

Good News Letter

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As I write this article, it has been less than twenty-four hours since the winter solstice, which occurred at 4:47 on Wednesday, December 21st. The celebration of the new year has been a part of various cultural expressions from “prehistoric” times. That means as long as people have been around leaving any trace of their existence, they have been marking the time when the daylight began to get longer each day. Several ancient religions observed “the birth of the sun” each year. Symbolically, the “shortest” days represent death, and the “lengthening” days as spring approaches represent rebirth, or new life.

Several ancient religions observed the birth of the sun at this time each year. Because they could not easily discern the exact moment of the winter solstice, some cultures celebrated the sun’s birth on December 25, which is actually a few days after the solstice. When Christians



began to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is thought that they substituted it for the sun-birth observances of their neighbors.

Then, when the Julian calendar came into use, and later the Gregorian, the date for the new year became January 1st, about ten days after the solstice. Often I have wondered why the first day of January doesn’t coincide with the solstice, but that is another question.

Anyway, here we are at the beginning of another year, 2023 years since Christ was born. As I have gotten older, it seems like time passes more quickly and Christmas and New Year’s Day festivities run together a bit. Maybe it is the same for you. It seems like it is always another new year.

But no matter, as we look out upon the near future, and we anticipate the coming of another spring and summer and fall, we can be confident that this year will be filled with the same delights and pleasures; vacations, graduations, new jobs, births, retirements, etc., as well as the same kind of troubles as in all the previous years.

The new year offers a good opportunity to be renewed in the hope that God is with us throughout our journey in this life, and of resurrection in the world to come. It is my prayer that your 2023 will be greatly blessed, and filled with promises kept, and our lives together enriched with meaning because they are filled with Christ, which means, with mercy and love.

Happy New Year,
Mark

January Panera Volunteers

Jan 5 Faulk
Jan 12 Volunteer Needed
Jan 19 Volunteer Needed
Jan 26 Faulk

There is a new sign-up sheet for the winter in the Gathering Place. If you would like to take part in this vital mission of our church and need some "training," please speak to Larry or Pam Faulk. Our church is the only supplier of Panera goods to Andrews House, so it is important that we carry on this mission.

PERSONALS

- Calvin and Taylor Turner are expecting their first child in June.

- Deb Fogle and Rolf Remlinger are engaged to be married.

- Candy Lee wishes to thank everyone for prayers for her sister Trudy and asks for continued prayer for her.

- Larry Faulk's younger brother Jim passed away on November 22. Thank you for your prayers.

- Jim Snyder had a key role in Arena Faire's recent production of "A Christmas Carol."

- On December 4, Peter White played the piano at the Nash House for the Delaware Historical Society's annual open house. Did you know that the Nash sisters were former members of our church?

- Dr. Bob Caulkins is now back home from his rehab stay.

- Richard and Laura Brown became members of our church fellowship on December 11.

- Carol Serviss recently underwent some medical testing.

- Mike Reynolds is starting a new job related to helping colleges raise money.

- Mary Lou Lovell will have cataract surgery on January 18.

- On Sunday, December 18, Lena Putkonen and John Dalglish were married after our church service.

ANNUAL MEETING

On Wednesday, January 25, the church will hold its annual congregational meeting. The evening will start at 6:30 with a potluck supper in the Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by the annual meeting at 7:00.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January

3 Bailey Turner
6 Ken & Pam Shears
10 Kip Smith
12 Matt Cooper
Larry Faulk
13 Evan & Carrie Trigg
16 Jane Moore Snyder
18 Matthew Lovell
20 Jennifer Turner
30 Calvin Turner
31 Bowen Nace
Jay Roberts

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

As we look forward to 2023, I always like to review the year that has just passed. The list of material donations, money, and time you have devoted to reach out in the community is amazing!

