

## *The Connection*

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Well here we are as in olden days. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas since we've already had our first snowfall! This month we will be wrapping up our four-part series about making disciples with a new theme: "The Best Care."

Jesus is the penultimate example of the best care one can receive. Jesus brings renewed hope to the world and the very best example of love. For he is the king of peace; with him we may be filled with great comfort and joy. All of these characteristics describe what it means to provide genuine godly care.

On the first week of December your preacher will bring to you, a look at how Jesus is the hope of the world! Hope is a feeling of great expectation. However, this is not like other expectations, for this hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ. Hope also means that we keep a watchful eye out for what God is doing in the world and preparing for his arrival! Even though we don't know when, we do know whom to expect.

On the second week of December your preacher will bring to you, an exploration into the depths of God's love! This love enables us to respond to God with love and to approach each other in Christian love. This love is made evident throughout history as God has made countless acts on behalf of creation for our restoration! I wonder Mary did you know all that Jesus would do and has done!? For love came down at Christmas.

On the third week of December your preacher will bring to you, expressions of great comfort and joy. For in this season there is rarely a silent night when the son of god arrives! So sing ye merry gentlemen for this is no ordinary happiness. It is an overwhelming joy for us, for our neighbor and joy to the world!

On the fourth week of December your preacher will bring to you, an ushering in of the king of peace. For it is a great and mighty wonder that God would bend low, be made flesh, walk among us, taking upon himself all worry and strife. They would give him the name Jesus, which means Immanuel, God with us. Humbly he will lay away in a manger, and humbly he will serve all.

Finally, on the fifth week of December we will discover our legitimate limitations and our need to lean on higher authority. Knowing when to defer or retreat back to safety is something we can discern with God. Whether three kings of orient are bearing gifts or whether king Herod is chasing you down, we can rest in the assurance that God will take care of you!

Beloved, in this holiday season, may you remember your redeemer. May each twinkling light and every Christmas decoration remind you of the community of faith that celebrates Christ's birthday with you!

Shalom to you all.

*Pastor Ross*

P. S. See how many hymns you can identify in the letter above!



# youth young adults

**What is God doing in Youth Ministry?** I have to share with you how wonderful our Unite York Retreat was this year! Each November we head to Camp Hebron with 4 other York youth groups for a weekend of games, worship, friendship, messages, and faith growth. This year, it seemed like we would have a smaller group attending, and at the last minute we ended up with almost our entire group! I believe God had a purpose for each youth to be on this retreat, and He made a way for it to happen. Several of our youth had powerful moments of God moving and speaking to them, and they have talked about how meaningful the worship and messages were. All messages this year were given by current students or recent graduates from the various youth groups. They did a wonderful job, and our students were really able to relate to and connect with them! It seems that God is working to bring healing to various aspects of our students' lives, and He's simultaneously moving them to serve and show Jesus to others. It's beautiful, and we ask for your continued prayers in their journeys!

I cannot believe it's Advent season already. We're excited for the various church-wide activities and events coming up and to continue this spirit of service through sorting Christmas cards and other seasonal activities. With this season of the year comes some schedule shifting through December, so be sure to take note of that. January, weather-permitting, will be a bit more "regular" with the added events of snow tubing and ice skating!

**What is God doing in Young Adult Ministry?** He is stirring up some REALLY great conversation that is challenging and enhancing our faith! Our Sunday am Growth Group is reading through *The Shack* by William Paul Young. Young presents an addictive story and extremely deep, cleverly presented theology that opens us up to a new perspective on who God truly is. We've really enjoyed talking through the questions this book has raised for us, as well as the shift in perspective it offers. Our young adults have an admirable way of holding on to their core beliefs, while being open to new ideas. Participants and leaders alike have been growing in the best ways from our reading and conversations. Additionally, it is SUCH a joy to spend monthly Coffee Shops with this group. We talk about life, eat and drink good stuff, and laugh A LOT! There is so much about this small group of people that reminds me of biblical Christian community and we are thankful for all God is doing!

