



As we begin another year, we cannot help but look back over the old one. Some of us may look back and shudder at the things that happened, for there have been many things which we'd like to forget. But, some of the events of the last year will be with us for a long time to come and may affect our lives and the lives of many generations to come.

We are a people who hear—we hear telephones ring, radios, televisions and stereos. We hear babies cry, and birds sing, and the engine of cars. We hear shouts from afar or a tiny whisper next to our ear—yes we hear many sounds, great and small, of all sorts. Unfortunately, even though we hear very well, many of us have become very poor listeners. The reasons for this poor listening may depend on the person or the situation. Many times we do not listen to what someone is saying to us because we are so concerned with our own thoughts and with what we want to say, or we may be dreaming about something else. But, if we are to be honest with ourselves, the reason we don't listen to others is we're really not interested in what that person has to say; we're really not interested in that person ;we're only concerned with number one—ourselves. We call this condition SELFISHNESS.

We know that in the old Testament, the prophets warned the people to give up their sinful ways and return to the Lord, but they did not listen and soon they lost everything they had. It has been a mark of history that whenever people became so independent, self-righteous and greedy that they forgot their God, they soon lost all they had. God sent to earth His own Son, to warn people to turn from their selfishness. People rejected Jesus then and we reject him even today, because we do not listen. Jesus had offered us a better way to live. Instead of selfishly wasting all God has given us, instead of greedily trying to get everything we can out of life and our neighbor; Jesus said, be stewards of the gifts of God, using them wisely, and give all you have to others and God's blessings will be upon you. Give instead of take, share instead of hoard. Unfortunately this kind of talk sounds foolish to many people, but most of us just haven't listened to God. Is it because we really don't care what he has to say? We've heard His message time and time again. It is now time to begin to listen to God and obey Him.

We are beginning a New Year. In many ways it will be a year of hardship and sacrifice, but if we begin this year with an effort to listen to God and our neighbors instead of our own selfish desire, perhaps we can overcome the problems of our world with a new fuel, a new food, a new peace, which comes straight from God. ~ KJS

Thank you, MT Pisgah Trinity friends and church family, for the many cards, gifts and outpouring of love and support this season—both celebrating the birth of our Savior and grieving the death of Rev. David. We also thank the church for it's very generous gift!

Blessings of health and happiness to you as you enter 2019, continuing to love and serve our God!

With love, Pastor Keith and Diane

Now collecting for the Ronald McDonald House

Tabs from aluminum cans

The aluminum tabs are sold to a local recycling company; proceeds help with daily operating expenses at the House.



Please put them in the jar at the Connection Corner.

We are also collecting Box Tops for Education. They will be sent to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.



Purchasing Gift Cards to be used at Giant is a pain – free way to raise money for our debt-reduction. Just stop by the Connection Corner after our Worship Service then use them as CASH when you go shopping.

There is no extra cost to you or the church, and the church get 5% profit for every card purchased. Just think of how much money would be raised if we all purchased these gift cards!

INSTALLATION OF 2019 OFFICERS

On Jan 6, during the 10:15 Worship Service, we will install the 2019 officers for MPT UMC. These officers were elected at our church conference on Nov 25th. We ask that you pray for each of these servants of God as they lead his church in the coming year. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we begin the new year. 2019 officers are as follows:

Leadership Team:

Linda Dickmyer, chair (2021)
Ernie Mellinger, Lay Leader
Lonna Mellinger, Lay Member , annual conference
Sandy Eckard, Finance Chair (2020)
Brad Dietrich, Trustee chair (2020)
Heather TeBeau, SPRC chair (2019)
Ted Mumbauer (2021)
Lorie McGinnis (2021)
Wendy Fenwick (2020)
Nathan Kauffman (2020)
Pat Cobb (2019)
Tony Lewis (2019)

Outreach /Missions

Helen Lewis
Bev Dietrich
Jody Bowers
Sandy Detwiler
Kara Conrath
Sandy Eckard
Diane Schmuck
Linda Dickkmyer
Nominations:
Grace Kinard (2019)
Marcia Longenecker (2020)
Carson Shaffer (2021)

PSALM 23 FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my pacesetter I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals
He provides me with images of stillness,
Which restores my serenity.
He leads me in the way of efficiency through
calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish
each day
And crisis may pile upon crisis
I will not fall apart for His presence is here,
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me
in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst
of my activity.
He anoints my mind with His oils of inspiration.
My cup overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of
my hours,
For I shall walk in the peace of the Lord

The Pisgah Golden Gems (senior group) will meet on Tuesday,
Jan 8 at 1:00 pm. We will be watching the movie
“I Can Only Imagine”.

The January craft class will be held on
Thursday, Jan 17 at 1 pm. We will be
making a snowman or snowlady out of
empty yogurt jars. Please RSVP by Sunday, Jan 13 to Sandy Abel
717-751-6437.



