



News of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

January/February 2025

Worship in January

9 a.m. Worship in the Old Chapel 10 a.m. Sunday School in the Christian Ed. Building 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (with unstaffed nursery)

- January 5 Holy Communion for Epiphany Distribution of Watchwords Sermon: The Rev. Josh Follweiler
- January 12 Mission Lovefeast Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice
- January 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon: The Rev. Josh Follweiler

January 26 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice Church Council follows the 11 a.m. service

Worship in February

9 a.m. in the Old Chapel 10 a.m. Sunday School in the C. E. Building 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary (with unstaffed nursery)

February 2 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon: The Rev. Josh Follweiler

February 9 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Heather Campain Hartung

February 16 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon: The Rev. Janel Rice

**February 23 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany** Sermon: The Rev. Josh Follweiler

# **From Pastor Janel**

To appear or make manifest. That is the roots of the holiday of Epiphany that we celebrate in January (January 6<sup>th</sup>). The season after Epiphany will follow us until Transfiguration and Lent begins in March this year. With a later Lent (and a busy January preparing for Church Council) we are choosing to combine the January and February *Belfry* this year. As always, *The Sunday Times* and *Constant Contact* emails will have up to date information.

As you enter into 2025, ask yourself an Epiphany question? What do you wish to be made manifest, to appear within your life? And then think about this question as it relates to Central Moravian Church. As the body of Christ, the hands and feet that are called to live out God's love in our world today, what do we want to make manifest in our worship, education, music and service? Where is God speaking to you - not to do it all - but to be a part of manifesting God's love and care for our world? Maybe as you choose your Watchword for 2025 on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, you can ask how this word of scripture guides you forward.

The season of Epiphany also comes at the time when our congregation usually gathers for our annual meeting or Church Council which is Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship (a light lunch will be served). All members are encouraged to attend, participate and be an active part of our congregation. As always we will receive the election of new board officers, present the financial reports for 2024, approve 2025's budget and celebrate the ministries that are included in the Annual Reports. Perhaps this Church Council can also be a time to ask (and celebrate) what has been manifest in our ministries for 2024 and where we want to go in 2025, with the leading of God's Spirit?

We are grateful to Barry Pell and Martha Jones for their willingness to serve another year as President and Secretary of Church Council, respectively as well as our boards, committees and ministries leadership. Thanks to our Senior Office Administrator, Cindy Gibson, for managing the production of booklets for distribution at church on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The material will be on our website as well.

May the star that guided the Magi to the baby Jesus in this season of Epiphany also manifest lights within our lives and our church to guide and assure us of God's love in uncertain times.

# **Annual Church Council**

All members of Central Moravian Church are invited to participate in the Annual Church Council on Sunday, January 26 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. At Church Council, we review printed reports from our boards, committees and organization. We discuss and vote on our budget for the coming year. Names of nominees are brought forward for lay leadership positions. We encourage our groups and committees to report on activities in 2024 and plans for 2025. Please submit reports to the office by January 6.

#### **Nominating Committee Results**

The Nominating Committee, composed of Elders, Trustees, and two at-large members of the congregation, bring forward these candidates to church council on January 26th for nomination. We do not have a Synod this year.

**Elders**: Pat Herman, Michael Kane, Janice Ostock Trustees: Llyena Boylan, Susan Drabic, Camie Modjadidi

# **Upcoming Dining Out Group Events**

Wednesday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. we'll dine at the Taste of Italy, 639 Main Street, Hellertown, PA.

Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. we'll dine at the Anatolian Kitchen, 3016 Linden Street, Bethlehem, PA.

Please contact the church office to reserve your spot.

