

# January/February 2022 Newsletter



"When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy."  
*Matthew 1:9-10*

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## Updated Mask Recommendation From CDC



**Masking Update:** In response to the current high numbers of COVID-19 in our community, **we will require masks during Worship until further notice**, in order to preserve the health of our community in Jesus' name.

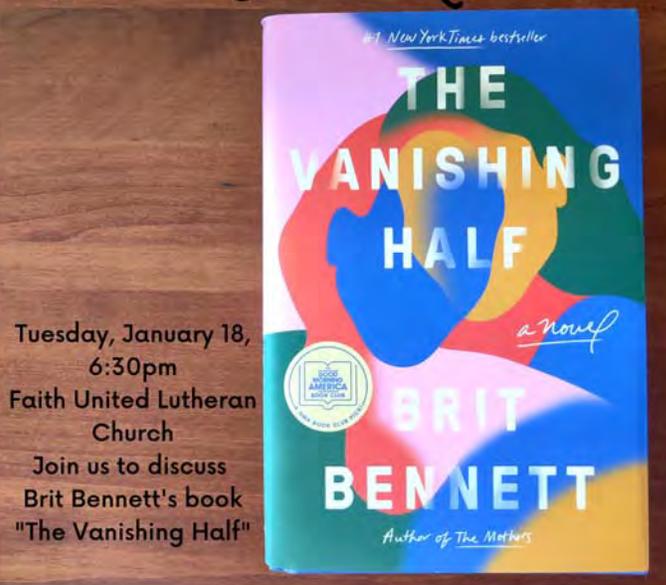
This is due to how swiftly the omicron variant of COVID-19 is sweeping through our county and community, overwhelming hospitals and ERs. Our Bishop has asked all churches to require masking for our Services in the weeks moving forward until this swell in cases begins to decrease.



The 2021 Contribution Statements will be in alphabetical order on the table at the back on Sunday, January 16 and Sunday, January 23, 2022.

If you have questions contact the Church Office at 717-336-2141 or Shirley Sweigart at 717-538-1946.

## January Book Club



Tuesday, January 18,  
6:30pm  
Faith United Lutheran  
Church  
Join us to discuss  
Brit Bennett's book  
"The Vanishing Half"

## Winter Book Club: Meets Only Once On Tuesday, January 18 At 6:30 PM

Join us this winter in reading *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, and then gather with us on Tuesday, January 18 for discussion and fellowship! Our whole community is welcome! This is a secular novel, and is available in local bookstores, libraries, and online.



**Monday, January 17,  
2022 in Observance  
of Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr's Birthday**



**Deadline For February,  
2022 Newsletter  
Sunday, January 23, 2022**

## 2022 Offering Envelopes

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up on a table at the back of the Church.

### Offering Envelopes



If you were missed, contact the Church Office.

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

A good alternative is "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the Church.

Contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM for more details or Shirley Sweigart at:

grammyss46@gmail.net or call 717-538-1946

### The Upper Room Daily Devotional

January - February, 2022

### Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

January, February, March, 2022

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

## Stewardship Opportunities

The following are ways for you to support our ministries as we seek to bring the good news of Christ's love to our community and world:

- 1) Mail in your offerings to the church office (we are collecting them regularly).
- 2) Set up Simply Giving (online recurring giving) by calling the office.
- 3) Give online (a one time or recurring gift by checking/savings OR credit/debit) by going to our website: [faithunited-elca.org](http://faithunited-elca.org) and clicking the "Give" tab at the top of the page.

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

[faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net). Thank You!

## WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Coat Room. Thank You for sharing your useful items with your Church Family.

## Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;
- You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

## Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.

### Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Caryll Lausch

Cynthia Kauffman

Grady Daub

Choir Director — Matthew Donley

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

# From Pastor Marissa Becklin

## God Who Is Well Pleased

As we move together into this new year of 2022 and try to remember to write down the correct year on our documents, we are surrounded again by the pressure from our world to make this year “our” year. With the arrival of January comes an onslaught of exercise equipment, diet, and home meal kit advertisements, along with goal-setting planners, health advertising, etc. Our society seems convinced each year that with the change from December to January we might also become new people—completely transformed into more loveable versions of ourselves.

