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Celebrating the Good News of the risen Christ especially to:



# 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

*May the blessings of our Lord rest on you  
and your family throughout the new year.*



*"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new  
creature; the old things passed away;  
behold, new things have come."  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

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Happy New Year My Friends! I cannot believe our calendar says 2025. As I begin to write, let me say Thank You! Thank you to the church and all of you for each and every card and gift you gave to our family, truly. We are so very blessed to be a part of your lives and have you as our church family and friends!

By now, we have begun to put away Christmas decorations, or at least thought about doing so, right? Putting away Christmas has a mixture of feelings attached to it. On one hand it can feel a bit sad. It is hard to say goodbye to the good times, songs, cookies and get-togethers connected to Christmas which bring family and friends love, joy and a bond of sharing together. At

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Our food pantry items for January are bar soap, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste. You may bring your donations to the church during the month of January. We are currently supplying the Rockwood Area Food Pantry

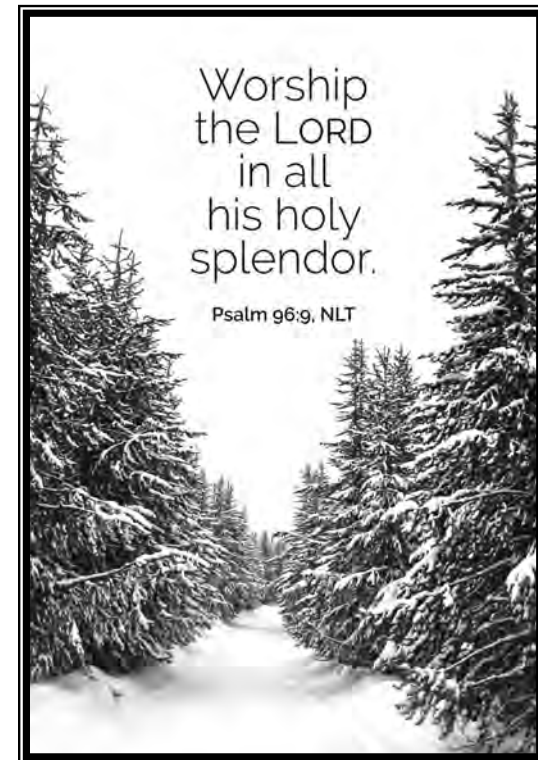
located at Messiah Lutheran Church in New Centerville. Hours for distribution are 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Thank you.

the same time, it can be refreshing and invigorating to put the past behind us and look with fresh eyes of Hope toward what is yet to come.

Let me encourage you with this thought, as we move into 2025. God does not leave us in the chains of who we were. He does not leave us alone, stuck where we once were, to forever be in the same place or the same person, the past year or simply yesterday. In Christ God redeems the broken, renews the strength of the weak and weary, and shapes us **like clay in the Potter's hand into who only God can make us. We must simply rest in His hands and obey His Word.**

In 2025 let us surrender to Jesus and let Him put the past away from our present, clean and heal old wounds, and direct our lives by fixing the eyes of our hearts on Him as He leads us into the future.

Blessings Friends!  
Pastor 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  
 Unserved loved ones  
 Rex Temple  
 Kristi Burkett  
 Jade Hetz Chun  
 Emily Lemmon  
 Myron Deal  
 Terry & Kathi Schmuck  
 Cook Ohler & family  
 Gary Weimer  
 Maxx Stevanus  
 Israel  
 Travel mercies  
 Unspoken  
 Stephanie Fogie & baby  
 Dave Rogers  
 William Hay  
 Tim Garmin  
 Mark Stevanus & family  
 Eugene Pletcher  
 June Bethel family  
 Gary Sheets  
**Martz's & baby Keaton**  
 Titus Schlegel  
 Byran Walter & family  
 Chrystal Hershberger

