

# Tidings of Peace



**December 2021**

*The mission and purpose of Peace Community United Church of Christ is to make and nurture disciples for Jesus Christ.*

A new season of Prayer Partners begins January 2022. Sign up today! See page 13.

## **Children's Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 12th During Worship**



The scripture tells us that a "little child shall lead them". Nothing is more adorable or convincing than the faces of our younger members as they tell the story of the birth of Jesus. This year the title of the play is "The Birthday of a King". Join us on Sunday, December 12th during worship for these touching moments. Thanks to Tracy Johnson, our Children's Ministry Coordinator for directing the program.

## **Christmas Eve Worship Friday, December 24th 8 p.m.**

Join us for our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service including Christmas carols, special music, and scripture. Also, become part of the Christmas Story! Pastor Joel will recall the birth of Jesus and invite people up on stage to take the role of the Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men, and Angels. We might even need a few sheep or cows! No practice necessary and no speaking required. Once we have gathered the cast of characters, the service will conclude with the singing of "Silent Night" using our battery operated candles.



# Worship Matters

## Advent Sermon Series “Carols of Christmas”

As a congregation that loves to sing, Pastor Joel is going to be sharing a bit of history about some of the well known and not so-well known Advent carols. It will give us a chance to reflect on the inspiration from the composers in their time and consider what these words mean for us today. All of them will be anchored with the lighting of the Advent Candle readings which will focus on the different ideas about “home”. The first week, we will talk about a time to go home. This will focus on being in God’s presence and being impacted by God’s reign, here-and-now and in the future.. Week 2, we will talk about the fear of home. This will acknowledge that life can be rough, but we can live in peace and unity with one another when we cooperate. The following week we will discuss the joy of home and how we can impact the world by sharing joy with others. The final week is called the blessing of home. We will focus on the gift that came from the small town of Bethlehem.

## Lazy Day Worship Sunday, December 26th

The day after Christmas at our house is typically extra laid back. It is a time for the kids to play with their news toys, Dad to take a nap, and well, Mom



does what Mom wants to do. This year our Sunday worship will be the day after Christmas. So, join us for something different. We will start out in the

Fellowship Hall and make cookies together. Then, while those are baking we will go into the sanctuary for a more casual worship with Christmas carols and a Christmas story for the whole family. After the benediction, join us in the fellowship hall for some cookies, hot chocolate and coffee.



## Sunday Mornings

Date	Scripture	Theme
Dec. 5	Luke 3:1-6	Hymn: “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”
Dec. 12	Luke 3:7-19	Hymn: “Joy to the World” Children’s Christmas Pro-
Dec. 19	Micah 5:2-5a	Hymn: “O, Little Town of Bethlehem”
Dec. 26	Luke 2:8-14	Lazy Day Worship

## Ways to Worship

Of course, we gather in person each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.. for worship. You can also watch an abbreviated worship service that Pastor Joel records each week. We are also working on providing our 10:30 a.m. as a Live Stream. Thanks to Robert Fox for looking at the equipment that we would need to do this. This will allow us to record from the rear of the sanctuary and people can watch on Facebook Live. We will also investigate how to do the same on YouTube.

## This and That



### Part I Sunday, December 19th Following Worship

According to our constitution, the first part of our Annual Meeting is to take place the Sunday following the Monday when Consistory meets in December. This allows for the board to make any last minute changes to the budget before it is presented to the congregation. At this Annual Meeting, the budget for the following year (2022) is approved and church officers are elected. There are a total of 8 on Consistory. 4 serves as Deacons, who oversee the financial matters of the church. The other 4 are Elders, who help Pastor Joel with the spiritual matters of the church. Half are elected each year and they serve for a 2 year term. This meeting is usually brief and members are encouraged to stay so that we have a quorum to conduct business.

### Waldo Community Family Christmas Dinner



Thursday, Dec. 2nd  
6:30 p.m.

### Waldo United Methodist Church

Join us in the Fellowship Hall of the Waldo United Methodist Church as we usher in the Advent/Christmas season! We will enjoy a potluck. People from Peace are asked to bring a dessert to share, if possible. Pastor Joel will be doing the program. We will listen to a story called "The Church Lights". It is a story about a brother and a sister that get lost in the woods. They come across this tiny white church. They can hear singing but the doors are locked. Suddenly, the stained glass comes to life. This is fun for people of all ages... younger, older, single or married.