### **February Zoom Book Group** "Can you Drink this Cup" (Henri Nouwen)

Join Pastor Janel and Diane Kessler as they lead a three part Zoom book study, either on Mondays (10 a.m.) or Wednesdays (7 p.m.). "Can you drink this cup?" Jesus asks this question of his disciples, and of us. Using the cup as a metaphor, Nouwen explores the Holding, Lifting and Drinking the cup of joy and the cup of sorrow as the basics of a spiritual life. He explores how we both can individually drink this cup, but doing so in community, can hold and lift each other up. Mondays, February 3, 10 and 24 at 10 a.m. (taking off for Presidents' day) and Wednesdays, February 5, 12, and 26 at 7 p.m. — same class. The book is \$10, available on Amazon or we will have some copies available for you in church starting January 12. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

# **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Events**

Every year, on the third Monday in January, the nation pauses to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King's unwavering commitment to racial and economic justice.

As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is crucial not to diminish the radical essence of his movement. All too often, we sentimentalize Dr. King's speeches and forget his bold challenges to systemic racism, economic inequality, and militarism. Dr. King advocated for a fundamental restructuring of society to uplift the marginalized and confront entrenched power structures. While we remember Dr. King's "I Have a Dream," let us always read his "Letter From a Birmingham Jail" and "The Other America." To truly honor Dr. King, we must commit ourselves to addressing the root causes of inequality and injustice in our own time.

We encourage you to participate in any of the events listed below:

#### January 20th

Frankie West March - Comfort Suites (120 W 3rd Street) to MLK Jr. Park at 11:45 a.m.

NAACP Event at St. John's AME Zion Church (718 Pawnee Street) at 12:00 p.m.

Worship and Service - Metropolitan Community Church (2345 Grove Road, Allentown) at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Special MLK Partnership**

In collaboration with BAM and Second Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Central Moravian is invited to a special event on Sunday, January 19th, at Second Baptist Church (1016 Wood Street). Beginning at 2:00 p.m., journey through history, from Harriet Tubman to Dr. King, as young members embody historical figures. At 3:00, we will participate in a joint worship service, followed by a catered meal. We will award a scholarship to the winner of an essay contest focused on Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." January 19th is Christian Unity Sunday in the Moravian Church, and what better way to demonstrate our unity than by participating in this joint venture? RSVP by calling the office at (610) 866-5661.

# **Upcoming Inquirers' Classes**

Want to learn more about Central Moravian Church, the Moravian Church's history and all the opportunities at Central - in music, education, service, etc.? Want to meet others interested in deepening their faith and exploring a commitment to becoming a member of Central Moravian? A series of four inquirers' classes will begin this February; February 16 and 23, March 2 and 9 (snow date, March 23) from 12:15 - 2 p.m. and can lead to church membership if desired. Reception Sunday will be either March 23 or 30. Lunch will be included in each class, which will meet in the Christian Education building at 40 W. Church Street. Please talk with Pastor Janel for more information or email office@centralmoravianchurch.org or call 610-866-5661 to sign up. If this schedule doesn't work for you or your family (or you need child care) please let Pastor Janel know - we can try to be flexible, and also offer Zoom options if needed.

### Save the Date: BAM Annual Meeting

#### February 18 (6:30 p.m.) West Side Moravian - 402 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Bethlehem

As one of the six Moravian Churches in Bethlehem, Central's members are a part of the Bethlehem Area Moravians. Come hear more about the historic preservation, housing programs, and BAM Ministries Committee shared opportunities for working together. A Zoom link will be provided closer to the date.

#### **Special Guest Luncheon**

Are you ready for a February surprise? We're having a luncheon on Sunday, February 23, following the 11 a.m. church service. It will feature Italian fare and honor a verv special member of Central. Our mystery guest has a unique opportunity to represent the church and the country. Please attend to meet our mystery guest, who will also be honored by a local representative. In honor of our guest, please wear "red, white, and blue."

#### **Mid-Week Lenten Programs & Dinners**

(March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9) 6 p.m. Dinner and 7 p.m. Program

"Full to the Brim: Envisioning, Creating, and Sustaining Community"

We often approach the world with a scarcity mindset; in resources both tangible and intangible. How can we live and promote abundance? We will explore past and current ministries within the Moravian Church that have built community and promoted an abundant mindset.

