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Upcoming events:

Souper Bowl Sunday

Lenten Bible Study

Boy Scout Sunday

Valentine's Day Family Movie Night

Preschool Open House

Ash Wednesday Worship



Looking Ahead

Community Day Easter Egg Hunt

March 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Holy Week begins

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

Good Friday Breakfast

April 3, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

JOYS and PRAYER CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep us updated on your loved one.

If you would like a card sent from the church please call the church office 724-586-7372

MILITARY PERSONELL

our nation's leaders, military Steven Core- Navy, Lisa Fisher-Army, Jake Schmitt-Afghanistan, Tonya Stoner, Gabe Thrower-Marines, Josh Gibson will be deployed to Liberia to help set up hospital to care for Ebola patients, and civilian personnel in our nation and abroad, for the hostility towards Christians around the world. The families of the victims who were killed and injured in Paris.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING NATURAL DISASTERS AROUND THE WORLD

THOSE WHO HAVE ON-GOING ILLNESSES

Elliana Cicconi, on-going illness-and her family

Amber McCreary, on-going-illness and her family

Betty Robinson, on-going illness-and her family

TJ Wilson, is going back to school! Lori and Randy Wilson.

Dr. Jim Thorne, continue to pray for his health

Mark Walker, is not doing well, please keep Mark in your prayers.

Chris Zappa, antibiotic for infection in Chris's hip is working, Chris has the flu. Please keep Chris in your prayers.

Marlene Fisher who has an in-operable, non-cancerous brain tumor.

George Ramsey, continues chemo therapy treatments.

Tim Weckerly, cancer treatments

Lillian Rath

Erica, stage 4 cancer, is improving with chemo! Continue your prayers!

Terry Pokandt, has been in remission from breast cancer for 6 years and cancer was found in her lymph nodes.

Tom Percy, Marion's son, continues to improve slowly. Keep Tom and family in your prayers.

Charlene, has stage 3 uterine cancer.

Baby Eleanor has Cerebral Palsy. Keep her in your prayers.

Howard Bohnart, Lori Wilson's dad. Continue praying for keep Howard in your prayers.

Linda Lutz has breast cancer and is not doing well. (*Preschool grandmom*)

Unspoken prayer request.

Donna Gates has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Lucy Ruiz, a 4 year old who had surgery on a large tumor. Pray for her family too.

Danny Kantrowitz, Alice Aronson's grandson.

Corrine was diagnosed with Lung cancer which is inoperable and spreading. Please keep Corrine in your prayers.

Dave Hackett continues radiation treatments for prostate cancer. Keep Dave in your prayers

Carolyn Treme has bladder cancer. Keep Carolyn in your prayers.

Alicia Bubash, a young mom who has a tumor on her breast, pray tumor is not cancerous.

Nancy Martin, sister of Shirley Osborne, had cancer removed from her thyroid and her thyroid was also removed, she is wait to hear from her doctor about what kind of treatment she will need. Keep Nancy in your prayers.

Michael Licciardello, 13 years old, nephew of Michele Baker will be having open heart surgery. Pray for Michael, he is very nervous. Pray for mom and dad too.

Timmy Saxman who has a debilitating illness and now needs a feeding tube.

Tommy Saxman who is autistic. Please pray for mom and dad, Tyanne and Tim who are their caregivers.

Jackie who has mental health problems and also a resident of VOICE.

Jennie Beabout, friend of Eleanor Hackett, will be having open heart surgery

Philip Charles Puhlman, motorcycle accident, broke back and neck.

Shaleen Dickey expecting their second child. Is experiencing health concerns.

Amber Haynes is pregnant. Please keep Amber in your prayers.



Norman Geyer, keep him in your prayers.

Wilma Pfeifer continuing health concerns

Joe Fisher who had emergency surgery. Keep Joe in your prayers.

Beulah Sloan will be having back surgery on January 26, 2015. *(Deb Miller's mom)*

Pat & Don, retired educators are experiencing many physical ailments. Please continue to pray for them and their caregivers.

Lisa Stielher illness has affected her vocal cords. Keep Lisa in your prayers

Chelsea and her 3 children to find a good church.

Hugh Steiger is very sick with the flu. *(Virginia McClelland's brother)*

Maria Kletzlie broke her ankle in 3 places.

