

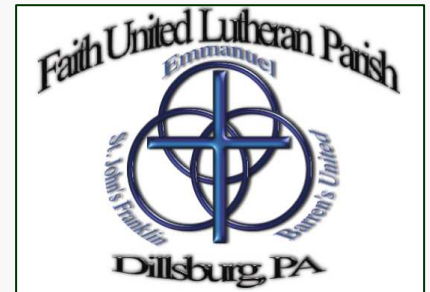
Message from Pastor Roy

As a child, my best friends and good neighbors were Roman Catholics. I am sure I am not alone in this, but despite my good experiences, I held a level of suspicion toward Roman Catholics and their Church. Fortunately, my education, experiences, and the Spirit clunking me over the head with the Scriptures have helped me to see the true unity of the church which is not undermined by church political traditions and structures.

Might it be that our outright and subconscious misgivings about the Roman Catholic Church cause us to assume that we are confessing loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church when we recite the creedal phrase, "I believe in the holy, catholic church?" Perhaps Protestant suspicions of the Roman Church persist today more than between Protestant denominations because the Roman Church understands itself as the true representation of the church. Further, it understands the Pope, its spiritual head, to be the supreme authority for the whole church.

Here is a little history on the Roman Catholic Church and its divide from the Orthodox Church. The Roman Church is one of the ancient, original, regional churches. These

ancient, "Orthodox," churches view one another, and their patriarchs, as equals. Beginning in the fourth century after the Nicene Creed was confirmed by a council of the whole ("catholic") church, a disagreement arose between the western church (Rome) and the Orthodox churches culminating in a meeting in AD 1054 between the Pope and the representative patriarch of the other churches who simultaneously excommunicated one another, walked away, and never "came back." The church was officially and effectively split, and the divide remains to this day. The Eastern Church and the Roman Church both have their expectations concerning how reunification could occur, but the main sticking point is Rome's tradition of its own unique authority (based on their interpretation of the conversation between Jesus and Peter, being the first head bishop of Rome-- "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church. . .") and the rest of the church's unwillingness to accept that interpretation. In my opinion, the conflict reveals the brokenness of humanity even as we seek to be humble and open to the Spirit of God. Unholy pride and mistrust easily arise in our traditions and institutions and result in



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division and loss of fellowship.

The question thus arises frequently, "Why *do* we use the word "catholic" rather than "Christian" (as we *used* to!) when we recite the creeds?" The original Greek in the creed uses the word kath" (according to) "holos" (the whole) cath holos/catholic. The whole creed and church is Christian, but "Christian" does not in any way translate the original intention of this line in the creed. As the Roman Catholic population began to grow in



the United States, people began to assume that “holy, catholic church” referred not to the entire church of Jesus Christ, but specifically to the Roman Catholic Church. Wanting to avoid confusion and not wishing to appear to confess allegiance to a Church to which they did not belong, they substituted the general word “Christian” for the specific word “catholic.” As the American credal (non-Roman Catholic) churches began to take stock of their liturgical heritage and began in the ‘70s to bring their worship more into alignment with the ancient traditions of the church, they also encouraged a return to the original wording of the line “holy, catholic church.” Again, little “c” catholic does not refer to a specific part of the church, but to the universality of the church, the “holos”-- whole--church. This part of the creed reminds us that

we are globally “one” regardless of our tribal tendencies to divide and assume the worst about “those people” we don’t know well.

It might not feel that we are one, but according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are. We are one church united in the love and mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thus, let us boldly confess that unity every week when we say “I believe in (One--Nicene) the holy, catholic church.”

Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Reformed, Baptist, Mennonite, Brethren, and all are One. Thanks be to God for the unity of love which knows no limits!

Pastor Roy

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE - OCTOBER 5, 2014

To help care for the many abandoned, abused, and stray dogs, cats, and kittens that are at the shelter, the service’s offering (\$100.00) was donated to the Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation.





MOVIE NIGHT

The movie from October was ‘The Black Stallion’, and starred Mickey Rooney as a veteran horse trainer, and this film follows the further adventures of the stallion from Walter Farley’s book, where he is entered in France’s biggest horse race. There’s plenty of action and suspense as a villain’s attempt to stop the stallion from ever competing again, will keep you glued to your seat to see if his scheme is successful. There were 8 youth and 6 adults in attendance. Movie night for November was cancelled due to being so close to Trick-or-Treat night.

MISSION OF MERCY (MOM)
OCTOBER, 2014

Thanks so much to everyone who donated snack items and water for the patients at Mission of Mercy. They were gone before lunchtime!!



FALL MUSIC FEST - OCTOBER 11, 2014

The Fall Music Fest was very successful. There were 83 in attendance and the comments at the conclusion were all extremely positive. The musicians and the vocalists all had performed flawlessly and their energy just seemed to flow over into the audience. Upon observation, you could not help but notice the swaying in the seats and the hand clapping to the rhythm of the music. The very last song included everyone

standing, holding hands and all singing together, and praying the Lord’s Prayer. It was indeed very moving. Those in attendance stayed longer than ever before, enjoying the refreshments and the great fellowship after the program was completed. The total amount raised was \$460.00, and it was presented to New Hope Ministries the following Monday morning. Thanks to all that participated!