#### **Advent Workshop Fun**

Buddy the Elf helped to bring lots of Christmas cheer to a wonderful Advent Workshop. Thanks to Elissa Derbak and the Christian Education committee for this great morning of crafts, food, music and fun!



#### **Reaching Out to Young Adults**

The Congregational Care committee has sponsored sharing Starbucks gift cards with our college students and young adults for a "thinking of you" end of finals and winter break treat. With the leadership of Becky Lepore and our pastors, a young adults gathering was held at Essentials Café on December 27th for breakfast.

#### **End of Life Planning Materials**

If you missed our Congregational Care's End of Life planning sessions, the materials for planning memorial services (memoirs, hymns, scriptures, etc.) are available by emailing office@centralmoravianchurch.org or stop by the office for a hard copy. We would encourage you to turn in any plans you have made about any part of your memorial service to the office (paper copy or email) and we will keep it in a secure folder for your family in planning a memorial service. Please don't hesitate to talk with a pastor or Becky Lepore if you have any questions.

#### A Presentation on Christian Nationalism

At the 2023 Synod of the Moravian Church Northern Province, the Committee on Church and Society resolved that the MCNP rejects Christian Nationalism, which supports racism and white supremacy, and this fall, the Moravian Church Northern Province joined our ecumenical partners in endorsing the Statement of Christians against Christian Nationalism. What is Christian Nationalism, and in particular, how has the Moravian Church responded to the development of Christian Nationalism? What does our theology speak to this topic? Becky Lepore has done extensive study on this topic during her seminary classes and we are excited to have her share her research with us and the greater community on Saturday, February 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Christian Education building.

# **Sanctuary & Chapel Tour Updates**

With our gratitude to the World Heritage Committee chair, the Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, our tour on-site coordinator, Greta Reifinger (and her intrepid assistant Carol Reifinger) and a myriad of dedicated greeters and tour guides, we have had a wonderful fall and Christmas season sharing tours of the Sanctuary and Old Chapel each Friday and Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Guests were welcomed into the spaces to look around, and to engage with a tour explaining a bit about our history, architecture, customs like Lovefeast, candle making, and Christmas decorating, and getting to see the West Rooms and Kleiner Saal as well. The Chapel guests learned about the Revolutionary war dignitaries and Native Americans who worshipped there, and the ways we continue to use this space. By having our volunteers do these tours, we were able to share our current ministries in our 21<sup>st</sup> century context. We estimate that between 20-40 guests came each weekend before December, and in December we averaged over 100 guests each day we were open!

As part of the wider World Heritage Bethlehem Council, Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites (HBMS) is leading a World Heritage tour each Saturday at 2 p.m. which gives a brief overview of the 9 sites, God's Acre, and 4 ruins that compromise our Moravian Church Settlements - Bethlehem World Heritage designation. We have approved these tours to continue to allow visitors to see inside the Old Chapel and Sanctuary. Our own tours will take a "winter break" with questionable weather conditions, and resume in mid-March (March 14/15 weekend). In the meantime, look for a Volunteer Tour Guide Schmauss celebration in January or February as well as some other updates to these tours. Our gratitude to all who were able to showcase the warmth and love of Moravian hospitality and tell our faith story and living practices to the thousands of guests who came to our church.

**Press Coverage**: We are most grateful for additional press coverage that we have received, and we remind our congregation that while you are welcome (but under no obligation) to speak to reporters, please direct press to Pastor Janel for any official statements. We all do well to remember that many of our guests have not experienced a Moravian service or perhaps even a Christian worship service; and so to explain and share our worship with humility and respect is another gift we can share. We also ask that all photography (no flash) is only taken from one's seat, in the back (West) doorways, or from the balcony.

#### When does the American Flag Come into the Sanctuary?

This question comes up on occasion - including recently - and it often surprises people to know of the deliberate thought that the Board of Elders put into when and why the American flag is displayed in our worship space.

