



God's Work, Our Hands

St. Luke's hands were very busy in December. Here are some highlights.

Dave Durante's action team project benefited Boyertown Multi Service. St. Luke donated 255 pounds of food and donated the most needed items of toilet paper, cereal, paper towels and more.



*Cody,
the pantry
manager,
thanked
St. Luke
for their
donations*



Our Community Clothing Rack continues to provide a much needed service to this community. On a Wednesday in December, the entire lower parking lot was filled with clients.



Additional cars were also in front of the church. Multi-Service had an emergency request for a woman going into an assisted living facility. Sandy Quicksell immediately filled bags of clothing for her. The items were delivered to the social worker at Multi-Service. A member of the United Way Homeless Committee had emergency requests for three local homeless people. Again, the CCR volunteers found clothing and boots. Children's clothing was needed at Opportunity House and professional clothing was delivered to PA Workwear. Thank you to the dedicated CCR volunteers!

God's Work, Our Hands Continued

Dave Janzow's action team project was for the Boyertown Salvation Army's Pantry. Mike Ferraro delivered 17 hams plus donated items in the narthex bin. After hams, canned goods were high on the list. Eleven cases of vegetables, plus pasta, low sodium tuna and a few soup were delivered. Weis donated one of the vegetable cases. Seventy-one boxes of cereal, canned goods and other requested items were greatly appreciated.



Pete Huber's action team helped to restock the church kitchen with paper products, coffee pot, electric tea kettle and more. Thank you to the kitchen ministry for cleaning and re-organizing our kitchen.



Connie Hukari's action team helped St. Luke collect Christmas Gifts for clients of Boyertown Multi-Service. Here are pictures of some of the items donated. Thank you to the St. Luke elves!



St. Luke Calendar

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| Jan. 1 | Happy New Year! |
| Jan. 3 | CCR Donations 1:00 - 4:00pm |
| Jan. 4 | Girl Scouts, 6:30pm |
| Jan. 5 | AA 8:30pm |
| Jan. 7 | Baptism of Our Lord 9:30am |
| Jan. 9 | Worship & Music 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm |
| Jan. 10 | CCR Shopping 1:00 - 4:00pm Council Meeting 6:45pm CCR Shopping 6:00 - 8:00pm |
| Jan. 11 | Girls Scout Bronze Award 6:30pm Council Meeting 6:45pm |
| Jan. 12 | AA 8:30pm |
| Jan. 14 | 2nd Sun. after Epiphany 9:30am |
| Jan. 16 | Boy Scouts 7:00pm |
| Jan. 17 | CCR Shopping 1:00 - 4:00pm |
| Jan. 18 | Girl Scouts 6:30pm |
| Jan. 19 | AA 8:30pm |
| Jan. 21 | 3rd Sun. after Epiphany 9:30am |
| Jan. 23 | Boy Scouts 7:00pm |
| Jan. 24 | CCR Shopping 1:00 - 4:00pm |
| Jan. 26 | AA 8:30pm |
| Jan. 28 | 4th Sun. after Epiphany 9:30am |
| Jan. 30 | Boy Scouts 7:00pm |
| Jan. 31 | CCR Closed |

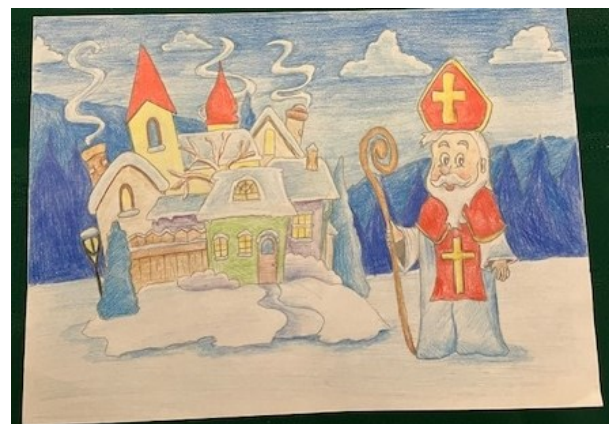
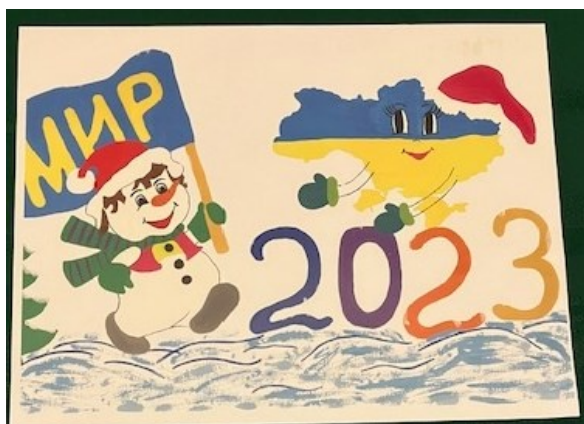
Worship Leader Schedule

| Date | Lector | Ushers | Office Volunteer |
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| Jan 7 | Kathy Billger | Ron Hukari Dave Janzow | Cindy Bealer (Jan. 4) |
| Jan 14 | Pat Hallman | Dave Girton Ron Hukari | Pat Hallman (Jan. 11) |
| Jan 21 | Ron Ball | Larry Billger Terry Conrad | Donna Biehl (Jan. 18) |
| Jan 28 | Dave Janzow | Gary Fronheiser Ron Hukari | Cindy Bealer (Jan. 25) |
| Sacristan for January Merrie Gephart | | | |

Audio Visual Schedule

| Date | Tech |
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| January 7 | Ron Ball |
| January 14 | Mike Ferraro |
| January 21 | Ron Hukari |
| January 28 | Ron Ball |

St. Luke received Christmas greetings from high school students in Bohodukhiv, Ukraine. We sent them cards at Easter and they responded with these beautifully drawn cards.