FARMER'S FAIR SENIOR KING & QUEEN - OCTOBER 2014



The Farmers Fair Senior King and Queen for 2014 came from our very own Parish. Yes, Joan and Norm Hess were selected and reined in a most appreciative manner. Their official coronation featured the placing of their Royal sashes by none other than their daughter, Sue. There were many members of the community, friends, family, and their Parish on hand all weekend to extend their approval and congratulations. They made a fine addition to the long list of those selected to this prestigious honor.



For their dedication to charitable and civic organizations, and the community, the Dillsburg Senior Center and the Farmers' Fair Community Fair Association join together to congratulate Norm and Joan Hess, on their selection as 2014 Farmers' Fair King and Queen!

"WANTED" PASTOR ROY AND WOODY MYERS!



Northern High School guard flags from the marching band show this year with their "Wanted" photos on them.



HERITAGE DAY PARISH SERVICE - OCTOBER 19, 2014

With approximately 65 in attendance, our Heritage Day parish service was enjoyed by all. The outdoor tribute was given by the Rev. John Uhler from Easton, PA, at the grave of John Baish, Jr., who seems to have been the only casualty from the parish. Michael Baish, a nephew of John, Jr. was in attendance; Michael had just come from Alaska (where he lives). Much thanks to Doug Riley who was instrumental in getting the WWII re-enactors for our outdoor tribute.





GARDEN OF HOPE



The last of the turnips have been dug out and taken to New Hope Ministries. After adding up all the weight for the vegetables that were grown, the total was 617.5 pounds. Now this is a little less than last year, but we have to remember that there are some well-fed rabbits in that immediate area that enjoyed our efforts very much. The garden has had a healthy dose of fertilizer applied, and it (along with the left over vegetation) has been tilled under and is now ready for the long winter season. Our sincere appreciation to Loren Swivel for donating the space for the garden and her help in working it; Laura Malinoski for her assistance and delivery; Ron Henry for taking charge and directing the whole operation; and Wally Foreman for helping with any work that had to be done. New Hope Ministries was always very appreciative for the donations and the efforts of all.

CARINGS & SHARINGS

eNews of the Lower Susquehanna Synod

October 22, 2014

From Tiny Seeds to Abundant Harvest

The crisp winds of October are ushering in cool Autumn rains and blowing the colorful leaves from the trees. Across our synod congregations are finishing up the harvest from their community gardens and putting the beds and fields to rest for the winter. Gardeners from Barren's and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches, two of the three congregations that comprise Faith United Parish in Dillsburg, once again donated hundreds of pounds of fresh produce from their "Garden of Hope" to New Hope Ministries, ensuring that local residents dealing with food insecurity have spinach, radishes, cabbage, onions, beets, beans, turnips, corn, melons, and other fresh vegetables on their plates.



"A neat thing about the Garden of Hope is that it is dependent on folks from both Emmanuel and Barren's, a truly joint effort," said Pastor Roy Stetler. The garden began when Emmanuel church member Loren Swivel was riding her horse down the farm lane and decided that there was plenty of room along the border of one of the fields to plant a garden instead of watching weeds grow.

"Since we started in 2009, we have given New Hope Ministries about 3380 pounds of fresh vegetables," said Swivel. "We received a grant of \$600.00 from our synod to get started, but since then we have donated the plants and seeds or received some donations from a local business and our high school agriculture department.

"Almost anyone can start a community garden," added Swivel. "and I'd be happy to help congregations get going with a project."

HAYRIDE/CHILI COOKOFF - NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Early November winds and ample sunshine were traveling companions to those who embarked on this year's hayride. Warm clothing and blankets were the dress code of the day. The countryside was basked in sunshine and the autumn colors were bright and crisp. It was a near perfect day for a leisurely and relaxing ride through the rolling countryside. Of course, nothing puts the finishing touches on a great hayride like hearty stick-to-the-ribs food. The eight entries in the Annual Chili Cookoff, hotdogs, and desserts were a welcomed addition to the day's events. Each pot of chili offered its distinct personality to the meal: hot & spicy, sweet, savory, or somewhere in between. Just to let you in on a little secret...there is rumor that next year's event might include a chicken wings category. Sssshhh...more details on that later...



Our most distinguished panel of judges: Dustin Saltzburg, MaryJo Rodriguez, and Steve Morret had the difficult task of choosing winners in four categories: Spicy, Best Overall, Sweet, and Most Original. Judging was done by blind taste testing. Each entry was identified only by a number assigned at the moment before judging began.



Winners: Whitney Saltzburg (Spicy), Ellen Hampton (Best Overall), Dave Arndt (Sweet), and Paul Mahady (Most Original). Great job, chef's!!

