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January Schedule

January 6th

Lite Fellowship Property

January 13th

Lite Fellowship Christian Ed

January 20th

Hoagie Orders Due

Lite Fellowship Hospitality

January 27th

Lite Fellowship Worship & Music

BELL CHOIR – Every Thursday 7 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Monday 10 AM

Social Hall

January Love Envelope

Danville Food Bank

Making Meaning

Keeping with the “making” theme, this is the time of year that we take a few moments to reflect on our lives. Many of you probably have made (and maybe even broken) New Years’ resolutions. Must admit that is not one my habits. It’s so sad when I break my promises to myself.

Today, I am thinking about life a person lives from start to finish. There are so many expectations for a child as they are born. So many hopes and dreams, some of which come true. Today I reflect the life of Jean. Her family has decided to carry out her wishes for no heroic life support. This is a hard decision to reach. It is a loving decision for them to end their mother’s suffering, to let the Lord take over for her.

I'm thinking about the life she lived; baptism, confirmation, marriage, children, and grandchildren—all those life markers. It had meaning for her two children and their children. Grandma's are very special people. She was a tough, independent woman living on her own just as she wanted. Her life had meaning to all she knew. She will be remembered.

By the time this newsletter is published Jean will be a memory, one full of meaning. God's love surrounds this family as it does for each of you. You and I are children of God, which in itself brings meaning to our lives.

Pastor Gretchen +



Christmas Angels: Elizabeth Morgan, Madison Morgan and Larissa Bohner



FOOD BANK

NEEDS: Canned Vegetables



The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month above or any other non-perishable food item.

All donations are distributed to those in need in our community. Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room.

To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution.

If you have questions, please see
Roxanne Patton,
Our Food Bank Representative



WEATHER REMINDER

During the winter when Danville School District is on a delay or cancelled, the church office is normally on the same schedule.

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION HYGIENE GIVEAWAY

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the following items:

- ***Tooth Paste & Tooth Brushes***
- ***Shampoo***
- ***Soap, Body Lotion, Body Wash***
- ***Vaseline***
- ***Wash Cloths***
- ***Razors & Shaving Cream***

The Mission will be distributing these items every 3 months. Please help by donating items from the above list.

We have had 2 hygiene sign up and giveaways. We gave hygiene bags to 74 adults which included 44 children. Thank you for all your donations to help fill the bags to give to those in need. We need more shampoo, deodorant, and body lotion to fill the bags. Thank you again for your generosity.

Emergency Hotline Numbers

- Al-anon : 800-628-8920
- Narcotics Anonymous:
655-7177
- Women's Center: 784-6631
- Gamblers Anonymous:
717-652-4400
- Poison Center: 800-521-6110
- Child Abuse Hotline:
800-932-0313
- Good Samaritan Center:
275-2500
- American Red Cross: 275-1441
- Alcoholic Anonymous:
286-7436 or 654-0488
- American Cancer Society
1-800-ACS-2345

Mental Health Support Group

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Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church

68 Center Street, Danville

2nd Floor Meeting Room

(Building has an elevator and is accessible)

For more information, contact the church
at

570-275-2512

ALL ARE WELCOME!

What's Happening

Jan 1 – Office Closed

Jan 7 – Memorial Meeting 1:30 PM

Jan 8 –Martha's Circle – 5 PM Friendly's

Christian Education 6 PM

Property 7 PM

Jan 9 – Ruth Circle -1 1:30 AM

Muffin Man

Hospitality 10 AM

Jan 14 – Worship & Music 11 AM

Finance 7 PM

Jan 15 – Council 6:30 PM

Jan 21– Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Jan 24 – Hoagie Preparation



The Spirit of Our Community

Saturday, November 10 was a good day at the Danville Primary School auditorium. The event Komotion Cares raises money for Many Hands Helping Others. Dancing in this event from Pine Street Lutheran Church were Larissa Bihner, Delaney Bloom, Samatha Eyer, Nathan Hepner, Alexis Hepner and Ryleigh Hepner.

Komotion is a dance program including several dance disciplines for children of all ages founded and organized by Hideaki Horikoshi a.k.a. "Hidi." Several years ago Hidi decided to turn his capstone fall dance recital into a fundraiser for Many Hands Helping Others, which provides food for school students.

The event raised more than \$7,000 for the organization, the most successful to date.



The Ladies of Ruth's Circle

Pine Street Prayer List

PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

is most effective when
kept updated.
Please fill out an orange
card to have someone's
name added or removed
and put it in the
collection plate.
Thank you!