In the church, our year begins with the story of Epiphany. When King Herod found out about the birth of a baby who was called God, he felt threatened and sent the three wisemen to do reconnaissance. Their job was to find out the baby’s location so that King Herod could eliminate the threat (i.e., kill Jesus). When the wisemen met Jesus, of course, their experience of divine love completely transformed them, and they rebelled against the sinful powers of the world by refusing to return to Herod. This bought Mary and Joseph time to run away to Egypt, where they hid until Herod’s murderous rampage had quieted.

This story is followed by the story of John the Baptist, who devotes his life to calling the world into repentance. “Repent” literally means “to turn a new way”, and John is inviting his community to turn away from sinfulness into a new life marked by divine forgiveness. His shouting in the wilderness tells us the truth about ourselves: we are made for more than the vitriol, hatred, mistrust, deceit, and anger that plagues us.

When Jesus is baptized by John, the heavens announce that God is “well-pleased”. This Son of God is enough, enough to reconcile all of humanity to God, enough to save us from our sins, enough to usher in resurrection and eternal life.

We live in a society obsessed with being made new, with self-invention. We hear the phrases “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” and “seize the day”, and we come to believe that our worth, belongingness, and even the quality of our year all depend on what we do. But these early January Bible stories tell us a different truth:

We live in a world marked by brokenness and sinfulness. The craving of individual power and might is sin—we see this clearly in King Herod’s violent rage. We cannot make ourselves new, because we are working with broken tools. If it is up to us to save ourselves and transform ourselves, we are doomed.

But as people of God we are not without hope. All it takes for the wisemen to be transformed is meeting baby Jesus. John the Baptist’s call to us to repent reminds us that divine forgiveness is waiting for us, that God *wants* a relationship with us. All we need to do is ask for help, and God is right next to us, is within us, helping us turn a new way. In Jesus’ birth and baptism, we are taught that God is well pleased with us, too: God created us for a purpose in the Kingdom, God loves us endlessly, God has sent Jesus to usher in forgiveness and everlasting life, and God wants a relationship with us.

You exist for a reason that is important to God’s work in the world. You might not see yourself how God sees you, but you are called to the work of repenting and sharing God’s good news of great love in this world just as you are—messy, broken, loved, claimed, and forgiven. In your baptism God has transformed you already into a servant of Christ, and is well-pleased with the result.

You are already equipped for the work God is calling you to.

*In God’s peace, Pastor Marissa*

Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
7:00 PM

**FUEL Council Members Present:** Bruce Carpenter, Terri Kilrain, Janice Daub, Deb Demler, Lori Stover, Ellen Houser, Jim Kreider, Melissa Voler, Lisa Gable, Deb Anthony, Kelly Leshner and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

**Devotions:** Bruce Carpenter started by saying how nice it is to be together in-person. Times have been tough. There has been lots of prayer and conversations with God, asking for miracles. If you believe in God then miracles do happen and you are filled with love. He read parts from two (2) of his favorite songs this time of year, "When You Believe" and "Where Are You Christmas?", that relate to how many are feeling. He ended with a prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Gola reviewed 2022 Budget prior to presentation to congregation at Annual Meeting - Final questions asked prior to Endowment Fund being voted on at upcoming Annual Meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Attendance and offerings are going up. The Bishop is grateful to hear and happy for us.

In Prayers: Skip Buohl is home now; he was in the hospital for heart issues. Matt Arment is recovering slowly. He is in the ICU at Lancaster General Hospital.

Bishop Dunlap's wife is stuck in Austria due to lockdown.

Karen Larsen will be doing emergency pastoral coverage while Pastor is away December 27, 2021–January 7, 2022; Glenn Beard will be doing Sunday coverage January 2, 2022.

We will need to form an Endowment Committee to consist of minimum of three (3) members of the congregation who are not Council members.

**Committee Highlights**

**Old Business:** Two (2) new Council members to start 2022: Bob Gates and Scott Gola

**New Business:** Congregational Meeting to be held December 12, 2021.

East Cocalico Lions Club will be using the Social Hall to pack bags for the children at Reamstown Elementary. Approximately 400 bags.

Discussion on having a board with new members pictures to be displayed.

