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Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:

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# The Chapel Messenger

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Do all the good you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as you can.  
-John Wesley

*Grace and peace to you from  
God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.*

**Love: It's the Heart of the Matter**

“See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such we are.*” 1 John 3:1

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be the propitiation for our sins.*” 1 John 4:7-10

“We love, because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

As a young boy, I looked forward with excitement and anticipation to receiving a large heart shaped box filled with chocolates for **Valentine's Day.** I liked the thrill of picking a chocolate and not knowing what it was going to taste like the moment I tasted it. Then, a few days **after Valentine's Day,** I enjoyed knowing what the chocolates looked like, what was inside each one, and how they tasted. I liked knowing what to expect.

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Luke Kohan
- 5 Hannah Latuch
- 8 Shannon Berkey
- 9 Cody Kimmel  
Michele Klein
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Elijah Stene

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Gail Minerd  
Kristen Sanner  
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Deb Miller  
Liisa Temple

Love is a word that is over used and fundamentally under utilized. It is spoken, defined, demanded, and often invoked by so many. Yet love is given, truly given, by so few in our world. Why? We can only truly know love when we come to know God, for God is love. It is important not to get those words reversed. Meaning, love is God. We begin to tell God what love is rather than allowing God to make known to us what love truly is both to us and how it can be given by us. Our culture has made a mess of love and left us with a mess of a problem to clean up in the process. Our world has made an idol out of its conceptions of love. Which is not love at all, really.

Jesus came to live among us, to take on our sin, die on the cross, and give to us eternal life. Love is found in Jesus. We are to place our faith not in our abilities, qualifications, rationalizations, and grand imaginations of what love is. For the imaginations of humans cannot really conceive of the greatness of what love truly is and how to give it fully on our own. Our conceptions of love simply cheapen and dishonor love. We are to place our faith in Jesus, to live, walk, be surrendered, and energized in Him to love. As we know the lavish love of God given to us in Jesus, we are enabled to love as we were made to love both God and others. Do we want to know how to love truly?

Realize with fresh eyes and open hearts that we are loved in Christ. Drink deeply from the Living Water, Jesus, and let our hearts be filled with love, true love, the love of God. Then, we will overflow to love others, to live **each day giving true love, God's love to those in our world. The Holy Spirit** will bear the fruit of love in our hearts and through our lives, and our faith will work itself out in love. We were made to accept no imitations, to be dissatisfied with counterfeit offers of love. We were made to receive the fullest and true expression of love, God Himself. This month let each of us receive and give true love, Jesus. Our homes flourish, lives are transformed, and joy is experienced when we realize we have been truly loved in Jesus and truly love as He leads us to love. How sweet it is, that **we have been given and can give true love! That's why the Scripture says, "Taste and see that the LORD is good!" (Psalm 34:8)**

*\*Interesting Note: There are NO February Anniversaries.*

Blessings Friends!  
Tim



Our Country/Leaders  
 Our church/Wesley Chapel  
 Pastor Tim Monteith & family  
 Presiding Elder Doug Burns  
 Ethan, Forrest & Barb Stark  
 Maxine Temple  
 Ralph & Chop Pletcher  
 Darlene Stevanus  
 Gail Minerd  
 Persecuted Christians  
 Police officers/Military  
 First responders  
 Medical personnel  
 Unsaved loved ones  
 Rex Temple  
 Kristi Burkett  
 Jade Hetz Chun  
 Myron Deal  
 Terry & Kathi Schmuck  
 Cook Ohler & family  
 Gary Weimer  
 Maxx Stevanus  
 Israel  
 Travel mercies  
 Unspoken  
 State Trooper accident  
 Joni Lutz  
 Joel & Bev Jenkins  
 Neighbors/Cold Temps  
 Lynn Deitz family  
 Mike Deitz  
 Holly Trimpey  
 Alissa (Angie's coworker)

