



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT

January 14, 2019

I once heard of a congregation that had the tradition of holding a worship service on New Year's Eve. As an act of worship each year, folk were invited to do some silent reflection, then write down any New Year's resolution they felt God was laying on their hearts. These commitments were sealed in individual envelopes, collected and mailed to each worshipper so they would arrive before Easter Sunday of the coming year.

Imagine one beautiful Spring day opening a note that reminds you of a faith goal you had sensed God calling you to achieve in the dead of winter, and it's in your own handwriting! If you had attended such a worship service before the start of this new year, what would you have written on your piece of paper?

Those who like to do such calculations point out that every year we live we have 8,760 hours at our disposal. If we work an average of 40 hours a week and sleep about 8 hours a day, that takes up around 5,000 hours, leaving each of us with 3,760 hours. How will we invest this time? Without some forethought, and perhaps a timely reminder, before we realize it, the year can slip away, along with our best intentions.

So maybe this congregation was on to something. Maybe right now it is not too late to decide who we want to be when to our delight the Son rises.

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Lord's Day Happenings – January 20, 2019

10:30 am Worship

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5

Sermon: "Sweet Beulah Land"

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 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, Jan. 19- 11 am Feeding Ministry pick up

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 20 11:30 am Shepherds

Monday, Jan. 21- 7 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, Jan 22- 11 am Rebekah Circle

Wednesday, Jan. 23- 5:30-7:30 WZ positive parent class

Thursday, January 24- 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

6:00 pm Youth Snack and

Paint Fundraiser

CHURCH FAMILY

Heather Hathaway- Surgery at University Hospital

THANK YOU

A sincere and heartfelt thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent fall, surgery, and recovery. It is truly a blessing to be a member of such a caring, loving, and thoughtful congregation.

With gratitude,

Merial Price

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Rebekah Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 22** at 11:00 am at the church. Please bring toothpaste for our Feeding Ministry. Please note the date change!

Servers for Sunday, January 20, 2019

Elders – Jerry Hixenbaugh, Jean Smith

Diaconate – Gary Barnes, Janice Bruner, Melissa Urey, Diane Brown, Casey Downs, Logan Elmore, Sophia Elmore, Dave O’Rell, Denis Dunbar, Karen Horvath

Prepare and Serve- Sara Elmore, Nicole Dutton

Worship Leader- Nicole Emerine

Communion Bread- Marie Downs

Greeters – Joan Traver and Carol Klingeman

Nursery – Chelsea Thomas

Children’s Church- Karen York

Acolyte- Natalie Emerine and Amara Kim

Media – Dale Hatch, Denis Dunbar

Sound – Dave Sponaugle

Counter Team –Rayetta & Jerry Smith

Captains – Vicki & Dave Gargas

GRIEF GROUP

There will be a new grief group starting up in March. It will run from March 12th through April 30, 2019. 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 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 ☺



YOUTH SNACK AND PAINT FUNDRAISER

Join the youth on Saturday, January 26th 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.