

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Church Family,

Last Christmas, I was given an article about the song, *Twelve Days of Christmas*, citing the Christian meaning behind each gift. This article, which has been passed around for years, says that the song was written in a time where the Catholic church had to disguise their teachings. Although this has been unproven, the song still can teach us about an often-missed aspect of the Christian faith. What it reminds us is, that in the Christian liturgical calendar, Christmas last 12 days. What would it look like if we celebrated and shared our gifts for 12 days instead of just on December 25th? It may be a new year but Christmas doesn't end until January 6th. What if, instead of a New year resolution, we commit to creating traditions that celebrate Jesus's birth for 12 days? Perhaps it would help us recall the Christmas gift of God's peace, hope, joy and love beyond just this Christmas season.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Sponsor

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 February issue is Monday, **January 25th**.

Youth Group- Zoom meeting

Join us again this year for our monthly youth group zoom meetings. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 17 at 6:30pm. **Please note 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, let the office know their email so they can be added to the list or simply forward the email to them. We hope to start planning some socially distances safe activities for upcoming months if you have ideas please share.



Humor Corner

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church. One, you're 54 years old, and two, you're the pastor!"

Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through November, 30, 2020

HOPE Fund Income	\$8725.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$4540.73
Yearly Pledges	\$144,632.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$146,567.00

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **January** are:

John and Kathleen Kauderer

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **January** are:

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

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?

Collection for Angel's Closet

As we celebrate the Season of Epiphany, when the Magi brought gifts to Baby Jesus, the Mission Committee is asking for your help for Angel's Closet. This non-profit organization collects, assembles and provides baby layette bundles to families in need in Monroe County. We would like to collect items during the 4 weeks in Epiphany beginning January 6 through January 31. Angel's Closet has a wish list for new baby items from 0 to 12 months for the following items: hooded towels, washcloths, socks and booties, onesies, sleepers, winter outfits, stuffed animals and blankets. If you crochet or knit, they would love to have handmade baby items for the layette bundles.

During these challenging times, you may not want to shop in person or online, your monetary donations would be appreciated. Please make the check out to ESPC with Angel's Closet on the notation line.

The ESPC Mission Committee is thankful for your support and generosity for our mission projects to help local charities and organizations.

Planning Commission

The 5-7 Year Planning Commission will begin meeting again soon. Please watch your emails for the date and time of a zoom meeting. If you would like to participate, but do not feel comfortable with zoom, please contact Pastor Nicki. If you are not on the committee, but would like to participate, again contact Pastor Nicki.

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January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!! Church closed	2
3 Worship, 10:00 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship, 10:00 am Communion Session Mtg.	11	12 Women's Circle, 1:00	13	14	15	16
17 Worship, 10:00 am Youth Group Zoom Mtg. 6:30 pm	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship, 10:00 am	25 Nexus Deadline	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship, 10:00 am Congregational Meeting						