January 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 7 pm Choir 6-8 York Badminton Club	3	4	5 9:30 am—12:30 LAX Clinic
6 Holy Communion York Badminton club 2-4 pm	7 6-8 pm Pickle Ball	8 1:00 Golden Gems 6:30 pm Sweet Retreats at Round the Clock East 7 pm Daycare Task Force	9 7 pm Choir 6-8 York Badminton Club 7 pm Community Night Task Force	10 7 pm Leadership Team	11	12 9:30 am—12:30 LAX Clinic
13 York Badminton club 2-4 pm	14 6-8 pm Pickle Ball	15 1-3 Homeschool Dodgeball	16 7 pm Choir 6-8 York Badminton Club	17 1 pm Craft Class	18	19 9:30 am—12:30 LAX Clinic
20 York Badminton club 2-4 pm	21 6-8 pm Pickle Ball	22	23 7 pm Choir 6-8 York Badminton Club	24	25	26 9:30 am—12:30 LAX Clinic
27 Mission Sunday York Badminton club 2-4 pm	28 6-8 pm Pickle Ball	29	30 7 pm Choir 6-8 York Badminton Club	31		

“Over twenty years ago while living in a well-known Connecticut city I heard of a mother who asked her pastor if she should correct her four-year-old daughter in her rendering of the Lord’s Prayer. She always began, “Our Father, who art in New Haven, how did you know my name?” Wisely the minister answered, “Not yet; she has hold of a truth many grown ups have not grasped—that God is even in New Haven and He does know her name.” The son of Man is like us as well as for us. He is able to help us.”

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

1/5 Kari Wilkin
 1/6 Joshua Crane
 1/6 Megan Rivera
 1/6 Grace Kinard
 1/14 Lonna Mellinger
 1/16 Fred Dannels
 1/22 Ray Snyder
 1/22 Joyce Minnemeyer
 1/24 Lee Bentivegna

January Anniversaries

1/9 Gary and Tina Ishman



JANUARY SERVERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeter	Acolyte	TECH
6-Jan	Pat Cobb	Diane Schmuck	Jenna Weaver	Rick Tebeau
13-Jan	Earl Hower	Scott and Jeanine Grim	Jenna Weaver	Kathi Sanders
20-Jan	Carson Shaffer	Sandy Eckard	Aiva Mercer	Rick Tebeau
27-Jan	Jeanine Grim	Karen and Lloyd Leiphart	Aiva Mercer	Tony Lewis

Communion Steward—Elaine Kauffman

Ushers: Scott and Jeanine Grim, Brad and Bev Dietrich



Up-Coming MEETING/EVENTS

<p>Jan 6 Epiphany Sunday, Holy Com- munion, Installation of 2019 Officers</p> <p>Jan 8 Day Care Task Force, 7 pm</p> <p>Sweet Retreats at Round the Clock , East, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Jan 9 Community Nite Task Force, 6 pm</p> <p>Jan 10 Leadership Team , 7 pm</p> <p>Feb 3 Holy Communion</p> <p>Feb 7 Leadership Team, 7 pm</p> <p>Mar 3 Holy Communion</p> <p>Lenten Study, 9 am #1</p> <p>Mar 6 Ash Wednesday Worship, 7 pm</p> <p>Mar 7 Leadership Team, 7 pm</p> <p>Mar 10 First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Lenten Study, 9 am#2</p> <p>Mar 17 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Lenten Study, 9 am #3</p>	<p>Mar 24 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Lenten Study, 9 am, #4</p> <p>Mar 31 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Lenten Study, 9 am, #5</p> <p>Apr 7 5th Sunday in Lent, Holy Communion,</p> <p>Lenten Study , 9 am #6</p> <p>Apr 14 Palm Sunday</p> <p>Lenten Study, 9 am #7</p> <p>Apr 18 Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion 7 pm</p> <p>Apr 19 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7 pm</p> <p>Apr 20 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm</p> <p>Apr 21 Easter Services, Sunrise, 7 am</p> <p>Breakfast, 8 am</p> <p>Worship, 9:30 (no SS)</p>
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ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

We end the year of 2018 with Worship on Dec 30 at 10:15 am. During this service we will take part in the John Wesley Covenant Service. John Wesley wrote this service over 200 years ago to be used by the Methodist church in England and America. It's purpose is to give churches and its members opportunity to renew their covenant with Jesus Christ as they begin a new year. Let us enter into a renewed relationship with our God as we end one year and begin another.

We begin the year 2019 on Jan 6 (Epiphany) at our Worship service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Epiphany is the day (traditionally) that the wise men came to visit the baby Jesus and present their gifts. We are invited to present ourselves to Christ and receive his gift of salvation as we celebrate and remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross through Holy Communion . Also, on this Sunday, we will install all officers of the church to their office for 2019.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to all who helped make our Advent/Christmas Season Celebration so wonderful:

1. All who helped decorate the Sanctuary for Advent
2. The families who helped in the lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles
3. The Sr. Choir for their inspirational music for our worship services
4. Lorie McGinnis for her wonderful piano/organ music
5. Sandy Abel and her crew for the food and preparation of our Christmas Dinner/Party
6. All who gave gifts to the Christ-child on Christmas Eve
7. All who supplied presents for the children of our Angel Tree
8. All the greetings and “well-wishes” to our Christian family
9. All who served as Acolytes, Liturgists, Greeters, Ushers, Jr Church leaders and Kathy Frey our child care giver.
10. To God who gave us the reason for everything we do during the Christmas season—His Son, Jesus our Savior!



There are no lukewarm Christians sitting in cozy pews.
There are no half-hearted Christians exchanging near-sighted views.
The only real Christians are those with hearts on fire
To spread the love of Jesus Christ, their only real desire.

There are no casual Christians sitting in comfy chairs.
There are no part-time Christians putting on pious airs.
The only real Christians are those whose biggest need
Is following our Savior with thought and word and deed.

There are no silent Christians sitting with voices still.
There are no careless Christians ignorant of His will.
The only real Christians are those who since rebirth
Have spent their lives proclaiming Him the only hope on earth.

There are no finished Christians satisfied in their ways.
There are no perfect Christians who no longer spend their days
In prayer with Him who teaches, “Let me ne’r forget
No matter how I grow and change I am not finished yet.”

~ Barbara VanHorn