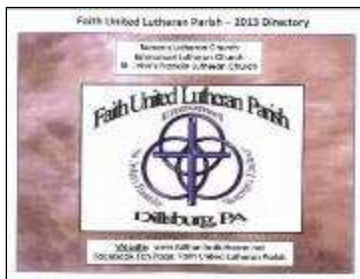


HARVEST HOME - NOVEMBER 9, 2014

We applaud Emmanuel's generous Harvest Home donations (over 200 pounds!). A nice amount of food was given for New Hope Ministries to help those in need. Thanks to all who helped with each church's displays and then transporting it to New Hope.



PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES



Please let Deb Racer know of any changes to our directory so they can be listed in our issues of the "Noteworthy News" newsletters. Deb can be contacted at the parish office (432-4802) or by email (secretaryfulp@gmail.com).

- John Bobb - New address/phone is: **3921 Trail Ridge Rd., Middleburg, FL 32068; 904-291-1024**
- Ruth Hesser - Moved out of area October 2014

ADVENT BOOK STUDY/MOVIE

Advent Book Study - The story of the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge is a meaningful story for people of faith and a wonderful story to study as part of the Advent journey to the manger outside Bethlehem. As a result, we will be studying the text of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* complemented by a three-part discussion on Wednesdays at 1:00PM at the Square Bean. Using scenes from the movie, we will join Filey's in a discussion of the following topics:

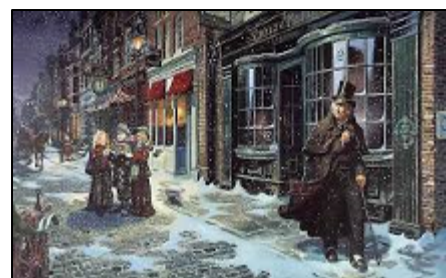
"How did I get here?" Wed, **December 3**

"What am I doing?" Wed, **December 10**

"Where am I going?" Wed, **December 17**

Movie Night - Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* -

As a kick-off to our Advent book study, there will be a showing of the movie at Filey's on Sunday, **November 30** from **3-5 pm**. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided, but feel free to bring your own snacks to share. Even if you can't make the study groups, we hope that you come out and enjoy this classic film with us.



SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

The days are getting shorter, temperatures are falling, and snow will be an issue at some point. So, once again it's time to think about Snow Watch. If weather makes travel or parking lots too dangerous to hold services and all three churches choose to cancel services, we will announce it on ABC 27 under the name "Faith United Luth Dillsbgr." If one or two churches cancel we will notify through more internal means (phone calls or email). If you do not feel safe traveling, please stay at home!



MISSION OF MERCY

Ellen Hampton's next day at **Mission of Mercy** is **December 5**. If anyone would like to donate crackers/cookies (individual packets) or water, please bring them to Barren's by Nov. 30 or see that Ellen receives them before Dec. 5.

Christmas Candlelight Walking Tour

sponsored by Mechanicsburg Museum

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Tours - 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00

Each Tour is approximately 2 hours.
Candlelight tour of all Museum buildings.
Refreshments served at several locations.
All buildings decorated for the Holidays.

Fees: Adults \$10 per person
Children 3-9, \$5.00
Children 2 & under, free

Pre-registration is required by calling 697-0177.

Tickets sent upon receipt of payment.
Payments not refundable.
Reservations available until November 22, 2014.
Tour group size is limited.

Mechanicsburg Museum Association • 2 West Strawberry Alley • Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 • (717) 697-6188 • www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS



Meetings will be held in the sanctuaries immediately following worship as follows:

Emmanuel's – **December 7**

St. John's Franklin – **December 7** - followed by decorating for the holiday season with a hand lunch.

Barren's – **December 14**

Every voting member should plan to attend their congregational meeting!



Our Parish is having a community night fundraiser at Hoss's Steak & Sea House in Mechanicsburg Saturday, December 13. There are cards at each church with our group # on them. Pick up a few cards and pass them out to your friends and neighbors. Bring your card and dine at Hoss's Dec. 13 and our organization takes home 20-25 percent of the total spent that night using our group # cards.



Prayer for World Peace

Great God, who has told us
 “Vengeance is mine,”
 save us from ourselves,
 save us from the vengeance in our hearts
 and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt,
 to punish as we have been punished,
 to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

Give us the strength it takes
 to listen rather than to judge,
 to trust rather than to fear,
 to try again and again
 to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace
 to be our best selves.
 We ask for the vision
 to be builders of the human community
 rather than its destroyers.
 We ask for the humility as a people
 to understand the fears and hopes of other people.
 We ask for the love it takes
 to bequeath to the children of the world to come
 more than the failures of our own making.
 We ask for the heart it takes
 to care for all the people
 of Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel
 as well as for ourselves.

Give us the depth of soul, O God,
 to constrain our might,
 to resist the temptations of power,
 to refuse to attack the attackable,
 to understand
 that vengeance begets violence,
 and to bring peace—not war—wherever we go.
 For you, O God, have been merciful to us.
 For you, O God, have been patient with us.
 For you, O God, have been gracious to us.

And so may we be merciful
 and patient
 and gracious
 and trusting
 with these others whom you also love.