Atta S.  
 Amber Johnson  
 Lorie Skelton  
 Shirley Walter  
 Lester & Custer family  
 Randy Klein  
 Walter Miller  
 California fire victims  
 Harrison & Mary Beth  
 Eilers  
 Good News Club  
 Kaitlyn Latuch  
 Tina Yinkey  
 Pam Burkett  
 Acosta Mine victim  
 Dan Shroyer  
 Jackie Hay  
 Brett Henry  
 Dwight & Tricia Kipp  
 Those fighting the flu  
 Harry Hoover  
 Courtney Martz  
 Peggy Blough  
 Jennifer Miller  
 President Trump  
 Bob Clark  
 Scott Leazier  
 Curtis Pritts, Sr. family  
 Leah & baby  
 Brooklyn Monteith  
 Amy Monteith  
 Todd Pritts  
 Jamie Singo



**Military/Families**

Jeremy Allan  
 John Benford  
 Stephen Bigler  
 Ian Blevins  
 Gabe Bluebaugh  
 Kinzie Bungard  
 Aaron Engleka  
 Joe Gusbar  
 Grant Hanak  
 Keith Henry, Jr.  
 Landon Henry  
 Kristi Hopp  
 Jake Johnson  
 Lexie Kerns  
 Richard King  
 Denton Lester, Jr.  
 Conner Lisbon  
 Kurt May  
 Jamie Miller  
 Ross Pletcher  
 Randall Pritts  
 David Rogers  
 Max Strasiser  
 Randi Thomas  
 Charles Trimpey  
 Families of fallen soldiers

**Serving this month**

ACOLYTES Caleb & Cameron Weimer

**GREETERS**

Feb. 2 Jason Breegle family  
 Feb. 9 Tim & Jill Heiple  
 Feb. 16 Eldon Sechler  
 Feb. 23 Jamie & Mindy Singo

**OFFERING TEAM**

Jason Breegle family  
 Heiples & family  
 Eldon Sechler & family  
 Singos & friends

*If you are unable to acolyte, greet or usher on your Sunday, please find a replacement. Thank you.*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

February 2	Philippians 3:15-17	Dave Henry
February 9	Philippians 4:1-3	Connie Pletcher
February 16	Philippians 4:8-11	Tristan Pritts
February 23	Philippians 4:15-18	Mark Temple

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

February 2	Philippians 3:18-21	Linda Henry
February 9	Philippians 4:4-7	Forrest Stark
February 16	Philippians 4:12-14	Faith Millin
February 23	Philippians 4:19-23	Rene Temple

*If you are unable to read on your Sunday, please find a replacement. Thank you.*

**LOOKING FOR AWESOME, ENERGETIC, SPIRIT-FILLED** persons to take part in Sunday services. We need greeters and ushers to fill a Sunday. A reminder that one of your membership promises is **SERVICE**. In case you're wondering, other promises with membership are **PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS** and **WITNESS**. Challenged yet? Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

*"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." -2 Chronicles 7:14*



**CAN WE DO IT?**

**LOOKING FOR FORTY (40)  
SPECIAL PEOPLE (ALL AGES) TO  
SUBMIT A DEVOTION FOR OUR  
ANNUAL LENTEN DEVOTIONAL.**

**Lack of interest or participation will  
result in no devotional.**



**Just a  
reminder...**

Lent begins on March 5th. We are in need of 40 persons (including children & youth) willing to write or submit a favorite devotion for our Lenten Devotional booklet. This is an inspirational tool to help you as you read it daily during the forty days.

Please consider participating by giving it to Shanna or sending your devotion by email to [shannabreegle@gmail.com](mailto:shannabreegle@gmail.com) on or before Sunday, February 16th. Thank You. No theme this year, please submit as the Lord leads you.

Please use the checklist below and include in your devotion:

- Your title
- Scripture reference
- Your devotion
- Thought for the day
- A prayer
- Credit to the author and source if not you
- Your name

## FRIENDSHIP CARDS



This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



### What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

### What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



Wesley Chapel Youth Group is heading to Terrace Lanes in Somerset for a night of bowling.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 / 3 - 5 P.M.