Hanging of the Greens will be happening throughout the week.

Discussion on a possible Youth Tubing Trip in January with other youth groups in the area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, January 12, 2022,

*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Leshner*  
**FUEL Council Secretary**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Kreider - President

Bruce Carpenter - Vice President

Kelly Leshner - Secretary

Scott Gola - Treasurer

Deb Anthony    Janice Daub    Deb Demler

Lisa Gable    Bob Gates    Ellen Houser

Terri Kilrain    Lori Stover

**Our Church Council made the decision in late 2020 to install in our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall the most effective air-cleaning technology available.**

This technology is called needlepoint bipolar ionization, and was recommended to us by our HVAC specialist and by other congregations in the area. The technology uses ions (naturally-occurring charged particles) to neutralize all forms of air pollution, including viruses. These ions clean the air actively, unlike most air purification, which means that pathogens are neutralized quickly. [You can learn more about how it works at the manufacturer's website.](#) This technology is paired with our other mitigation efforts of distancing and proper mask-wearing to create a safer environment for In-Person Worship.

**We continue to offer two opportunities for Worship each week: an In-Person and Online Service at 9:00 AM.**

The choice, of course, for how you will Worship is yours—we will continue to work to maintain the safest environment possible in our Sanctuary for public Worship.

Whether you choose to attend In-Person or not at this time, Faith United is still your Church—a community that is here to support you and your faith, that is reaching into homes all across Lancaster County.

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon.**

**To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at: [grammyss46@gmail.com](mailto:grammyss46@gmail.com) or [grammyss@ptd.net](mailto:grammyss@ptd.net) or call 717-538-1946.**

**Newsletter Update**

**Until further notice, newsletters will be sent following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.**

Congregation Council

Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

6:30 PM



January 19: Matt Donley  
 January 20: Arlene Brumbach,  
 Rachel Weaver  
 January 22: Emma Frees  
 January 23: Mitch Arment  
 January 24: Matt Luciani

January 26: Benjamin Weaver  
 January 27: Bryan Strohl  
 January 28: Victoria Weidner  
 January 30: David Brumbach  
 January 31: Emily Hafer, Kaitlin Hafer, Claire  
 Eberly, Alyssa Nessinger, Kellen Strohl  
 February 3: Andrew Nessinger  
 February 5: Evan Frees  
 February 6: Carrie Reed  
 February 10: Doris Reinoehl, Corinne Kipple,  
 Tabitha Kipple  
 February 13: Jeffrey Hartman



January 29: Gerald and Madeline  
 Harding



## 80+ Birthdays

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

**Dorothy Hoyer - January 19** - Apartment 501, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543.

**Evelyn Leisey - January 23** - 717 Pine Street, Denver, PA 17517.

**Mae Raudenbush - January 23** - Apartment 110, 250 Parkview Heights Road, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Ethel Farrow - February 3** - Apartment 1110, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543

**Ethel Newman - February 9** - Ephrata Manor Room 111, 99 Bethany Road, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Sally Herbst - February 21** - Apartment 618, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543



**KID'S CHURCH**

## Looking For Volunteers

We are once again hosting Kid's Church during 9:00 AM Worship. Children will come up for the Children's Sermon, exit to Kid's Church, and return for Holy Communion.

We are also looking for volunteers to help lead this session with our kids once every few weeks—the curriculum is prepared for you, with minimal stress and preparation on your part! Please contact Bryan Strohl with questions: [bryanstrohl@gmail.com](mailto:bryanstrohl@gmail.com).

## Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes Sunday, December 12, 2021

Council President Jim Kreider called the meeting to order following the 9:00 AM Worship Service.

Pastor Marissa led the Congregation in a prayer.

Kelly Leshar read the past Meeting Minutes from the following Congregational Meeting: December 13, 2020. Todd Stewart made a motion to approve all minutes, second by Gloria Shober, and motion carried.

Election of Congregational Council Members took place with the following members returning to serve in 2022: Jim Kreider, Bruce Carpenter, Terri Kilrain, Deb Demler, Ellen Houser, Lori Stover, Deb Anthony, Lisa Gable, Kelly Leshar and Janice Daub. The following people were nominated to serve on Council: Scott Gola and Bob Gates. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Bruce Carpenter made a motion to approve the nominees and Janice Daub seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The 2022 Budget was shared with the Congregation and Todd Stewart made a motion to approve, with a second from Barry Martzall: motion carried.