This we ask through Jesus,
 the one without vengeance in his heart.
 This we ask forever and ever. Amen.

— Joan Chittister
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NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Our Parish is **collecting 175 lbs. of one-pound sticks or tubs of margarine/butter for New Hope Ministries** Christmas Baskets. New Hope will store all margarine/butter collected for us; bring them in cold and we'll see that they get to New Hope. We will be collecting margarine/butter through **December 14**.



FITZKEE'S CANDIES

Candy orders will be here **December 16**. You may pick up your candy at the Church House between 9:30-10am or 6-6:30pm. Any questions, please contact Ellen Hampton at 432-3732.

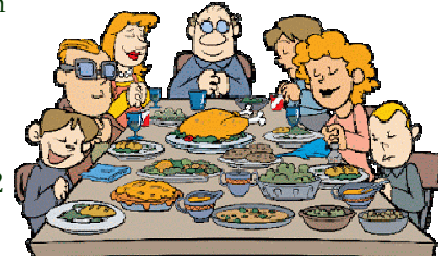


BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

All are welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran (Rts 15 and 114, Mech.) at 7PM **December 17** for a Blue Christmas Service. This is a time of worshipful, quiet reflection for those who are particularly weary of the commercial, superficial atmosphere this time of the year and wish to worship in implicity. Pastor Naomi Carriker will be leading the service.

NEW HOPE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will again be sponsoring the Christmas dinner for the After-School Program for New Hope, **December 19** at 6:30PM in the Church House. If you would like to donate food items or help serve, please contact Ellen Hampton at 432-3732 or 319-0570.



MUGS-N-MUFFINS



8:00AM Mugs-N-Muffins schedule for the next 3 months:

- **December** - Cancelled
- January 17 at Barren's
- February 21 at Emmanuel

MEN'S BREAKFAST



8:00AM Men's Breakfast (at Baker's Restaurant in Dillsburg) schedule for the next 3 months:

- **December 20**
- January 17
- February 21

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN



It is time once again for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Details are much the same as in previous years in that the big, familiar red kettle will be located in front of the Hallmark store by the Giant on RT. 15. We will ring the bell every Friday and Saturday starting November 14 and then every day the week of Christmas.

If you haven't participated in the past, give it a try and you'll be helping your neighbors in need right here in Dillsburg. New Hope Ministries is an agent for the Salvation Army and 90% of the money we raise goes directly to New Hope in Dillsburg.

There are 72 slots in two-hour increments to fill this year and we can't do this without your help. Here's the link to the sign-up sheet which has additional details. Questions, call Patty Williams at 432-8777.

<http://www.timetosignup.com/sabellringing>

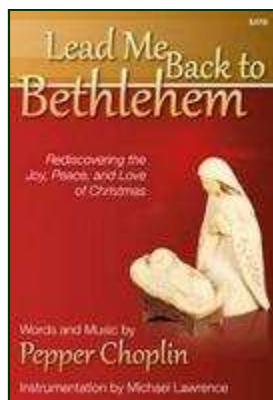
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24 - Come celebrate our Savior's birth! Emmanuel with Holy Communion at 7:00PM – Pastor Roy St. John's – Combined service with Mountainview at 7:00PM Barren's with Holy Communion at 10:30PM – Pastor Roy



CHRISTMAS CANTATA PARISH SERVICE

December 28 10:30AM at Barren's



The parish choir has been working very hard and diligently on this year's Christmas Cantata! It is taking a lot of effort on their part; and we are sure their efforts will not be in vane. Please join us Dec. 28 at Barren's to rediscover the joy, peace, and love of Christmas! Pastor Roy & Pastor Debbie will be presiding and the choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "***Lead Me Back to Bethlehem***" as part of our Holy Communion Service. The hope of the Cantata will be to help draw you into God's presence...may the spirit lead you back to experience the miracle of the Child's birth, the joy of the shepherds, the mystery of the star and the men who followed it. May your place of worship become *your* Bethlehem as you gather to worship the Savior, Christ the Lord. Then, may we all go out from *our* Bethlehem refreshed and renewed to embody the angels' message: *Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill to men!*



END-OF-YEAR-CONTRIBUTIONS



MaryJo and Deb will need to switch the computer to the new year (2015)... so, to help make this transition easier, please remember that all contributions for the 2014 tax year must be in the church office or postmarked no later than **December 31, 2014.** That way they can perform their End-Of-Year procedures, reports, giving statements, etc. in a timely fashion. Any questions or concerns, please let them know.

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Kirchenwald to host annual Retreat

January 2-4, 2015

3rd-9th graders welcome!

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates. Registration \$135.00. To get more info or to register, visit: <http://www.lutherancamping.org/events/wyr.php>



WINTERFEST

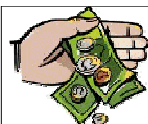
Hungry for Winterfest? Our annual synod event for **senior-high youth, young adults and their advisors** is scheduled for **January 2-4, 2015.** This year's theme, "hungry," will help youth focus on the ways they are fed by Christ, and equipped to go out to feed others. New this year are our video and social media challenge we call "Fed to Feed," plus learning tracks for adults led by the Youth Ministry Certification School team at Gettysburg Seminary and by new synod Resource Network Director, Marsha Roscoe. Come learn about the new Center for Faith Formation at Lower Susquehanna Synod, and how we can help you with education ministries across all generations. All this, and the great fellowship and faithful conversations that Winterfest offers.

