated that her life right now is not allowing her to do things that give her joy. Please help us to be positive and support Tori and lift her up until she is ready to fly on her own once again. Also please keep all those in prayer with brain injuries.

Thank you - The Pacan's

ADDRESS CHANGE

Bill and Pauline Ebersole's change of address:

Villa St Elizabeth
 1201 Museum Road
 Reading, PA 19601.

They have a two room apartment so that they can be together and would welcome visits from the congregation as well as cards and telephone calls.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 4th Sunday Epiphany Svc of the Word & Sacrament Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 5 Nursery - Amy Nuccitelli	3	4	5	6 Weight Loss Sup- port Group 4:00 pm Choir 7pm	7	8 Women's Fellowship 8:30 am
9 5th Sunday after Epiphany Svc of the Word Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 6 Nursery - Nancy Ewing	10	11 Consistory 7:00 pm	12 Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm	13 Weight Loss 4 pm Property 7 pm Choir 7:00 pm	14	15
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany Svc of the Word Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 7 Nursery - Joanne Levering	17 Great Strides 7:30 pm	18 Welcome Committee 10:00 am Elders 7:00 pm	19 Fellowship dinner 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	20 Weight Loss 4:00 pm	21	22 Mardi Gras 5:30 pm
23 7th Sunday after Epiphany Svc of the Word Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 1 Nursery - Sandie Fetterman	24	25 Stewardship 7:00 pm	26	27 Weight Loss 4:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	28	

Week 1 Questions for Reflection

How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in your community's life of prayer and service do you see instances of God's justice, peace, and healing? Then give thanks, and ask God, Where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly into all blessedness in the ordinary course of my day?

Household Prayer: Morning

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you led me in the way of life this day and now call me to the way of rest. I give thanks for your light that illumined my path today. Now, it is night. As you beckon me to enter into holy darkness where I am one with you in your realm of uncreated light, I open to you in peace. Amen.

Week 2 Questions for Reflection

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, and how do I live with the mind of Christ in my daily activities? If I let my light shine, what will others see in me? Will others see Jesus? Will they give glory to God?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, if I have lived this day in the knowledge that perishes, correct my thoughts, rectify my judgments, and mend my foolish ways.

Give me the mind of Christ that I may see the world rightly and discern the blessings you bestow. Amen.

Week 3 Questions for Reflection

Today's readings speak of blessings and curses, life and death, good relationships and those that are broken. Moreover, the texts suggest that we have a choice in these matters. Where do you find life, and where do you not—and what role do your choices play? Where have you experienced broken relationships in your own life or in the church? How do Christ and the reign of heaven enable us to move beyond brokenness and live in mutual support?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, I greet this day with thanks and the determination to choose the good. Help me to walk with you in blessing. Let my "yes" be yes, and my "no" be no, as I share the light of Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus, it is night, and night is for sleeping; yet, my mind is racing fast. I give thanks for the blessings this day, and then I worry—there is so much left undone. But you are with me! You calm my anxiety, fill me with peace, and help me choose the way of rest. Amen.

Week 4 Questions for Reflection

What sort of "perfection" does Jesus intend when he says, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48)? Paul asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). How does my life reflect this?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord, as I begin this new day, give me understanding, that I may observe your law of love. Lead me in the path of righteousness and teach me to delight in your way. Turn my heart to your word and help me forsake selfish gain. Confirm your promise in my heart and lead me to eternal life with Christ my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, I am not perfect. By your grace, let me receive your perfecting love and know your commandments, not as an impossible achievement, but as a life-giving promise, the hope of life eternal. Amen.

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FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Notes & Reminders

Materials for Newsletter are due on February 16th, 2014.

NURSERY



February Schedule

February 2nd	Amy Friemann
February 9th	Amy Nuccitelli
February 16th	Nancy Ewing
February 23rd	Joanne Levering