Pastor Marissa read the Bylaws for the existing Endowment Fund and reviewed the assests and examples of grant requests. Paper vote was counted and Bylaws passed.

Janice Daub motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ellen Houser seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Leshar  
 FUEL Council Secretary*

## Bible Study And Prayer Group (In-Person AND Online) Second And Fourth Tuesdays At Noon



Join Pastor Marissa and your fellow congregants in learning more about one another's lives and about the Bible. Join us as we read through the book of Acts, learning about discipleship and the early Church.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall In-Person, or Online: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586> and follow the prompts.



Have you been attending Worship with us online, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

[pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).



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## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Religious Freedom Day Second Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	17 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed	18 Confession Of Peter Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity Begins 9:00 AM Cozy Comforters Sewing Group 6:30 PM Winter Book Club	19	20	21 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	22 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster - 8:00-10:00 AM
23 Third Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:30 AM Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders - 10:30-11:30 AM	24	25 Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity Ends 12:00 PM In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group 6:00 PM Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	26	27	28 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	29

## February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	31	1 9:00 AM Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	2 Groundhog Day Presentation Of Our Lord 8:30 AM REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, 8:30-11:00 AM, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30 PM Congregation Council Meeting	3 Ethel Farrow Birthday	4 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	5 Pastor Marissa At Synod Day Of Formation 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Faith United - 8:00-10:00 AM
6 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Scout Sunday 9:00 AM Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	7	8 12:00 PM In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	9 Ethel Newman Birthday	10	11 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	12 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz - 8:00-10:00 AM

*What's  
Happening at  
Faith United?*

Send your pictures in for  
next month's newsletter!



Christmas Eve Candlelight

Christmas Altar



Gifts Under  
Giving Tree



Watching *The Chosen Together*



Refreshments From  
*The Grinch* Event

Follow Us On Instagram  
for more photos!



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# Blessing For A Home At Epiphany

Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. “On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother” (Matthew 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome.

Twelfth Night (January 5), Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6), or another day during the time after Epiphany offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing for the home. Someone may lead the greeting and blessing, while another person may read the scripture passage. Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door; for example, 20 ✚ CMB ✚ 22. The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means “Christ, bless this house,” or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).

## Greeting

May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

## Reading

As we prepare to ask God’s blessing on this household, let us listen to the words of scripture.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:1-4, 14, 16)

## Inscription

This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance: 20 ✚ C M B ✚ 22

Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right).

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar,

followed the star of God’s Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand

22 and twenty-two years ago.

✚ Christ, bless this house,

✚ and remain with us throughout the new year.

## Prayer Of Blessing

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then everyone may walk from room to room, blessing the house with incense or by sprinkling with water, perhaps using a branch from the Christmas tree.

*Adapted from Come, Lord Jesus: Devotions for the Home (Augsburg Fortress, 1996). See also “Blessing for a Home” in Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pastoral Care, pp. 337–353.*



FUEL Members,  
Thank You for remembering me  
and sending me such beautiful  
Christmas cards, which were very  
much appreciated. *Evelyn Leisey*

Thank You to Faith United for my  
Birthday wishes. I appreciated them very much.

*Bill Ludwig*

Thank You for the prayers, cards, phone calls  
prior to my recent successful surgery.

