



The Outlook



“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. “

Psalm 19:14

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church of Waynesburg January 2019

Dear Church,

We are never certain of these things:

The stock market

Death

Daily events

Our health

The list goes on...

We can be certain of these things:

The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

You are forgiven

God walks with you everyday

Each new day is also a new beginning

You are never alone

God Loves You!

May you experience God's richest blessings during this New Year.

God's Peace,

Rev. David S. Lake

Pastor David Lake's Office Hours: Varied (9-12 a.m. T-F)

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please join us for Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

F.I.S.H. Club 9:30 a.m. — Children plus Adult Ed Classes

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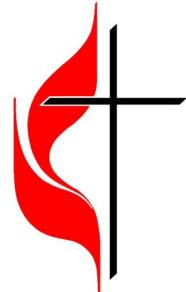


The Lakes would like to thank the Church and members for your gifts during this Season of Giving. You are all such a gift and blessing to us! May you all be richly blessed during 2019.
Thank you,
David, Leanna, Andrew, and Abigail



Mission is most impactful when:

- 1. We know God—our Master—deeply.**
- 2. We make sacrifices for the sake of others.**
- 3. It is done through a community of people.**



Volunteers Needed:

Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of volunteers!

Also, Community Action Southwest is looking for Ombudsman volunteers. Call: 724-852-2893 or 877-814-0788

Volunteers Needed:

The Cherry Door, an extension of the Washington Health System Greene Auxiliary is in need of volunteers . Please call 724-627-6291 if you are interested in helping.



GENERAL FUND

2018

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	PROFIT/(LOSS)
JANUARY	\$ 19,859.65	\$ 26,112.16	\$ (6,252.51)
FEBRUARY	\$ 21,515.61	\$ 22,855.58	\$ (1,339.97)
MARCH	\$ 15,797.24	\$ 19,094.51	\$ (3,297.27)
APRIL	\$ 22,459.55	\$ 22,154.31	\$ 305.24
MAY	\$ 13,122.06	\$ 22,023.66	\$ (8,901.60)
JUNE	\$ 15,973.63	\$ 20,233.59	\$ (4,259.96)
JULY	\$ 15,938.80	\$ 18,496.27	\$ (2,557.47)
AUGUST	\$ 19,613.01	\$ 16,495.46	\$ 3,117.55
SEPTEMBER	\$ 13,274.43	\$ 16,378.70	\$ (2,966.27)
OCTOBER	\$ 14,848.25	\$ 18,526.14	\$ (3,677.89)
NOVEMBER	\$ 22,026.66	\$ 20,298.39	\$ 1728.27
DECEMBER	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00

*NOTE: Figures in parentheses are negative.

*NOTE: Figures do not include in-church transfers.



Dart Ball Schedule

7:30 Monday Evenings

Jan. 7th—@ Greensboro Baptist #1

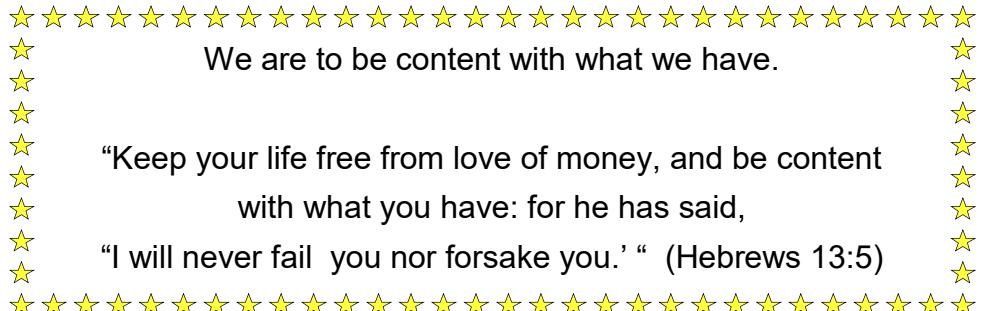
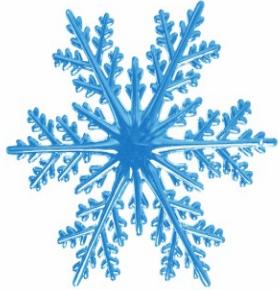
Jan. 14th—@ home with Oakview UMC #1

Jan. 21st—@ home with Jefferson UMC #2

Jan. 28th—@ home with Spraggs UMC

"Prayer for a Brighter Greene" will continue on the third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. at the Greene County Fairgrounds (Building #9).

Next meeting—Tues., January 15, 2019!



We are to be content with what we have.

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have: for he has said,

“I will never fail you nor forsake you.’ “ (Hebrews 13:5)

As we have seen in previous presentations, God determines the amount of money and material possessions that we have. We do our part by working and by wisely managing His resources, but as King David stated in First Chronicles 29, both riches and honor come from God, and He determines who is made great and who is made small.