The policy dates back to 2002, when the Board of Elders issued the following statement: "The sanctuary of Central Moravian Church has had a long local tradition of being unencumbered by any permanent symbols, outside of the open Bible on the pulpit, the table for Holy Communion and the stand for baptism. These represent the elements we consider central and essential in our Christian faith; the word and sacrament. The Saal in the Gemeinhaus, our first sanctuary, and the Old Chapel, our second place of worship, also reflect the same character as the Central sanctuary. It is customary to have temporary symbols featured in the sanctuary at different appropriate times during the year. This includes a lily cross on Easter morning, the nativity scene, the Moravian star and an Advent wreath during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The American flag will be present on Memorial Day weekend, and the Sundays closest to the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, and Flag Day. The American flag will also be brought into the church sanctuary during nationally designated periods such as: periods of national celebration, times of attack against our nation, times of national remembrance or mourning, times of declared war by Congress. Its presence is no way intended to make a political statement but it is present to serve as a reminder that we are to keep our nation and its leaders in our personal prayers and to always be grateful that we live in a country that values freedom of religion."

# In the Hospital? Need Pastoral Care? Unable to get to Church?

Please let Pastor Janel and Pastor Josh know if you are hospitalized, or desiring a pastoral visit; know that the local hospital no longer alerts churches when you are hospitalized, so we won't know unless you let the office know. We will hold all requests confidential and will only share prayer requests with our prayer chain or in worship if given permission. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Janel at 484-903-3946.

#### **Cynthia's Boutique**

Thank you to all who supported the boutique in 2024. Each month we serve more families and individuals and we could not do this without your help. So please keep those donations coming!

Special thanks to the Central Santas whose generosity created many happy moments for adults, children, and our volunteers.

Any questions about what items we accept should be referred to Charlie McGorry.

### A Multitude of Thanks!

From the season of Thanksgiving, we moved quickly into Advent and Christmas. Yet as we enter into this new year, let's take a moment to move back to Thanksgiving. We are SO grateful for the countless volunteers from Central that made it possible for us to have the meaningful worship, music, children's programs, and service to our greater community. The season started with the Putz and Star and Candle Shoppe opening on November 29<sup>th</sup> with over 500 visitors that first weekend alone! The Moravian Archives managed the Shoppe this year and brought an incredible amount of beautiful new items as well as the traditional favorites to sell.

The Busy Workers' sale on December 7 and 8 was packed and joyfully welcomed guests while raising funds for great ministries. Our Advent and Christmas Concert on December 7, by our Minister of Music Becky Lepore, was only one of the many musical gifts of refreshments to the community. We were honored to be a part of the Holiday House Tour on December 14 (Sanctuary) and also Luminaria Night to benefit New Bethany Ministries.

Serving others, such as guests at our Food Pantry and the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter, takes a dedicated cadre of people. Serving our congregation and visitors during worship services, especially the Christmas Eve services, takes an incredible and wonderful team of Sacristans, headed by Tim Brady, Ann Raines, Beth Boyer, Nate Bissey, and Phil Corvino. There might not be room in the newsletter to list all - so thank you all for bringing God's love and peace to many this Christmas season, and Happy New Year!

#### **Thank You from the Busy Workers**

Our Christmas sale on December 7 and 8 was very successful. Even with cold weather on Saturday, we had a great turnout of customers, including faithful Central members and friends, Lehigh Valley residents and lots of 'out of - towners'.

To those who baked and made jams for us, a heartfelt 'thank you'. And many thanks to those of you who contributed greens and other add-ons to use for our wreaths, table arrangements and swags. We sold lots of crafts, greens, baked goods and attic treasures and, of course, the Moravian sugar cake disappeared quickly! Thanks for your support! And we hope you had a joyous Christmas season.

- Jacqueline Adams

### **Start Saving Your Attic Treasures**

Mark your calendars for the Busy Workers' Plant and Attic Treasures Sale on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12. We will start collecting Attic Treasures on Tuesday, April 22.



Pictured left: Joan Carson, Connie Pierce and Janice Ostock; some of the Central Santa helpers

#### Many Thanks to All You Central Santas

As we write this, donations are still coming in to the Central Santa project. We've received clothing donations from over 70 people, over 438 books, and, to date, \$1,790 in financial contributions. We've prepared 25 gift bags of books and fuzzy warm socks for Esperanza children. The clothing donations, all going to children in need via Cynthia's Boutique, range from hats to jackets to play clothes to shoes, slippers and boots. And, we will use the financial contributions to buy more books, more clothing, support literacy efforts at Community Services for Children, and benefit children in need in the Lehigh Valley. We thank our Central congregation and friends for their kindness and generosity. We are blessed with so many Central Santas!

# Wooden Nickels Project

College Hill Moravian Church conceived of the idea to sell donation cards as an outreach project to raise funds specifically for the wooden nickels jar at Essentials Café. They invited the other BAM churches to participate and made free cards available to them. The printing costs were covered by a grant. The cards provided information on Essentials Café and could be purchased for a minimum of \$12 in honor or in memory of a loved one or a friend. Donors could also give multiples of \$12 for a single card. Central Church committed to 50 cards and sold them on two Sundays in November and during the Busy Workers' Sale in early December (a warm thank you to Jacqueline Adams who provided us with a nice, warm place in the middle of all the activities). We are very grateful to all the generous donors at Central Moravian Church, visitors to the Busy Workers' Sale and members of the wider community who contributed a total of \$936 to the project. This amount translates into 78 wooden nickels that provide free meals for guests at Essentials Café who experience food insecurity and are unable to afford a full meal there. The project was sponsored by Central's Social Action Committee.

# **Special January & February Offering Envelopes**

**Preservation Fund (January 5):** Gifts designated to the Preservation Fund are used for capital project expenses to maintain the interior and exterior buildings and grounds, including major repairs and restorations. We use the interest income from this Fund which is Board designated for capital projects only. Our long-term goal is to increase this fund, thereby increasing the income generated. More income means more monies available to perform the upkeep of our precious historic buildings.

**Endowment Fund (February 2)**: This money will go directly toward unrestricted use by the Board of Trustees. Earnings from this fund are used to help support the programs and mission in the annual Operating Budget of the church. The purpose of our endowment is to secure the financial future and well-being of Central. Over the past decades, many individuals and estates have provided gifts to our endowment. Planned Giving is also an excellent way to give to the endowment. As the donor, you may designate your gift as unrestricted or restrict the use of your gift for a specific purpose, for example: the music program, Christian Education, care for our historic buildings, or other specific interests. Currently, we have many restricted and unrestricted funds that make up the General Endowment Fund at Central Moravian Church.

#### Grant Received from the Helen and R.K. Laros Foundation

It has been announced that a grant has been given to Central Moravian Church from the Helen & R.K. Laros Foundation to benefit the *Currents* Campaign. The application was submitted in September and the results were announced in November. The Foundation came to Central for a tour of the basement to see the new system. Barry Pell and Tom Tenges led an informative tour and the directors were happy to sign the ductwork and see our forward progress.

The Laros Foundation looks for projects which have a lasting impact on the community. They are interested in the impact the projects will have on Bethlehem and the larger community. They look for projects which are future focused and those that will make a difference in the community.

The grant application was submitted requesting \$20,000 and that amount will be sent to us in early January. We are extremely grateful to the Helen & R.K. Laros Foundation for supporting our project.

- Martha Jones, Stewardship Coordinator

#### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Use Less Plastic

- Happy New Year! Here's a resolution for you: select one of these 'green' ideas from our list each month and try to implement it into your daily routine. Start with an easy one: keep your cloth shopping bags handy, and turn down plastic bags when you shop!
- Here's another resolution: Take a hike! Or just walk around your neighborhood. You'll be surprised how the fresh air and exercise will improve your fitness and attitude. Bring along a bag: collect trash and items that can be recycled. Set a good example for your neighbors and clean up your neighborhood.
- Attend a meeting of the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). The Council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. at the NCC Fowler Family Center, 511 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bethlehem. You may also attend via Zoom. Check out the EAC website: https://www.bethlehemeac.org
- Monitor your thermostat setting in the winter. At a setting of 68, you can see a difference of up to 3% in energy costs for every degree you raise or lower the setting.
- Check and clean your dryer exhaust vent regularly and clean the lint filter after every load.

#### **Joint Board News**

The Joint Board of Central Moravian church voted to engage the services of Susan Nienaber, MDiv., LMFT, a consultant, who has worked with the Moravian Church Northern Province and the Alban Institute in the past. Some of you may remember Susan from attending past synods. Our decision to meet with a consultant follows a suggestion from the Eastern District Moravian Church President, Rev. Melissa Johnson and an endorsement fro our Senior Pastor, Rev. Janel Rice. We have an opportur at this time to design a comprehensive scope of work for clergy based upon the current needs of our congregation our commitments to ministry, and our new designation of a World Heritage Inscription Site. Susan brings extensiv experience and the objectivity of a consultant to challen at our crossroads in our history, what has been for what could be.

We will review our current vision, mission, values, and priorities from our Strategic Plan (2022–2025). We will use a tool to perform staff position description analysis ar identify gaps that are present and need to be filled. In the end, we will assess the alignment of the existing Strategic Plan with our current needs, and plan for how to best fill those needs as a precursor to our next call process.

The Joint Board is scheduled to collect and review information and engage in discernment discussions in Janu and February. We are grateful to Susan for her leadership in this process. She has worked with hundreds of organization across the United States and Canada. One of her specialties is Staff Development and Organizational Structure. On her website she describes herself in these words.

"In an age of great divisiveness and polarization I am an eternal optimist. I believe in human and organizational transformation and have devoted my life to walking alongside people who are experiencing enormous change and challenge."

We look forward to sharing the outcome of our work

together with the congregation in March. Please keep the Joint Board in your prayers as we proceed with this work.

Mary Catherine Tachovsky, President of the Joint Board

#### **Stewardship One-Liner**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever. Psalm 107:1

#### **Musical Notes**

Rebecca Lepore, Minister of Music becky@centralmoravianchurch.org

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ı Om	<b>Central Moravian Church Choir</b> will begin rehearsals on Thursday, January 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.
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ge, d	<b>Central Brass Ensemble</b> If you are interested in playing with the Central Brass Ensemble, please contact Caitlin Heckman at caitlin.g.heckman@gmail.com for further information.
u	A Super Bowl Sunday Concert - Sunday, February 9
and e ic l	at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Chapel. – Two Part Invention – Plus Two! Join us for a fun hour of enjoyable chamber music concert featuring flute, violin, cello, and guitar. The concert will last one hour. Plenty of time to get home in time for the big game at 6:30 p.m.! No tickets required. Free-will offering.
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In the 90s, social commentator Robert Putman described the impact and growth of social isolation. In *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, Putman documents the decline of organized social events, including bowling leagues, the PTA, clubs, and churches. This phenomenon marked a significant social change that has only grown in our age of social media and political divisiveness.

In his new film, *Join or Die*, Putman and a group of experts, from the US Surgeon General and sociologists to political figures and Ivy League professors, explore three questions: What makes our democracy work? Why is it in crisis? And what can we do about it? Central Moravian Church has partnered with ArtsQuest to present a special free screening of this film on **Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Alehouse Cinemas. More ticket information will follow, but save the date for *Join or Die* now.

# The Belfry



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**Pastoral Staff:** Janel Rice Josh Follweiler **Music Staff:** Rebecca Lepore Richard Miller Head Sacristan: Tim Brady Media Director: Will Schwab

Senior Office Administrator: Cindy Gibson **Financial Staff:** Kristin Wruble Kelly Knapp Martha Jones **Facilities Staff:** Michael Repsher Tamera Ace