Thank you to Bob Chappell for replacing all of the bulbs in the sanctuary with LED ones. What a difference it makes!

### Lunch Bunch

Wednesday,  
Dec. 15th



11:30 a.m.

Bun's Restaurant

14 W. Winter St. in Delaware

# Long Range Planning Report

After many, many meetings the Long-Range Planning Committee has concluded that we believe it is vital for our Church to take action on the following recommendations:

- Energize and enhance while simplifying the coordinators' roles and responsibilities
- Start education campaigns for the congregation
- Form an internal leadership program for members of our church
- Adopt a structure to encourage members to use the fellowship hall and shelter house
- Implement a confirmation program with collaboration from the Pastor, Elders and Shepherding Coordinator to help support the confirmation mentors
- Sponsor, support and promote youth activities
- Focus on visual improvements for the Church

These six areas of need for our Church will greatly impact the success of maximizing our mission statement of Making and Nurturing Disciples. By fulfilling our mission statement we will increase the health of our Church both spiritually and financially. By enhancing and re-energizing our coordinators, we can achieve most of the goals listed above.

When the coordinators positions were first created, there was an excitement and determination within these positions. As we leaned very heavily on many of the same people to do the same work, the excitement faded. Our coordinators went from very active in their roles to non-existent in some of the positions. Below are recommendations on how the Long-Range Planning Committee believes that these valuable coordinator positions can be resurrected and more successful than ever.

- A questionnaire should be distributed to all members. This questionnaire needs to list separately, without titles, all of the different responsibilities of the coordinators. Then ask, which of these needs are you most willing to help with? By collecting this information, we can develop helpers and/or teams for each coordinator position to lean on as they need assistance or help with certain duties.
- Create a coordinator reference guide that simplifies their role, while still focusing on the core objectives
- Each coordinator will be responsible for communicating updates to the lead position.
- Develop a lead position for the coordinators. This lead position will be responsible for gathering information from coordinators, verifying that the objectives or tasks of the coordinators are being achieved, communicating roles and responsibilities to the coordinators and creating a quarterly update to consistory of activity.
- This lead position could be achieved by making this a new responsibility of the Church secretary. Benefits of this would be a structured role that encompasses a paid position to allow for accountability outside of the volunteer role. The Church secretary could be a natural fit since the lines of communication are already built in and this person would be easily accessible.

Our Church and all of its wonderful members are given an amazing opportunity to respond to the best mission statement a church could have. This opportunity is presented to us during one of the most challenging times for Churches to continue showing a value to the greater community. Making and nurturing disciples of Christ in our fast-paced society may be more important now than ever before. The Long-Range Planning Committee believes whole heartedly that strengthening our church membership in the ways presented in this letter is key.

Sincerely,

*Tom Kenney– Committee Chair*

*Elizabeth Lee– Committee Member*

*Vickie Dutt– Committee Member*

*Frank Isaacs– Committee Member*

*Joel Fetter– Pastor/Committee Member*

**Watch for an e-mail/letter soon asking you to consider taking on one of the coordinator positions or how you might help support their work.**

# Celebrations & Concerns December 2021



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|----|------------------|----|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Elizabeth Lee    | 21 | John Klingel   |                                 |
| 7  | Justin Honaker   |    | Bonnie Varner  |                                 |
|    | Linda Shepard    | 25 | JESUS CHRIST   |                                 |
| 11 | Ruth Kenner      |    | Klayton Kenney |                                 |
| 14 | Curt Bacon       | 26 | Emma Roseberry | 1 Claire and Joshua Brandyberry |
| 15 | Paul Robinson    | 28 | Lee Felt       | 3 Dan and Diane Smith           |
|    | Genevieve Loyer  |    | Patti Klingel  | 9 Heidi and Robert Fox          |
| 16 | Linda Kleppinger | 30 | Debbie Honaker | 23 Richard and Wanda Connors    |

