

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Church Family,

Waiting...Advent is the season of waiting and preparing. Who would have thought how different waiting and preparing would feel, given this past year? In the spring, I can say we surely were not ready or waiting for what fell upon us. We were not well equipped or prepared. Yet, by God's grace, we are making it through. We have found new ways to do ministry and adapt to continue being God's voice and hands and the beacon on a hill as we are called to be. As advent begins this year, waiting and preparing looks different for sure, but if there is one thing we have learned, it is that God will graciously carry us through. As we prepare and wait for Christ, may we remember that no matter what changes or what things fall into our laps, God promises Christ will come again.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is sponsored by Ann and Steve Healy. If you are interested in sponsoring a future Nexus issue, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex (next to the flower sign-up sheet). The cost is \$35.00.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the January issue is Monday, **December 28th**.

Youth Group- Zoom meeting

We have moved the meetings to Sunday evenings to accommodate schedules. Our next meeting is Sunday **December 13th** at 6:30pm. **Please Remember the time has changed to accommodate schedules.** The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806488270> and the Meeting ID is 858 0648 8270 . This information is emailed to the youth and families. If you know of others in the community or beyond who might like to join our youth zoom meetings, which our open to any youth in grades 8th-12th, simply forward the e-mail to them. We hope to start planning some socially distant-safe activities for upcoming months. If you have ideas, please share.



Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through October 31, 2020

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| HOPE Fund Income | \$8375.00 |
| HOPE Fund Disbursements | \$4540.73 |
| Yearly Pledges | \$144,632.00 |
| Pledge Giving to Date | \$131,916.00 |

Humor Corner

A Woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

"What Denomination?" Asked the clerk.

"Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the woman.

"Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic!"

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **December** are:

Steve and Ann Healy
Ron and Connie Powell
Allan And Elda McCoy Erbe

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **December** are:

Jenny Collins, Mary Dressel, Ann Healy,
Gregory Menio Jr., Larry Desko,
David Braithwaite, Zoey Delaney, Hollie Falzone,
Bob Huffman, Ronald Bruce, Margie Staffaroni,
Daisha Kintz, Kelli Burlingame, Crista Varrica and
Mike Rosso.

Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School classes are meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m., so you may enter the building through the lower parking lot door. Please wear your mask and prepare to social distance.

This Fall's class will answer a series of nine questions that focus on the destiny that is ours in Jesus Christ. Highlight questions include:

1. How special are human beings?
2. What is the nature of death?
3. What is life and how is it received?
4. What role does faith play in our relationship with God?
5. What does God seek to do in us now?

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to all who helped support Operation Christmas Child this fall. While we missed having the Sunday School children help pack boxes, we are grateful for the incredible support of the congregation, who raised enough funds to fill and pay postage for 30 boxes to be sent to children around the world. Now more than ever, children need to hear the promise of God's love for them. Stay tuned for an update later this winter when we will hear to which country or countries our boxes were delivered.

Christian Education Committee

As December begins, our church will continue to offer educational opportunities for spiritual growth. A new set of free Christian books and booklets will be available in the Narthex. Some of November's popular titles have been reordered and are also available. The materials offered this month include:

The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel

Pocket Prayers by Max and Andrea Lucado

God Will Use Us for Good by Max Lucado

Know Your Bible: 66 Books Explained

The Bible Way to Receive the Holy Spirit by Kenneth Hagin

Heaven by Randy Alcorn

NRSV Children's Bible

If you are unable to attend church to select one of these offerings, please call the church office and we will deliver a copy to your home.



Merry Christmas to all!!

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Church decorating beginning at 9:00 a.m. |
| 6 2 nd Sunday in Advent - Peace Worship Comm. Mtg. 9:00 am Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 | 7 | 8 Women's Circle, 1:00 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 3 rd Sunday in Advent – Joy Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Session Mtg., 11:00 Youth Zoom Mtg. at 6:30 p.m. | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 K-Group, 2:30 p.m. | 19 |
| 20 4 th Sunday in Advent – Love Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve service, 7:30 p.m. Communion | 25 Merry Christmas! Church Closed | 26 |
| 27 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 | 28 Nexus Deadline | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |