

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### God's abundance...our response

Is the theme of our fall stewardship program this year. Starting October 21, on three Sundays a different member of St. Daniel's is giving a brief talk about why they give. There will be an opportunity on another Sunday to reflect on the percentage of our income that our current giving represents.

We are encouraging everyone to increase their giving by 1% of their income for 2019. Such an increase could make an enormous difference in St. Daniel's ability to minister in Jesus 'name in this community and the world! The enclosed chart will help you determine what percentage you are currently giving to St. Daniel's.

After having four weeks to reflect on our giving to God's work through St. Daniel's. on Sunday, November 18 we will be asked to estimate our giving for the coming year. May this time of reflection help us grown in our gratitude for God's grace in Christ!

### Transition thoughts...

what was said at the informational congregational meeting on September 30. The focus of that meeting was on St. Daniel's budget deficits that have grown over the last five years, and the reason for them. Simply put, St. Daniel's is a different type of congregation from what it was even ten years ago. With an attendance over 120 a Sunday and program staff, it was a program driven congregation. As attendance declined (it is now about 90 a Sunday), adjustments in spending on staff were avoided. In fact, those expenditures increased as income declined.

- With my arrival as a part time pastor, pastoral compensation was cut considerably to bring income and expenditures more into line. The Finance Committee and Council are working to trim expenditures where possible for the coming year. We are hopeful that giving will also increase, but more cuts in program staff compensation are likely to adjust for the size we are now
- Another effect of our decline has been unstaffed and understaffed committees, and members serving on multiple committees. These are signs of the change from a program driven to pastor driven congregation. The Transition Team is looking into streamlining our committee structure and reducing the number of committees to align with the number of people available to staff them.
- In worship, an interim is a time to try some new things while also maintaining the congregation's traditions. For Reformation and the Sundays until the beginning of Advent, the communion part of the liturgy will be conducted as in Martin Luther's German Mass. We will intone (sing) that part of the liturgy and use Luther's hymn version of Isaiah 6 as the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy). Also for those Sundays the hymn of praise will be "All Glory be to God on High", from Luther's German Mass. Starting in Advent, The Worship, Music & Arts Committee has determined we will use Setting 5 from With One Voice.

Pastor Detweiler

# **Guide To Proportionate Giving**

For they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.

2 Corinthians 8:3

Instructions :

Example :

Find your annual or weekly income in one of the first two columns. Then look across the row to determine your giving level in percent. We encourage each household to increase giving 1 percent per year.

A 1 percent increase (from 3 percent to 4 percent) would be about an additional \$10 per week. For a household earning \$52,000 per year and contributing about \$30 per week, the contribution is about 3 percent of income. This is a portion of what has been given by God to be managed and then is returned to do ministry.

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### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Congregational meeting to elect Council members and act on the 2019 budget will be held December 9, 2018
- St. Daniel's will have a float in the Robesonia Jack Frost Parade on Nov. 4, 2018. The Float will advertise our Preschool and everyone is invited to participate
- We have contracted with Lehman Property Management Company to handle the rental of the sexton house
- The parking lots have been resurfaced and relined with a donation from a church member
- The Stewardship Campaign will conclude on Nov. 18. The theme is "God's Abundance -Our response"
- Our Facilities Manager has provided a list of needed improvements to our property that

### **OCTOBER 17, 2018**

includes: replacing the pressure tank and piping in the sanctuary heating system; removing several dead or diseased trees; replacing the kitchen air conditioner; replacing the lawn mower; and replacing all 20 thermostats.

- The Nominating Committee of Elise Dieffenbach, Robin Gordon, Dolores Hauer, Harold Schappell and Linda Rentschler was appointed.
- Revised Job Descriptions for staff have been approved by Council. The Employee Handbook is the process of being revised.
- Joyful Noise offering bucket will be in the narthex for those wishing to contribute
- Cemetery Plot refunds were approved.

### **YOUTH EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2018**



Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board for Youth Night scheduled for Sunday, November 18 from 5:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m. We will have a taco supper, devotions, games and do some planning for future events. There is no charge for the evening and I promise we will wrap things up by 7:30.

St. Dan's youth will be making Christmas candy to sell and to give to our Giving Tree families. We will stay after worship on Sunday, November 25 and see how much we can get accomplished. I will bring in lunch to eat while we work. See sign up sheet.

