

CHURCH LEADERS - 2018

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VALLEY TIES

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"God's Family Celebrating His Love"

Morning Worship 9:25 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM

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FROM PASTOR DAVE

Be Well Done

"Well done is better than well said," is one of my favorite Benjamin Franklin quotes. The problem is it's so hard to always do this. It's much easier to talk about doing something than it is to actually do it. How many times do we say, "I'm going to lose weight," but never get around to watching what we eat? (Although years ago, I was an overachiever in this area. I once finished a fourteen-day diet in four hours.)

The same thing can happen in our relationship with Jesus. We say things like, "I'm

going to spend more time meditating on Scripture" or "I'm going to pray more." And we mean it. These words are spoken with the best of intentions. But sometimes weeks after we say these things we discover nothing has changed.

As disciples of Jesus, we should be spending lots of time meditating on Scripture and praying. But, these two things are hard work. They take a tremendous amount of mental and spiritual energy. When our energy levels are low, we often put them off in favor of easier things.

Here are some simple things we can do to help us move from talking to doing.

- 1) Actually want to do them. Often when we say we're going to do something we aren't currently doing, we're trying to talk ourselves into it. We have to move past this mindset.
- 2) Start small. Begin with a few minutes of prayer followed by a few minutes of meditating on God's word. We can work our way up from there.
- 3) Make it a routine. Don't make excuses about why it can't be done today. Find the time.

On Judgement Day, may we all hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23) – and not "well said."

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Welcome! A cordial invitation is always extended to all to church events and morning worship, beginning each Sunday at 9:25 a.m. After a brief time for refreshments and fellowship, Sunday school classes for all ages are from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. Come join us!

Condolences are given to Jim and Barry Calhoun and families upon the passing of their mother, Ruby on Sept. 18 at age 98. She was a long time member of our congregation.

Congratulations to Andrea and Denny Whitcomb on the birth of their son, Luke Joseph, born on Sept. 7. Proud grandparents are Joe and Bev Hershberger.

Recycling bins are available for plastics, cardboard, newspaper and cans to help keep our environment safer. Glass is no longer accepted.

Remember those in our community and care facilities who are unable to get out and attend church: Margaret Snyder & Steve Shuss at Pennknoll; Phyllis Snyder & Pearl Perrin at home. A card, phone call or visit is greatly appreciated.



Congregational Business Meeting

will be held Nov. 11 at 1:00 p.m. Important items

MEETING of business will include the slate for church leadership and the

budget for 2019. The church ministry teams will be reporting on their activities and events. Prior to the meeting, the Fellowship Team will provide a soup and sandwich lunch. Your interest and voice in the business of the congregation is important, so please plan to attend.

Senior Servants Lunch – The October gathering was a great time for good food, fellowship, a fun game and the chance to say farewell to George & Carol Snyder before their move to Indiana. As our interim pastor from March of 2013 to February of 2015, they will be missed. Their new address is 1590 Delegates Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. The next luncheon will be on Dec. 3 at 1:00 p.m. Plan to join us.

200th Anniversary Logo - On June 14, 2020, the Snake Spring Valley congregation will be celebrating our 200th anniversary, based on the theme, *Find us Faithful*. All are invited to submit a design that can be used as a logo for this important event. The chorus for this song is in the grey hymnal, # 456. See Doris Dibert for complete words to the verses or for more details. The deadline to submit designs to Evelyn Creps is November 25.

Sunday, November 25, 9:25 AM Special worship service of thanksgiving and music.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

is on Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m., and one of the highlights of the

season. Be ready to board a Bollman bus for our ride around the valley and a stop at Pennknoll to bring music and joy to shut-ins. All ages are welcome, so bring the family! We'll end with our group at OIP in Everett.

Special music by our choirs will be given each Sunday during Advent: Youth Handchime Choir on Dec. 2; Adult Handchime Choir on Dec. 9; and the Children's Choir on Dec. 16.

The Cantata, *God Came Near: The Miracle and Majesty of Christmas* will be presented on Dec. 23 at 9:25 a.m. by the Adult Choir. Written by Tom Fettke, talented composer/arranger and Max Lucado, well-known writer, the message through song and narrative will help to enrich our celebration of this Christmas season – the time when God came near.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. This service of music and hearing the timeless story of the birth of Christ is always a beautiful time of worship and reflection, ending with the traditional lighting of candles. Pastor Dave and the congregation cordially invite the community to attend.