Registration is open.

Learn more or register at: <http://www.lss-elca.org/youth-family/events/winterfest/>.



THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$\$



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

Just a reminder that any Thrivent Choice Dollars that your accounts may produce need to be assigned to an organization by you on a regular basis. If not, they will expire. Previously, you could designate your church organization and they would

automatically be sent. Now, you need to personally get to your account and assign them on a quarterly, semi-annually, or annual basis or the choice expires and the dollars are lost. So, if you would like the church to receive a few extra dollars, you need to do a little extra work!

OUTREACH MEETINGS FOR 2015

All at 7:00pm at Barren's:

January 19

July 20

March 16

September 21

May 18

November 16

2015 FISH ITEMS FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES



Like past years, the **first Sunday of every month** is still going to be **FISH** Sunday (**F**ood **I**s **S**o **H**elpful) at all 3 churches. Each month of the year there will be a specific item(s) to bring to church for New Hope Ministries. Place the item(s) in your church's designated area/box and please check the expiration dates on the items.

Following are the item(s) for 2015:

- January (2015) – Cereals or Spices
- February (2015) – Soups/Crackers
- March (2015) – Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap
- April (2015) – Canned Fruits/Vegetables
- May (2015) – Pasta/Sauces/Ketchup/Mustard
- June (2015) – Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Spam)
- July (2015) – Vegetable or Potato Mixes
- August (2015) – Peanut Butter/Jelly
- September (2015) – Cereals or Baby Food
- October (2015) – Sweet Potatoes/Paper Towels
- November (2015) – Cranberry Sauce/Gravy Mixes
- December (2015) – Sauerkraut/Diapers - any size

CODORUS STATE PARK - PARISH CAMPING WEEKEND

This year we will be trying something new with our Group Camping. We will be going to **Codorus State Park** near Hanover. Everyone will make their own campsite reservation. We will be using Loop C in the area of Numbers 110, 112, 114 for trailers/pop-ups and Number 130 for tents. Bathrooms/showers are close. Dates for camping are **Friday, June 26 - Monday, June 29**. Check-in time is 3:00pm on Friday and check-out time is 3:00pm on Monday. You can choose what days/nights you want to stay and also the campsite you'd like. I will just have to know prior to making menus as to who is going. You can go to www.visitPAparks.com to make your reservation. Try to make your reservation as soon as you can so that we all get to be close together. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Hampton at 319-0570.



PARISH BLOOD DRIVES FOR 2015

We will once again have two Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank drives during 2015 and they are scheduled for:

April 13 and September 14



Jan Keslar will have more information closer to the date of the blood drives.

PARISH SERVICES - 2015

The following dates are tentatively scheduled for upcoming combined/parish services in 2015:

- **May 24** (Memorial Day) at Emmanuel
- **August 2** (Parish service and picnic) at Latimore Twp. Park
- **September 6** (Labor Day) at Barren's
- **October 18** (Heritage Day) at St. John's
- **December 27** (Lessons and Carols) at CLC Filey's



THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

Thanks To The Following: Thank you to Bill Smith for all his effort in planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers all summer long at St. John's Franklin Church.

From all the flower admirers

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to Deb Racer for all her help in creating the awesome brochure of the Garden Of Hope for distribution at Farmers' Fair in October. Way to go Deb!

Loren Swivel

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you for your generosity in giving tithes and offerings and for supporting New Hope Ministries in their gift and food drives (Harvest Home and Christmas baskets).

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you Pam Arndt for your worship leadership in the parish and Vicar Micki Kautz for your help at Franklin.

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you Wally Foreman, Deb Racer, Marlene Stiffler, and Tammy Wagner for your help in finding worship volunteers and organizing them.

Thanks To The Following:

A sincere thank you to all who donated & volunteered at Emmanuel's Farmer's Fair Stand & helped make it the success that it was. We especially thank Dot, Jan & George who spent many hours canning the sauerkraut, pickled beets, pickles, etc. this past summer .

Thanks To The Following:

Thanks to everyone who donated drinks, candy, etc. for our annual "Trick or Treat" stand in Franklinton. A special thank you to Charlie for donating the hot dogs & buns and Norm for grilling! Again, we served over 100 hot dogs & had a fun evening seeing all the interesting costumes & happy kids.



Thanks To The Following:

Thank you to all the choir members who enrich our worship with presence and song.

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you to Woody and Ralph for driving tractors for the hay ride and Pam and Mary Jo for handling the chili and snacks when the hungry hordes returned looking for "grub."

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you to all who attended the Pet Blessing and gave \$100 toward the Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation.

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you to all who give of your time for Farmer's Fair for the good of the Dillsburg community.

