

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Friends,

In the words of Isaiah, "Forget about what's happened, don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?" (MSG).

It is a new year and, as we discussed during our stewardship campaign, it is a new beginning, my first full year here. In this new year 2020, God is doing something brand new in our church. I am happy to say that this wonderful congregation met the goal set before us, challenging us to live into this brand-new thing God is doing. I hope you are as excited about this new year as I am, because I believe that what God is doing here is bursting out and many are beginning to see it. We are becoming that beacon on a hill that we have been called to be. Hopefully, we can say with confidence, that it's ok to let go of some of the good ole-day things and open ourselves up for the brand-new things God has in store for us this new year!

Blessings,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Sponsor

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Anniversaries

Celebrating an anniversary in **January** are:

John & Kathleen Kauderer



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **January** are:

Sue Ellis, Scott Harrison, Brenda Bruce, Doris Schoonover, Ed Flory, Zach & Eli Cecchini, Bobbie Long, Mikayla Charpentier, Gerry Gower, Savior Gillard, Jeff Gibbons, Keli Butera, Ed West and Lois Swisher

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on **Tuesday, January 14th** at noon in the Lounge. All women are welcome to attend.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the February issue is Monday, **January 27th**.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report through November 2019

Income:	\$212,658.00
Expenses:	\$214,553.00
Net	\$ -1,895.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$117,511.00
Non-Pledge Giving:	\$ 8,760.00

Brighter Christmas for Nexus

The Mission Committee thanks the ESPC congregation for your very generous support of our Annual Brighter Christmas project. Your contributions provided 101 gifts for 16 children of five families in the local area. The caregivers in these families were overwhelmed and very grateful for your donations, which exemplified the true spirit of Christmas.



Confirmation Breakfast

This year, our confirmands have prepared a statement of faith that they have been asked to share with the congregation. This is a way to share with the church family how their soon-to-be newest members understand God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, Church and any meaningful aspects of their faith. To give them an opportunity to share, we will be holding a confirmation breakfast at 9am in the lounge on January 12. Later during worship, we will confirm them and celebrate our blessing of new faithful members.



Thank you!

Thank you to the choir for a lovely, inspiring cantata performance. I, for one, was touched by their moving performance. Thanks also goes to Lucas Swanson, Pastor Nicki, the Choir and the Bell Choir for their performance on Christmas Eve. Each performance added to the special night. Finally, thanks to the Emery Family Singers for a wonderful performance the last Sunday of 2019. God has blessed this congregation with many talented people.

Linda Schaller

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year! Church closed	2	3	4
5 Worship, 10:00 am Confirmation Class Property & Finance Mtg., 11:00 am Deacon's Meeting, 11:00 am TOALC Kickoff, 1:30	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship, 10:00 am Students Confirmed Session Mtg., 11:15 AM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship, 10:00 am	20	21	22	23	24 Stated Assembly meeting at Lehigh, 1:00	25 Leadership Training Day @ Camp Kirkwood
26 Worship, 10:00 am Congregational meeting, 11:00	27	28	29	30	31	