\$11.95 for two games (includes shoes)

Please RSVP to Steve Long at  
(724) 640-2075

*More Youth events can be found on  
page 15*

## Bible Quiz

Which Jericho woman hid the two Israelite spies, and where did she hide them?



- A. Joanna, in her stable
- B. Bathsheba, at her neighbor's house**
- C. Milkah, under a pile of blankets
- D. Rahab, on her roof

*Answers: D (See Joshua 2:3,6)*



Wesley Chapel Congregation,  
 Thank you all for thinking of me this past year. I thank you for the delicious food and the many prayers. God bless you all.

~ Marlene Patterson

Wesley Chapel Congregation,  
 Thank you very much for the fruit & goodies. Also thanks for the gift card.  
 Your thoughtfulness is really appreciated.

~ Love & prayers, Esther & Lloyd Ansell

Wesley Chapel,  
 Thank you for the food donations to Lazarus Gate through the Reverse Advent Calendar. During this Holiday season, we are reminded of the need in the Rockwood area. This gift of food blesses families facing food insecurity in this area. Thank you!

~ Susan Barclay, Lazarus Gate

Thank you for your prayers and for the gift.  
 ~ Kaitlyn Latuch

Happy New Year from Eight Days of Hope! We have had our busiest season in over 20 years with over 23 deployments in 2024. We are excited to see where God sends us this year! Thank you so much for your giving towards Hurricane Helene. So many families saw the faithfulness of Jesus because of you.

~ God Bless You,  
 Your EDOH family



*Youth and parents, please mark your calendars for the following Spring Youth Group Events - February through April 2025.*

Sunday, February 9 - Bowling at Terrace Lanes, Somerset. From 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Please contact Steve Long at (724) 640-2075 to RSVP.

Saturday, February 22 - Youth will be helping to serve drinks at the Wild Game Dinner. Starting at 5:00 p.m. Please see Linda Henry with questions.

Sunday, February 23 - Youth Meeting held at Wesley Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 28 - Elevation Worship Concert in Pittsburgh, Pa. Meeting at 4:30 at Wesley chapel. RSVP to Martha Mitchell at (571) 437-9534

Sunday, March 9 - Youth Planning Meeting for candy making, T-shirts, **Mother's & Father's Day services). Held at Wesley Chapel, 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday, March 23 - Youth Meeting held at Wesley Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 4 - Candy making at Wesley Chapel, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 - Candy making at Wesley Chapel, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 6 - Candy sales to take place after church service.

Friday, April 11 - Candy making at Wesley Chapel, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 - Candy making at Wesley Chapel, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 - Candy sales to take place after church service.

A group of sewers and supporters (Ray, Forrest, Ethan and Pastor Tim) met Friday evening January 17th. We made a total of 41 pillowcases for a homeless shelter. This project was done to assist in supporting a mission project for UCC, Shanksville. Thanks to everyone for their help and great fellowship.

~ Pam Weimer



# Birthright

We will be collecting baby items and gently used baby clothes for the month of February. These items will be donated to Somerset Birthright. **A pack 'n play will be provided in the hallway for your donated items.** Thank you for supporting Birthright. Please contact Pam Weimer if you have any questions.



Above: Deb Ankeny shows Brooklyn Monteith how to sew the pillowcases. Great job ladies!



Above: Pam Weimer, Connie Pletcher, Barb Stark and Amy Monteith share in fellowship.

Right: Some of the pillowcases made that evening.



Please consider joining this men's group as they go over Louie Giglio's book *Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table*. Lessons are held every other Saturday, with the next to be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. with the study to follow. Please contact Jason Breegle at 814-233-8718.



Wesley Chapel is offering a CPR class on February 23rd. A light lunch will be provided after Sunday school, and the training will begin at 1:00 p.m. Tonya Shuck from Meyersdale will be our instructor. Pam Weimer will provide the reading material/homework prior to the class. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board. Please contact Pam with any questions.

