



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

January 7, 2019

Arthur W. Mielke shares this New Year's thought:

"The coming of January 1 does not necessarily mean that the past has been reckoned with and that a future with new dimensions now stretches out before us. Our lives may still be dominated by a strong sour memory which is still poisoning our souls. However much we would like to forget all that has gone before and move on into the future, it is a solemn fact that the past is not as easily forgotten. You and I will not really move into a new period of our lives just because the calendar changes.

More likely than not, your new year and mine will begin on some other day of the year, a day when our eyes are opened and we suddenly see what we had missed, a day when we make an effective reconciliation, or a day when we find it possible to accept suffering or grief as part of the plan of a good and loving God. Then we will know that we have died to our old self which had been bound to a dark, strong memory and have been born to a new self and set free for a future of unlimited spiritual growth as a child of God."

As the church enters the season of Epiphany we are called to reflect on the story of Jesus' baptism, a day the heavens opened to declare the Father's approval, a day the Son united with the brokenness of sinful humanity, a day the Spirit descended to anoint Jesus for a mission that would include suffering and death as a part of the plan of a good and loving God. So listen to a new year's message that truly sets one free for a future of unlimited spiritual growth as a child of God: "You are my Child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Happy New Year!

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Lord's Day Happenings – January 13, 2019

10:30 am Worship

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: God's Delight

TETELESTAI IS COMING!

MARCH 8-10

Volunteers are needed, please sign up on the board in the entranceway!

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, January 7- 7 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, January 8 10:30 am Ruth Circle

6 pm WZ In-service class

Wednesday, January 9- 7 pm Elder meeting

Thursday, January 10- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir Practice

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, January 14- 7 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, January 15- 7 pm Ministry team Meeting

Wednesday, January 16- 7 pm Visionary Council

Thursday, January 17- 10 am Ladies Aid

6:45 pm Bible Journaling

7 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 26- 9-5 pm Cub Scout Pinewood

Derby held in Disciple Center

Youth Snack and Paint Fundraiser

CHURCH FAMILY

Cindy Ritze- vascular surgery

Our thoughts and prayers to Dave and JoAnn

Sponaugle upon the passing of Dave's brother

Jeffery.

PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please update the phone number for Lu Vesey. Her new phone number is 234-806-4091.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle meeting will be held on Tues. January 8th at 10:30 am. We will be working on planning for the luncheon. Hostesses are Marge and JoAnn.

Servers for Sunday, January 13, 2019

Elders – Jerry Hixenbaugh, Jean Smith

Diaconate –Gary Barnes, Melissa Urey, Diane Brown, Sara Elmore, Logan Elmore, Sophia Elmore, Dave O'Rell, Nicole Dutton, Denis Dunbar, Karen Horvath

Prepare and Serve- Janice Bruner, Casey Downs

Worship Leader- Kylie Teuscher

Communion Bread- Marie Downs

Greeters – Joan Traver and Carol Klingeman

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children's Church- Marie Downs

Acolyte- Anna Cokrlic and Nicole Emerine

Media – Dale Hatch, Denis Dunbar

Sound – Dave Sponaugle

Counter Team – Jan and Tom Bruner

Captains – Barb and Mike Wilkinson

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

A reminder that on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7 pm there will be a Ministry Team meeting. Please plan to attend this important planning meeting with all upcoming meetings and events that your ministry plan to host.

GRIEF GROUP

There will be a new grief group starting up in March. It will run from March 12th through April 30, 2019. Moving beyond loss to a richer quality of life. One of the least addressed concerns in our society is grief, the normal and natural reaction to loss. The Greif Recovery Program will guide those who wish to resolve their loss issues and move beyond their grief to a richer quality of life. The meetings are held here at the church, every Tuesday, From 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Denise Pahlman at (440) 974-2414 or you can visit www.crossroadshospice.com/grief.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

As we enter the new year, a friendly reminder to please write your first and last name on your offering envelope. This helps in the office when entering information, to have the full name. Thank you ☺

BEHOLD, A SAVIOR!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who made the Christmas Eve service a success: The Chancel Choir, The Soloists, The Narrator and Readers. A big thanks to those behind the scenes for running lighting and sound, placing the luminaires to light our way and to those who prepared the candles and bulletins.
~Naomi



YOUTH SNACK AND PAINT FUNDRAISER

Join the youth on Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. for a "Paint and Snack". The cost per person is \$25, which will cover all supplies, snacks, a teacher and a beautiful painting for you to take home! No experience required, all are invited! Please preregister, and prepay, by visiting the table in the entry before or after worship, or contacting Casey! Thanks for your support

ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

The Ruth Circle invites the women of the church to our annual salad luncheon on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 11:00 am in the church fellowship hall.

The theme this year is "Babies are a Blessing from God." Our guest speaker is Tia Ciferno, Director of Bella Women's Center. A free-will offering will be received for the center.

You can make your reservation(s) by calling the church at 330-847-0785 no later than Tuesday, February 5th. A donation of \$5.00 per person will be received at the door.

We do hope you can come and share this occasion with us.