*Terri Macker*

## The Day After Christmas Or Why Is That Mailman So Happy?

T'was the day after Christmas and all through my house,  
This place is a wreck, and I'm mad at my spouse.  
The stockings don't hang by the chimney with care,  
They are now in the cat box, in back of my chair.  
The children no longer are snug in their beds,  
they're running and jumping and fighting instead.  
There are boxes and bags and ribbons galore,  
And small bits of paper all over the floor.  
Now mom is in the kitchen, something made her a grouch,  
And I just settled down on the living room couch.  
When out in the driveway, I heard a loud noise.  
I dashed to the window, tripped over some toys.  
I drew back the curtain and saw a sad sight.  
Someone ran over my brand new bike.  
As I drew back my head and opened the door,  
I thought to myself, I can't take anymore.  
The sun was shining bright on the new fallen snow,  
And the temperature had fallen to ten below.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a little white mail truck, with bad news to bear.  
With a little old driver, looking strange with a grin.  
On the seat beside him was a half bottle of gin.  
On the floor by his feet was a six pack of beer,  
I could tell with one look, he had nothing to fear.  
He was dressed all in blue, from his head to his shoes,  
A tear in his pants leg, where a dog may have chewed.  
A bundle of bills he had clutched in his hand.  
I knew at that moment it was pay on demand.  
From Sears and Roebucks, Costco and Sams,  
Walmart and Kmart and one from Japan.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to work.  
Filled up the mailbox, then turned with a jerk.  
With his forefinger and thumb, he tugged on his chin,  
Picked up the bottle and drank the rest of the gin.  
I heard him say as he went on his way,  
"Hurray!...Hurray"! I'am retiring today.

*R. Whitcomb*

### Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:30am-  
11:30am in-person on the second and  
fourth Sundays of each month:

- September 26 (Parents AND Students)
- October 10
- October 24
- November 14
- November 28
- December 12
- January 9
- January 23
- February 13
- February 27
- March 13
- March 27
- April 10
- April 24
- May 8
- May 22



## Christian Symbol

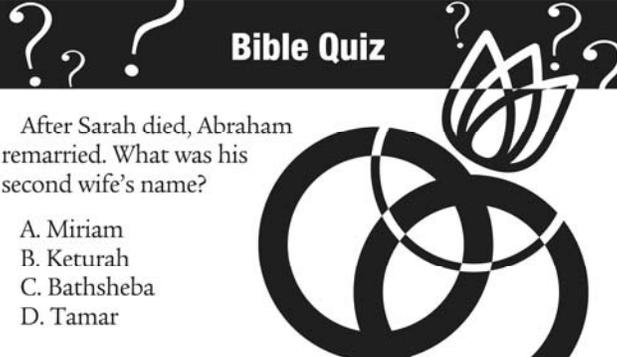
Hand Of God: This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).



### Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar



(See Genesis 25:1.)



## Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:  
[@faithunitedelca](#).

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

**We'd love to have you join us!**

# JANUARY WORSHIP

Second Sunday After Epiphany  
Sunday, January 16, 2022

**Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.**



The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Third Sunday After Epiphany  
Sunday, January 23, 2022

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:1-14; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.** God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
Sunday, January 30, 2022

**Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.**

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.



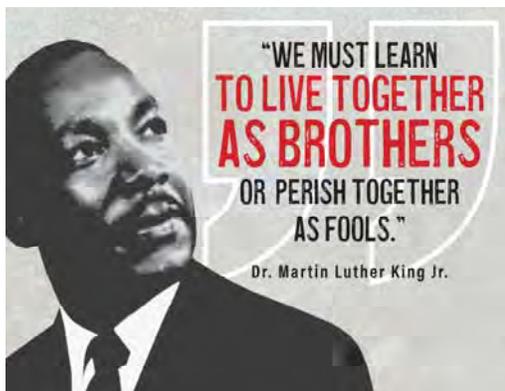
# FEBRUARY WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
Sunday, February 6, 2022

**Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.** The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory.



"Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 17, 2022**

**Start the New Year with a Prayer**



## 2022 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2022 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Sponsors for Altar Flowers may use the standing order the congregation has with Roxanne's or you may use the florist of your choice. Cost is \$30.00 per Sunday. Open Dates: January 23; February 20, 27.



The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2022 is also on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday. Open Dates: January 23, 30; February 13, 20, 27. You may also go online at <https://signup.zone/o8DXjLSdanMpgCct5> or call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on the Charts.

## Could This Be God's Son?

How does God's mother cuddle her son?  
Will his dad play catch, and hide and seek to have fun?  
Did Mary examine his fingers as Joseph counted each toe?  
Did they call up to heaven, can this really be so?  
Is this really the one that the prophets foretold?  
Has he come to us now to save the whole world?  
How can this baby, tiny and helpless be He?  
The one we have been waiting for, is it really God that we see?  
Could this be some prank, a trick played on us?  
How could we be the parents to the son of the one who made us?  
As Mary smiled down at her baby and Joseph tickled his feet,  
They thought, "How could someone so tiny come for our sins to defeat?"  
This child so wondrously perfect and fine,  
He is "GOD WITH US" and I can call Him mine.