Our food pantry items for February are canned vegetables or fruit. You may bring your donations to the church during the month of February. We are currently supplying the Rockwood Area Food Pantry located at Messiah Lutheran Church in New Centerville. Hours for distribution are 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Thank you.





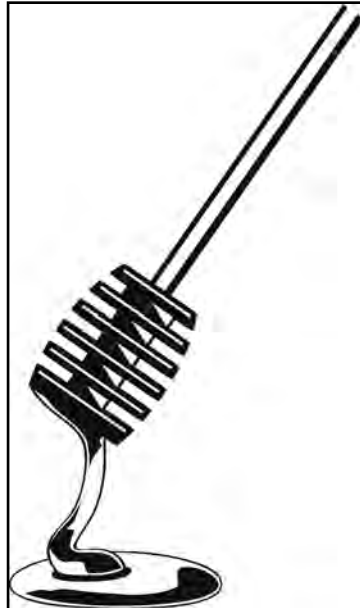
Wesley Chapel's Annual Wild Game Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets are available from Todd Pritts. Please bring your favorite dish to share in the meal. This year's speaker is Jim Griffith. Donations are graciously accepted, and door prizes will be handed out after dinner

### Staying Fed

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103, NRSV).

Recently I was confronted with this question: If you fed yourself with food the way you feed yourself with God's Word, would you still be alive? It gave me pause.

Do I eat enough spiritually? — feast regularly enough on Scripture to keep up my energy and the health of my soul? Do I eat nutritiously? — take in a balanced meal of law and gospel, comfort and commandments, prophecy and promise? Do I pass up spiritual junk food? — set aside empty calories that lead to disease, in order to hunger for what truly gives life? Do I drink enough Living Water to avoid faith dehydration? And once in a while, do I splurge on dessert? — savor the sweetness and joy of belonging at God's table?



What abundance God sets before us. May we never skip a “meal”!

~ Heidi Mann (WordContent Feb 2015)

## 2025 BLOOMS OF HOPE

Please help celebrate Somerset County's 12th annual Blooms Of Hope to benefit local cancer patients. All monies raised are used to support Somerset County cancer patients. From now until February 28th, our local group will be taking orders for fresh and potted daffodils, which will be distributed March 19, 20, and 21.

**Bunch of Daffodils.....\$10.00**

**Case (25 bunches).....\$250.00**

**Potted Daffodils.....\$12.00**

**Case of Potted Daffodils (18 pots/case).....\$216.00**



All orders must be placed by February 28th.  
Please call Jill Gary 814-289-1833 or  
Betty Anderson 814-445-6698

Delivery & Pickup: March 19, 20, 21, 2025

Leaps of Faith.....My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers from what seemed like one safe place to another. Like lily pads, round and green, these places summoned and then held me up while I grew. Each prepared me for the next leaf on which I would land, and in this way I moved across the swamp of doubt and fear ... to the verdant pad of faith on which I somehow stay afloat today.

~ Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*





**A special Thank You from  
Somerset Area Ministries Inc. Sam Van**

Dear Wesley Chapel Members:

On behalf of Somerset Area Ministries Inc. and the Sam Vans, I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$2,696.70, in support of our ministry to the people of Somerset area.



As you know, we take people to medical appointments outside of Somerset. Through December of 2024, we have provided rides for 504 to medical appointments, in 364 trips and traveled 37,267 miles. Since we began this ministry in February 2004, we have serviced 14,736 people and traveled 1,028,897 miles. The new Toyota Hybrid van arrived in early December, and now we have two hybrid vans to improve the economy of our travel. The new van is a 2025 model.

Your continued support has enabled us to purchase safer and more economical vans for our drivers and riders.

Speaking of drivers, if anyone in your church would like to consider driving for our ministry, I would be glad to talk to them without any obligation to driving. Have them call me at 814-445-2698.

So thanks again for the generous gift that helps us keep our ministry going. We truly do appreciate your continued support over the years. It helps us to have dependable vehicles for our riders.