January Birthdays

12 Andrew Williams

14 Ned Spitzig Jr

14 John S. Kintzer

15 Lizabeth Paxton

15 Lisa Arnold

16 Nina Schaffer

16 Valerie Bond

17 Juliana Dean

18 Jean Soloi

17 Charlie Eisenhart

18 Gordon Sommers

18 Kathi Krasnansky

19 Sandi Gebhart

19 Mike Hummel

20 Gayle Dimmick

19 Daniel Allen

20 Ryan Diehl

22 Barbara Huth

22 Hannah Paxton

23 Richard Ettwein

23 Kathleen Klokis

23 Shannon Roman

25 Melissa Mennen

26 Laura Corcoran

26 Alex Krasnansky

27 Caroline Wasielewski

25 Tim Brady

25 Ava Bard

26 Eileen Biro

27 Betsy Miller

27 Paxton Conroy

28 Darcy Lettieri

28 Helen Woodbridge

17 Theonie Golden

1 Jennifer Flowers 2 Kristin Volchansky 2 Jack Weikert 3 Brigitte Stork 3 Phillip Richardson 3 Phil Corvino 3 Justin Gross 4 J. Gerard Mead 4 Jill Greiner-Bohnenberger 4 Alexander Hierl 4 Oliver DePalma 5 Mary Mowrer Gano 5 Rodney Freyman 5 Andrew Meckstroth 6 Bruce Haines 6 Douglas Boyer 7 Judy Johnson 7 Hyerin Kim 8 David Shields 8 Steve Kozar III 9 Hank Barnette 9 Robert Beitler 9 Mary Ann Beatrice 9 Linda de Vries 9 Kelly Knapp 9 Calista McCarty 9 Emma Grenauer 10 Barry Dubbs 10 Liam Thomas 11 James Gwynn 11 Susan Gross 11 Nicole Pearce 12 Maggie Wellert 12 Janelle Shimko

28 Dale Smith 29 Patricia McAndrew 29 William Jones Jr 30 Linda Norris-Fiegel 30 Kendra King 31 Helen Seifert

1 William Parkinson 2 Bob Wascura 2 Kimberly McFadden 2 Kelley Gold 2 Tara Anderson 3 John Santanasto 4 Doris Tatham 5 Bonnie Davis 5 Alexandra Newell 5 John Paul DeBard 6 Bryon Richards 6 Grace Rampolla 7 Miriam Devey 7 Barry Stauffer 8 Camie Modjadidi 8 Brenda Hoelman 8 Lauren Parkinson 9 Tom Tenges 9 Susan Parks 10 Dale Henninger 10 Margaret Hoffman 10 Valerie Ruhe 10 Matthew Grenauer 11 A. Thomas Jacoby 11 Nicholas Butterfield 11 Tamra Ingraham

#### **Church Journal** Baptism

December 8 – Ada Sophia Heckman



#### February Birthdays

12 Ginny Delph 12 Carol Sabetti 12 Robert Huth Jr 13 Jeff Feather 13 Sandra Deiter 13 Ryan Dean 13 Isabella Weikert 13 Lulu Mae Shipman 14 Deidre Hockin 14 Thomas Hierl 14 Robert Davis 14 Julia Rockwell 14 Gabrielle Kintzer 15 Ann Kuhn 15 Harper Malishchak 16 Judith Smith 16 Charlene Donchez Mowers 16 Susan Ettwein 16 Noah Ko 16 Laura Wintjen 16 Eric Reifinger 17 Robert Clewell III 17 Lisa Fontanez 17 Jason Eckhart 18 James Jordan 18 Gisela Leck

18 Tara Tachovsky 19 Norman Prochnau 19 Pamela Larimer 20 Alice Mosebach 20 Stephen Yorks 20 Andrea Danenhower 20 Jill Lichtenwalner 20 Gabriel Krem 21 JoAnna Allen 21 Kyle Warmkessel 23 Barbara Wright 23 Paul de Vries 23 Brenda Haas 23 Michael Behr 23 Owen Royer 24 Mark Weddigen 25 Lynnette Delbridge 25 Alica Diehl 25 Maximus Kozar 25 Austin Kozar 26 Linda Thudium 27 Stacy Price Miller 27 Kora Lindsay 28 Margaret Melgary 28 Ashley Baker 28 Julia Terwilliger

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