

## Pastor's Pen

### Preparing for Revival

Dear Congregation,

"Revival" is an old-fashioned word conjuring up images of big tents, traveling evangelists, and week-long events to pump up the church's faith. There is nothing wrong with that image, but I want to focus on another meaning of the word. A *revival* is also a *spiritual awakening* in those who have been utterly in the dark and spiritually dead. This type of revival happens when the Spirit of God falls on a person or a people and brings them to life, just like the dry bones that lived in Ezekiel's vision (Ezek.37). Preparing for that type of revival can only be accomplished one way.

Rev. Campbell Morgan, writing about the source and power behind the great Welsh Revival of 1904-6, described how it started. "All over Wales I am giving you roughly the result of the questioning of fifty or more persons at random in the week a praying remnant have been agonizing before God about the state of the beloved land, and it is through that the answer of fire has come."<sup>1</sup> The fire he refers to is the fire of the Holy Spirit, who came upon thousands of people in Wales, eventually echoing across the world. The Holy Spirit caused them to sense their lostness and need for Christ, drawing them to surrender to Jesus and receive him as Lord and savior, and leading them to repent of all kinds of sins. Morgan, himself a witness of the events, wrote that in five weeks from the outbreak of the revival, the churches in Wales enrolled twenty thousand new members (p.90). Before the revival ended, over 100,000 souls came to Christ.

Prior to this, the Welsh churches had been in a pitiful state, with many of them near empty or closing. The quality of people's lives in the region was wretched. There was much drunkenness, with people spending more time in the bars than with their families. Families and marriages were broken, and the people were enslaved by all kinds of sins and depravity. Their hearts were also hard towards God and the Church.

The local believing Christians were despondent about the spiritual conditions surrounding them. They began to seek the Lord in earnest: "agonizing before God about the state of the beloved land." One of the key leaders of the revival had been praying for it every



day for 13 years. Others had the same burden. Prayer meetings grew, where the prayers were literally the anguished cries of the saints longing for the salvation of their lost children, siblings, and neighbors.

This type of prayer is called 'intercessory prayer,' because it involves standing before God (interceding) on behalf of lost souls. After long seasons of such agonizing intercession, the Holy Spirit finally fell in early 1904. Who knows what things were moved in heaven to bring about such a great revival?!

The result was an amazing transformation of lives which swept out to the whole world. The revival broke out without advertising or posters, and without much focus on preaching, although testimonies were plentiful. Through it all ran an intense passion for Jesus, ignited by the Holy Spirit, brought down from Heaven by the intense supplication and prayers of God's people. Describing the impact of the awakening, Sam Storms writes on his blog, "During the time of revival the police were left with virtually nothing to do and the courts were empty. Saloons and bars shut down for lack of business. Public drunkenness was almost non-existent. Old debts, many long forgotten, were paid off in full. Traveling theatrical agencies canceled their engagements, as everyone was in church! Profanity disappeared. It was said that horses everywhere were in complete confusion. They had become accustomed to responding to their master's profane shouts and kicks and cursing, virtually of all of which had disappeared."<sup>2</sup>

Charles Stanley commented on Storms' blog: "Today there are over 650 disciple-making movements in the world in which millions are coming to Christ and being followers of Jesus. All but 8 are in the Global South. Not one of these came into being except that it started with prayer and fasting and is sustained by prayer and fasting."<sup>2</sup>

Brothers and Sisters, if we want to see a revival in our own region, we **MUST** pray! We must recognize the great spiritual emptiness and darkness of the lost souls around us and agonize in prayer for their awakening, that they may come to Jesus! God loves them, but there are 'spiritual forces of wickedness' (Ephesians 6:12) working to keep them away from God. Our fervent and agonizing prayers, sometime uttered from despair at the darkness we see around us, help clear the skies for the love and fire of God to fall. Will you join in that travail of tears for the lost?

Yours in Christ's love, Pastor Chris Fisher

<sup>1</sup> Stead, W. T.; Morgan, G. Campbell. *The Welsh Revival: I. A Narrative of Facts II. The Revival: Its Source and Power* (p. 89). CrossReach Publications. Kindle Edition (2019).