Josh Verfosh  
**Jeremy (Atta's friend)**  
**Children's Hosp. of Pgh**  
 Connie Kammerer  
 Molly (Smith) Jurik family  
 Andrea King  
 Sarah Smith family  
 Rich Brembold  
 Sadie Pletcher  
 Janice King family  
**Leah (Steve Long's friend)**  
 Roy Pletcher  
 Those missing loved ones  
 Families facing difficulties  
 Atta S.  
 Tom Jury  
 Tracy Pritts  
 Justin Bluebaugh family  
 Jake & Deb King  
 Ray Ankeny  
 Amber Johnson  
 Matt & Kim Smith  
 Declan Hostetter  
 Gerald Dumbald  
 Connie Hearn  
 Ella Wilt  
 Art Brougher  
 State Trooper accident  
 Joni Lutz  
 Randy Klein  
 Joel & Bev Jenkins  
 Reminder to check neighbors during cold winter months



**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  
 Lexi 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 Flint & Reed Breegle

	GREETERS	OFFERING TEAM
January 5	Andy Sanner family	Andy Sanner family
January 12	Steve & Connie Pletcher	Pletcher's & friends
January 19	Craig & Kim Smith	Smith's & family
January 26	Blaine & Shirley Walter	Walters & family

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

January 5	Matthew 2:1-6	Mark Temple
January 12	Philippians 2:14-18	Jason Breegle
January 19	Philippians 2:28-30	Mark Millin
January 26	Philippians 3:4-9	Grace Sechler

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

January 5	Matthew 2:7-11	Rene Temple
January 12	Philippians 2:19-27	Shanna Breegle
January 19	Philippians 3:1-3	Angie Millin
January 26	Philippians 3:10-14	Joseph Sechler

*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



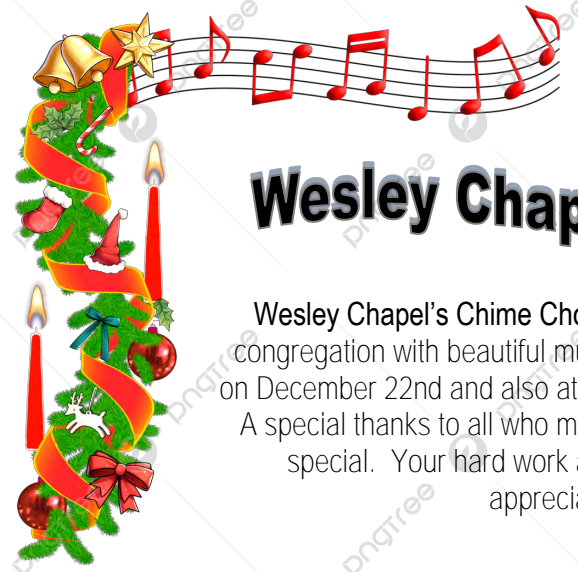
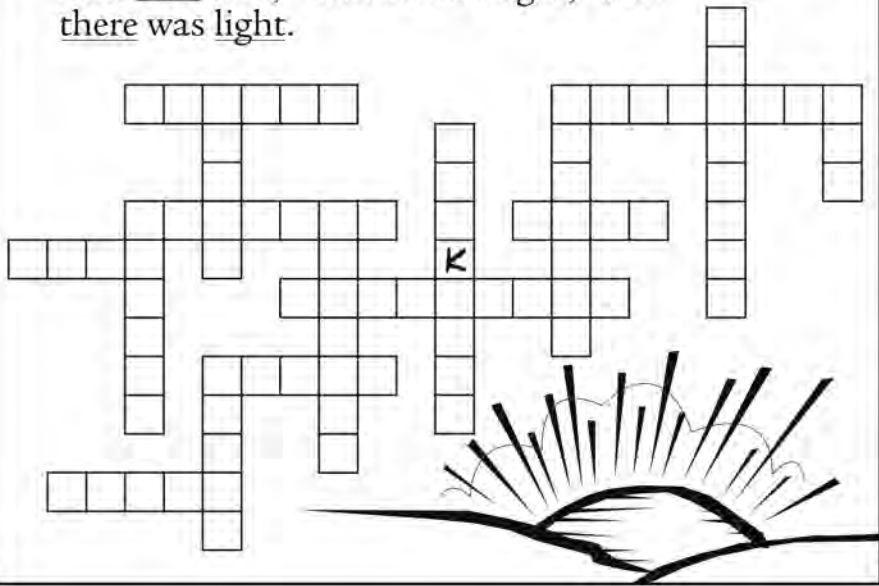
# PUZZLE

## The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



## Wesley Chapel Chimes

Wesley Chapel's Chime Choir once again graced the congregation with beautiful music during Sunday service on December 22nd and also at our Christmas Eve Service. A special thanks to all who made the Christmas season special. Your hard work and talents are greatly appreciated.



## A Very Special Thank You From SAM VAN!

Dear Mrs. Kammerer,

Please find enclosed picture of the 2024 Toyota Hybrid van that I purchased with the funds you designated in memory of Martin to Somerset Area Ministries and the Sam Van. It is a hybrid that doesn't need to be plugged in, which means we are getting good gas mileage and the drivers love.

Thank you again for your donations which made this purchase possible.



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



On your new calendar, you can mark dates such as National Drinking Straw Day (January 3), National Artichoke Hearts Day (March 16) and National Crouton Day (May 13). Those pseudo-holidays have been catalogued as part of the National Day Calendar, a venture by a North Dakota businessman.

For a fee starting at \$995 anyone can register a national day or even give one as a gift. Special-interest groups are discovering that national days are great for marketing.

Throughout the Bible, God instructs people to set aside special days for rest and remembrance. Yet to him, every day is holy — **even if it lacks a holiday, pseudo or otherwise. "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).**

-Taken from Newsletter CD, WordContent, January 2016

## Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

### What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

### What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.

## JOIN US FOR AGAPE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**DON'T FORGET** - Agape is every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Spread the word and bring a friend!

It's **SNOW** much fun to learn more about our Lord and Savior!



## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

The book of Revelation is addressed to seven churches. Which city in the United States shares the name of one of those churches?

- A. St. Paul
- B. Philadelphia
- C. Oconomowoc
- D. Orlando



Answer: B (See Revelation 3:7-13)

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, reservations for the fellowship hall or picnic pavilion need to be requested for the current year. A request form from the trustees needs to be completed and a contact person/telephone number will be required. Reservations can be found in the office and will be approved by the trustees with consideration to church calendar activities. Thank you.

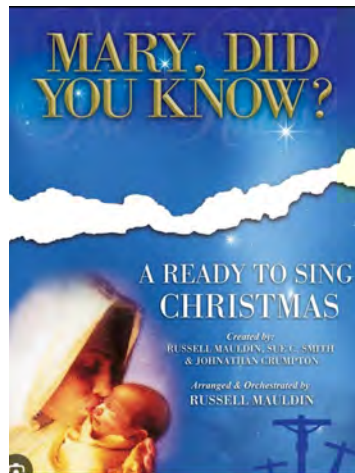


A NEW FLOWER CHART has been posted by the office door. You have the opportunity to reserve flowers for the sanctuary on a Sunday of your choice. Price is \$30 for two cut bouquets. Please make your check payable to Somerset Floral and give it to Shanna.



The first quarterly church council meeting for 2025 is scheduled for Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:15 p.m. Newly elected committee members are encouraged to attend.

Please join the Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends as they present "Mary, Did You Know?" This will be held on Sunday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m at the Garrett Christian Community Church (formerly the Garrett United Methodist Church). 800 Walker Street, Garrett, PA.





On a cold Tuesday evening in December, members of Wesley Chapel set out for the second annual Christmas caroling adventure. Joy was spread to many within the community! A crew of seventeen carolers piled into a bus, driven by Jennifer Roberts, and visited multiple homes. Lots of love, laughter, and prayers were shared! The group was welcomed back to the church with a wonderful and yummy selection of cookies and hot chocolate provided by Ray & Deb Ankeny. Special thanks again to **the Ankeny's and Jennifer Roberts for helping to make this night memorable.**



Wesley Chapel Church,  
I want to thank the church for the nice basket of goodies. I deeply appreciate it. I will share with my family. May God bless you all!

Love you & thank you,  
Maxine Shelley



Dear friends of Wesley Chapel Methodist,  
Thank you for your generous donation of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Your dedication and hard work will help children around the world hear the Good News of Jesus. May you be richly blessed for all **you've done.**

With gratitude,  
Somerset County OCC Team

For those, like you, who give, support, and donate to the Somerset Salvation Army Service Unit - whatever the amount or type of donation - this generosity and graciousness remains anonymous to those who receive the blessings, yet your gifts do not go unnoticed. For our God in Heaven knows what blessings you have selflessly bestowed on those less fortunate. He sees that you are doing His work here on Earth, and, for that, may you be abundantly blessed with joy, love, and happiness.

