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Tuesday & Thursday – 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
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**VALLEY TIES**

Seeking You . . . With GOD'S Good News

**SNAKE SPRING VALLEY  
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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**

**Seeing God**

Do you ever ask, "Where is God?" If we're honest, we all wonder what he's up to from time to time, especially when life is throwing us difficult challenges. One of the easiest ways to see God is by looking out the living room window. Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made...."

We're familiar with this concept when we see a beautiful sunset or a panoramic view from the top of a mountain. During these moments, we catch a glimpse of God's perfection. We might even say something like, "Isn't God's creation beautiful?" While this is good, we need to remember he reveals himself in all of his creation.

God's patience is seen in the daffodils that remain dormant during the winter only to come alive in the spring. The crooked, gnarly tree that refuses to die shows God's perseverance. His love is seen in the mother and father birds who tirelessly search for food to give their young. The sunshine after months of rain reflects God's warmth to us. Our families expose his caring nature. We can see God everywhere. All we have to do is look for Him.

Once we see him, we can't help but praise him. As the beloved hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* says,

*For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
Lord of all  
To thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise*

Let's make a conscious effort every day to look for the beauty of God in the world around us and then thank him for what we see.

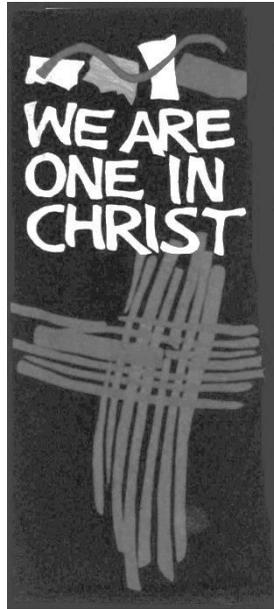
# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**Welcome to all!** You are invited each Sunday morning at 9:25 a.m. for morning worship, followed by snacks and fellowship time. Sunday school classes for all ages are from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. If you are looking for a church home or haven't been here for a while, you are always welcome. "Friendship Evangelism" has been helping us grow. We invite family members or friends who are without a church home to our services. Let's continue to reach out to others and share the Good News.

**Thanks** to all (including the younger ones in Children's Church) who sent or made Valentine's Day cards to our shut-ins and Senior Servants. They were greatly appreciated.

**Remembering Robert Sell** – Our sincere condolences are given to Pastor Janet and family upon the passing of our dear friend on December 25, 2018, just days after our caroling visit to their home in Martinsburg. He touched so many lives here with his smile, leadership, quiet words of wisdom, and insights shared in Sunday school. After years of caregiving, let us keep Janet in our prayers.

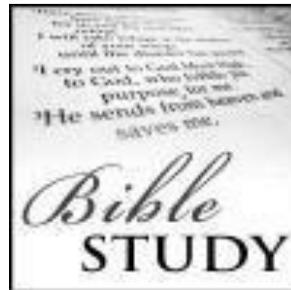
**The cold winter months** can be long for shut-ins and those in care facilities. Reach out to someone you know, Steve Shuss at Pennknoll, and Phyllis Snyder and Pearl Perrin at home, with a card, phone call or visit.



## MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

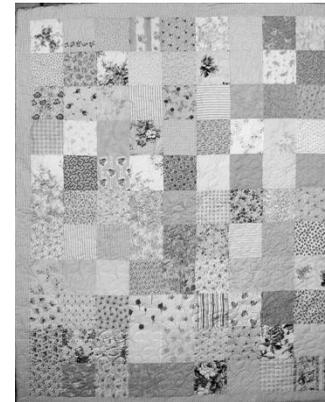
Tricia Beidle, Leader



**Bible study** on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. is continuing with a look at various religions. In our rural part of the state, we seldom have a chance to meet or talk with a person of another faith. Pastor Dave is making the Sunday school Focus class on world religions available in the

evenings for this study. Everyone is welcome to join us!

and great entertainment by Brethren storyteller and singer Joseph Helfrich. Our own experienced servers will be Lauren Duvall and Tess Koontz. See Heather Koontz about a ticket. Funds raised go toward new climbing tower additions and summer camp program expenses.