**Check Out the Bulletin Boards for Schedules!**

**Jessica Feldmann**  
Youth/Young Adult Director  
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**Have you seen this box in our upper parking lot? Do you know how this box can serve our immediate community as well as our church?** Community Aid believes in "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" by providing clothing, accessories, and small household items to those who are most in need. Community Aid recently purchased, renovated, and has opened a store in the old Bon Ton location at Queensgate Shopping Center. All items collected through boxes like ours go to that location and are available for anyone who has a need. Items are priced at a minute fraction of the value so that they are easily accessible to those who need them most. Additionally, Pleasureville UMC receives \$.04 per pound of all donations picked up from the box. The average monthly income is \$30 per month. In exchange for our participation in this valuable community resource, we also receive clothing cards which can be given to those within our congregation as well as our local neighbors to be used to purchase items from the store. Most recently, the leftover clothing from our Free Clothing Day was donated to Community Aid. Items you may deposit into the box are clothing, shoes, purses, belts, ties, hat, bed sheets and curtains, pots, pans and other kitchenware, books, CDs, DVDs and such. Items you may **not** deposit are textbooks, encyclopedias, library books, VHS or cassette tapes, infant furnishings, computer, towels and blankets, tools, exercise equipment. **Join us in helping our neighbors by being good neighbors through Community Aid.**

## From the Desk of Al Mundis

The best future is when you receive Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessing He alone can give. You can look ahead to the Christmas season and all the years to come in Him. And, beyond our years here on earth, we have eternity. The Bible is full of information about that. God does not want us to be doubtful about our everlasting home. He has promised that He will create a new heaven and a new earth (*Rev. 21*) that will be dominated by a great and glorious city. The throne of God will be there and we will be there, too. The city will be bright like crystal with high walls and deep foundations. We will worship Him face to face. Our bodies will be glorified, like the perfect body of Jesus. God will wipe away all our tears and we will forever be with the Lord.

Sometimes it is a traumatic experience that awakens us to our need of a Savior; other times it's a still, small voice of the Holy Spirit that flows into our hears with the sweetness of the season. However, whenever and wherever God speaks to you, there is no better time for a fresh start than by giving your life wholly to Jesus Christ today.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and New Year!

*Al Mundis*

The Food Pantry at PUMC continues to be a blessing to the community around our church. Please continue to bring non-perishable items in on the 1st Sunday of each month to keep our pantry stocked. Pray that those who receive food would also desire the Bread of Life; as their hunger for food is sated, may they begin to hunger for Jesus as well. **Thank you** to all who donated turkeys for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We fed 16 local families this year and look forward to feeding more with our Christmas baskets on December 20.



*Jane Geib*

## YOUR TRUSTEES AT WORK

Members of the Trustee Committee are constantly busy keeping the building and grounds in repair and presentable. We appreciate all help we receive from members of the congregation in achieving this task. There are still many major things that need to be done.

The parking lot needs to be repaired, lights in the All Purpose Room need to be replaced, and the floor covering in the Overflow Room needs to be replaced. As funds become available, we will complete these projects. If you would like to donate to the APR lighting project, please do so by marking "APR Lighting" on your Building Fund envelope. Each light will cost \$85; you may sponsor lights or simply make a donation toward the total expense of \$1,190.

Important: If you are the last person to leave any area of the building, please be certain that all lights, heat, air-conditioning are turned off or set properly and all interior doors are closed and exterior doors locked. This will help greatly in reducing operating expenses.

*Ken Kreiger, Chair*  
Trustees

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

After a quite full Fall season, we look forward to the Advent celebrations and winter special events!



### Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 13, 10 am—1 pm

We will hold practice for the Advent Play and then enjoy celebration and a pizza party!



### The Little Drummer Dude Saturday, December 21, 6 pm

All are encouraged to join us as we hear the story of the little drummer boy, a band of Persia's finest musicians and a king who isn't so happy to hear about Jesus' birth. The evening will end with a Cooke & Milk bar! Donations of cookies are welcomed that evening.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Family Game Night**  
Saturday, January 18  
*Details to follow!*



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jacob Swartz
- 4 Barry VanTassel
- 5 Donna Dherit
- 8 Lois Mintun
- 9 Cheryl Holliday  
Kelley Spangenburg
- 11 Wanda Laughman
- 13 Anna Mae Dennis
- 14 Mike Dherit
- 18 Jessica Aisquity  
Pam Horst
- 19 Dave Burkhardt
- 21 Jean DeLouis
- 23 Penny Williams
- 24 Larie Snelbaker
- 25 Scott Glatfelter
- 26 Charlie Poff
- 27 Kelley Gibson  
Sharon Jennings  
Don Strausbaugh
- 28 Annie Platts
- 29 Angel Swartz
- 30 Amber DeLouis  
Pat Kessler  
Carole Plowman  
Martha Thomas