*Janelle Sensenig (Daughter of Ralph Whitcomb)*



## In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

### For Comfort Of The Holy Spirit:

Jim Loose Family      Tornado Victims

### For Healing:

Caryll Lausch	Josh Gola	Skip Buohl	Glenn Gerhart
Arlene Slabach	Craig Stover	Ellen Houser	Terri Macker
Betty Witmer	Helen Shirk	Tom Martzall	Day Fasnacht
Harriet Garber	Tornado Victims	John Werner	Matt Hershey
Jim LeFevre	Randy Stewart	Reaser Family	Matthew Arment
Terry Moyer	Ginger Brubaker	Juliana Rowe	Camden Ochs
Dennis Hill	Mark Frees	Jim Kelly	Robert Fischer
Janice Houpp	Cathy McQuate	Betsy Sensenig	

You're also invited to call and/or send cards.

### Continuing Concerns

Matt Donley, Sally Herbst, Lillian Troutman, Sue Henkel, Michael Konopka, Vernon Boose, Rob Macker, Audrey Grill, Dorothy Hoyer, Susan Means, Lorna Buohl, Ethel Farrow, Peggy and Jack Dewald, Ronald and Jean Worline, Ethel Newman, Florence Rutt, Melvin Schmeck, Susan Hartman, Ashton Ochs, Clara Good, Marie McQuate, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Donald Ernst, Shirley Leathery, Ginny and Jim Stoltz, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Harriet Garber, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

### Committee Contacts

Interested in getting more involved? Contact the following people:

**Care of Members:** Lori Stover

**Finance:** Scott Gola

**Christian Education:** Brian Strohl

**Information Technology (IT):** Deb Demler

**Staff Support:** Brad Fichthorn

**Property:** Jim Kreider

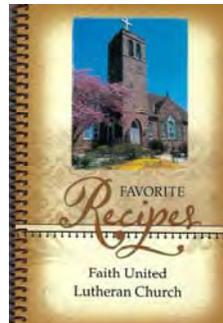
**Worship and Music:** Bruce Carpenter

**Peter's Porch Feeding Ministry:** Terry Burkholder

**Family Ministry and Fellowship:** Terri Kilrain

**Social Ministry:** Dawn Frees

**Vacation Bible School:** Ellen Houser



### Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

If you would like a cookbook and you are currently not coming to Church on Sundays, you can make arrangements with Shirley, 717-538-1946, to pick them up at

Church during the week or if that does not work for you, you can call me, Terri Kilrain, 717-336-2456 or 717-201-0099 and I can deliver them to your home.

**Bon Appetit!**



**Tuesday, January 18  
through  
Tuesday, January  
25, 2022**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY





## Drive-Thru Communion: First And Third Sundays Of The Month

As we move into these colder months of the year, Drive-Thru Holy Communion will continue to be offered regularly, but not weekly.

If you'd like to receive Holy Communion, it will be offered in the parking lot on the First and Third Sundays of each month, from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

# Children's Bulletins

ARE AVAILABLE

On Table At The Back Of Sanctuary

## Communion Visits By Request

Pastor Marissa is offering to visit those who have not been able to attend Church during the pandemic in order to bring them Holy Communion. To schedule a visit, contact the Church Office by phone or email: 717-336-2141 / [faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net).



## January & February Food Collection

Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch. Please check the list on the grocery cart for the items needed and deposit the items in the grocery cart.



# Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street  
Denver, PA 17517  
Phone: 717-336-2141  
Email: [faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net)

## The First Saturday of Each Month

February 5, 2022  
8:00-10:00 AM

## INGATHERING UPDATE

Norma Good, the coordinator for the Lutheran World Relief collection at Bergstrasse Church on October 9, gave the following data to share with our Faith members. Forty seven churches brought 1,300 quilts (or comforters), 2,095 personal care kits, 2,323 school kits, 34 fabric kits, 28 baby care kits, and 84 blankets.