Homebound Congregation

Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely,
Burtell Metzger, Seth Snover,
and Lillian Stahl

Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, Kathy Cashner,
Shirley Hawley, Irene Hinkle, Ann
Hummer, Tom Landi, Rae
Leighow, Daniel Love, Pastor Lois
Martin, Nikki Morgan, Pauline
Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Sandra
Reibsome, Carl Rice, Jr., Judy
Rogowski, Art Sticklin, and Ryan
Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation

Members:

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey, Barry C.
Balonek, B.J. Bennett, James
Bergenstock, Patsy Berns, Nancy
Bordner, Anthony and Chorine
Bordner, Benny Bordner, John
Binder, Neina Brady, Rhonda
Brouse, Terri Chayko, Albert
Churm, Jeff Creveling, Ruth Crum,
Nancy Curry, Mary Ann Davis,
Idita Dennehy, Lisa Eiswerth,
Cathi Flanagan, Mildred Fisher,
Joan Fulkroad, Helen Gething,
Connie Gibbs, Anna Hare, Fred
Harner, Harold Hauck, Nancy
Haefner, Jackie Jackson, Autumn
Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Kelly
Kettlewell, Phyllis Knight, Alex
Knox, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert,
Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski,
Mary Maneval, Chet Miller,
Pastor Brian Moyer, Gene & Kay
Mull, Debbie Neitz, Jim Neitz,
Elroy Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson,
Paul Oyster II, Paul Oyster III,
Shirley Phesant, Mark Pontiac,
Iris Reibsome, John Reibsome,
Scott Reibsome, Lou Reilly,
Bonnie Reilly, Dorothy Reilly,
Ethen Renner, John Stoker, Mary
Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Crystal

Torbush, Paytyn Torbush, Leann
Ulrick, and Bert Williams.

Special Military List

Shane Bergenstock; SGT, Shawn
Dyer; SSG, Andrew Bauman; Tristan
Winter, Steven Sees, Sgt. Levi
Gearhart; David Gregory; Jason
Brennan, Nicole and Alejandro
Hernandez; Jonathan Babb,
Matthew Clark; Nate Hughes,
Charlie Reedy; Cody Harper, AB
Andrew Dougerty, Robert K. Torbush,
Kelsy Jensen,
Jeremy Weikel; Trevor Stone;
B.J. Dellinger; Wesley Derrick,
Eric Schneider



The prayer list is most effective when kept updated. Please fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate. Thank you.

**Please send updated Military addresses prayer list updates to the office or Sue Baylor at
sueb123@ptd.net**





BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Amanda Quinn-1/2
Kelly Boyer Forney-1/2
Sharron Eyer-1/3
Allyson Mullen -1/5
Corey Hummel-1/9
Paul Dennehy-1/11
Tristan Beiter-1/13
John Crumb-1/13
Eric Nelson-1/21
Carol Riley-1/26
Gwyneth Beiter-1/26
Carol Riley-1/26
Ronald Kline-1/27

Martin Fry-1/28
Christine Koons-1/30
Samuel Baylor-1/30
Olivia Sticklin-1/30
Barbara Ezdebski-1/31
Gail Acor-2/4
Cassie Smith-2/4
Eric Snover-2/4
Ryleigh Hepner-2/11
Nathan Hepner -2/12
Nichole Lambert-2/13
Dawn Carr-2/14
Lorene Binder-2/18
Dale Stamm-2/20

Randi Wilson-2/22
Brandon Hixson-2/23
Charles St.Clair-2/26
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy-2/27
Crystal Lambert-2/27
Michael Koons-2/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Gerardus Tromp
& Helena Kuivaniemi -1/3
Richard & Elizabeth Baylor-1/15
Harold & Michelle Hack-1/15
Robert & Roberta Recla-2/6
George & Judith Adams 2/11

From the Archives...

A History of Pine Street Lutheran Church

Mrs. Catherine Vanderslice, Instructor; Mark Swank – May 1973



Continued from December...

In March, 1957, the church purchased the property at 409 Pine Street, which is adjacent to the parsonage building and remodeled it for educational purposes. The first and second floors were both designed with folding doors to make single large meeting rooms or three smaller classrooms each. New plumbing and heating lines and new electrical facilities were installed. The cost of purchase and remodeling totaled \$17,800. It was dedicated in the name of the Rev. Elias Schwartz and was commonly known as the Schwartz Building until 1971 when it was rededicated the Luther House.