<sup>2</sup> Sam Storms, "10 Things You Should Know About The Welsh Revival OF 1904-06," April 1, 2019. <https://www.samstorms.org/enjoying-god-blog/post/10-things-you-should-know-about-the-welsh-revival-of-1904-06>. ©2022 Sam Storms.



## Worship & Preaching Schedule January – February 2022

Sunday Worship: 9:00AM Live & Online

10:45 AM Coffeehouse Worship in Fellowship Hall

Saturday Worship: Live at 6:00 PM

Theme: “Spiritual Victory Lessons from the  
Wilderness”

- Jan 2:** *Epiphany Sunday*  
*Wesley Covenant Renewal Service and Holy Communion*  
“Renewing the Covenant”
- Jan 9:** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
“Using our Gifts for God’s Glory”
- Jan 16:** *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
“Snakes in the Wilderness”  
[4<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting at 10:15 AM]
- Jan 23:** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*  
“The Temptation of the Moabites”
- Jan 30:** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
Guest Speaker: Mr. Al Machamer
- Feb 6:** *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
*w/ Holy Communion and Children’s message*  
“What happens when we Shrink back from  
God’s plan”
- Feb 13:** *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
“Leadership Challenges: Just who is in  
Charge?”
- Feb 20:** *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
Title: TBD
- Feb 27:** *Transfiguration Sunday*  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Portia Kuzanga
- March 2 (Wednesday):** *Ash Wednesday*



### Communion Offerings

January 2 – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund  
February 5 – Jewel Women’s Center, Sch. Haven



### General Conference 2022 and the future of the United Methodist Church

Dear Congregation,

General Conference 2022 is still scheduled to take place in late summer, but the situation remains fluid because of Covid challenges. Funds are being raised to help overseas delegates get vaccinated for travel visas.

Please continue to pray for the Church and the future of our denomination. Our 4<sup>th</sup> informal congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 16 at 10:15 am, after 9 AM worship. This session will review options for our church’s future and take a straw poll of attendees to gauge our hopes for that future.

Please try to attend so your voice may be heard. To be clear, no official decision will be made during these meetings. That will not happen until a formal congregational meeting is called with the DS’s permission. We are not there yet. Please be in prayer.



### Covid Update

FUMC continues to maintain the following Covid response policy.

Guidelines:

- 1) We are a mask-friendly church: masks are encouraged but not required during the upsurge. Follow your conscience and respect other’s choices.
- 2) The roped-off area of the sanctuary is for those who want to wear masks and have greater social distance during worship.
- 3) Because singing projects respiration further than usual, masks are especially recommended while singing during this upsurge.
- 4) Smaller groups meeting during the week may establish their own safety expectations for masks and distancing.
- 5) Masks are NOT required for gatherings in the Fellowship Hall having coffee and refreshments. Appropriate social distancing is still encouraged. Gather at your own risk.
- 6) If you are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay home and worship through our online worship livestream.
- 7) The Pandemic is still a fluid situation. We recommend you trust God & consult your doctor for medical advice to be prepared for whatever comes.
- 8) We are grateful for your patience throughout this challenging season!

If you are still in the at-risk health population, or are uncomfortable with any of these guidelines, use your own judgment. We will continue to offer an online worship option on Sundays at 9 am. These services can be watched any time after they have been recorded.



## **Church Prayer Ministry Updates**

### **10 Things to Pray about in Jan – Feb 2021**

- 1) Intercede for those who do not know the Lord Jesus.
- 2) Pray for our pastor, staff, lay ministry leaders, and our discipleship, mission, and outreach efforts. Pray for our small groups and small group leaders.
- 3) Pray for our children's ministry, for new leaders and helpers, and for our youth and young adult ministry.
- 4) Pray for parents and families struggling with spiritual challenges during these difficult days.
- 5) Pray for our seniors, home-bound, shut-ins, lonely and sick. Pray for those dealing with Covid-19.
- 6) Pray for those dealing with grief and the loss of loved ones during this season.
- 7) Pray for the church, the UM denomination, and our denominational and WCA leaders preparing for the future.
- 8) Pray for God's will to be done in the General Conference 2022, including whether it meets and what it accomplishes.
- 9) Pray for unity and love and for the power of the Holy Spirit to fill all our members.
- 10) Pray for the missionaries and the missions we support.