For our members who helped carry these boxes of supplies from car to truck, she again says "Thank You".

Denver

## Women's Club Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:00 PM

## Surprises and Prizes!

An Evening of Fun, Games, Prizes and Surprises!

Come Prepared to Have a Good Time!  
Faith United Fellowship Hall



Wednesday,  
February 2, 2022

Sunday,  
February 6, 2022



## Peter's Porch Volunteering

As we continue to share God's love by feeding our community through Peter's Porch, we are reinstating our tradition of having bag packing night on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering by packing bags or by helping on the first Saturday of the month when we distribute, please RSVP first by emailing Pastor Marissa Becklin,

[pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com)

as we seek to preserve the health and safety of the community. Thank you!



Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.



As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors related to the Coronavirus outbreak, our

support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.

#### ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: **Tuesday, February 1, 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom.** Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register.

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): **Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom.** Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register.

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: **Wednesday, February 2, 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom; Tuesday, January 25 and February 22, 2:00-3:30 PM; Tuesday, February 8, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy.** Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): **Tuesday, January 18 and February 15, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy.** This monthly group provides sources of help, compassion, and understanding for families or individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information about location or Zoom details, or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

Newly Bereaved (Three Week Series): **Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom.** If a loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help attendees to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 at least one week prior to the start of the group to discuss with a bereavement counselor.

Post Holiday Survival Tips: **Wednesday, January 19, 6:30-8:00 PM, via Zoom.** Many grieving individuals find themselves wanting to just "get through" the holidays as quickly as possible. When the new year arrives and there is less to do, people may be surprised that they feel "let down" and a bit lost. Join Hospice volunteer, Sandy Baker, MA, for this workshop, held **via Zoom**, which will provide helpful tips during those long winter months. Space is limited; registration required. **Call by January 17 to register.**

Man To Man: Grief's Toolbox (for men only): **Tuesday, January 25 and February 22, 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom.** Grief is hard work, especially if one does not feel equipped or supported. The Man To Man: Grief's Toolbox support group, held monthly via Zoom, will give attendees the tools they can add to their "Grief Toolbox" to help them rebuild their life after loss. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

**Call the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 or visit [www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org](http://www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org) for updates.**

**Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at [www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org](http://www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org) for updated information about support groups.**

## **SERVING IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>Offering Counters</b>
<b>January 16, 2022</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Mary Stewart Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell</b>
<b>January 23, 2022</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Teri Arment Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Mitch Arment Robert Gates Gloria Gates</b>
<b>January 30, 2022</b>	<b>Cindy Kauffman</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro</b>
<b>February 6, 2022</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings</b>
<b>February 13, 2022</b>	<b>Ann Roseboro</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman</b>	<b>Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover</b>
<b>February 20, 2022</b>	<b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Shirley Ludwig Bill Ludwig</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell</b>
<b>February 27, 2022</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Mary Stewart Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Mitch Arment Robert Gates Gloria Gates</b>

# Community Event

REAL LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES INVITES YOU TO



## YOUNG AT HEART

**FREE** EVENTS FOR ANYONE AGE 60 AND UP  
COFFEE, CHATTING, CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!

**1st & 3rd Wednesday Mornings**  
**8:30am – 11:00am**

Adamstown Area Library  
110 West Main Street Adamstown, PA 19501

The first event will be January 19th. Please RSVP by January 12th.  
For more information or to RSVP call 717-336-7797  
or visit our website at [REALLCS.ORG](http://REALLCS.ORG).

# Community Events

## Community Meal



**No Charge**

**Thursday,  
January 27, 2022**

**Pre-Order by Friday,  
January 21, 2022**

**Pickup Time - 5:30-6:30 PM**

**Trinity United Methodist Church  
420 Main Street, Denver  
(Rear Entrance)**

**Call 717-336-6748 or**

**Email: [swampcf@ptd.net](mailto:swampcf@ptd.net)**



## First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month  
Between 3pm - 5pm  
Drop off items at Warehouse 916

### PLEASE NOTE:

All unexpired, unopened, nonperishable food donations are accepted. We list the items we REALLY need on our website each month and on Facebook. Thank you! For more information or questions, contact our office at 717-336-7797.

