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## First Edition January 2017

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Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
The later service offers Bible buddies for children & special music.  
Nursery care and a children's message are provided at both services.  
Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. for all ages ~ children through adults.  
Family Worship third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.  
Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month and at Family Worship.

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### Worship Schedule

<b>January 1 ~ New Year's Day</b>	Matthew 2:13-23	"After the Shepherds Have Left"
	<b>One Service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary (No Sunday School)</b>	
	<u>Epiphany</u>	
<b>January 8</b>	Acts 10:34-43	"Doing Good and Healing"
<b>January 15</b>	John 1:29-42	"Come and See"
	<b>Family Worship in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>January 22</b>	Matthew 4:12-23	"The Kingdom of Heaven Has Come Near"
<b>January 29</b>	Matthew 5:1-12	"The World Turned Upside Down"

## Looking Ahead

<b>February 5</b>	Matthew 5:13-20	“Burning Bushels”
<b>February 12</b>	Matthew 5:21-37	“Going to Extremes”
<b>February 19</b>	Matthew 5:38-48 <i>Family Worship in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.</i>	“Perfection”
<b>February 26</b>	Matthew 17:1-9	“The View from the Mountain”

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Rev. Mark Young



I recently opened a copy of Dante's *Inferno* that has been on my shelf since college. Then I started feeling slightly guilty because I realized that I have had the book for thirty-three years and aside from the sections that were assigned long ago by a professor who by now has probably spoken with Dante directly, I have not read any more of it. Should I keep the book and read it? Should I be brutally frank with myself, admit that I am unlikely ever to do that, and pass the book on to someone else? I pretended the question never occurred to me and returned it to the shelf.

Unfortunately, it got me thinking about things. By "things" I mean *things*: items, possessions, stuff. How much of what I hold onto do I really need or even want? I have CDs that I listen to once every five years, pictures that I have never put on the wall, T-shirts that hang in the closet unworn, and gadgets in the cellar that I have long forgotten. I hold onto them for two reasons.

The first is that they remind me of a place or event or person. If something has been a gift, it is not to be discarded lightly. That is especially true when I know that somebody took time to make it or that it had meant something, in turn, to them. The needlepoint picture on my desk isn't about the dolphins it depicts; it's about my oldest sister, who stitched it.

The second reason I hold onto something is that it represents some kind of plan or aspiration. I have those textbooks because one day I will be able to read German, Arabic, or Portuguese. (I've given up the notion of speaking them.) The slicer is there because I will start eating more vegetables and less meat. I'm not getting rid of the second pair of sneakers because the first one will wear out not long after I start walking farther each day. (That's walking, not jogging. Let's not get carried away.)

It seems to me, then, that there might be a danger of emotional hoarding that is like physical hoarding in some ways. It may be healthy for my soul as well as good for the house to take a good look at what is worth holding and what is worth letting go. New Year's is, of course, the classic opportunity to take stock of such things. When we think about time and its passage we also think about how it is spent and what takes our attention. So Ecclesiastes 3 says,

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ...*

*a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;*

*...*

*a time to keep, and a time to throw away..."*

even though it doesn't tell anyone exactly what time that may be specifically for them.

And if anyone reading this wants a gently used copy of Dante's *Divine Comedy* in paperback, let me know. I can always read it online or find it at the library.

Peace,

Pastor Mark

## Gretna Glen Youth Winter Blast January 28 – 29



The cost this year is \$50.00. This is two days of guaranteed FUN! Cheryl Cini encourages the youth to sign up as soon as possible. We will need 2 Adult Chaperones also. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please give completed forms Cheryl Cini along with your deposit of \$20.00.

## Christmas Cards



Please check the table across from the bell tower to see if any Christmas cards are addressed to you. Those remaining will disappear the first week of January.