### **Weekly prayer team ministry continues.**

Please sign up in pairs to pray for one hour a day during your week, for the Kingdom of God to come more fully in our church and our community and beyond. You can also pray together in your own homes via video chat or phone call.

### **Do you have a testimony to share?**

We would love to include more testimonies in our weekly worship. The Discipleship Council has been working on a testimony project. Many of these Faith Stories are being shared during Sunday morning worship and in other venues. Please consider sharing your testimony if God has been doing something special in your life. Contact the office at [office@havenfirstumc.org](mailto:office@havenfirstumc.org) if you want to share.

*Sunday Youth meetings- Fellowship and Funny @2pm-4pm*

*Boys study group- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 (Reminders/Notifications will be sent through text)*

*Girls small group- Still getting organized hope to kick off soon*

### **Discipleship Focus**

#### **January**

Clean Slate: 5-week series teaches students that we can have a fresh start with God at any time.

#### **February**

Love Stories: 4-week series explores what true love looks like by studying four great love stories in the Bible – Abraham and Sarah, Ruth and Boaz, Mary and Joseph, and Jacob and Rachel.

#### **March**

Rooted: 4-week series helps students become grounded in their faith as they follow Jesus. This series will help students build a strong foundation as they study the fundamentals of their faith – salvation, repentance, how to grow in your walk with God, and how to share your faith

## Youth Fundraising Efforts!



Every Sunday 10:00 am to 11:am  
come and grab your special coffee  
down in Room 4 at a very cheap  
price!! Espresso, Hot Chocolate, and  
lattes are our specialty! And  
homemade baked good!

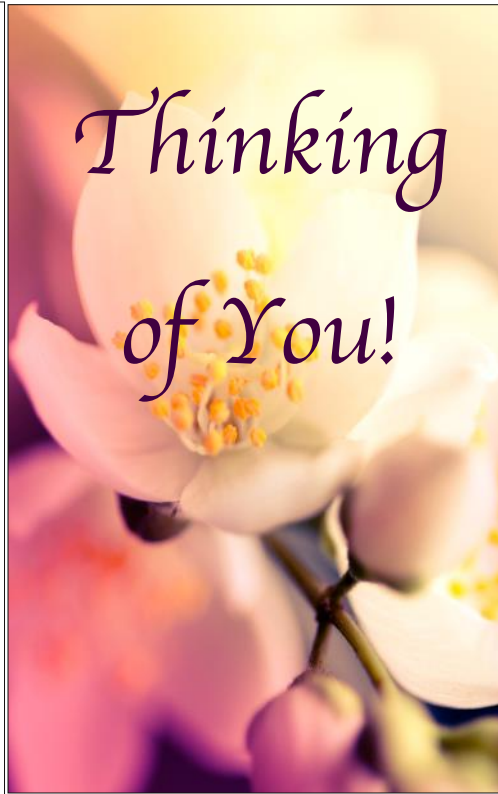
Come support us!!

## Senior High Youth Calendar Winter 2022

Date	Event	Place	Note
<b>January (Fresh Start)</b>			
2	Funny and Fellowship	Youth Room	
9	Funny and fellowship	Youth room	
16	Special event	Youth Room	<i>Details to be sent</i>
23	Funny and Fellowship	Youth room	
28	Birthday Bash- Tubing	Blue Mountain Ski	<i>Dress for snow Tubing</i>
30	Games and contests	Fellowship Hall	
<b>February (Love Stories)</b>			
6	Funny and Fellowship	Youth Room	
11-13	Winter Blast @ Camp Orchard Hill	Camp Orchard Hill	<i>Information to be sent to email</i>
20	Movie Night	Fellowship Hall	
27	Debate on Dating (When to start Dating?)	Fellowship Hall	
<b>March (Rooted In Christ)</b>			
6	Funny and Fellowship	Youth Room	
13	Funny and Fellowship	Youth Room	
20	Gretna Glen (With jr youth)	Gretna Glen	<i>Meet at church at 2pm</i>
27	Funny and Fellowship	Youth Room	

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP PREACHING SCHEDULE

Jan. 8: Doug O'Connell  
 Jan. 15: Doug O'Connell  
 Jan. 22: Moffette Tharpe  
 Jan. 29: John Fatora  
 Feb. 5: Pastor Fisher  
 Feb. 12: Brian Reading  
 Feb. 19: Bonnie Hawley  
 Feb. 26: Dwight Dros