During the week of October 19, 1958, the congregation celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the present church building. The stone was laid May 4, 1858 during the ministry of the Rev. M.J. Stover. Rev. Walter Brown returned to deliver the sermon at the Sunday morning service, which kicked off the anniversary week. The 50 year members of the congregation were honored at a special service held Wednesday evening. On Sunday October 26, the Rev. Dwight F. Putman, President of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America was guest preacher. Dr. Putman conducted a most appropriate re-dedicatory service, which served as the conclusion to the anniversary week.

In 1959 and 1960, the classrooms on the first floor of the parsonage were remodeled. And in 1960, a doorway was cut in the rear right wall of the church building, thus providing for the first time, outside access to the rear of the building and greatly improved fire safety. The church Annual Report for 1960 shows an average attendance of 193, a budget of \$28,000, a debt of \$16,000, and only a fair level of contributions from the congregation. A sense of stagnant "status quo" seemed to characterize the early sixties. Effective evangelism programs never fully materialized and the program for debt reduction made only very slow progress. Pastor Picking left the ministry in March of 1965 and the Rev. Hans. B. Jentsch accepted the call to Pine Street in October 1965. He saw 1966 as a rebuilding year; and the congregation took new hop, a stronger hold, and progress began to show.

To be continued next month...

DECEMBER 18 2018 PINE STREET COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An abbreviated council meeting was held at Ric Mar Restaurant.

Jean Crumb was elected to council.

Roofing project: Supplies have been ordered. Project completion depending on temperature.

President Mary Ann thanked council for their support.



The Adult and Children's Choir sing on Christmas Eve



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Music Lessons Begin

Alf Bashore begins offering music lessons every Tuesday in the Luther House beginning January 8th between the hours of 8:30 AM thru 6PM.

Instruments offered include Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Ukulele and other instruments, if there is interest from potential students.

Stipulation for students taking lessons are dedication of time and energy directed to learning the instrument of choice. (Our church is compensated for the use of facilities.)

Financials as of End of NOVEMBER 2018

Nov Totals : Income \$ 6,769. / Expenses \$17,340. = \$ -10,570

YTD Totals : Income \$105,449. / Expenses \$97,400. = \$+ 8,048

** monthly expense are reflecting the monies paid to contractor for Luther house repairs (\$10k) , which was insurance money.

As Interim, Pastor Gretchen works 10 hours a week for Pine Street Lutheran Church.

Council Members:

Brenda Dennehy, first term of two years; Jean Crumb, first term of two years; Alf Bashore;
Roxanne Patton; Mary Jane Snyder; Nancy Leighow

Mission Statement *God's mission for us at Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope, and love through prayer, discipleship, ministry, and worship.*

Worship Schedule: 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion

& Children's Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour

Organist: Ronald Kline * Sexton: Caz Morgan

Secretary: Heather Bieber

Ministers: All the people of Pine Street

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Gretchen Johanson

Phone: 570-394-0815

Church Office: 275-2110;

Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Fri. & Sun. Closed

Church e-mail: pinestch@ptd.net

Website: www.pinestreetlutheran.org



In case of an emergency,
there is a defibrillator
in the social hall.

What will your New Year's Resolution Be?

In December/January, many people all over the world will make New Year's resolutions. Many of these include resolutions such as to stop smoking, be nicer to people, or lose weight. Others good resolves may include to honoring God, furthering His Kingdom, and helping spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here are some resolutions you may want to consider:

Pray More -Too many times, when we are struggling, our *last* resort is to pray. It *should* be our first resort, but we often try to fix things ourselves without bothering God;

Read the Bible Through-The Bible has one Author; it has many writers, but one Author. From the first page to the last, it speaks to our hearts;

Study the Bible More-There is no other book as important as the Bible. No book of philosophy, science, mathematics, medicine, or any other human discipline is as foundational to everything as the Bible. The importance of studying this Word cannot be overstated;

Love Your Family More - we get so wrapped up in our jobs, careers, hobbies, even church, that our family time suffers.

Be A Better Employee-Strive to live out your faith at the workplace in order to honor God.

Take Care Of Your Body Physically - As you get older, your body is not as resilient as it once was.

The Thomas Beaver Free Library



A public library plays a vital role in the community it serves and the Thomas Beaver Free Library is no exception. For 130 years, it has stood in the heart of Danville; an essential resource and source of pride for the community.