## UMW Lydia Circle Meeting Monday, January 9

Our January meeting will be a lunch out on Monday, January 9, at 12:30 p.m., at the **Olive Garden Restaurant in Providence Town Center, 1 Town Center Drive, Collegeville, PA 19426** (the shopping center with the Wegmans grocery store). We will order from the regular menu and we have been promised separate checks. Please plan to meet at the church at 12 noon if you need to carpool. If you are in need of a ride, contact Linda Lamborn. **Also if you are not able to attend, let Linda know to allow her to give the restaurant an accurate count.**

You may view the menu for the restaurant at the following web site:

<http://www.olivegarden.com/menu-listing/pronto-lunch>

Our meeting will be mostly eating and enjoying each other's company, but we will also have cards to sign and a program and hostess roster for the coming year to complete.

## Matthew 25 Ministry Pill Bottle Update



The final shipment of pill bottles for 2016, forwarding container number 14, went out to the on December 27. Thanks to everyone who has participated. The donated pill bottles are forwarded to Third World countries for use by doctors serving there, often being used to transport medications to remote areas on foot. In the past, pills placed in envelopes or pockets of the doctors' clothing would often be reduced to powder during the delivery. The pill bottles allow medications to reach their destination in much better condition. Any excess pill bottles are chopped up and sold as plastic to allow purchases of medical items. Please continue to donate your empty pill bottles, and remember to rinse your pill bottles and include a coin, at least a penny, in each bottle to help defray the shipping costs.

## Meals for St. Mary's Shelter



We need **at least 15 members** to prepare and freeze casseroles for St. Mary's Shelter the **week of January 22, 2017**. Each casserole should feed at least six people. Desserts are also welcome along with the casserole. Casseroles should be marked with ingredients and cooking directions. Please sign up across from the chapel if interested.

## Chili Luncheon Sunday, January 8

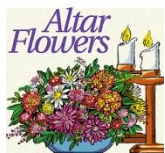


We will be having a chili luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, January 8 to celebrate the New Year and enjoy fellowship with one another. All are welcome! The menu will include chili, cornbread, salad, drinks, and dessert. We will be taking donations at the lunch. If there is bad weather, the make-up date will be Sunday, January 22.

## Men's Night Out Tuesday, January 10

McKenzie Brew House, 240 Lancaster Pike, Malvern; 5:30 p.m. gather; 6:00 p.m. dinner. Any questions, contact Bill McKinney. Sign up across from the chapel.

## Sign Up for 2017 Altar Flowers In Memory or In Honor of Loved Ones



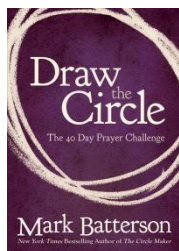
The sign up chart for 2017 altar flowers is posted across from the church office. You may give flowers **(1) vase for \$20, (2) vases for \$40** in honor or in memory of loved ones. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin. *Please note: The cost for flowers has increased due to increased florists costs.*

## Special Request from PACS



Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS) is in need of canned fruits. Donations can be dropped off at the church or at PACS, 257 Church St., Phoenixville; 610-933-1105.

## Draw the Circle



On **Monday evenings at 7:00 from January 16 to February 27**, a group will be meeting in the church lounge to help people develop their own, personal prayer life. Led by the Rev. Mary Catherine Miller, it will help people draw a circle around the places in life that could use some prayer and then pray about them. To get started, the group will use *Draw the Circle: The Forty Day Prayer Challenge* by Mark Batterson. It comes highly recommended. (Bishop Johnson recently presented a copy to each clergy person in the annual conference.) We have a dozen copies on hand for participants' use. If you would like to preview

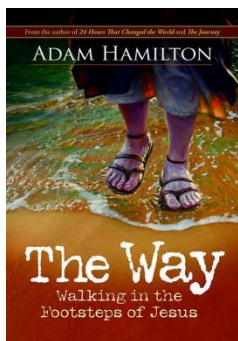
the book, one is on the table in the bell tower.

## Facebook Update

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In early December, the church's Facebook page crossed the threshold of having 200 "likes". If you haven't checked it out yet, you might like it, too. It includes announcements about upcoming events, pictures and notices about recent events, a daily devotion from The Upper Room, and links of many types that help build God's people up in their faith.

## "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"



Starting on January 4, the **Wednesday evening Bible study group** will be watching a DVD made by Adam Hamilton, recording his visits to various sites in Israel where the gospels recount events in Jesus' life.

- January 4** Baptism and Temptation
- January 11** Healing Ministry
- January 18** Proclaiming the Kingdom
- January 25** Calming the Storm
- February 1** Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor
- February 8** The Final Week

The study meets in the church library at 6:00 each week, and everyone is welcome to any or all sessions.

## Central District Calendar of Prayer Scriptures for 2016-2017

### JANUARY 2017

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **James 1:6**

### FEBRUARY 2017

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **James 5:16**

### MARCH 2017

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **Luke 6:27-28**

### APRIL 2017

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **John 14:13**

### MAY 2017

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **1 John 5:14**



## Wellness Ministry Minute



The Wellness Ministry is offering a series of made over recipes. We look at common, favorite foods and “lighten” them up. Suggestions include making it even more healthy by using organic ingredients, cutting smaller slices and you can even do gluten free! *All recipes shared by the Wellness Ministry are located on the Wellness Ministry bulletin board.*

**Cauliflower Nuggets** (a healthier version of Chicken Nuggets).  
*Makes a great party appetizer!!*

### Ingredients:

Olive oil or avocado oil

3 large eggs

1/4 cups finely ground whole-wheat bread crumbs

1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 head cauliflower, big stem removed, florets and smaller stems chopped into 1-in. pieces

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 450°F. Grease a large rimmed baking sheet with oil.

Beat eggs in a shallow bowl. Combine bread crumbs, Parmesan, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste in another shallow bowl. Set half of bread crumb mixture aside in a separate bowl.

Drop some cauliflower pieces into egg mixture and turn to coat evenly. Shake off any excess egg, then drop coated pieces into bread crumb mixture. Sprinkle some bread crumbs on top and roll cauliflower pieces around until evenly coated. Transfer coated pieces to baking sheet and repeat with remaining cauliflower.

Brush or spray tops of cauliflower pieces with a light coating of oil. Bake, flipping over halfway through, until cauliflower pieces can be easily pierced with a fork, about 20 minutes. Serve warm.

### Nutrition Information:

Yield: 6 Servings, Serving Size: 5 florets per serving; Smart Points: 4; Points +: 4; Calories: 159; Total Fat: 5.5g; Saturated Fat: g; Cholesterol: 97mg; Sodium: 265mg; Carbohydrates: 19g; Fiber: 5g; Sugar: 0g; Protein: 10g

## Scrip Update

We continue to carry our basic cards every week at the scrip table and we also place orders each Sunday, which are available for pick-up the following Sunday. The list of merchants can be found at our table or on the website, ShopWithScrip.com. All proceeds continue to help support our kitchen ministry.



**\$10.00 ~ Barnes & Noble, Dunkin Donuts, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Target, Amazon**

**\$25.00 ~ Acme, Giant, K-Mart, Kohls, Panera, Staples, Starbucks, Target, Wawa, Amazon**

**\$100.00 ~ Acme, Giant, Wawa**

### Food Items Needed for St. Peter's Monday Night Dinners

ONGOING ITEMS NEEDED	ONGOING ITEMS NEEDED	ITEMS NEEDED FOR JANUARY
Dinner rolls	No bake jello cheesecake in a box	<b>***Bags frozen green beans***</b>
Spaghetti sauce	Tuna	<b>***Large loaves white bread***</b>
Pudding (small individual containers)	Kidney beans	<b>***Kidney beans***</b>
Large foil casserole pans	Tomato sauce	<b>***Tomato sauce***</b>
12 oz. salad bowls	Grape jelly	Bags frozen corn
10 oz. can diced tomatoes and green chilies (rotel)	Chicken broth	Salad dressings: - ranch - french - thousand island
16 oz. can fat free refried beans	Large sturdy dinner plates	Grape jelly
Chicken broth	Cream of mushroom soup	Ziti pasta
	<b><u>NO MORE</u></b>	Cookie package mixes
	<b><u>PEANUT BUTTER</u></b>	Cake and brownie mixes
	<b><u>PLEASE</u></b>	Canola oil
		Plastic knives & spoons