YOUTH NEWS

CIDER PRESS AT FALL FOLIAGE – After an absence of a year, the church's antique press was back in Bedford the first two weekends in October for Fall Foliage, to the delight of many visitors who missed our freshly-pressed pure apple cider. Each press took two five-gallon buckets of apples, which made about 2 ½ gallons of cider from 450 bushels of apples. It was sold by the cup or half-gallon. Proceeds raised goes towards youth activities, including the opportunity to attend the next NYC in four years. Thanks to Dana Vent and Rod Duvall, youth leaders, who headed up the project and did preparation work ahead of time, and the 45 volunteers who assisted. Well done!

DISTRICT NEWS

Compelling Vision Conversation, Nov. 10, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Memorial COB in Martinsburg. Discussions begun by delegates at Annual Conference in Cincinnati this July will continue as we meet with others from neighboring churches. This is an opportunity for individuals to give voice to their passions and concerns, listen to one another, and work together to help us as a denomination find common threads and themes. Hopefully, out of these gatherings will come the vision that we as the body of Christ are called to pursue. Consider attending this important meeting. Contact Pastor Dave to share transportation. *Where there is no vision, the people perish.*

Prov. 29:18a

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Many teams are working together to provide leadership for these coming events:

Advent booklets – “*Wait and Hope*” is the theme for the 2018 devotional, written by Rhonda Pittman Gingrich. Make this daily reading a part of your family’s tradition through the Advent season.



Holiday Banquet, Dec. 1 – You won’t want to miss this annual event, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a program at 7:15 in the sanctuary. A wonderful Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles, corn, coleslaw and homemade pies awaits you! There is no longer a sign-up sheet, so just encourage others to attend this special evening with our church family. Please gather in the sanctuary until we are called for the meal.



“*Super Gift from Heaven*” is the title of the Christmas play given by our children following the meal. The story takes place in a toy shop, as the shelves come alive after closing time, and the true gift of Christmas is discovered. Practices are each Wednesday evening at 6:15.

Advent Bible School will be held on Dec. 8 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., with *One Starry Night* as the theme. Bring your children for a morning of crafts, singing, and a story to help tell the message of Christmas.



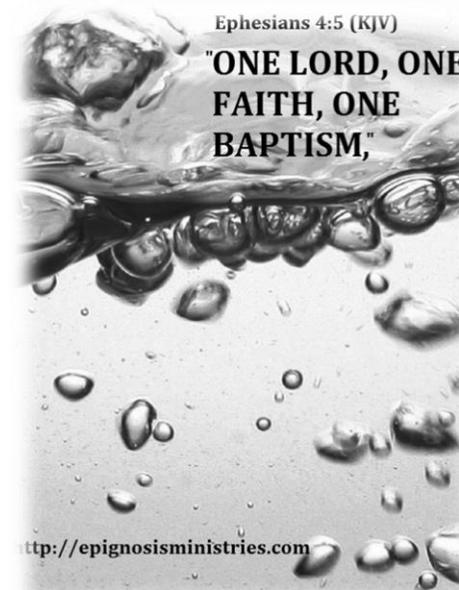
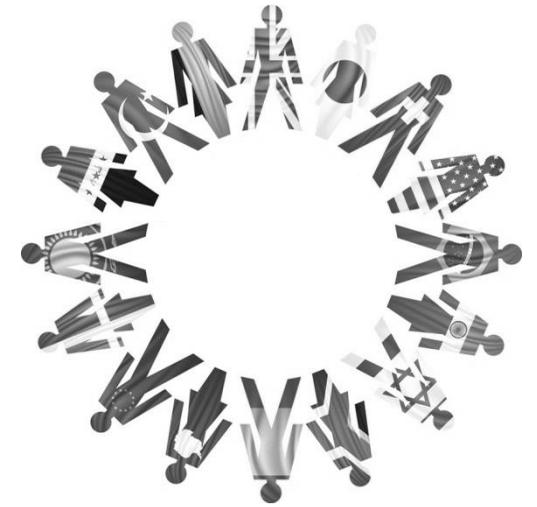
MINISTRY TEAMS

Deacon Team, Barry Snyder

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7, the fall love feast and communion was held right after morning worship, with 42 in attendance, including our visitors from India.

The deacons are working with Pastor Dave on visitation in our church family. If you have any questions or comments for the team, feel free to talk to any of the deacons or attend a meeting.

Letters of transfer of membership have been given to Mamie Duvall to the Everett Church of the Brethren, and Robert & Janet Sell to the Woodbury COB in August. Now residing at the Village at Morrisons Cove, the Sells are returning to the church where they were married and were members for many years.



