



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

December 30, 2018

Christmas 2018 is now behind us, only remaining in our photo albums and our memories. Up next, January, the first month of the modern calendar, receiving its name from Janus, a god of the ancient Romans. Janus was often depicted with two faces, one facing the past as the other looked to the future. He was shown carrying a staff and keys to signify his duties as an opener and a closer. Not placing any value on him in religious context, we can see how his role could seem related to us as we contemplate the beginning of a New Year.

New Year's Day allows us to pause and look back at our last twelve months of experiences. Some of these may be happy ones--new friends in the church, a building addition with new ministry possibilities, or other success in working for God's kingdom. But some of our memories may be sad--dealing with loss of a job, grieving the death of a family member or friend, or watching people drift away from the fold of the church. January is a "closer", but also offers opportunities open for us to grow spiritually, learn new skills, make new friends--all while working toward God's kingdom.

Winston Churchill was once asked what was the best year of his life? "Next year," he replied. Christians ought to take the same optimistic view, believing the New Year holds all the potential for becoming the greatest year of our lives.

As we begin this 2019, let us forget the things of the past that may cloud our future and strive for the goals that the Lord has set before us.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who celebrated my entrance into a new decade! I appreciated all the cards, the delicious cake and festive balloons marking the occasion. Now that my Golden Buckeye card has arrived I will be taking tips on the best discounts!

Thanks again,
Pastor Ken

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Lord's Day Happenings – December 30, 2018

10:30 am Worship Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: "How Time Flies!"

Lord's Day Happenings – January 6, 2018

10:30 am Worship Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "On the Road"

TETELESTAI IS COMING!

MARCH 8-10

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Thursday, December 27- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January, 3- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

CHURCH FAMILY

Our thoughts and prayers to Dale Hatch and family upon the passing of Carol.

Merial Price- St. E's recovering from surgery

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

Disciple men will host cookie fellowship on

Sunday, January 6, 2019. Please remember to bring in your cookies



THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone who has supported me and my family through our recent difficulties. Your prayers and well wishes did not fall on deaf ears. I always had the sense that I was buoyed by your faith. I do apologize for missing out cards wishing everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. They're in a pile, maybe next year.

Dale

Servers for Sunday, December 30, 2018

Elders – Nancy Countryman, Jerry Hixenbaugh
Diaconate –Janice Bruner, John Cligrow, Stacey Gardner, Pat Mollenauer, Dave Gargas, Vicki Gargas, Kylie Gardner, Natalie Gardner, Morgan Hardman, Kylie Teuscher, Karlie Klingeman, Shyanna Cerny

Prepare Only- Rayetta Smith

Worship Leader- Shellene Wilkinson

Communion Bread- Jean Smith

Greeters – Doug, Jolyn, Nicole,
Natalie & Nathan Emerine

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children’s Church-Sophia Elmore &Kylie Gardner

Acolyte- Anna Cokrlc and Nicole Emerine

Media –Sharon Armstrong, Karen York

Sound – Mike Keller

Counter Team – Jan and Tom Bruner

Captains – Barb and Mike Wilkinson

Servers for Sunday, January 6, 2019

Elders – Mike Wilkinson, Jean Smith

Diaconate – Janice Bruner, Diane Brown, Casey Downs, Sara Elmore, Logan Elmore, Sophia Elmore, Dave O’Rell, Nicole Dutton, Denis Dunbar, Karen Horvbath

Prepare and Serve- Gary Barnes, Melissa Urey

Prepare Only- Rayetta Smith

Worship Leader-Dave Copenhaver

Communion Bread- Marie Downs

Greeters – Doris Maffitt & Marilyn Shuttleworth

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children’s Church-

Acolyte- Zane Shafer and Brianna Howard

Media- Dale Hatch, Denis Dunbar

Sound_ Dave Sponaugle

Counter Team –

Captains –

THANK YOU

My heart is overwhelmed with joy from all the thoughtful Christmas cards and tokens of love that have been given to me throughout the holiday season. I can’t thank all you enough for all the kind words throughout the year and support that you all give to me in the office. I am blessed to work with such loving and caring people every day. I always look forward to see who the next face is to pop around the corner to say hello or hearing the caring voice on the phone. May you all be blessed in the New Year!

~You are a blessing to me, Cara Lawson, Secretary

I
think
that we
shall always
see, God’s gifts
upon our Christmas
tree. You cannot touch
them with your hand, yet they
are there at your command. There’s
joy and faith and hope renewed. There’s
laughter for a happy mood. There’s gratitude
for each new day; a time to think, a time to pray.
The Christ has come with holy light to shine and make
your pathway bright. All these are yours if you can see
God’s
gifts
upon
your
Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas from your Church Staff:
*Pastor Ken, Cara Lawson, Casey Lewis,
Naomi Clement, and Sharon Tolla*

“The Work of Christmas”

by Rev. Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

“An After Christmas Poem”