Thanks To The Following:

Thank you council secretaries for your efforts in recording minutes and getting them to Deb for our newsletter publication.

Thanks To The Following:

Pastor Roy, I wanted to let you know that I have moved out of the area. I have thoroughly enjoyed your sermons - truly well thought out and insightful. I know I am better for them. I did try the local Lutheran Church in the nearby town of Blakeslee; it was nice and a good sermon, but you are a tough act to follow - you set the bar pretty high. Take care and thank you for stopping in to visit my mom from time-to-time. She always enjoys your talks.

Ruth Hessert





Barren's Council Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2014 at St. John's

Call to order with reading and prayer by Pastor Roy

Approval of:

Comptrollers Report: For Sept. and Oct. 2014 to date, Woody 1st, Jeff 2nd

Treasurers Report; Carl: No change

Pastor's Report: Marcy 1st, Neil 2nd

Minutes from Sept. 9, 2014: Woody 1st, Jeff 2nd

Building and Property Report: Woody is contacting Comcast regarding work on the church grounds not completed properly. Woody said lights in basement seem to be working.

Old Business:

- Council has voted on buying two new youth robes and two new adult robes for the youth who choose to wear them while serving as Acolyte and Crucifer. All four gowns will be white with zippers and cost will be approximately \$100. Chris 1st, Marcy 2nd.
- MaryJo informed council that Whitney has purchased the Shark Navigator multi surface vacuum cleaner.

- Suggestions are welcome as to how the funds raised by their "flamingo flocking" and Giant gift cards could be used for our youth group. Their schedules make it difficult to get together as a group.
- A chili cook-off and hay ride will be held at Barrens church house on Nov. 2 at 2:00 pm. Rain or snow date is Nov. 9 at 2:00 pm. All are welcome and we cordially invite Filey's to join us

New Business:

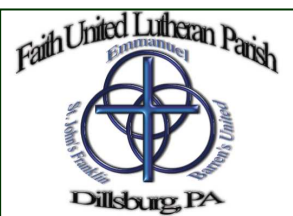
- 175 one-pound tubs of margarine are needed for Christmas by New Hope who will store all margarine collected. They need them by no later than Sunday, Dec. 14 .
- MaryJo, Comptroller, has created an e-mail account dedicated to e-mails for better organization and communication regarding Parish matters: treasurefulp@gmail.com.

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer, Woody 1st, Mary 2nd .

Attendance:

- Carl Shearer
- Chris Cressler
- Laura Malinoski
- Jeff Kreider
- Marcy Renshaw
- Neil Mummert
- MaryJo Rodriguez
- Woody Myers
- Mary Lutz

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Lutz,
Council Secretary



FULP's Abbreviated Council Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2014 at St. John's

Secretaries' Report
Financial Report
Pastor's Report } all were accepted by motion.

Business:

- Council went over budget and Woody made a motion to accept with changes added. Laura 2nd and motion carried.
- Motion made to have only the minutes that are approved printed in newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: In September- \$2,450.00 collected for giant cards, \$300.00 was given for funerals and \$5.00 donated for blood drive.

In August- \$1,850.00 collected for Giant cards, \$175.00 collected for youth, and \$50.00 given for a funeral. Loose cash from picnic totaled \$46.12. Report voted on and carried.

Next meeting will be at St. John's on November 11.

Attendance:

- Pastor Roy Stetler
- Ron Henry
- Charles Erford
- Marlene Stiffler
- Gayle Kolivras
- Carl Shearer
- Nancy Bobb
- Laura Malinoski
- Mary Jo Rodriguez

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Bobb, Secretary



Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2014 at St. John's

Vice President Sonny Erford called the meeting to order at 7:07PM

Attendance:
 Sonny Erford
 Ron Henry
 Helen Kilgore
 Barb Zeigler
 Pastor Roy

Approval of:

- Secretary's Report – 1ST by Helen Kilgore, 2nd by Ron Henry
- Financial Report – 1st by Helen Kilgore, 2nd by Ron Henry
- Pastor's Report – 1st by Helen Kilgore, 2nd by Ron Henry

Old Business:

- Chimney has been repaired. The total cost was \$212.00 .

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barb Zeigler, Secretary

New Business:

- The Farmers Fair stand made a total of \$1,569.00.
- Charlie Rinehart got both hot dogs and rolls for the Halloween stand.
- Our treat-or-trick night will be Thursday, October 30, 2014.
- Next Council meeting will be held November 11th .

Helen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron at 7:47.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



St. John's Franklin Council Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2014 at St. John's

Secretaries' Report
Financial Report
Pastor's Report } all were accepted by motion.

Treasurer Report - no changes from last month.

Business:

Budget meeting set for Nov. 5th at Marcy's home.

Next meeting at St. John's on Nov: 11.

Attendance:
 Clarence/Sandy Bachert
 Marlene Stiffler
 Nancy Bobb
 Gayle Kolivras

Respectfully Submitted,
 Nancy Bobb, Secretary

"God is the One whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere."