In His Service,  
Charles F. Olsen, Sam Van Treasurer

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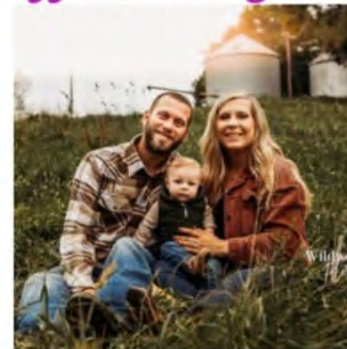
Christian Symbol

*Anchor* - Because in ancient times an anchor represented safety, early Christians adopted it as a symbol of their hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). Word play may have also been involved: ankura, Greek for "anchor," sounds similar to en kurio, or "in the Lord." As Latin became Christians' primary language, however, the "anchor-Lord" connection would have faded.



~ Taken from WordContent CD 2016

## Basket Raffle, Bingo and More!!



### To Benefit Emily Lemmon

*In overcoming her battle with breast cancer*

Emily is a loving mother, wife, daughter, and friend and her positive spirit remains strong despite this difficult situation. However, medical expenses are placing a burden on their family and we would like to help offer support in covering the costs of treatment, transportation, or necessary medical supplies.

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**1:00 - 5:00 pm**

**New Centerville Fire Dept Hall**

3054 Kingwood Road, Rockwood PA

*All are Welcome!*

Please come out and support Emily, Brad & Bowen  
Bring your Friends and Family!






*Snacks and Drinks will be available for purchase*

**Friends of Emily Lemmon**



# February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>You are encouraged to remove this center page calendar and place it on your refrigerator for the month for reference. *Denotes daily prayer focus.</p>						
						<b>1</b>
						<i>*Mildred Hobernick</i>
<b>2</b> HOLY COMMUNION Wesley Missions  <i>*for patience</i>	<b>3</b> <i>*Harry &amp; Mary Ellen Hoover</i>	<b>4</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Roger &amp; Lois Howard</i>	<b>5</b> Agape 6:00 p.m. <i>*Jenny Lynn Hykes</i>	<b>6</b> <i>*Alan, Candee &amp; Julia Jackson</i>	<b>7</b> <i>*Kristopher, Andrea, Amelia, Emerie, Ashton Kellman</i>	<b>8</b> <i>*Irv, Lisa, Cody &amp; Seth Kimmel; Tammo Leeferink</i>
<b>9</b>  Youth Bowling 3 - 5 p.m. <i>*those facing troubles in their marriage</i>	<b>10</b> <i>*Charles King, II &amp; Jeremiah</i>	<b>11</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Jake &amp; Debbie King</i>	<b>12</b> Agape 6:00 p.m. <i>*Dennis King</i>	<b>13</b> <i>*Effie King</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>*Eric &amp; Laura King</i>	<b>15</b> <i>*Pam King</i>
<b>16</b> LENTEN DEVOTIONS DUE <i>*for those living in loneliness</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>*Randy &amp; Michele Klein</i>	<b>18</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Doug Knight</i>	<b>19</b> Agape 6:00 p.m. <i>*Delores Kurtz</i>	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DUE <i>*Tim, Lindsay, Kaitlyn, Natalie &amp; Hannah Latuch</i>	<b>21</b> <i>*Delbert &amp; Tammy Lechliter</i>	<b>22</b> Wild Game Dinner  <i>*Denton &amp; Cathie Lester</i>
<b>23</b> Youth Meeting 6:30 p.m. <i>*for a heart to worship</i>	<b>24</b> <i>*Denton Jr., Nicki, Jocelyn, Garrett, Claire &amp; Meghan Lester</i>	<b>25</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m. <i>*Tricia &amp; Madison Martin</i>	<b>26</b> Agape 6:00 p.m. <i>*Colin, Courtney &amp; Keaton Martz</i>	<b>27</b> <i>*Craig, Jessica, Madyson &amp; Owen Maurer</i>	<b>28</b> Youth Concert Pittsburgh 4:30 <i>*Charles, Vickie, Kala, Jason, Dakota &amp; Kaydin McFarren</i>	