Thank you & God bless you,  
Gale Purbaugh & Melissa Wright

To all at Wesley Chapel & the new pastor and family, thank you for all the love, literature, and the community outreach all year through! The meals are greatly appreciated, and the cooks do well as they are always tasty. PS - Have a blessed Christmas in Jesus. Love to all.

Love & Prayers,  
Catherine Ohler

Thanking God for you and your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts and very thoughtful fruit/snack basket. It was much appreciated.

God Bless,  
Matt, Kim, and Josh

## For everything a season

Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together.

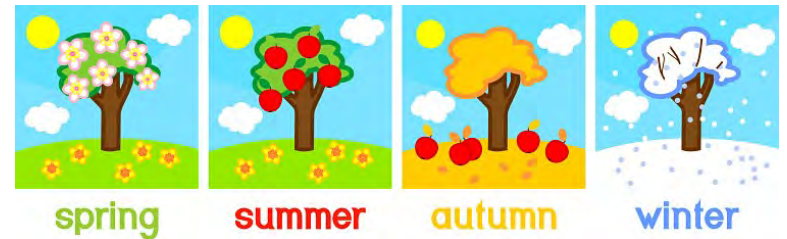
**“What did you see?” he asked.**

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

**The father said his sons were all correct, for they’d seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. “Don’t judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life,” he counseled his children. “Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life’s seasons have been lived.”**

**“Furthermore,” he added, “don’t give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you’ll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn.”**

*~Taken from Newsletter CD, WordContent January 2014*

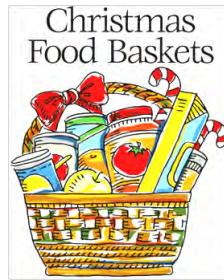


## Christian Symbol - Shell

A scallop shell, pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is often used to symbolize baptism and the washing away of sin. The three water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.



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Another wonderful Christmas basket project is in the books. The New Generation Class and friends were able to assemble and deliver 32 baskets this year! We want to thank everyone who baked, prepared, or donated to add more goodies to the fruit baskets. They were all greatly appreciated by all who received them.

With love,  
The New Generation Class



## A Mission Minute...

Recently, Lazarus Gate Food Pantry director, Sue Barclay had requested local congregations to try a new collection method for food items. The method is called *Reverse Advent*. One food item is listed for each day from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Items included soup, pancake mix, vegetables, cereal, pasta, peanut butter and jelly and the like. These items were collected over the month and submitted to the Lazarus Gate Pantry. In all, about 12 total of these collections were gathered from Wesley Chapel families. The food collections were delivered on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to the food distribution center at Messiah Lutheran Church in New Centerville. God's blessings on all who participated in this very worthy cause.

-Submitted by Linda Henry



Pictured above: Just a small amount of all the items donated for the food pantry during the Advent month of December.

Picture right: All of the suggested items needed to fulfill the Reverse Advent Calendar for Lazarus Gate.



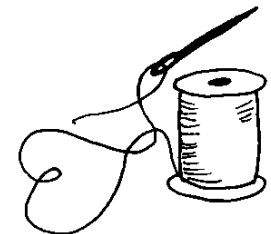
Wesley Chapel's men's group is starting back up on Saturday, January 18th. (More dates to be determined) Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. with the lesson to follow. Jason Breegle will lead the group as they study "***Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table***" by Louie Giglio. Please note, you do not need to be a member of Wesley Chapel to attend, - **we'd love to have new faces** join us, so bring yourself and a friend. Books will be provided. If you have not previously signed up, please contact Jason Breegle at 814-233-8718 so he can get a book ordered for you.



Wesley Chapel is offering a CPR class on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## Join us for an evening of sewing!

We will be making pillow cases for a homeless shelter project on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. You do not need to know how to sew, as we need people to cut material and other odds and ends. We will have two (2) extra sewing machines available if you are not able to bring one of your own. Please see Pam Weimer with any questions.



We are blessed to announce the birth of Keaton Taylor Martz to Colin & Courtney Martz. Keaton was born on December 11, 2024 and weighed 8 lbs 3 oz, 20 inches long. The overjoyed grandparents are Craig & Kim Smith, Delbert & Tammy Lechliter, and Matt & Chris Martz.