Contentment has been defined as accepting with a spirit of peace and a spirit of restfulness what God has allowed us to have. Contentment is a conscious response that causes us not to quarrel with God's decisions concerning our financial standing and status. Like the Apostle Paul, who described his outlook in Philippians 4:11-12, we are to know how to abound when God showers His blessings on us; we also are to know how to do without when that occurs.

John Rockefeller was once asked, “How many millions does it take to satisfy a man?” Rockefeller wisely replied, “The next one.” That's human nature — always wanting more. It's what Solomon expressed in Ecclesiastes 5:10, “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money; nor he who loves wealth, with gain.” But when we are content with what God has entrusted to us, our heart's desire is not to get more wealth. Instead, it is to glorify God with what we have, regardless of the amount.

This does not mean that we should never want to improve our situation. In fact, many of the products we take for granted today are the result of that very thing. Edison was dissatisfied with gas lights. His discontent brought about the invention of the electric light bulb. Someone else was not content to haul ice for an ice box, so he invented the refrigerator. A man in Greenville, Illinois, was not content to suffer one summer in the 1950s in a hot apartment, so he invented the room air conditioner.

Scripture also provides numerous illustrations of people wanting to improve their situations. For example, it was David's desire to replace the temporary tabernacle with a more permanent structure reflecting God's glory that caused him to want to build the Temple. It was Isaiah's desire for an improved spiritual relationship with God through personal holiness that caused him to cry out to God for cleansing. It was the Ethiopian eunuch's desire to know more about the Lamb of God that ultimately led to his conversion through the ministry of the Holy Spirit's messenger, Philip. Yes, God can empower and multiply the efforts of anyone who is content as we have defined it this morning but who wants to improve a less-than-desirable situation.

Remember, contentment simply means that we demonstrate spiritual maturity by accepting with a spirit of peace and restfulness what God has entrusted to us. And contentment means that we resist the temptation to say, “God, You didn't know what You were doing when you determined my financial standing. You must have made a mistake. God, You need to rethink this thing. Surely, I deserve more than this.”

Are you content with what you have? Is your life typified by a spirit of peace concerning your financial situation? My challenge to you this morning is found in Hebrews 13:5 - “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you.'”



Attention Ladies:

Secret Sisters will start the end of January. For those of you who do not know what Secret Sister is, it's a fun way to get to know the ladies in the church a little better. During the year, you will send cards, gifts, or whatever you may choose to your Secret Sister. You may leave them at the back of the church to be picked up by your Secret Sister. Be sure not to sign the cards you send because it's a secret. Cards and gifts can be given anytime but should always be given for special days such as anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Also, cards and gifts can be given for special holidays such as Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Christmas, etc. or any day you feel like surprising your Secret Sister. We may go to dinner, movies, or some other fun things during the year as a group. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate. We will meet after church on the last Sunday of January, Jan. 27th, to draw names. We will continue this for one year. On the last Sunday of January 2020, we will have a reveal party and at that time you will find out who your Secret Sister was for the year. Have fun with this and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me, Teresa Simms, at 724-833-4509.

Name _____

Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

Special Day _____

Favorite Color _____

Favorite Flower _____

Favorite Author _____



Coming in February...

CHRISTMAS CAROLING HAS BEEN
TRANSFORMED INTO A VALENTINE
SERENADING EVENT IN 2019. NURS-
ING HOMES DON'T RECEIVE
MUCH ATTENTION THEN. SHARE THE
LOVE.



Gift Cards....the gift that always fits!

Don't forget to get your gift cards to do your shopping. You can either give the gift card as a gift or use the gift card to buy the gift and the Antioch Connection receives a percentage of your purchase at no extra charge to you.

A couple of things you might not know:

- Giant Eagle gift cards can be used to purchase any of the gift cards that Giant Eagle carries.
- Giant Eagle gift cards can be used at Getgo
- Amazon is one of the most popular and well received gifts....they have everything that anyone could want...you can't go wrong giving an Amazon gift card.
- Walmart gift cards can also be used at Sam's Club
- Connie carries some \$10 Walmart for the smaller gift giving.

Sheetz gift cards cannot be purchased at Giant Eagle but Connie always has a supply on hand.

Connie Hart will always have a number of gift cards available to purchase. See her in church or email at cmhart@windstream.net and she'll make arrangements to get the cards to you. Also, please consider signing up at www.iGive.com and selecting 2nd Sam 9 as your designated charity. Any purchases you make on-line through iGive will automatically give a percentage to 2nd Sam 9. So, you'll be benefitting our church and God's work at 2nd Sam 9. It's a win/win!

Rada Products for Sale

Rada products are always available with a catalog/order forms in the church office.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Blueprints (formerly Southwest Community Action) is in need of retired and senior volunteers to help them during the daytime.

Please call Jill at

724-852-2893 Ext. 520 if you are able to volunteer your time.



Prison Ministry Update...

Our 40 Days of Purpose session in prison is currently on break, however, so that the men at SCI Greene do not feel forgotten at this special time of year the First United Methodist Church choir went in to prison on Sunday Dec 23rd to perform a lovely Christmas program for the men. It's always special for the men when the choir comes in to sing. But, what makes this even more special is knowing the sacrifice involved for the choir members and their willingness to sacrifice.