In 1886, Thomas Beaver contributed \$100,000 for the construction of the library, which now bears his name. The Thomas Beaver Free Library was dedicated in 1888 and has served since then as the library for Danville, Montour County, and Rush and Riverside Townships. It offers educational and cultural enrichment opportunities by providing materials, services and programs for all ages. It is a place of lifelong learning and enhances the quality of life for all of us.

The Library provides its users with a broad range of books including fiction, non-fiction, large print and audio books. Patrons regularly read newspapers and check out magazines and DVDs from the library's collections. Residents also have access to computers, the internet and databases for conducting research. Wi-Fi is available for people looking for a quiet space to write or work. Its programs promote a love of reading and exploration for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

The Thomas Beaver Free Library provides free space for educational programs and is a gathering place for community groups. It is where people come together to connect with neighbors and where parents, grandparents, and children can share the joy of reading as a family. It is where adult learners gather to improve their reading and language skills. The library has built community bonds beyond its walls by reaching out through Little Libraries, reading to children at preschool and dropping off book at assisted living facilities for seniors to enjoy.



Who We Are:

The Good Samaritan Mission is a faith-based organization created to meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged individuals in Montour County and the Danville School District. The needs are varied: clothing, furniture and financial.

Did You Know?

- So far in 2018, the mission store has logged 5,467 visits by clients seeking clothing.
- Fifty seven percent of crisis fund resources are allocated towards helping qualified clients with rent. Many Hands Helping Others keeps clothing, shoes and winter attire available to kids at every school in Danville Area.
- Since September, more than 260 winter coats have been given away (scarves and hats available as well).

Hygiene Program Launches Successfully

In April of 2018, Good Samaritan Mission launched a hygiene program for our community. Prospective citizens in need can pick up a bag that is filled with soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, washcloths and petroleum jelly (Vaseline).

Participants can register, and then participant give-away date takes place of the second Tuesday of each month. Once you receive a bag, you cannot receive another for three months. Since April, more than 390 bags have been given out to those in need. We are delighted to meet this need.

By The Numbers

(Measured in people: Jan-April 2018)

Clothing Donors	2,213
Mission Center Client Visits	5,467
Crisis Fund Clients	103
MHHO Meals	6,601
Furniture Items Donated	50
Furniture Items Given	53
Getting Ahead Participants	54

Mission Hours:

Tues. Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 9:00-4:30
Saturday 10:00-12:00

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Danville, PA 18721-0114
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Dear Friends at Pine Street Lutheran Church,

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your support and generosity to the children of KidsPeace. Our annual Christmas party was held on Friday, December 7th and it was a huge success! Your group really did an amazing thing for the children of KidsPeace by giving them the best gift of all, the gift of caring.

All of you were such an important part of our program and you really helped with the success of our Christmas celebration by being an “angel” to the kids. All of the children received large bags of gifts this year from their “angels” and that is all thanks to generous people like all of you. The looks of the children’s faces were priceless and they are so incredibly grateful.

Thank you again for making this Christmas a memorable one for the staff at KidsPeace, our foster families, and most importantly our foster children. Your group simply amazed all of us this year with your generosity! Without people like you, our mission of helping children in need would not be as successful as it is. We graciously look forward to continuing to work with everyone at Pine Street Lutheran Church again in helping to give the children in our program a special event that they will never forget!

Sincerely,

The Staff at KidsPeace, Danville Office

Thanks for your Christmas wishes and gifts. You are a very thoughtful congregation. Pastor G

What Are You Worth?

A few years ago, Anne Marie Helmenstine was asked what was the actual value of a human body. Utilizing her chemistry background (PhD), she listed the elements in the body and researched their 2011 market values. She concluded that the average human was worth about a dollar, and if you could tan the skin (hide), you could raise that total to \$4.50 or \$5.00.

James Farris cited a new study, which places the value of a human at 43 million dollars. The difference is not inflation, but in things Anne Marie never thought to consider. Bone marrow, DNA, antibodies, reproductive components, and organs are in great demand and therefore quite expensive.

However, there are aspects of our humanity that can’t be price tagged. How do we establish values for dreams or talents? How much is a person worth who discovers a cure for cancer? What is the love for your spouse or child worth? The place we hold in the hearts of those around us truly makes us irreplaceable and therefore priceless.

In all of this discussion, we have failed to address the most crucial part of humanity: the eternal soul that God has placed within each of us. Jesus asked his disciples two probing questions in Mark 8: “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” Each of us possesses an eternal soul which possesses divine qualities. We are each a treasure and of great value to God. Let’s act like it!

Don Loftis
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