### Quilt & Craft Camp, Apr. 26-28

– If you'd like a weekend away for some creativity, laughter and inspiration, how about this camp? With the theme, *Sew Peace*,

attendees have a relaxed schedule to work on their own projects or just enjoy the quietness and beauty of camp.

**Capital Campaign update** – Started a few years ago, this campaign had a goal of \$650,000 for building projects and to start a Reserve for Replacement fund for upkeep of camp facilities in the future. Already, \$663,000 has been pledged, and the first project to replace the family campground's water and electric lines has been completed.

The second project will begin this spring, renovating the camp office into the space of the former shop. Future projects will include a campground shower house and a multi-

purpose rec building. All projects are hoped to be completed by the end of 2021.

Our congregation has pledged \$10,000 over a five-year period, and the first \$2,000 has been sent, in addition to our annual budgeted gift of \$1,500. They welcome all donations and pledges to create a camping environment and program that will benefit hundreds of children and families throughout the year.

### MESSENGER, January/February issue

The last issue of our denomination's publication has some great articles for your reading. Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford, who was born in Jos, Nigeria while her parents were missionaries there, returned for a visit in November of 2018. She has written a wonderful story, *Through God's Will*, of how the EYN (the COB in Nigeria) survives and grows despite ongoing terror attacks by Boko Haram. If you've been praying for Anthonia Jahonna, "our" missing Chibok schoolgirl, you'll want to read these pages and see the photos to learn what life is like for Nigerian Christians today.

Also, don't miss the article at the end written by our district executive minister, David Banaszak, titled, *Why I'll Always be Brethren*. May it give us some appreciation for the church that we are attending in Snake Spring Valley, and what teachings and examples our denomination has to offer to the world.

coming up on March 27. Don't miss ordering these tasty baked goods from the Pie Shoppe in Ligonier to support this important ministry. See Donna Uhlig or Ruth Dibert by March 10 to place your order or for more information.



**Disaster Relief Response Spaghetti Supper**

– Put Saturday, March 16 on your calendar

for one of the best spaghetti suppers around! Suggested donations are \$8 for adults; \$4 for children 5 to 11, and ages 4 and under are free. Take-outs are available. Bring your family; invite your friends.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** – This special offering will be taken on Sunday, March 17 to assist those in need. Projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the US and Canada.

**Volunteer days at CentrePeace** in Bellefonte are March 10 and April 16. If you'd like to spend a day with a congenial group and know your work is making a difference in someone else's life, see JoAnn Dibert.

**Food Outreach** - For March and April, something different is being planned for donations to the Bedford County Food Bank. Our local grocery stores offer various offers of specials for canned goods each week, such as "3 for \$5", or "10 for \$10." Take advantage

of these specials and purchase these foods to help replenish the shelves of the food pantries in our local communities. Just remember to watch expiration dates and avoid glass containers. Paper products and personal hygiene products are always needed. So, for the next two months – YOU CHOOSE!

**WORSHIP TEAM  
Carla Manges, Leader**

**Names needed!** Sign-up charts in the library need to be filled so that there are greeters to welcome worshippers, flowers for the altar table and story tellers for the children each Sunday of the year. This is one way you can serve our church, as you are able. Especially needed are names through June.

**Choir practices** for the Easter season will begin on Wednesday, March 6. The Children's Choir will meet from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., to sing on April 7. The Adult Choir practices from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.,

and will be singing on Palm Sunday. New singers are needed and welcomed! This is always a special time for fellowship and making music together.

**Youth Handchime Choir** is looking for more chimers ringers in Grades five and up. These are unique instruments, easy to play, and produce beautiful music. Please see Doris



Dibert if you'd like to join. The only requirement is to be at practice each Sunday after Sunday school from 11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. If someone is missing, it's like playing a piano with a key that won't work, so every member of the choir is needed at each practice.

**No Easter Cantata this year?** Nope, instead, director Barry Snyder will put together a selection of favorite songs from previous cantatas to tell our own Easter story. Rather than singing on Easter Sunday, the choir will sing during morning worship on Palm Sunday. You won't want to miss any Sundays in April, with lots of good music from various choirs and special music.