Bonnie Sheerbaum has an infection that doctors are treating aggressively. *(Friend of Barb Mickey's)*

Diane Whitehill Snyder, Lorry Donaldson's daughter-in-law asking for your prayers. She is having some steroids injected into this right hip. Hopefully it will help to let me walk again without pain. Dr. explained it may help for 3 weeks or 5 months- just don't know for sure. He is saying arthritis is the problem. Sometime in the future I will need to have a hip replacement. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers in advance.

Update on Diane Whitehill Snyder-thanks for all the thoughts and prayers Injection of steroids went very well. Still numb -they say that could last quite a while. Then a couple of days for the medicine to work- then see how things go. I am optimistic for the first time in a LONG time! - Again - thank you to everyone

Lillian Walker, Dawn Walker's mother-in-law had stroke this past week.

Bill Beggan, Dawn Walker's father was admitted to the hospital with stroke like symptoms. He will be going through some tests.

Tim Musser, Tim is in the hospital with flu and pneumonia. He is not responding well now to the antibiotic. His fever is back and rising. The infectious disease Dr. came in this evening and said they are going to try a combo of antibiotics since the one isn't working. They are also going to test him for MRSA now just to confirm if they are fighting any strain of that or not. I thought when his temperature had went down 1 degree today and he ate dinner that maybe that meant we were heading the right direction but apparently I was wrong.

Al Fritz is hospitalized with heart issues.

Bernie Fell needs heart surgery for a valve replacement.

Shirley Fell has Alzheimer's disease

Erv Helfer, Hazel Hammer, Mary Jo Ward, friends of Yogi McCormick's, please keep them in your prayers.

Isaac a young man from Freeport, PA has a severe concussion. Please pray for Isaac and his family.

Sally Wadsworth is experiencing dementia issues.

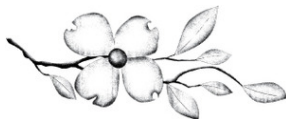
FRIENDS IN NURSING HOME CARE

Joan Myers, Newhaven Court in Butler

Laney Hay, Sunny View nursing home

Fran Briggs, Concordia

Martha Heck, Under Our Wing/YWCA, Butler



Hymn of Promise

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an Apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity, in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

By Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Family and friends of **Daniel W. Kuhns**

Jack & Alice Kuhns nephew)

Family and friends of **Janice M. Martin Heinz**

Janice was Joan Cannistraci's cousin)

Family and friends of **Maxine Hendrickson**

Family and friends of **Ron Mills**

Family and friends of **Debbie Powell**

Family and friends of **Sue Segeleon**

Family and friends of **Chuck Kradel**

Family and friends of **Sandy Wolfe**



JOYS

Amanda Carvajal (*daughter of Linda Zerfoss*) and her husband Jorge had their baby Dec. 16th at 12:16 a.m. Her name is Reagan Jaime Carvajal. All are doing great. She came in at 7 lbs 11 oz and is 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ "long.

Bob Fisher came home Christmas Eve. Thank you for your prayers!

Michele Baker was hospitalized due to severe pain in her stomach. Michele continues to improve. Thank you for your prayers!

TJ Wilson was taken to Children's hospital on Sunday. Is home and doing much better. Please keep TJ, Lori, and Randy in your prayers.

Patrick & Milissa Rogers and their four children lost their home in a fire. Their community has come together and has raised over \$36,000 to help them!

Jennifer Anderson Kidd, relative of Lorry Donaldson, had her first post treatment oncologist follow up today and aside from some lingering pesky chemo/radiation side effects, everything looks good. Ephesians 5:20 "*giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Thank you for your prayers!

Alice Kuhns continues to heal, still has nerve trouble with her foot but is no longer in pain! Thank you for your prayers!

Harry Kidd, father of Lorry Donaldson, was diagnosed with anemia and needed a blood transfusion. After transfusion, Harry continues to improve!

Diane Keller is doing much better!

John Yount is home and recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Gail Conaway continues to recuperate at home.

Fred Maihle who is healing from a tractor accident. Thank you for your prayers!

Amber Thompson is moving to Kansas to be closer to her daughter.

Jean Cannistraci, Pastor Jim's mom, got a good report from her doctor and is back at home.

