

YOUTH NEWS

JR./SR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS

What a busy month this has been and I'm sure December will be the same! Youth group has been going well. We continue to meet on Sunday nights.

I praise God that our Jr. High has grown. Sr. High does not have many that attend. I know it's very difficult with the many activities that surround our youth, but I do pray that we can build this. We have tremendous kids in our congregation and YOUR youth group is a lot of what YOU make it. If a small group of you would come, I'm sure those numbers would increase. Please be praying about this as we get ready for our Niagara trip.

The Niagara Youth Conference is back in Niagara Falls, USA this year. There will be over 4000 people in attendance. Ask any teen who has ever attended and they will tell you that this is a great time and a very spiritual experience! This year's theme is "The Exodus, Let My People Go". It's about every student being set free from sin and learning how to live the victorious Christian life.

The conference is held from December 27th - December 30th. We will be staying at a four-star hotel, the Crown Plaza which is connected to the Conference Center. It also has an indoor swimming pool. Please see me for registration forms and **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

I would like to thank our congregation for your support with all of the fund raisers we have had to support Niagara, especially the pie sale. We still have a few pumpkin and apple crisp pies left if anyone is interested. Also, a big thank you to Nancy Bretz for volunteering and making all the delicious pumpkin rolls.



Congratulations to Collin Fulkman for being chosen as Athlete of the Week. We're very proud of Collin and the Wilmington Football Team!!!!



On Thursday, November 16th 11 teens and 5 adults attended the "Silver ring thing" conference at Grove city College. The teens agreed after the conference was 'not at all what they expected', and it was 'WAY better than they expected'. Please pray for each of these young people as they have made a pledge to remain pure until marriage.

On December 16th we will be having a Jr./Sr High Christmas party at my house beginning at 5:00P.M. I would love to see you all there.



Mark your calendars for January 25 - 27th for our annual youth retreat at Seneca Hills.



KIDSZONE

On November 28th, KidsZone took a "field trip" to the Overlook Nursing Home in New Wilmington.

Over 130 Christmas cards were hand-made by the children to pass out to the residents. We also sang Christmas Carols and many of the residents joined in with us. You did a great job kids. This is what Christmas is really about, giving to others.

The last KidsZone is Wednesday, December 19th. We will load the bus and go Christmas caroling around the village to our shut-ins. We will also celebrate Jesus' birthday.

KidsZone will resume on January 9th, 2008.



Confirmation Class

On December 9th a class began for our 7th and 8th grade youth to prepare them to join the church. The class meets during the Sunday school hour (beginning at 9:15) and is taught by Pastor Doug. The class will meet until May. If you (or your children) are interested in joining the church please attend the classes.

December Graduates

We have a number of our members completing a step in their education this December

Nathan Book is graduating from Slippery Rock university with a BA in Communications



John Reynolds Jr. is graduating from New Castle School of Trades with a specialty in carpentry

Adam Runyan is graduating from Philadelphia Biblical University with a BA in Bible and a BA in Physical Education

Allen Jones has completed his training in the US Air Force and will now serve our nation as an Air Traffic Controller stationed in North Dakota.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John and Toni Reynolds as they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 4th.



MISSION NOTES

The Mission Committee met on Saturday, December 1st. They determined that the Christmas Offering will be going to Heifer Project. Even though the ARK is filled, the money will go to buy extra animals to go along with the ARK.

CIRCLE MEETING

Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Marilyn McConahy on Monday, December 17th at 7:30P.M. Bring a reading or a story to share. Also bring items to pack boxes for our shut-ins. Cookies and fruit along with other small items are what is needed.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Adam Marshall	1
Diana Halt	2
Betty Komar	5
Brian Fulkman	6
Shirley Davidson	7
Kyle Jones	7
Jim Shick	7
Chuck Bell	9
Bob Bell	9
Alexis Jones	9
Jim Rishell	9
Bob Miller	10
Caroletta Doverspike	11
Katee Paglia	13
Evelyn Exley	14
Jo Ruby	14
Joe Feil	17
Bob Zedaker	19
Rebecca Halt	19
Dick Robison	21
LaVon Rogers	21
David Barnhart	23
Florence Allison	25
Nancy Cuscino	25
Darlene Robison	28
Christa Matthews	29



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who prayed for me during my surgery and for all the cards, calls, and visits during my time in the hospital. A special thanks to Pastor Doug for his prayers, concerns and his many visits with me. I appreciate the kindness and concerns of everyone.

-Raymond Wojtowicz

Thank You to the Mission Committee for all the work for the wonderful Mission Dinner and Program this past month. Also to the Kitchen Committee for the delicious braised steak dinner they prepared.

Again thank you to all the men who worked tirelessly on the new sound room. It is completely finished and what a great job they did..