When we go into prison we meet at the church at 5pm to carpool and arrive at the gate at 5:30pm. This was the day of a BIG Steeler game and we have many Steeler fans in our choir. The game started at 4:30pm so it was inevitable that they would miss the game. Some of our choir members had a house full of out of town guests that they left to minister to 'the least of these'. And, ALL of the choir would be performing again the next evening at the Christmas Eve service. And, Pastor Bill after giving a message to his church that morning and again planning to give one on Christmas eve, prepared a special sermon that would resonate with the men in prison. The sermon was about the longing we feel for a Savior and how many of them live with that longing feeling every day; longing to go home and be with family, longing to be free, etc.

I (Connie) was concerned that there would be very few men in attendance because attendance has been on the decline the last few years and because of the Steeler Game. But, much to our pleasant surprise there was a full house with 150+ men in attendance. They came with joyful and grateful hearts just open to receive whatever we would share with them. It was the first time in prison for one of our choir members who was understandably a little nervous. The minute she arrived in the sanctuary and felt their overwhelming gratitude she was walking all around shaking hands with inmates and giving them a big smile and most importantly showing God's love in a very tangible way.

The musical program was wonderful, Pastor Bill gave a poignant message to a very attentive audience and ALL were blessed by our time together. Because of the large crowd in attendance the head Corrections Officer told me that they would have to have COs standing around the room to watch for any shady behavior and if any was found, the inmates would be escorted out during the service. Well, in true God fashion, there was no shady business and the COs were able to participate in the entire program and experience God's love for themselves. It was a blessed evening indeed all to the glory of God!

Please continue to hold our prison ministry in prayer as we navigate how to conduct our next session with all the strict requirements that are currently in place. These are uncertain times for our prison ministry, but we are reminded that God is NEVER surprised by anything and has it already worked out and is ready to lead us through if we will follow His leading.

Blessings to you all in this New Year! Your prison team,
Connie Hart, Shirley Baily, Rex Gardner and Rev. Bill Sukolsky

January Birthdays



- 1 David Mariner
- 3 Mike Gaston
- 4 Tessa Mariner
- 6 Nicole Roberts
- 8 Craig M. Alderson
- 9 Zachary Patton
- 12 Megan McElligott
- 13 Bill Okuley
- 15 Kevin McElligott
- Devonne McCall
- Quinn Stoner
- 17 Gregg Stoner
- 18 Ava Mariner
- 19 Caleb Ward
- 20 Ramonda Lipscomb
- 24 Eileen Lang
- Troy Cree
- 28 Nathan Patton
- Amy Milliken
- 30 Frank Robinson
- 31 Amy Hartman

Did we miss anyone's
birthday?

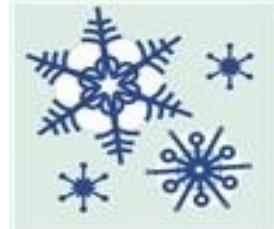
Call the church office or send
an e-mail to get your special
day in the newsletter
Call 724.627.5951

Choir Practice

Bell Choir—Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir—Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Greene County Hymn Sing

January 13, 2019 at Oakview UMC



WE WANT YOU...

Care & Share is not a 1, 2 or even 3 person job. It takes many people. Although we have many on our list to help, we wouldn't want to leave anyone out that would like to be of service. Do you like to cook? Could you use your time to take someone to an appointment? Do you have time to sit and visit? Do you have the talent to build or repair, or climb a ladder to change a light bulb for someone that can't? Please see or call Jeanette Lindsay (724-984-0262) or Janet Cree (724-627-8957) if you'd like to share your gifts & talents for the Lord.

Pray always ~ without ceasing!

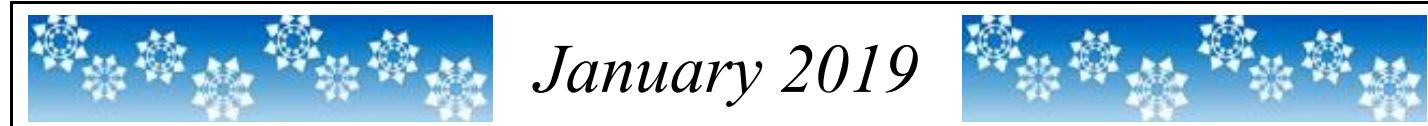
Please call prayer requests to: the church office at
724-627-5951

If you would rather email, send them to Wayne Hart at:
wahart@windstream.net (Subject: Prayer Ministry)



Announcement List

- January 6.....Youth
- January 13.....Lynn Bussey
- January 20.....Nate Duer
- January 27.....Jeff Cree



January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5
6 Epiphany	7 6:30-7:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café 7:30 PM Dartball	8 7-8:30 PM Disciple Fastrack	9 6:30-7:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café 7-8 PM Kid's Café	10 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11	12
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY **Monday, January 21st or earlier.**