Gary, Michele Baker's friend is doing well after back surgery!

Isaac Helse broke right arm in two places is healing and now in a shorter cast!

Bob had prostate and liver cancer but is responding to treatment and doing better!

OUTREACH

Sewing Circle will meet on **Monday, Feb. 2 and 9, from 7-9 pm in the Ed. Bldg.** Anyone interested in helping with our sewing projects is invited to attend.

Sewing Circle is hosting a '**Kids Sewing Day**' for elementary aged kids on **Monday, February 16, from 10 am until 2 pm.** We are planning a project to introduce the kids to sewing skills. Lunch will be served. Please let Janet Black know if you have someone who wants to attend. (the4blacks@gmail.com or 724-586-9439) We are excited to share our enthusiasm for sewing with young people!

Souper Bowl Sunday is on **February 1st.** Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service for a **Souper Bowl luncheon.** Members of the Youth Group will be serving soup that they prepared. Donations will be accepted for the South Butler Food Bank. Carry-outs will be available and if you cannot stay for lunch, donations will be accepted after each morning worship service.

Souper Bowl of Caring



Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice.

In 2012, more than 10,000 groups collected more than \$9.8 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. That's a total of more than \$90 million collected since the movement began in 1990! Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America!

Ash Wednesday - February 18 - Soup/Sandwich Supper at 6:00 pm, immediately before Worship. Donations will be accepted for the **Feed My Sheep** ministry/**Z Town Café in Zelienople.** This is a program to feed the homeless.

As you are shopping this late winter, please take advantage of the end-of-season sales to purchase hats, gloves, and other winter-wear. Bring them to the Office and we will store them until needed. Thank You!

Nixon Blessed Beginnings Preschool



It's hard to believe it's time to start registration for the 2015-16 school year! We will be holding a Public Open House on Sunday, February 22 from 1-3 p.m. for any interested families. Come tour the classroom, meet our teachers and see what our wonderful preschool has to offer! We currently have 2 classes: a 3 year old class that meets on Tues/Thurs. mornings from 9:00 –11:30 a.m. and is \$80/month. Our 4 & 5 year old class meets on Mon/Wed/Fri from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and is \$100/month. We have fliers available on the Cry Room window sill, if you would like to take one and post somewhere. Please help us spread the word! :-)

Next Preschool Board meeting will be Wednesday February 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Events

There will be an Education meeting on **Thursday, February 5, 2015 at noon.** Lunch will be served!

Topics will be: Community Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m.), Spring Tea (Sunday, May 10), Funday Sunday (last day of Sunday School, Sunday, May 17), and VBS (Sunday, June 21 thru Thursday, June 25).

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, you are welcome to attend.



Don't forget! Family movie night is **Saturday, February 14, 2014** (Valentine's Day) the movie is "Facing the Giants". Come for a light dinner, movie (*with popcorn*), and child care! Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!





To the United Methodist Men for sponsoring another fine Christmas Party. Music was great!



To the Sewing Circle for making the gifts for our Special Friends gift boxes and Sunday School Students.



To Judy Richard the Christmas bulb gift ministry for the Lighthouse on Route 8. And to all those who gave.



To all those who helped in any way with the Live Drive-Thru Nativity. We had a total of 140 cars go thru both nights. We collected canned goods and non-perishables items for the South Butler Food Pantry!



To Robin, The Joyful Noise Choir and The Junior Joyful Choir for a beautiful Christmas Cantata!



To all who decorated the Sanctuary and the Social Hall for Christmas and to those who took down the decorations.



To the United Methodist Men for inviting Mr. Steve Salmieri who spoke at the January meeting.



To the Nixon Youth Group for helping to make the soup for the Souper Bowl Sunday luncheon!



Thank you to our Nixon Congregation for making 2014 a wonderful year!



To Pastor Jim and Joan Cannistraci for hosting the Youth Group Christmas Parties!



To all who do work around the church when needed and don't want to be mentioned!



United Methodist Men next meeting will be on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

And mark your calendars for the UM Men meeting in March. We will have a visit from Bullet. Bullet is a police dog with the K9 unit from the Butler County Sheriffs Department. His human K9 unit partner is Harry Callithen. Look in your future Sunday bulletins for more details.