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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by Connie Hukari, president. The motion passed. Our meeting was held in person.

Attendance: Pam Reifsnyder, John Bealer, Joe Vendetti, Dave Janzow, Donna Conrad, Connie Hukari, Scott Moyer, Donna Biehl, Tim Kenna, Bonnie Kuser and Tom Undercuffler.

Excused: Mike Ferraro

Adoption of Current Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted as is with a motion by Tom Undercuffler and second by John Bealer. The motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting of September 14, 2023, were approved with a motion by Donna Conrad and second by Donna Biehl. The motion passed.

Devotions were led by Tim Kenna.

Sharing was held.

Correspondence: None.

❖ Unfinished/Old Business

➤ **Call Committee** – Leslie Romasco told the council they are working diligently with Pastor McKinstry to find candidates, but resources are severely limited.

➤ **Stewardship** – Per Dave Janzow nothing to report.

❖ **Pastor's Report** – Connie Hukari reported the service to welcome new members went well. Everything in place for Christmas services.

❖ Treasurer's Reports (see report)

➤ Tim Kenna made a motion to accept the report and Dave Janzow made a second. The motion passed.

Committees

❖ Standing Committees

➤ **Worship & Music** – Craft show all set for 11/18. Thanksgiving Service will be like other years in Memorial Hall and pie.

➤ Finance

➤ **Evangelism/Social Ministry**

➤ **Property Committee** – Tom Undercuffler is looking into a new mower.

➤ **Endowment**

❖ Organizations

➤ **Clothing Rack**

➤ **Girl Scouts**

➤ **Boy Scouts**

New Business –

➤ **2024 Budget** – Scott went over the budget. Dave Janzow made a motion to accept and Tom Undercuffler seconded motion. The budget was approved.

➤ **New Council members** – Several names were mentioned and will be contacted.

➤ **Using Memorial Hall for polling in 2024** – Property Committee will talk to the Township and find out what they will need.

➤ **Request to use the kitchen-** Brenda who cleans the church would like to use the kitchen on Nov. 25. Council approved.

Adjournment

❖ Dave Janzow moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm. Bonnie KuserukariH seconded the motion and the motion passed.

❖ Tim Kenna concluded with a prayer.

❖ Our next meeting is Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:45 pm.

❖ Donna Biehl will lead devotions at the next meeting.

❖ John Bealer will provide refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Reifsnyder
Secretary of Church Council

God's Work, Our Hands Coming in January

Celeste Ball's Action Team is a fun, soft and fluffy project. You can sit at a table and stuff the cutest animals for the Gilbertsville Fire and the Police Departments. They keep these critters in their vehicle to use for emergencies with young children.

Leslie Romasco's project is to make hygiene kits for the United Way Homeless Committee.

Ron Ball is planning one for the Meals on Wheels clients.

Pottstown Salvation Army Family Shelter- Save your gently used bath and kitchen towels, washcloths, twin sheets and blankets.

Safe Berks – Did you get new luggage for Christmas? Bring that old suitcase to church for the abused women's shelter.

Old Christmas and greeting cards are needed for crafts at Multi-Service. Put cards in the bin in the Narthex.

St. Luke knitters- hats are needed at the shelter. Yarn is available in the room across from the Pastor's office. If anyone needs a loom, please see Connie Hukari.

Wedding Anniversaries

Jan. 4 Norman & Merrie Gephart
Jan. 5 Lee & Joy Moyer

If you celebrate an anniversary but it is not listed or have any other corrections, please contact the church office.

2023 Annual Report

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 immediately following the worship service.

Marsha would like to remind committees to have their reports into the church office by January 15.

January Birthdays

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| Jan. 1 | Lindsay Roeder |
| Jan. 3 | Seneca Frech |
| | Devon Kuser |
| Jan. 5 | Valerie Schlegel |
| Jan. 6 | Rocky Butcher |
| Jan. 11 | Kim Spiece |
| Jan. 13 | Melissa Burkhart |
| Jan. 14 | Carli Finger |
| Jan. 15 | Clayton Ingram |
| | Clint Moyer |
| Jan. 17 | Olivia Casas |
| Jan. 18 | Sharon Hoffa |
| Jan. 19 | Rebecca Dreyman |
| Jan. 21 | Christa Shankweiler |
| Jan. 22 | Peter Huber |
| Jan. 23 | Josh Harris |
| | Haley Hukari |
| | Alfred Nelson |
| Jan. 24 | Bonnie Kuser |
| Jan. 26 | Christyann Pulliam |
| Jan. 28 | Paul Lyons |
| | Duan Thomas |
| Jan. 29 | Timothy Janzow |
| Jan. 30 | Jenn Treichler |



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