-Bonaventure

Advent

God is the relationship of love working among all things in creation. Advent is hoping and waiting to more fully experience this love. May we set ourselves to listen for the Spirit's call to wait...for the courage to act.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Barren's</u>	<u>Emmanuel</u>
Year-to-date income through October: \$ 72,282.01	Year-to-date income through October: \$ 57,021.15
Year-to-date expenses through October: \$108,553.55	Year-to-date expenses through October: \$ 64,990.31
Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2014: \$ -36,271.54	Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2014: \$ - 7,969.16
<u>St. John's Franklin</u>	<u>Faith United Lutheran Parish</u>
Year-to-date income through October: \$ 28,921 .00	Year-to-date income through October: \$ 124,725.77
Year-to-date expenses through October: \$ 34,964 .00	Year-to-date expenses through October: \$ 190,503.90
Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2014: \$ -6,043 .00	Year-to-date difference as of Oct. 31, 2014: \$ -65,778.13

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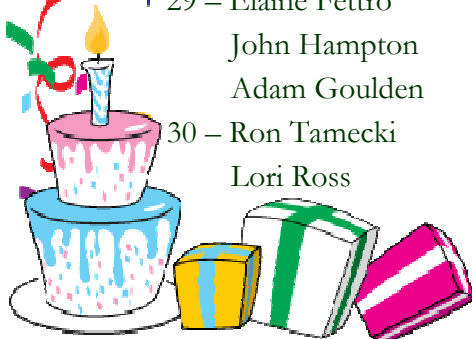
- 2 – Krysten Simmons
- 6 – Nancy Miller
- 9 – Emily Altland
- 11 – Willow Hoke
- 12 – Zach McCauslin
- 13 – Dot Heiges
- 14 – Jared Ross
- 15 – Diane Shearer
- 17 – Darwin Grove
- 19 – Tammy Wagner
- 21 – Deb Glenn
- 22 – Melissa Hoke
- 24 – Darlene Hershey
- 25 – Chad Weyandt
- 26 – Tammy Mummert
- 29 – Elaine Fetto
- John Hampton
- Adam Goulden
- 30 – Ron Tamecki
- Lori Ross

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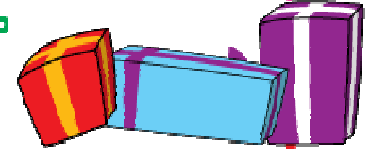
- 2 – Ellen Hampton
- 3 – Jacob Smith
- 5 – Blanche Henry
- Arnetta Kimmel
- 6 – John Bobb
- 7 – Debbie Butler
- 9 – Trudy Harlacker
- 10 – Jacob Stone
- 11 – Anne Harner
- MaryJo Rodriguez
- Jessica Leonard
- 12 – Tony Ross
- Logan Racer
- 13 – Carisa Harner
- 14 – Ray Fitton
- 15 – Karen Lenig
- 19 – Clyde Hershey
- 20 – Dan Miller
- Dawn Zinn



- 21 – Norma Myers
- 22 – Evelyn Diller
- Dannielle Eckenrode
- 23 – Jennifer Kreider
- Nancy Bobb
- 24 – Jordan Hoke
- Dustin Trump
- 25 – Carla Fishel
- 26 – Matthew Hoke
- 27 – Ellizanna Hershey
- 29 – Steve Zeigler



Happy Birthday!



SHAWL MINISTRY



To those who participate in the prayer shawl ministry, we currently have a number of "prayer shawls" to be given to the homebound and ill...thank you so much! Please consider making lap robes now... 45x36 should work well. Thank you for participating in this prayerful and compassionate ministry.

GIANT GIFT CARDS



Giant Gift Cards are here! All three churches have a supply ready for purchase. They can be used in any of their locations to purchase everything from party platters, groceries, to gasoline! They make the perfect thoughtful gift for college students, business associates, friends, or relatives, both near and far.

See:

- Woody Myers at Barren's
- Ron Henry at Emmanuel
- Nancy Bobb at St. John's

MEAL MINISTRY



Please contact Pastor Roy or **Laura Malinoski** if you, or someone else you know within our parish, may be in need of meals for any kind of reason. Please don't be afraid to ask for help for yourself or anyone else – it's why this program was started!



DECEMBER PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 7	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz
Dec. 14	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Marlene Stiffler/Bill Smith
Dec. 21	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Mountainview Cantata 9am
Dec. 24(Eve)	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Combined with Mountainview
Dec. 28	Pastor Roy Stetler Debbie Mahady	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 7	Linda Gochenauer	Charlie Rinehart	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 14	Mary Lutz	Barb Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 21	Jenn Kreider	Jack Zeigler	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 24(Eve)	Amber Shearer	Kevin Zinn	Gail Berkheimer
Dec. 28	TBD	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