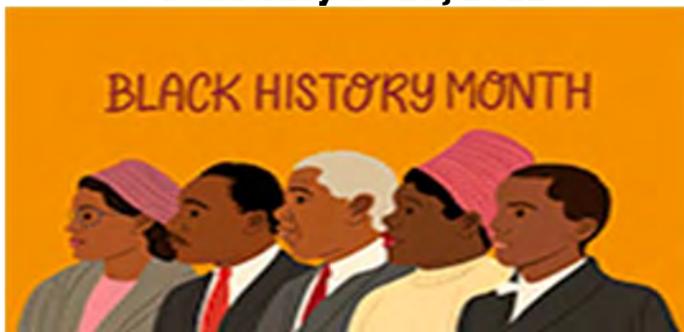
Introducing a new place in Northern Lancaster County for those experiencing homelessness



Open every Wednesday and Thursday from 8AM - 1PM starting April 7 at the Community Commons - side entrance 560 South Reading Rd. Ephrata, PA. 17522



**February 1 - 28, 2022**



REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

## FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at

**Swamp Lutheran Church**

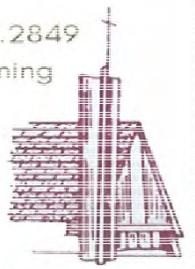
every 2nd Wednesday of the month

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849 to let us know you are coming



EPHRATA AREA  
SOCIAL SERVICES



Swamp Lutheran Church

# Community Events

*Join us at Peter's Porch!*



gatherings happening...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Faith United Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street  
Denver, PA 17517  
717.336.2141  
[www.FaithUnited-elca.org](http://www.FaithUnited-elca.org)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Lititz Mennonite Church  
165 East Front Street  
Lititz, PA 17543  
717.626.8327  
[www.LititzMC.org](http://www.LititzMC.org)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Zion Lutheran Church  
435 Main Street  
Akron, PA 17543  
717.859.2100  
[www.ZionAkron.org](http://www.ZionAkron.org)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am  
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church  
2420 Kissel Hill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.569.6051  
[www.LandisValleyFellowship.org](http://www.LandisValleyFellowship.org)

*Providing a free breakfast and  
a bag of food for our neighbors*

*There is donated clothing at Lititz  
and Akron Peter Porches*

**Are you at risk of being  
evicted or having your  
utilities shut off?**

**ERAP Can Help!**

## The Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Eligibility is determined by:

- Income
- Covid-19 Experience
- Must a renter of a home or lot

For more details and to receive help,  
contact:

*Ephrata Area Social Services*  
By Appointment b/x Mon-Fri, 9—4  
717-733-0345 Or...

*Northern Lancaster Hub*  
By Appointment  
717-723-8258

**Or visit:  
[www.LancasterHelp.rent](http://www.LancasterHelp.rent)**

For those who do not qualify for ERAP,  
please reach out for help anyway before the  
situation becomes a crisis.



EPHRATA AREA  
SOCIAL  
SERVICES



# KID'S PAGE

## Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



### What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

### What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.

## PUZZLE



## A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

*Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.*

Do not seek **re**\_\_\_\_\_ or bear a grudge against anyone among your \_\_\_\_\_ople, but **love** your **neig**\_\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

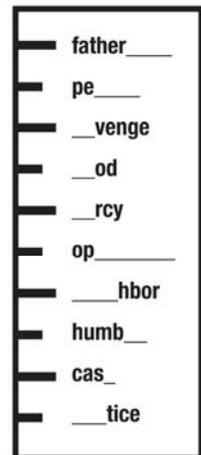
Learn to do **right**; seek jus\_\_\_\_\_. **Defend** the \_\_\_\_\_pressed. Take up the cause of the \_\_\_\_\_less; **plead** the \_\_\_\_\_e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go\_\_\_\_. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me\_\_\_\_\_ and to walk \_\_\_\_\_ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV



So in \_\_\_\_\_ything, do to ot \_\_\_\_\_ what you would \_\_\_\_\_ve them d \_\_\_\_\_ to you, for this s \_\_\_\_\_ms up the \_\_\_\_\_w and the Proph \_\_\_\_\_s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, law, prophets

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