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jane Perrit
- 4 Susan Springer
- 6 Duane Bell  
Patricia Fink
- 9 Sue Volansky
- 10 Deloris Lehr  
Janet Meisenhelter
- 12 Sara Strausbaugh
- 13 Leslie Noss
- 14 Shirley Ausherman  
Denny Fink
- 17 Cathy Gotwalt  
Rick Lehr
- 19 Keith Kottcamp
- 21 Linda Feeser  
Phil Gibson  
Lori Lehman
- 22 Roxanne Harman  
Gerrick Messersmith  
Bob Perrit
- 24 Donna Bubb
- 25 Dean Hall
- 26 Bob Zuver, Jr.
- 28 Doug Bell
- 29 Delores Haag

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Glenn & Linda Feeser



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Doug & Lori Tyger
- 10 Eric & Jessica Aisquith



**THANKFUL WE ARE UNITED IN MISSIONS**

There are so many ways you have reached out to support mission efforts here in our community and around the world. By the end of October we collected 28 shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts for children in Haiti. The boxes will be delivered in November to New Missions in Orlando who will then distribute them in Haiti. We have partnered with New Missions for several years to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus to children and young people living in poverty.

On October 9 members of our congregation came together to prepare 200 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless and needy members of the York community. We partnered with Starview UCC, who prepared a hot meal to be distributed along with the bag lunches. This project was sponsored by Helping Hands for the Homeless.

We thank you for the how of support and interest during the Faith Promise Weekend, November 2-3. We were blessed by the update given by Tuvya Zuretsky, our missionary who works with Jews for Jesus. They are seeing increased interest in the gospel within the Jewish community. Many Jews are non-observant and are open to hearing about the possibility that Jesus is their Messiah. We are having an impact on this evangelistic effort through our prayers and financial support.

World Hunger Sunday in the United Methodist Church was recognized on November 17. The UMC is asking that each church collect \$1 per member toward this need.

As of the end of October we still needed \$6,300 to fulfill our pledges to missionaries for 2019. If you have not fulfilled your Faith Promise Pledge, please plan to do so. Any special gift toward Missions will be appreciated as well. Our missionaries are our partner working in areas where we cannot physically go.

Duane Swartz will be the new Chair of Missions for 2020; pray for Duane as he leads us in our efforts to reach our community and the world! Our 2020 Budget for Faith Promise has been set at \$20,00-. Please pray and ask the Lord how you might be used to meet the goal. Pray and give, YoUnited in Missions!  
 Karen Smith, Chair of Missions

**ALTAR FLOWERS**—If you wish to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, sign up on the Flower chart in the upper lobby. The price is \$32. Use an offering envelope, indicating "Altar Flowers" and place in the offering.



**DECEMBER MEETINGS**

- 12/5 Missions, 6 pm
- 12/10 AD Council  
6:30 pm

**JANUARY MEETINGS**

- 1/2 Missions, 6 pm  
Trustees, 6:30 pm
- 1/13 Staff, 5:30 pm
- 1/14 AD Council  
6:30 pm

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



**R.O.P.E.O. (Retired Old People Eat Out Club)** Come weekly for Monday morning breakfast at the **Memory Lane** Round the Clock Diner at 9:30 am

Come for a time of Christian fellowship, make new friends, & share with old friends! Anyone & any age is welcome, so bring a friend. For more information, contact Ken Kreiger 717-851-1031.



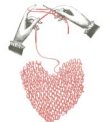
**PUMAS (age 50+)**  
4th Thursday each month 10 am in the APR.

*Please note: PUMAS will now only meet once monthly*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm**

**Contact Jane Perritt for location**



**1st Saturday of each Month  
8 am at the Church**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 & 11:11a Growth Groups 10a Youth Group 6:30-8:30p Sobriety 1st 7:30p	2	3	4 Food Pantry 9-11a Homework Hangout 6-9p Sobriety 1st 7:30p	5 Missions 6p Trustees 6:30p	6	7
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**Church Office Closed 12/25—1/2**

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# January 2020

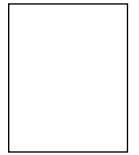


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Facebook: @ Pleasureville United Methodist Church  
@ The Journey

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Worship Times: 9:00 am Blended 10:00 am Growth Groups 11:11 am Contemporary Church Office Hours: 9 am—4 pm Monday & Wednesday
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### PUMC Statement of Mission:

To pray, visit, care, and serve all households of Pleasureville  
for the growth of the Kingdom to  
the glory of God.