## OUR CONGREGATION

### Health Concerns

Ron Salyer, Lester Yager, Joni Wolfinger, Maggie Smith, Donna McKinnis, Karen Mahaffey, Joyce Jaycox, Jeff Klingel, Ang Fetter, Bob Miley and Tom Dutt

### At Home; Activities Limited

Vella Yager

### In A Health Care Home

Anita Beckel	Memorial Gables	Room 207	390 Gables Dr.	Marysville, OH 43040
Les Yager	Heartland of Marion	Room 609	400 Barks Rd. W.	Marion, OH 43302

## OUR GREATER CHURCH FAMILY

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fran Mahaffey               | Katie (Nancy Snyder's mom) |
| Sharon Farst                | Benny and Gail Hopper      |
| Charlie Farson              | Nicole Guy                 |
| Those affected by Covid-19  | Jim Longo                  |
| Our Nation                  | Amy                        |
| Lee VanVoorhis (Todd's mom) |                            |
| Nancy Smith                 |                            |
| Ollie Smith                 |                            |
| Elizabeth Raber             |                            |
| Andrew (The Lee's nephew)   |                            |
| Michael, Kali & Scarlett    |                            |
| Jeff Rainey                 |                            |
| Jerry Pope                  |                            |
| Vickie Adams;               |                            |
| Heather                     |                            |



The list of folks under "Our Greater Church Family" came from the green prayer cards collected during worship. This list will change each month. If there is someone that you would like listed for an extended amount of time, please

# October Consistory Minutes

## October 11th Consistory Minutes

Those present: Sue Klingel, Shannon Robinson, Karen Mahaffey, Eileen Chappell, Deb Honaker, Nancy Salyer, Joyce Jaycox, Pastor Joel Fetter

Not present: Matt Axline

Sue Klingel called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel offered prayer.

Tom Kenney was present to give a presentation on the final proposal that the long-range planning committee created.

The group reviewed both the August and September minutes. Shannon Robinson moved a motion to accept them and Eileen Chappell seconded. Motion carried.

The September financial report was reviewed. Nancy Salyer moved a motion to accept them and Joyce Jaycox seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Joel reported that a Confirmation Class with 6 students and mentors will take place from October 2021 to October 22. Youth include: Harry Lee, Tyler Fox, Kimberly Staley, Myla Kenney, Ava Roseberry, Derrick Mahaffey. A membership class will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will receive John and Nancy Snyder and Fred and Milena Howald on Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Trunk or Treat will take place after worship on Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Old Business

We spent time discussing the "Open and Affirming Process". Since it has been so long since we had completed the surveys Pastor Joel will send those out as a reminder of the questions that were asked. He will also investigate other steps in this process. This is a conversation that is just beginning. Sue asked members to pray about it.

The Kitchen Renovation Committee will meet soon. They will visit St. Paul's Lutheran in Waldo to see their new kitchen.

No updates on Leapin' Outreach Ministries. The room we adopted is complete. Grace Clinic, from Delaware, will open a satellite site at Leapin' in January. This provides free healthcare.

A procedural vote took place to change our investments from Edward Jones to Ameriprise Financial. Joyce Jaycox moved a motion and Nancy Salyer seconded. Motion carried.

### New Business

The Consistory was pleased with the work of the Long-Range Planning Committee. A copy will be included in the newsletter next month for the congregation (December)

The office computer needs to be replaced. A motion was made to spend up to \$1200 from the Memorial Funds. Nancy Salyer moved the motion and Deb Honaker seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Mahaffey and seconded by Shannon Robinson. Motion carried.

# November Consistory Minutes

## November 8th Consistory Minutes

Those present: Sue Klingel, Karen Mahaffey, Eileen Chappell, Deb Honaker, Nancy Salyer, Joyce Jaycox, Pastor Joel Fetter

Not present: Matt Axline, Shannon Robinson

Visitor: Larry Jaycox

Sue Klingel called the meeting to order and Pastor Joel offered prayer.

The group reviewed both the October minutes. Karen Mahaffey moved a motion to accept them and Deb Honaker seconded. Motion carried.