New members received by transfer of membership in June were Butch, Tricia, Caleb and Noah Beidle from the Pleasant Union Church and to Elizabeth Smith from the Holsinger COB. In September, Bob & Loretta Lynch brought their letters from the Carson Valley COB. May you feel God’s blessings here.

Baptism was held in the sanctuary on Sept. 9 for Brittany & Camden Gentry. On Sept. 15, Chelsea Dibert, Kendra Miller and Chelsey Spade were baptized in the creek below the church. We rejoice with these new members in their journey as followers of Christ.

Administration Team, Chris Imler

New computers were recently purchased for the church office and the pastor's office. The office computer was eight to ten years old and needed to be upgraded. Pastor Dave's computer just stopped working. Both have been installed and are up and running.

It was also found that the Phone Tree software was outdated. After some research, it was opted to go with the One Call Now application. It offers phone tree messages via phone, email or text, and has been well received by the congregation. If anyone is not receiving these phone tree messages and would like to be added to the contact list, please call the church office with your name, phone number or email address.

Evangelism Team, Valarie Smith

Messenger subscriptions are due on Dec. 1. If you want to keep up on what's happening in our denomination and have thoughtful articles for your reading, see Tina Weyant, our new representative, to order or renew. Cost is \$14.50 for one year or \$27 for two years. Out-of-towners may also subscribe. If you have never subscribed before and would like to try it, our church offers a one-year gift subscription. Call Tina @ 814-207-0490 or email tinaweyant2005@yahoo.com for more details.

Fellowship Team, Linda Trivelpiece

Annual New Year's Eve Social on Dec. 31 will begin with a carry-in meal at 6:00 p.m. Join us in the fellowship hall for a safe, family-friendly evening of good food, games, fun and fellowship. Chicken, beverages and place settings will be provided. If anyone is interested in putting together a short program for this evening, contact Bev Creps or Linda Trivelpiece, as new ideas are always welcomed.

Maintenance Team, Andrew Van Horn

Church repairs have been completed, after weather-related setbacks. The new metal roof and gutter project was finally finished the end of September. Other important projects in the works are sealing and painting lines for the parking lot and storage shed replacement.

After acquiring additional land next to the church from Jim & Ann Furry (the former Henry & Martha Baker land), the new consolidated deed was completed. Markers for the new corners (outside of the stream) have been located.

Mission Team, Ruth Dibert

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name: make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted."

Isaiah 12:4

Mission Offering, Sept. 16 – Through this special offering, \$500 was sent to Elgin, IL to support the many ministries of our denomination at home and abroad.

Heritage Fair, Sept. 22 – The weather cooperated the Saturday of this annual event at Camp Blue Diamond, bringing mild temperatures and NO RAIN! The church's antique cider press worked almost flawlessly, making about 220 half-gallons of cider. The proceeds of \$1,100 were shared between the camp and district ministries. The two chocolate baskets brought around \$65 at the auction. Tess Koontz, with the help of her friend Camryn Jones, twisted more than one hundred balloons for children of all ages in the youth area. Thanks to all who helped with this enjoyable day at camp.

CentrePeace, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 – Once a month, our volunteers leave the church at 6:30 a.m. and travel via the district van to Bellefonte to help at this used-household-goods and furniture store. Established in 1994, its purpose is to promote "Restorative Justice," decrease crime, and improve the attitudes and capabilities of those incarcerated through productive work and training in job and interpersonal skills. Staff members offer conflict resolution workshops at the Centre County Correctional Facility as well as the state institution at Rockview. Volunteers never know what our work assignments will be, such as sorting or cleaning donated items, putting out items for sale, adding prices, etc. They are so grateful for our monthly visit! Consider joining us for a day. Contact JoAnn Dibert if you can go.

Local outreach event – Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministries' Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale, Friday, Nov. 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be at the Everett Assembly of God.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes and resource materials are in the church library. Get involved with your family by packing a shoebox or two. Please include \$9 to cover shipping and other costs. You can also pay online and track your shoebox to its destination. Deadline for returning the filled shoeboxes is Sunday, Nov. 18.

Advent Offering, Dec. 16 – This special offering supports ongoing international partnerships with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. This is our last special offering to the wider Church of the Brethren in 2018. Envelopes will be placed in the bulletin on that Sunday.

Food outreach – What better time to share our blessings with those less fortunate than during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays! For the months of November and December, think holiday fare:
*Boxed mashed & scalloped potatoes, stuffing mixes, cans of sweet potatoes and vegetables, cranberry sauce, fruit in its own juice, cake mixes and icings.
*Remember breakfast items as well, such as hot and cold cereals, pancake mixes and syrup, powdered and shelf-stable milk, fruit juice, tea and coffee.