Orwigsburg

Carol Wagner  
 1000 Seton Drive  
 Room 507

Lewisburg

Rev. Carl Geary  
 Buffalo Valley Lutheran  
 Village  
 Room 257  
 189 E. Tressler Blvd  
 Lewisburg, PA. 17837

## PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 1-8: Marcy Hudock  
 Jan.9-15: Mike Smith  
 Jan. 16-22: Bonnie & Dick Hawley  
 Jan.23-30: Lynne & Doug O'Connell  
 Jan. 31– Feb. 5: Darlene Beers & Dot Murphy  
 Feb. 6-12: Wanda Langley  
 Feb. 13-19: Bonnie & Dick Hawley  
 Feb. 20-26: Tom& Eydie Reed  
 Feb. 27-Mar. 5: Dawn & Ray Housel

If you would like to sign up for a week of prayer, please contact

Please remember those in our midst that are Shut-In, Home-bound or recovering with a card, quick note or phone call to let them know that they are not forgotten:

Schuylkill Haven

Carol Shappel  
 206 Jefferson Street

Pottsville

Helen & Stuart Sattizahn  
 York Terrace  
 Room 138

Tremont

John & Anna Mease  
 113 Washington Street

### *A message from our Offering Counters*

*Please see the following tips when making your contributions to the church:*

*If you are submitting a check without an envelope, mark the memo line designating where you want the contribution to go. If the memo line is not filled out, the contribution goes into the general fund.*

*When filling out your envelope and you put an amount in the "other" line, also designate where you want that money to go. If nothing is marked, that also goes into the general fund.*

## Administrative Board News

Happy New Year and winter greetings from the Administrative Board. Even in winter we can enjoy and be thankful for the beauty God gives us in nature.

The following is an update on presentations and actions taken at our board meeting on December 13, 2021.

Pastor Fisher moved to renew the church's membership in the Wesleyan Covenant Association. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer, Stewardship & Finance, Discipleship Council and SPRX presented their reports to the board. The reports were voted on and accepted.

Lay Leadership nominated Lisi Fisher as Christian Ed. Superintendent. The nomination was voted on and the motion was carried.

The Trustees reported the parking lot has been sealed and lines repainted. The new floor in the fellowship hall has been completed. Lightning rods have been repaired or replaced. A dogwood tree has been planted near the church office. Electrical updates have been finished. Carpets will be cleaned. Water damage to the outside wall has been repaired and new benches have been installed outside the fellowship hall.

The outreach committee reported, 300-500 people attended Jingle Jam at Bubeck park.

It was proposed to purchase a new copier for the office to replace the old and ailing copier. The motion was voted on and the motion was carried.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance in our endeavors at FUMC.

Praying you have a healthy and a blessed New Year.

E Wallace

Ad Board Chair

# Faith Community Nurse's Notes

Brought to you by Ann Moyer RN, FCN

## Oral Health

Smile, God loves you! Our mouth is an important part of our body. It serves us well in several ways. We use our mouth to smile, eat, and speak. Unfortunately, oral health (the health of our teeth and gums) is often overlooked and underappreciated.

Oral health is an essential part of staying healthy. The mouth serves as the portal of entry to the digestive and respiratory tracts. An overabundance of bacteria in the mouth can travel to other areas of the body causing diseases such as pneumonia and endocarditis (an infection of the inner lining of the heart). Ongoing research has linked gum disease with heart disease and stroke as well as diabetes. Poor oral hygiene and dental health can lead to serious consequences that are many times painful and costly.

Take care of those teeth and gums! First and foremost, brush, brush, brush your teeth!!! The American Dental Association recommends brushing your teeth at least twice daily for two minutes with a soft tooth brush. Tooth brushes should be replaced every three to four months or sooner if bristles become worn or splayed. Use toothpaste with fluoride. Fluoride is a mineral that strengthens tooth enamel and can actually re-strengthen an area of enamel that is in early stages of developing a cavity.

Flossing is important. Even the best brushing is not able to get all the areas of the teeth, especially in between teeth where food particles can get stuck. Floss at least once a day.

Eat healthy foods. Raw vegetables and crisp fruits like carrots, celery and apples, help clean plaque from teeth and freshen breath. Many vegetables and fruits are also high in antioxidants and vitamins that help protect gums from bacterial damage.