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SERVING IN WORSHIP MINISTRY

**8:30 a.m. Greeters**

Jan. 8 Sally Doyle, Julia & Emma  
15 Dot Wood  
22 Anna Noad  
29 Diana & Steven Huang

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**8:30 a.m. Ushers**

Jan. 8 Bob Hyland  
Scott Hill  
15 Sandy Whitney  
Erin Walters  
22 Bob Hyland  
Scott Hill  
29 Anne Post  
Sandy Whitney

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**8:30 a.m. Lay Readers**

Jan. 8 T.J. Bagley  
15 Charlie Peffall  
22 Bob Hyland  
29 Sally Doyle

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**8:30 a.m. Acolytes**

Jan. 8  
15 Caraline Newman  
22  
29 Steven Huang

**10:45 a.m. Greeters**

Jan. 8 Connie DeFlavia  
15 Lori Joyce  
22 Mary & Rhonda Huisenga  
29 Jeanne & Jack Thompson

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**10:45 a.m. Ushers**

Jan. 8 Brad Thompson, Marc Pochet  
Jay Haas, Dave Hayes  
15 Mike & Jon Zadrejko  
Ed Hook, Kent Piland  
22 Jim Pierson, Bill Akin  
Tom Baker  
29 Mary & Rhonda Huisenga  
Barb Gibson, Gwen Miller

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**10:45 a.m. Lay Readers**

Jan. 8 Cindy Smith  
15 Penny Pfennig  
22 Judy Schofield  
29 Gail Allebach

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**10:45 a.m. Acolytes**

Jan. 8 J.J. Allen  
15 Leah Kerry  
22 Zachary Arp  
29 Madison Readman

# January 2017

January 2017

February 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 1, 17 9:30am Worship (Fellowship Hall)	2 7:00pm Cancelled/Prayer Shawl Ministry (Staff Office)	3 10:00am Women's Bible Study (Church Library) 12:30pm Ministerium 6:00pm Fitness Class (Fellowship Hall)	4 6:00pm Bible Study (Church Library)	5 6:00pm Cancelled/Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal 6:30pm Fitness Class (Fellowship Hall) 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	7 8:00am Wedding (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
8 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Chili Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 12:00pm Communications/Outreach Mtg. (Chapel)	9 1:30pm UMW Lydia Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:15pm Girl Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Staff Office)	10 10:00am Women's Bible Study (Church Library) 12:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Men's Night Out 6:00pm Fitness Class (Fellowship Hall)	11 6:00pm Bible Study (Church Library)	12 6:00pm Cancelled/Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal 6:30pm Fitness Class (Fellowship Hall) 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 14	14 12:00pm Girl Scout Cookie Kick-off Event (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Peace Vigil (St Peter's Episcopal Church, 121 Church St, Phoenixville, PA 19460, USA)
15 Human Relations Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Family Worship (Fellowship Hall) 10:45am Worship	16 Church Office Closed MLK Birthday Observance 1:00pm St. Peter's Food Prep (Kitchen) 6:30pm Trustees Meeting 7:00pm Draw the Circle (Church Lounge) 7:00pm Cancelled/Prayer Shawl Ministry (Staff Office)	17 10:00am Women's Bible Study (Church Library) 6:00pm Fitness Class (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Finance Meeting	18 6:00pm Bible Study (Church Library)	19 6:00pm Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal 6:30pm Fitness Class (Fellowship Hall) 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 5:00pm VFKH-Parent/Child Night (Fellowship Hall)	21
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