The October financial report was reviewed. Deb Honaker moved a motion to accept them and Joyce Jaycox seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Joel reported that the Waldo Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Waldo United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.. Thanks to those that sent cards and gifts for Pastoral Appreciation Month.

### Old Business

We will continue "Open and Affirming Process" discussion after the new year.

The Kitchen Renovation Committee will meet soon. They will visit St. Paul's Lutheran in Waldo to see their new kitchen. Nancy Salyer will contact St. Paul's to see when a good time to talk would be.

Our investment funds accounts have been transferred to Ameriprise Financial. Wendy Kenney, treasurer, and Matt Axline are both signers. We are still in a conservative growth mode.

### New Business

There was a discussion about filling the coordinator roles. Some suggestions for potential people were mentioned. The church office will send out a copy of the Long-Range Planning letter and an invitation to consider serving as a coordinator. These will be e-mailed to those who receive electronic communication and sent to other via the post office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb Honaker and seconded by Eileen Chappell. Motion carried.

# November Financial Report – Balance Sheet

	<b>Nov 23, 21</b>	<b>Oct 31, 21</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
Mack Fund	247,815.10	247,815.10
Operating Account	47,985.57	47,016.38
PARSONAGE FUNDS EJ ADVISORY ACC	121,987.54	121,987.54
<b>Special Accounts</b>		
Business Savings	1,766.91	1,766.91
Capital Improvements	5,878.92	5,790.39
Community Meals/Outreach	2,023.61	2,023.61
Dulcimers' Special Fund	335.10	335.10
Education/Enrichment Fund	6,100.00	6,100.00
Endowment fund for Mission Trip	10,094.44	10,094.44
Fund Raising Account	200.00	200.00
Good Samaritan Fund	1,550.81	1,500.81
Ice Cream Social	8,460.47	8,460.47
Interest Account	392.67	384.11
Kitchen Rehab Project	6,689.03	6,689.03
Memorial Funds	11,550.67	11,325.67
Music Fund	530.04	530.04
Parking Lot Fund	525.00	525.00
Plant-A-Seed Fund	2,501.58	2,501.58
Programming	21,110.51	21,110.51
Scholarship & Theo Ed Fund	4,489.85	4,489.85
Spiritual Care	1,384.57	1,384.57
Women's Guild Fund	8,241.07	8,321.07
Youth Fund	2,152.34	2,152.34
Special Accounts - Other	21.73	21.73
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	95,999.32	95,707.23



# November Financial Report – Profit/Loss Statement

	<b>Nov 1 - 23, 21</b>	<b>Oct 9 - 31, 21</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Tithing</b>		
Tithing - Current Expenses	5,550.00	8,320.00
<b>Total Tithing</b>	5,550.00	8,320.00
<b>Total Income</b>	5,550.00	8,320.00
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Operating</b>		
<b>Administration Expense</b>		
Copier Maintenance (Equip.)	45.17	37.86
Office Supplies/Treasurers Exp.	0.00	48.53
Telephone and Internet	211.60	211.60
<b>Total Administration Expense</b>	256.77	297.99
<b>Church Property and Maintenance</b>		
Insurance Expense	0.00	1,069.75
Janitorial/Disposable Supplies	0.00	74.90
Lawn Mowing	200.00	0.00
<b>Total Church Property and Maintenance</b>	200.00	1,144.65
<b>Pastoral Compensation Package</b>		
Automobile Expense	125.00	250.00
Health Insurance	1,092.00	1,092.00
Housing Allowance	550.00	1,100.00
Pastor Salary	1,291.58	2,583.16
Pension	441.99	441.99
<b>Total Pastoral Compensation Package</b>	3,500.57	5,467.15
<b>Support Staff</b>		
Bureau of Workers Compensation	0.00	135.00
Choir Director	0.00	143.58
Janitor Salary	0.00	832.83
Nusery Attendant Salary	0.00	47.40
Organist Salary	0.00	310.50
Secretary Salary	0.00	1,228.50
Withholding	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Support Staff</b>	0.00	2,697.81