### 17th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE



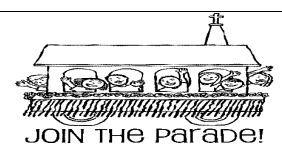
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 2017 at 4:00pm
Pre-service music by Hand Bell Choir - 3:40pm
Conrad Weiser High School Auditorium
Free Will Offering will be received
Reading Pops Orchestra & the St. Daniel's Vesper Choir & Soloists: Melissa Small, Gretchen Patti & Tyler Ravert

We are asking you for special financial support so we can continue to offer this rich tradition this year and in the future. Envelopes for your contribution will be available in the narthex and included in the bulletin

# NOVEMBER 2018

Children's Church will be held during worship for children ages 2 through grade 6.

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:00a Worship 10:15p Adult Bible Study 11:00a Jack Frost Parade Float Decorating 3:00p Jack Frost Parade	9:00a Quilters 11:00a Staff Meeting 7:00 CCT Meeting	8:00a Breakfast at Heidelberg 3:30p MB&S, Conrad Weiser West 7:00p Active Social Ministry	7 6:00pClini c 6:00p Faith Formation Team Meeting 7:00 Finance Committee Mtg	<b>8</b> 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	9 10:45 PEP to Miller Center	10
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9:00a Worship* 10:15a Adult Bible Study 3:00Community Thanksgiving Worship 5:30p Youth Night	9:00a Quilters 11:00a Staff Meeting 6:30 Transition Team Meeting	20	21 Clinic Closed for Holiday	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23 7:00a Nut Roasting	24
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### ROBESONIA JACK FROST PARADE Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018 - 3:00pm

St. Daniel's Preschool is making a float for The Jack Frost Parade. They have been invited to join us for worship and Children's church. Following worship they will be decorating the float. Games for the children will be offered during this time.

# A lunch will be provided and ALL ST. DANIEL'S MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

This is a perfect time to reach out to the young families of our preschool and show them another side of St. Daniel's.

### HELP IS NEEDED!

Please talk to Joy about how you can help ---- and come out to enjoy the parade!

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL



Many clients at the hospital have no support from friends or family. Our gifts are enjoyed by those for whom Christmas is just another day. They are so grateful for our gifts. We will be collecting the following gifts: lipstick, shampoo, deodorant, coin purses (men's and women's), hairbrushes, baseball caps, winter hats, gloves, slipper socks, adult coloring books and word search books (no staples allowed), alarm clocks and wrist watches. Thank you for your early Christmas spirit!

# All gifts must be received no later than Sunday, Nov. 4.

Gifts may be placed on the table in the narthex.



# THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS!



### **QUILT KNOTTING**

Monday, Nov. 26 - 9:30-11:30am

More than 200 quilts were made this past year and delivered to those in need. Can we exceed this goal in the coming year? We can if you come out to help us! No experience necessary.

# THE PEP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Friday, November 9**, we will enjoy a travelogue presentation on "Scenes From an Italian Journey" at the Miller Center in Reading. We will leave from the church at 10:45 a.m. and stop at Mimmo's on Rt.10 for lunch. The presentation and film starts at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for seniors and \$8 for all others plus lunch of your choosing. See sign up sheet.

Wednesday, November 28 @ 11 am All are invited to the PEP holiday event featuring chalk artist Elva Hurst For those who have experienced one of Elva's presentations, you are aware just how wonderful they are. We will choose a Christmas themed drawing for her to draw for us. Following her presentation, all are invited to a luncheon offered to us courtesy of Andy Harakel. He has generously cooked for us in the past and offered to do so again. There will be a wonderful hot meal along with a variety of homemade and Sweet Street desserts. The cost will be \$8 per person and you must sign up by Sunday, November 18. See sign up sheet on PEP bulletin board.

<u>Please note</u>, there will **NOT** be a regular PEP meeting in November because of our two special events.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** We are scheduled to go the Berks Career and Tech. Center for lunch prepared by the culinary students. Our date is Thursday, December 6 and we order off the menu. We will plan to arrive at the school at 12:15. We will carpool, leaving from the church at 11:50 a.m. You must sign up by Wednesday, November 28.



### Mark your calendar if 75 & older:

The 'Life Begins at 75' dinner will be at St. Daniel's on Saturday, December 1, hosted by the Robesonia Community Association.



### ROBESONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH <u>BLOOD DRIVE AT TRINITY</u> <u>THURSDAY</u>, DEC. 6 - 2:00-7:00pm

The blood drive will benefit the Miller-Keystone blood center and local hospitals.

If you have not already signed up and would like to donate blood, please call
Cheryl Moody at 610-926-6522, or sign up for the drive online at <a href="https://www.giveapint.org">www.giveapint.org</a>

Thank you to all who donated blood at St. Daniel's drive in September.

Thirty-one pints of blood were collected.

There is a great need for blood in our community. Thank you for your support.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Following the 9:00am Worship Service
We will elect church council members for
the coming year and act on
the budget for 2019.
Please plan to be present for this
Important meeting



Please remember our homebound members with Christmas cards.
Please look for a list of homebound members in the narthex.

No need for stamps or addresses, just write the person's name on the envelope and place in the basket. The cards will be delivered with a visit from one of our church members in December.

### **BLESSING OPPORTUNITIES!**



The **Giving Tree** is to provide new household gifts to the U-Turn young adults sponsored by Family Promise. These are folks who have aged out of foster care and are attempting to find work, go to school and, for a few, even raise a small child. They may be just moving into their first small apartment or, hopefully, will be finding housing shortly. They have very little means to set up a household and that is where we can help. The gift tags on the tree reflect basic necessities. In addition to the U-Turn tags, there are ELCA Good Gifts tags which provide donations to the poor overseas.

The tree will be put in the narthex sometime around the middle of November. If you wish to have us shop for you, envelopes for monetary donations will also be on the tree. Any checks should be made out to St. Daniel's. All gifts and donations must be received by Sunday, December 16 as that is the day we will organize all donations. We will gladly wrap for you, but we certainly appreciate when you do it yourself! Should you have any questions, see Joy.



11/01 - Roland Feeg

11/02 - Jonathan Reinhold

11/03 - Charles Moody

11/05 - Claire Troop

11/05 - Nan Feeg

11/07 - Velma Matthew

11/07 - Brad Small

11/10 - Melissa Small

11/10 - Alyssa Cassler

11/12 - Marvin Speicher

11/15 - Jay Schmehl

11/15 - Carl Adams

11/15 - Robert Preston

11/15 - Lisa Merkel

11/15 - Kelsey Pachuilo

11/16 - Minnie Duffy

11/17 - Madison Bright

11/20 - Noreen Ritz

11/25 - Susan Griesemer

11/28 - Elise Dieffenbach

11/30 - Shane Gordon



11/02/68 - Bonnie & Sam Thomas

11/07/98 - Mary & Barry Sheetz

11/16/68 - Beatrice & Larry Achey

11/20/98 - Nancy & Richard Labe

11/24/56 - Shirley & Marvin Speicher



Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my thanks to the Congregational Care Team for caring for Mark while I attended our daughter's wedding. Mark enjoyed the company and your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Thank You, Nancy Wolfskill



Thank you to St. Daniel's team of Volunteers who made and served supper at Opportunity House on Oct. 23. The meal was prepared by Gloria Dietrich, Mary Catherine Leeper, Chrissy Griesemer and active ministry helpers.

Food was served to approximately 75 men and more than 20 women and children.

Trudy Zerbe, Jim and Chrissy Griesemer and Linda Preston helped with serving.

Six baby quilts were given to the shelter.



Lucretia (Lu) Page died on October13, 2018 at the age of 64. She was the widow of Jim Page and the mother of Brian Boyer and Matthew Boyer. She is also survived by her mother, Marie Heffelfinger, two brothers, Ronald and Richard Eichelberger, and two sisters, Carol Wiser and Maryann Eichelberger.

As a retired educator, Lu was involved in many community activities related to education, as well as quilting and writing groups. She was President of St.Daniel's Council, where her guidance will be sorely missed.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lu's family and many friends.

### ST. DANIEL'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church is to provide a caring and joyful community shaped by the love of God in Jesus Christ committed to nurturing people's faith in God and sharing His gifts of hope and love with the world around us.

# ♦ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT

### Newsletter – November 2018

The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran Churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!

The WBMD office is located in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1015 Windsor Street, Reading PA 19604.

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# WBMD Fall Assembly Event

Thursday, November 1, 2018 7:00 PM Hosted by St. Mark Lutheran Church in Birdsboro 5 Brooke Manor Birdsboro 19508

Registration opens at 6:30.

Join us for worship at 7:00 which will be followed by the meeting, where we will hear from some of our Ministry Grant recipients and vote on a **WBMD budget for 2019**.

Stay for light refreshments and fellowship after the meeting.

Each congregation should be represented by their rostered ministers and 2 lay voting members. All are welcome!

WBMD - Witnessing Boldly - Making a Difference!

### UPDATE ON THE JOHNSON-AGIRI FAMILY

The Johnson-Agiri family from Nigeria was with us at last year's Fall Assembly. They came to the U.S. in May 2017 and are seeking asylum here due to credible fear of returning to their country. Many of you, as well as other congregations in the area, have been extremely generous in providing for the needs of this family over the past 17 months. You have supported them financially, invited the children and family to events, provided furnishings and household supplies for their apartment, helped them build a support network in the community, connected them to work-place development programs and tutors to help with their language skills and provided transportation as needed. The family wishes to thank you for your gracious and generous support!

**Tola finally received his work authorization in August and was hired the next week at East Penn Manufacturing.** He will finish his 12 weeks of training soon and will then be working third shift. Their asylum hearing is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep them in prayer.



# 2018 CROP Hunger Walk another great success!!!

On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> about 250 people walked at Gring's Mill in the annual Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk.

This was our 37<sup>th</sup> annual Walk and we have already collected about \$25,000! 75% of money raised goes to Church World Service to help feed people around the world and 25% goes to the Greater Berks Food Bank to help feed our hungry neighbors locally.

Special thanks to all for helping to fight hunger one step at a time! GREAT JOB!!!

This year's awards went to:

*Funky Flip Flop Award* for the most youth walking - St. Paul's UCC in Fleetwood <u>AGAIN!</u>

**Golden Sneakers Award** for most walkers - West Lawn United Methodist Church <u>AGAIN</u>!

**Benevolent Bling Award** for most money raised – so far it seems to be West Lawn UMC!

# Looking forward to next year! 2019 CROP Walk – Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

We always have some interesting characters join us for the CROP Walk!



# Embracing Fractured Stained Glass: Death and Life in Churches



Our third annual **TableTalk** event was held at the McGlinn Conference Center on October 15 and was attended by 27 people. We heard from Mr. G. Travis Woodfield, MDiv, about his research on the topic: "Embracing Fractured Stained Glass: Death and Life in Churches".

He led some interesting conversations around the idea of finding ways to embrace the end of life for some churches, as we do through hospice care for individuals. We can engage in the end-of-life process and determine how the congregation/church will be remembered when it no longer exists in a specific building. We can be intentional about having a "good death", going out with a bang so to speak, rather than just waiting for the inevitable to happen and dreading what that will mean for us.

This was just the beginning of the conversation and gave those present much to consider. It is a fact that all living things will die at some point and congregations can be considered "living" things. Great churches of the past no longer exist but their mission and ministry is remembered still. The fact that they are no longer in existence does not diminish in any way who they were and the important role they played as part of the Kingdom of God!

For more information you can contact Travis at: <a href="mailto:itsalwaysthree@gmail.com">itsalwaysthree@gmail.com</a>



### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **Greeters**

11/04 - Calvin Yoh

11/11 - Cheryl Moody

11/18 - Vernon & Patsy Bright

11/25 - Geoff & Connie Terpstra

### Ushers

11/04 - Dave & Melanie Jacobs Steve Bright

11/11 - Calvin Yoh, Cheryl Moody Dottie Ravert, Brian Yoh

11/18 - Joel Boyer, Harold Schappell Terry Williams, Ron O'Brien

11/25 - Vernon & Patsy Bright Randy & Kathy Yarnall

### **Fellowship Hostess**

Month of November – Suzette Yoh

### Children's Church Volunteers

11/4 - Joy Kline & Dustin Jacobs

Youth Helper – Gavin Jacobs

11/11 - Donna Boyer & Lorelei Lewis Youth Helper – Savannah Lewis

11/18 - Huey Evangelista & Jane Coombs Youth Helper –Ben Small

11/25 - Jimmy & Chrissy Griesemer Youth Helper – Sarina Gordon

### **Flowers**

11/04 - Bonnie & Sam Thomas in honor of 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

11/11 - Bonnie & Sam Thomas in honor of Steve's birthday

11/18 - Steve & Amy Bright

11/25 - Rick Royer in memory of his parents

### **Bulletins**

11/04 - Jay & Carole Schmehl in memory of Eric

11/11 - Ron O'Brien

11/18 - Amy & Steve Bright

11/25 - Linda Rentschler

### **Newsletter & Advertising**

Month of November – Donald Bright

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE BUILDING FUND! (See below)

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### NOVEMBER 23 – 25 – CASHEWS, ALMONDS & PEANUTS

Help is needed. Cooks begin at 7:00am, but help is needed all morning.

Come when you can, leave when you must! Please offer your help to Pearl or Barry Wurst. DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!

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### ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 12!!

Pick up at the church Friday, Nov 23 between 10:00am to Noon, or Sunday, Nov. 25 before or after worship service.

If you have any questions, call Pearl Wurst at 484-387-5445 or leave a message: 484-824-2954.

Name:	Phone:			
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Peanuts (\$6.00/box) Almonds (\$13.00/box)				