Acolyte / (Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 7	Wade Kreider/Zoe Kreider	Dylan Harner	N/A
Dec. 14	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	Ethan Zeigler	N/A
Dec. 21	Kamdyn Balko/Kaelyn Balko	Sean Zinn	N/A
Dec. 24(Eve)	TBD	Sean & Zach Zinn	N/A
Dec. 28	TBD	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 7	Kevin & Pat Hoke	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 14	Jan Keslar & Laurie Hoover	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 21	Curvin & Judy Klugh	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 24(Eve)	Carl & Clint Shearer	Ray Fitton & Phil Zinn	Marlene Stiffler
Dec. 28	Jenn & Jeff Kreider	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 7 (purple)	Kevin & Pat Hoke	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 14 (purple)	Rich & Jenny Stine	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 21 (purple)	Rich & Jenny Stine	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 24(Eve-white)	Bob & Kay Fest	Janet Hosler & Rhetta Zeigler	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 28 (white)	Bob & Kay Fest	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Dec. 7	MaryJo & Luis Rodriguez	TBD	Gayle Kolivras
Dec. 14	Kevin & Pat Hoke	TBD	N/A
Dec. 21	Carl & Diane Shearer	TBD	N/A
Dec. 24(Eve)	TBD	TBD	N/A
Dec. 28	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stine	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's



JANUARY PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 4	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz
Jan. 11	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	Vicar Micki Kautz
Jan. 18	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	TBD
Jan. 25	Pastor Roy Stetler	Pastor Roy Stetler	TBD

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 4	Woody Myers	Darlene Hershey	Marlene Stiffler
Jan. 11	Ralph Diller	Joan Hess	Marlene Stiffler
Jan. 18	Jeff Kreider	Helen Kilgore	Marlene Stiffler
Jan. 25	Clint Shearer	Karen Lenig	Marlene Stiffler

Acolyte/ (Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 4	TBD/TBD	Zach Zinn	N/A
Jan. 11	Kamdyn Balko/Kaelyn Balko	Ethan Zeigler	N/A
Jan. 18	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	Gavin Zeigler	N/A
Jan. 25	TBD/TBD	Sean Zinn	N/A

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 4	Mary Lutz & Laura Malinoski	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 11	Vicky Merovich & Lori Ross	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 18	Neil & Tammy Mummert Family	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Jerry Slothower
Jan. 25	Blaine & Arlene Myers	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Jerry Slothower

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 4 (white)	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 11 (white)	Bob & Linda Gochenauer	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 18 (green)	Ellen Hampton & Arlene Myers	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer
Jan. 25 (green)	Ellen Hampton & Arlene Myers	Jane & Phil Zinn	Gail & Larry Berkheimer

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Jan. 4	Barb Siegel	TBD	N/A
Jan. 11	Evelyn Diller	TBD	Gayle Kolivras
Jan. 18	Mary Lutz	TBD	N/A
Jan. 25	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wolfgang	TBD	N/A



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 5pm Farm Women	3 11am - Ministerium 1pm - Advent Book Study @ the Square Bean	4 7pm - E - Parish Choir Practice	5 Mission Of Mercy 7pm - E - Movie Night	6 9am - E - Caring Closet
7 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki) E/SJ Cong. Mtgs.	8	9 7pm - All Council Meetings @ SJ 8pm - Parish Council Meeting @ SJ	10 1pm - Advent Book Study @ the Square Bean 7pm - B- Parish Choir Practice	11	12	13 Hoss's Community Night Fundraiser for the Parish
14 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Marlene/Bill) B - Cong. Mtg.	15	16 9:30am or 6pm Pick up Fitzkees Candy	17 1pm - Advent Book Study @ the Square Bean	18 10am - W Shore Ministerium 7pm - E - Parish Choir Practice	19 6:30pm - New Hope After School Dinner in Church House	20 8am - Men's Breakfast
21 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 9am - SJ (Mountainview Cantata)	22 7pm - B - Parish Choir Practice	23	24 Christmas Eve Svcs 7pm - E (Rev. Roy) 7pm - SJ (Mountainview) 10:30pm - B (Rev. Roy)	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 10:30am - B Parish Service Christmas Cantata (Rev. Roy & Rev. Debbie)	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



JANUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7pm - E - Choir	2 7pm - E - Movie Night	3 9am - E - Caring Closet
4 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	5	6 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	7 11am - Ministerium 7pm - B - Choir	8 7pm - E - Choir	9	10
11 <i>Baptism Of Our Lord</i> 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (Vicar Micki)	12	13 7pm - All Council Meetings @ B 8pm - Parish Council Meeting @ B	14 7pm - B - Choir	15 10am - W Shore Ministerium 7pm - E - Choir	16	17 8am - Men's Breakfast 8am - B - Mugs-N-Muffins
18 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (TBD)	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7pm - B - Outreach Meeting	20	21 7pm - B - Choir	22 7pm - E - Choir	23	24
25 9am - E (Rev. Roy) 10:30am - B (Rev. Roy) 10:45am - SJ (TBD)	26	27	28 7pm - B - Choir	29 6:30pm - E - Worship & Music Meeting 7pm - E - Choir	30	31



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Treasurer - Carl Shearer	- Marlene Stiffler
Asst Treas - Woody Myers	Alternate - Neil Mummert

Deadline for February/March 2015 Noteworthy Newsletter is Monday, January 19.

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