Drink plenty of water, it washes away acids and is good for overall health. Avoid sugary beverages that provide food for bacteria and acidic soda that erode the teeth on their own.

Saliva is your mouths friend. It is your body's natural defense against tooth decay. It contains compounds that neutralize plaque acids and help repair early tooth damage and decay. Chewing sugar free gum after eating is a good way stimulate saliva flow. Gum containing xylitol is especially helpful in the fight against tooth decay.

Visit the dentist every 6 months for dental cleaning and checkups. Even with great oral hygiene it is difficult to remove all the plaque that forms on the teeth and may form below the gums. The dentist can get to those hard-to-reach places.

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*Romans 10:9*

Info from

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## *Faith Community Nurse's Notes*

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*The One who really loves you.*

*He has known you longer than anyone else in your life. He knit you together in your mother's womb. He made you to be the one and only extraordinary you! Your name is written in the palm of His hand. He chose you and loves you. The love that He gives is constant and never changes.*

*He is forever faithful and you can talk to Him anytime, anywhere. He always has time for you. He knows all your fears and collects your tears. He gave you His son so you can be forgiven and share in eternal life. He delights in you and quiets you with His love. He holds you close in times of trouble and offers a peace that only He can give. He speaks the truth, lives within your heart and provides compassion that never fails. His mercies are new each day. He understands your pain and sorrow and provides growth, renewal and joy. He is amazing, beautiful, wonderful God!!!*



## News from the Finance Committee

Finance Committee finished our Stewardship Campaign in Nov. We were blessed by the results and look forward to this year in mission. 36 cards were received, and several pledges were made via phone call. Thank you for your input from the phone calls and also returning the cards.



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Our new budget was approved by the Administrative Board at our December meeting. It will be available for your viewing in the office in the Finance mailbox. We hope to continue programming that was begun last year and expand it as called to do so. Keep the church in your prayers that we would continue to seek and do God's will.

Thank you again for your support. We continue to be blessed.

Jean

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## News from Methodist Women Ministries

**Thank you to everyone** for your support last year. We were able to gift Jewel Women's Center with \$1500.



Now as we begin a new year, we invite you to join us on the second Tuesday of each month for our regular meeting in Fellowship Hall. We'll meet Jan. 11th and Feb. 8th at 1 pm. Come and help us plan for this year.

### Book Review

Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus by Lois Tverberg is another book to complement her first two, Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus and Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus. This book gives us a glimpse of what it was like to journey into the culture of the first century and be in a Hebraic mindset. She encourages us to not assume that our perspective is universal and that we should not project it onto the biblical world. She speaks about the culture of the first century and how the Bible is speaking to them within its context. One instance mentioned in her book talks about how a wife would leave her childhood home and join her husband's larger family household. She would need to adjust to all of his family habits and personalities. Also, consider that your mother-in-law would be there constantly, advising... Now read the scripture "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife and they become one flesh." (Gen.2:24) How much wisdom there was in that statement! We don't appreciate that until we see it in the context of the culture.

She also contrast Jesus' style of speaking in parables and concrete images (traditional) with Paul's use of a more Western style using propositions and logic to connect with the Gentiles. This is a great read with discussion questions and suggestions for going deeper. Enjoy.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY News

## DATES TO REMEMBER



January 9, 16, 23,  
30 & February 13,  
20, 27  
9:00 AM worship  
service

WACKY



WEDNESDAYS

January 12, 19, 26  
February 2, 9, 16,  
23  
4:30 - 5:30 PM  
Sch. Haven Rec  
Center



Friday, February 4  
6:00 - 8:00 PM



## Do You Wanna Build a SNOWMAN?

The Children's Discipleship & Fellowship Committees are excited to introduce our "Family 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Fun Night" kicking off on Friday, February 4 from 6-8PM. People of all ages are welcome to come out and join us as we make some snow and build indoor snowman. Light refreshments will also be served.

Dear Families,

With a new year comes lots of "renewed habits" – eating healthy, exercising more, cleaning out stuff we don't use or need, and probably most importantly, a renewed commitment in our relationship with our Lord! So, I'm inviting you to join me in committing to daily prayer as a family in 2022.

Billy Graham is quoted as saying, "True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice."