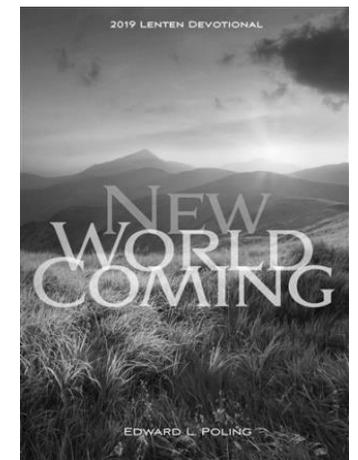
**Lenten season** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and continues for 40 days (not counting Sundays), representing the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan and preparing for his ministry. For us, this can be a time of

reflection to focus on our relationship with God.

The Worship Team is encouraging you to do something different this Lent by **Giving**, instead of giving something up. In the bulletin each week will be a few suggestions of something each member of the family can do to give and be a blessing to someone else.

**Lenten devotional booklets** will be given out for the first Sunday in Lent on March 10. Titled *New World Coming*, the author, Edward Poling, helps readers see the Lenten season as a time to turn inward, consider the health of our souls, and rediscover our spirituality. We'll see where we are faithfully following Jesus – or missing the mark. The messages in the booklet take us to the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew, chapters 5-7.

Poling is a spiritual director and retired minister, having pastored congregations in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He has written a booklet on Hebrews, in addition to Sunday school material for *A Guide for Biblical Studies*, used by our adult Sunday school class.





The **Easter season** then begins on Easter day and ends 50 days later on Pentecost – the sending of the Holy Spirit.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Junior High Retreat** was held on the weekend of February 8-10. Attended by Lauren Duvall, she recounts that there were around 18 youth there, led by Counselor Dave. Worship and discussions were on verses from the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. They learned about Brethren hero Ted Stuebaker. Fun activities were adding string or beads to nails added to “tree cookies” (a small circular piece cut from a tree) to create a game, and the popular “Minute-to-win-it” task. Lauren said, “My favorite food was the camp’s dessert, Cheesecake Brownie topped with powdered sugar. Mmmm! Because snow had melted, we didn’t get to go sledding or other winter activities. It was also COLD, so I enjoyed being in the warm lodge! One of the best parts of the weekend was seeing friends from

last year’s retreat as well as making new ones.”

**Youth Volleyball Tournament** is coming up on March 16 at Juniata College, Huntingdon. It is always a fun event for our youth to meet others from across the district.



Advisors Rod Duvall and Dana Vent along with Heather Koontz and Brandi Zavorotny will be practicing with the team and providing them with transportation to the District wide tournament. Last year, around 25 teams participated.

## CAMP BLUE DIAMOND

(See posters on the bulletin boards for details about any of these coming events.)



**Junior Retreat** for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders, March 1 & 2; see camp rep Terry Shaffer for details.

**Spring work day** is Saturday, April 6. Volunteers are needed to help get ready for summer camp. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and a lunch at noon. If you’d like to help, see Rod Duvall for an idea of the tasks available.

**Annual Dinner, March 22** – Three tickets are still available @ \$50 each for a delicious meal  
**Easter events** – The team is planning a special morning for the children on Good Friday, April 18, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Activities will help the children understand the events and story of the resurrection. It will be followed at 11:30 am with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you’re reading this please feel free to bring your children for their own very special morning.

## DEACON TEAM Tina Jesk, Leader



**Love Feast and Communion** will be held on **Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.** This service is open to all, and you are free to just observe or participate as we remember Jesus’s last supper with his disciples. Following Jesus’s example of washing his disciples’ feet, we have the opportunity to practice that same symbolism of service. We eat a simple meal of bread, meat and broth around the table. Hearing words of scripture takes us back to that final evening, as we close with the sharing of the communion bread and the cup. All are invited to be a part of this meaningful service.

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM Linda Trivelpiece, Leader

**Senior Servants lunch** on February 4 was another fun event, hosted by Shirley Baker. Good food, conversation and brain teasers kept us sharp and were enjoyed by all. Save April 1 at 12:30 p.m. for the next luncheon.

**The Palm Sunday breakfast** will be on April 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All are encouraged to attend (no sign-up necessary) and enjoy pancakes and sausage for breakfast; then have time for fellowship before morning worship and music by the Adult Choir.

## MISSION TEAM Ruth Dibert, Leader

As it is written: *“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”* 2 Corinthians 9:9



**Breezewood Trucker Traveler outreach event** - The annual Sandwich and Pie Sale is