*Welcome Baby*

*Welcome to the world little one,  
may God bless you and your family always.*



### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes,  
all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life.  
I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever.  
Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou wilt.  
Send me where thou wilt, and work out thy whole will in my life  
at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

—Betty Scott Stam



~Taken from Newsletter CD, WordContent, January 2014

The Agape children also held a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party, and it was a great time of fun and fellowship! The kids enjoyed candle-lit cupcakes and played games to celebrate Christ's birth. Wesley Chapel is so blessed with this group of fun loving kids and their leaders.





The AGAPE Children's Christmas program was presented on Sunday, December 22 during the Sunday school hour. Under the direction of Mark and Angie Millin, the children dressed in their favorite pajamas, opened gifts and read scripture that correlated with the gift they opened. Each gift represented a characteristic of Jesus Christ and His life. The sanctuary was filled with family and friends. A time of refreshments and fellowship followed. A very BIG and heartfelt thank you to the Millins for all their hard work and dedication to the children's ministry.



## Wesley Chapel Helps a Needy Family at Christmas Time

As always, the Wesley Chapel congregation has risen in a time of need to help a local family have a very merry Christmas. In contact with a church member, the father who is away during the week, made it clear that Christmas would be minimal this year. Seven \$50 gift cards were purchased for the seven children with money donations from families in the congregation. A gift basket with a gift card from the New Generation class was delivered. Seven Wesley Chapel families chose one of the seven children to purchase Christmas gifts and toys/clothing were delivered before Christmas. In addition to the gifts given by the church members, two large bags of additional toys/games were donated by a member of the church family. Bibles as well as food gift cards were given to the parents and the children. A donation of approximately 25 lbs. of beef (hamburger, steaks, sausage, etc.) were donated from a church family. Steve Long also contributed several toys left over from his mission to the Children's Aid Home. Several people who participated in this mission work commented on the joy they felt in fulfilling this endeavor. We hope this mission work blesses the family at this very Holy time and the Lord will continue to guide the family as well as Wesley Chapel to continue working for His will.




-Submitted by Linda Henry



Pictured left: Dave & Linda Henry's truck was piled high with all the donated gifts.

Pictured above: Beautifully packaged gifts for the family

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>5</b> Holy Communion Wesley Missions  <i>*the New Year</i>	<b>6</b> <i>*Ray &amp; Deb Ankeny</i>	<b>7</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*James &amp; Bonnie Augustine</i>	<b>8</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Maxine Augustine</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>*Rich, Marsha, Haley &amp; Luke Beahr</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>*Tim, Jennifer, Dalila, Delaney &amp; Garrett Berkebile</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>*Scott, Shannon, Hunter &amp; Colt Berkey</i>
<b>12</b> <u>Baptism of the Lord</u>  <i>*for humility</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>*Stephen &amp; Brooke Bigler</i>	<b>14</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Ron, Roxann, Joseph &amp; Sara Blough</i>	<b>15</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Scott &amp; Rhonda Boothby</i>	<b>16</b> Committees 6:15 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Jason, Shanna, Flint &amp; Reed Breegle</i>	<b>17</b> Sewing 6-8 p.m.  <i>*Jeff &amp; Amy Brlansky; Luke, Hannah, Aiden Kohan</i>	<b>18</b> Men's Group 8:00 a.m.  <i>*Michael, Danyelle, Maria &amp; Ivy Burkholder</i>
<b>19</b> Newsletter Deadline  <i>*for patience</i>	<b>20</b>   <i>*Derek, Amy, Easton &amp; Raelyn Deeds</i>	<b>21</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Floyd Dunmeyer</i>	<b>22</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Dave &amp; Sandie Greene</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>*Mike &amp; Brenda Hardwig</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>*Michael &amp; Victoria Hearn</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>*Connie Hearn</i>
<b>26</b>  <i>*for perseverance</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>*Michael, Erin, Easton, Sawyer &amp; Rhett Heiple</i>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  <i>*Tim &amp; Jill Heiple</i>	<b>29</b> Agape 6:00 p.m.  <i>*Cody, Leanne, Luke &amp; Cole Henry</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>*Betty Henry</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>*Dave &amp; Linda Henry</i>	