Many people see the importance of praying for their family, their community, and the world, but don't know what to say. If your family desires to spend more time in communication with God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit this year, I encourage you to file or print and post the attached Prayer Calendar somewhere where you will see it daily and include it in your family devotions and prayer! This easy-to-use Prayer Calendar will guide you as you pray and includes specific prayers especially on days where it might seem hard to figure out where to start.

If your family is interested in committing to praying daily in 2022 and would love some additional family fun prayer resources, please feel free to email me back and I'll send you a Prayer Pack (a dry erase Prayer & Praise magnet to record specific weekly prayer and praises, additional fun family prayer activities, and a Blessings Jar to record your answered prayers throughout the year).

I pray this becomes a habit that lasts all year long and at the end of the year, you can look back and see just how much God has blessed you through 2022!

Blessings,  
Miss April

# January 2022

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

2	Praise God for His work around the world	3	Pray for our country to seek God & follow Him!	4	Praise God for the fact that He is Sovereign—in control of all things!	5	Pray for Christ and in other countries	6	Pray today for our leaders to seek Godly wisdom.	7	Pray for the lost - Luke 19:10	8	Pray for peaceful relationships.	1	Happy New Year! Ask God to help you love and serve Him more in 2022!
9	Praise God for all of the blessings He gives—even those without asking.	10	Pray for all your neighbors by name!	11	Pray for all the churches in our community to work together as we share Jesus	12	Send someone a note letting them know you're praying for them	13	Pray for the hospitals and staff in your community!	14	Pray for endurance of faith	15	Pray for patience with others. 1 Cor. 13:4	22	PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY TO GROW IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.
16	Today is Saturday of Life Sunday. Pray that people will realize how precious ALL Life is.	17	Pray for all of the babies you know by name!	18	Praise God that you are wonderfully & fearfully made!	19	Pray today for every member of your immediate family!	20	Pray for your grandparents, aunt, uncles & cousins!	21	Pray today for any problems your family is facing.	28	PRAISE GOD TODAY FOR HIS POWER!	29	Pray for the needy. Romans 12:13
23	Praise God for who He is!	24	Do something nice for someone today to show the love of Jesus!	25	Pray for PEACE! Ask God to help you have PEACE in your life!	26	Pray for ways to encourage others TODAY!	27	Pray for your family's impact on your community						
30	Praise God for JOY today!	31	LOOK OVER THE PAST MONTH & GIVE THANKS FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS!												



# February

2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Read Romans 5:8 and praise God for his unfailing unconditional love!	Groundhog Day Love is patient when is it hard for you to be patient? Ask God to help you in that area!	PRAY ABOUT SOMEONE TO BE KIND TO TODAY!	LOVE DOES NOT ENVY. IS THERE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU JEALOUS? PRAY ABOUT IT TODAY!	Love does not boast. Ask God to help you in the words that you say.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Read Matthew 5:14. Pray for those people you have a difficult time loving.	<b>ASK GOD TO HELP YOU SHARE HIS LOVE TO OTHERS!</b>	<b>READ MARK 12:36. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU LOVE HIM WITH EVERY PART OF YOU!</b>	Love is not self-seeking. Ask God to show you ways to serve others today.	LOVE IS NOT EASILY ANGERED. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU CONTROL YOUR ANGER!	Read Ephesians 5:2. Ask God to help you walk in the way of love!	Love rejoices with the truth. Ask God to help you always know what the Truth is.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>PRAYSE GOD FOR HIS LOVE FOR YOU!</b>	Valentine's Day Love bears all things. Ask God to help you be the kind of person everyone can depend on no matter what!	LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU LOVE HIM AND BELIEVE IN HIM.	LET'S GIVE A THUMB UP TO THE PEOPLE WE LOVE TO SERVE! -- Even when things go wrong!	Love enters all things. Ask God to help you be strong and stick to firm -- even when things go wrong!	Love never fails. Ask God to help you have the kind of love that shines by others no matter what!	Read 1 JOHN 4:19. SPEND TIME TODAY THANKING GOD FOR HIS LOVE FOR YOU!
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
READ JOHN 15:12. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU LOVE FOR OTHERS.	Presidents' Day Read ROMANS 8:35-39. SPEND TIME THANKING GOD THAT NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM HIS LOVE!	Love does not dishonor others. Ask God to help you show love & respect to all people.	LOVE KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. ARE YOU HOLDING A GRUDGE? ASK GOD TO HELP YOU	Read Psalm 136. Make a list of ways God has shown you His faithful love!	Love is not proud. Ask God to help you be humble!	<b>PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY TO GROW IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.</b>
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
READ 1 JOHN 2:6. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU NOT LOVE ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD OR OF THIS WORLD.	<b>TIME TO PUT YOUR LOVE INTO ACTION! SHOW THE LOVE OF JESUS TO EVERYONE YOU SEE!</b>					<b>Love</b>