# November Financial Report – Profit/Loss Statement

<b>Utilities</b>		
Electric	559.10	596.14
Water	12.00	12.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	571.10	608.14
<b>Total Operating</b>	4,528.44	10,215.74
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	0.00	196.05
<b>WK Isaacs Interest</b>	69.80	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	4,598.24	10,411.79
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
<b>Mack Fund Change in Value</b>	0.00	4,068.75
<b>Mission Receipt</b>		
Adopted Christmas Families	445.00	0.00
CUE	0.00	60.00
El Salvador	0.00	25.00
Neighbors In Need	0.00	275.00
OCWM	69.80	410.00
Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes	25.00	0.00
<b>Total Mission Receipt</b>	539.80	770.00
<b>Parsonage Fund EJ Adv Income</b>		
Change in value (gain)	0.00	1,040.78
<b>Total Parsonage Fund EJ Adv Income</b>	0.00	1,040.78
<b>Special Funds Income</b>		
Capital Improvement	107.82	0.00
Good Samaritan Income	50.00	320.00
Interest Income	8.56	0.00
Kitchen Rehab Project	0.00	30.00
Memorial Income	225.00	1,490.00
WK Isaacs Income	69.80	0.00
<b>Total Special Funds Income</b>	461.18	1,840.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	1,000.98	7,719.53

# November Financial Report – Profit/Loss Statement

<b>Special Funds Expenses</b>		
Capital Improvements Fund Exp	19.29	64.32
Ice Cream Social Expense	0.00	250.00
<b>Programming Expenses</b>		
Children's Ministry Expenses	0.00	139.41
Communication Expenses		
Newsletter Mailings Exp	0.00	23.20
Total Communication Expenses	0.00	23.20
Worship - Arts Expenses	0.00	53.05
Total Programming Expenses	0.00	215.66
Spiritual Care Expenses	0.00	41.70
Women's Guild Fund Expenses	80.00	0.00
<b>Total Special Funds Expenses</b>	<b>99.29</b>	<b>571.68</b>

## Community Events

### Xmas Christmas Festival at Fort Morrow Fire Department

Dec. 3 & 4



On Friday, December 3rd from 4-8 p.m. and from 9 a.m.— 3p.m. on Saturday, December 4th. There will be a Christmas tree lighting at 7 p.m. on Friday. Santa will arrive Saturday at 10:30 a.m.. and be there until Noon. There will be a Secret Santa shop where kids can buy gifts for their parents for \$.50 each. There will be a food truck and crafts to purchase.

### Waldo Community Blood Drive



## Give Blood

**Saturday December 4th**

**8 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran, Waldo**

**Fellowship Hall**

To make an appointment:

1-800-RED-CROSS

[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (code: Waldo)

### United in Harmony



Plus Audience Carol Sing

Sunday, Dec. 12th @ 4 p.m.

Good Hope Lutheran Church  
129 West Charles St. in Bucyrus

Love Offering:

Adopt-A-Child for Christmas  
(Crawford County Job & Family Services)

### Free Fresh Produce Giveaway

will take place Friday, December 3rd at All Occasions Barn. There will be no fresh produce giveaway in January due to the holiday.



# Partners in Prayer

## Peace Community United Church of Christ

A secret intercessory prayer partner is someone committed to intentionally pray for another person every day until November 15, 2022.

- Partner names will be assigned randomly by the partners in Prayer Committee, using the names of the people who have signed up to participate.
- You will be given the name of a person to pray for. "That person will not know you are praying for them.
- Your name will be given to someone else to pray for you. That person will not be known to you.
- Prayer partner names and relevant information will be delivered around January 2, 2022.
- Occasional anonymous greeting cards and gestures of friendship to prayer partners are appropriate, but not necessary.
- A Partners in Prayer gathering will be held in November 2022, where secret prayer partners will be revealed.

In addition to praying for your prayer partner, please remember to keep Peace Community UCC, our various ministries, and our wider community in your daily prayers.

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### Partners in Prayer

#### Secret Intercessory Prayer Partner Sign- up

**Please complete and return your form to the church office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, December 26, 2021.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street or Post Office Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Other information, important dates, or special prayer requests to share with your prayer partner:

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Important dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Special prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

*Pray without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17*



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Worship is available in person, on-line  
(Facebook and YouTube) and in the parking lot  
(91.3 FM). Junior Church is available during  
Worship.



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