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We invite you to come and worship at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It will begin at 7:00P.M. on December 24th.




There will be a time of singing carols, a message of hope and joy, and songs of praise from the choir.



Candlelight

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 Youth Luncheon following worship service	3	4	5 2:30P.M. KIDSZONE 6:30P.M. Bell Choir 7:30P.M. Choir Practice	6 5:30P.M. Meet at the church to car-pool to the Village Inn in Harlansburg for Women's Christmas Dinner.	7 3:00 - 5:00P.M. Community Food Bank.	8 Packing the food baskets.	1 9:00 Hanging of the Greens
9 5:30P.M. Church Christmas Dinner	10 12noon Harvesters meet.	11	12 2:30P.M. KIDSZONE 8:30P.M. Bell Choir 7:30P.M. Choir Practice	13	14	15 9:00A.M. Breakfast in Bethlehem	
16 5:00p.m. JR/SR/ HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HOME OF GENIENE	17 7:30P.M. Lydia Circle meets at the home of Marilyn McConahy. Bring items to pack boxes.	18	19 Last KIDSZONE for this semester. 6:30P.M. Bell Choir 7:30P.M. Choir Practice	20	21	22	
23	24 7:00P.M. Candlelight Service 	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28	29	NIAGARA GO!
30	31	Prayer Time for Pastor and Session at 8:55A.m. each Sunday	Sunday School each week at 9:15P.M.	Morning Worship each Sunday at 10:30a.m.	GOING TO "LET MY PEOPLE GO" 		

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CHURCH STAFF
DOUG, BOB, BONNIE, TONI, JUNE, GENIENE AND NATHAN


Please remember the following people who are hospitalized, receiving treatment, recuperating at home, and those who have asked for prayer.

- Charlotte Wallace-----Home
- Justin Dillon-----Home
- Katharine Bell-----Home at Barb & Bill Taylor
- Shirley Ruby-----Home at Helen's
- Verda Hepler-----Home
- Dee Haines-----Home at Harvey Jr's
- Ray Hilliard-----Home
- Nancy Templeton-----Overlook Medical Center
- Gert Bretz-----Home
- Ray Wojtowicz-----Home
- Pearl Reed-----Home
- Marie Snyder-----Home
- Ruth Orth-----Jameson
- Lucky Ward-----Home
- Mrs. Chrobak-----Home
- Lauretta Black-----Jameson
- Delbert Sizer-----Home



POINSETTIAS

Again this year you will have the opportunity to order a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone for the Christmas Season. Fill out the form below and turn it in to a Deacon or mail it to the church. (Box 225, New Bedford, PA 16140.) Make checks payable to the Board of Deacons. Each flower is \$8.00.

POINSETTIA ORDER	
NAME _____	
HOW MANY _____	 ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS
IN MEMORY OF _____	
IN HONOR OF _____	
GIVEN BY _____	
PHONE PAID _____	

CHRISTMAS DINNER



The Church Christmas Dinner will be held here at the church on DECEMBER 9TH at 6:00P.M.

The program for the evening is PRAISE. (Debi, Dan and Pat). **There has been a little change. The program will begin at 5:30P.M. and the dinner will follow.**

Ham, rolls and beverage will be furnished.

Bring a dish for the first letter of your last name.

- A-----D-----Bring a vegetable dish
- E-----I-----Bring a dessert
- J-----Q-----Bring a potato dish
- R-----Z-----Bring a salad

The entire church is invited. You do not need a reservation. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good food..

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

We are inviting our members and friends to our annual Breakfast in Bethlehem on Saturday, December 15th from 8:30 - 11:30A.M. here at the church. It is a fun morning beginning with breakfast in the fellowship hall, a visit to the village of Bethlehem, live animals for petting, a Christmas movie, two craft rooms, face painting, a puppet show etc. While the morning is planned with Children in mind we extend the invitation to all who would like to share this Christmas experience. In the village one can visit the stable, the synagogue school, the basket shop, the pottery shop, the net mending shop, Mary's kitchen, (where the children help make home made sweet rolls,) the carpentry shop, a food tasting booth to taste food eaten in Christ's time, the village well and a hide and fur shop. We ask if possible for a \$3.00 donation for each family to help cover costs. However, all are welcome and we would not want anyone to miss this opportunity if the donation is a problem. Please come and share Christ's birth with your family.



FOOD BASKETS

The Deacons will be packing food baskets for those in our area who are in need. If you would like to contribute canned goods or staple supplies for these baskets please have all food to the church by Friday, December 7th. The boxes will be packed on Saturday, December 8th. **THANK YOU TO Keith Palumbo** of Palumbo's Meat Market for donating the hams for the food baskets this year. Thank you to all who brought in food for the baskets.