EVENTS

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Middle School  
Youth Room

SNOW TUBING

Friday, January 28  
5:00 - 10:00 PM



Friday, February 4  
6:00 - 8:00 PM



FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February  
13  
12:00 - 3:00 PM

**HELPING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ANSWER: WHO AM I?**

Orange Students. *This content was contributed by Phase.*

Every phase of a kid's life has unique cultural changes. But you can't discover everything you need to know about the culture of childhood and adolescence in a book. By the time a book is printed, culture has changed.

The only way for you to learn *some* of what you need to know is to go to their movies, read their books, watch their TV shows, follow their favorite celebrities, listen to their music, and most importantly, show up where they show up.

Every phase has its own predictable crisis. These crises help shape our identity because they give us an opportunity to navigate new challenges.

In middle school, preteens challenge authority and personalize what they believe. The way a middle schooler resolves the "Who" questions of life determines the framework for the middle schooler's relational stability. It affects the way they see themselves, the way they see the world, and the way they see themselves in the world. In these phases, the relational questions shift from black-and-white to grey. The answers are no longer the same for every kid, so they need to be personalized. The best way to resolve a middle schooler's relational questions is to affirm the middle schooler's personal journey.

Practically speaking, here's how to do that:

Sixth graders need an overdose of acceptance to combat the storm of changes. When adults recruit other affirming leaders and peers, kids gain stability.

Seventh and eighth graders are increasingly self-aware and self-conscious. When adults acknowledge positive qualities and strengths, kids discover uniqueness.

This is why kids and teenagers need adults who will discover their world. They need adults who understand and respond accordingly to the crisis of every phase.

When you understand the crisis of every phase, you respond with relationships that meet a kid's most basic needs; and you give kids a healthy foundation for future relationships. Relationships bring clarity. Relationships create a safe place to resolve who we are. When kids see themselves the way a loving adult sees them, it changes how they see themselves.

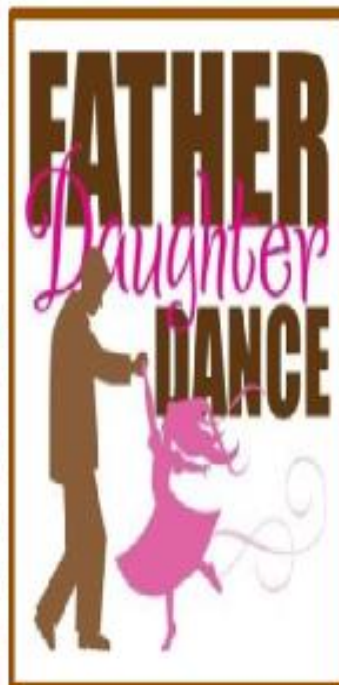
# OUTREACH NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



I wanted to personally thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful ministry that you all provided before, during and after Jingle Jam. I must say that God's presence was there and that prayers were answered. We had lovely weather, a great team who worked like a well-oiled machine, and as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus we were able to share the Good News with potentially 400-500 people (150+ of them being children). I heard many positive comments from both children and adults who couldn't thank us enough for being willing to take the time to do something like this for them. They truly saw the light and love of Jesus throughout! I ask that you continue lifting these families up in prayer and ask God to touch their hearts and lives. May they see the true meaning of Christmas all year through! Again, THANK YOU all so very much for sharing your time and talents! I know our community was blessed as a result!

Blessings,  
April Bergen



THE FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEES ARE SADDENED TO SAY THAT OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION WITH THE RISE IN COVID CASES IN OUR AREA, THE FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR A NEW DATE.

*SAVE THE DATE!*



*Saturday, June 4  
12:00 - 3:00 PM  
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