This congregation has: made soup for the Place of Warmth, given items to Family Promise and Turning Point, brought items for Teacher Appreciation Bags, brought school supplies for Conger Elementary students, brought underwear for Common Ground Free Store, filled Christmas shoe boxes for children around the world, donated items for Christmas for 3 foster children, brought lots of bags of food items for People In Need, gave your change twice this year to help the Delaware summer lunch program, gave a monetary gift to Family Promise, Common Ground, People In Need, Helpline, America for Christ offering, Easter offering, Blanket Sunday, Tools of Hope Sunday, gift cards to buy children's shoes for school, the World Mission offering, Crop Walk, Thanksgiving offering, Christmas Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offering and Andrews House.

Thanks to all for their dedication to pick up Panera items, rebag them, and deliver them to Andrews House this year. A volunteer is needed for each Thurs. and Friday morning. If you would like to help with this, contact Pam Faulk or Mary Lou Lovell

Thanks to everyone for wanting to meet the needs of others and being so generous. It is amazing to me what a small congregation can do!

In 2022, we hosted the Historical Organ Society in August with guest organist Stephen Price giving 2 recitals.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, we welcomed Jeni Pedzinski, who was our Missionary in Thailand. She gave a wonderful presentation about the work being done in Thailand to help young women. She is going to be in Pittsburgh in the new year working to prepare missionaries for the mission field.

We continue to sponsor Jeni Pedzinski, as well as Bill and Ann Clemmer, and the Sarah McCurdy.

I look forward to continuing the missions we have been doing.

Thank you for your continued support.
- Mary Lou Lovell

January Missions

Because of the very cold temperatures in January, we will continue to help provide soup to the Place of Warmth at Zion UCC . Extra delicious soup from the Soup and Sing was you given to Zion.

If you like to make soup and would like to give some, contact Mary Lou Lovell(740-36906041) or Mark Allison.

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Dr. Allison's sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Candy Lee's sister Trudy	Health Issues
Donna Brown	Health Issues
Janet Lathrop	Health Issues
Jay & Caldwell Lovell	Health Issues
Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Pat Gosser	Health Issues
Linda White's mother	Health Issues

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Our other January mission is to provide support for Family Promise. Among the items needed are:
shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, hair brushes, feminine products. mouth wash, and Also new Towels, Washcloths, and Sheets.

Thanks,
Mary Lou

Soup and Sing

Thanks to all who made Soup and Sing happen this year! It was wonderful to have Rolf Remlinger, Annette and Ken join us to sing and play guitars. We included the Christmas "Hallelujah!" with other familiar carols. Thanks to Candy Lee for playing piano and Will Fogle for playing violin. Thanks to Larry Faulk for setting up the screen to

have the words for the carols scroll as we sang. Thanks to Mark Allison for leading the sing-a-long and adding lots of interesting facts about the carols.

Thanks to all who came to sing and join in the Christmas season! Thanks to everyone who made homemade soup. We had 7 crockpots full! Delicious!

RMMO GOAL MET

Thanks to all who contributed to the RMMO this year, we surpassed our goal of \$900. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

The board of deacons will be sponsoring a table at the annual MLK Breakfast, January 20th at 7:45 am at the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center at OWU. If you would like to attend, please let Dr. Allison or me know.

-Larry Faulk

THANK YOU

We recently received the following note from Ann and Bill Clemmer, two of the missionaries we are supporting. The card also includes a sketch by one of their Sunday school teachers. The card can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Dear friends at FBC Delaware,

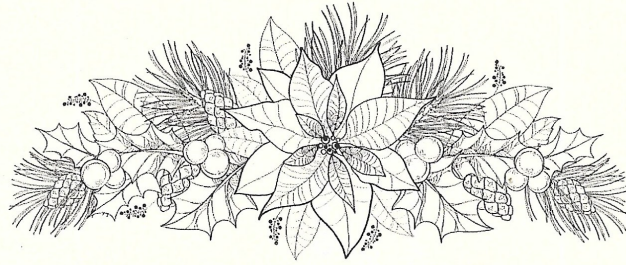
We appreciate you! Thanks for partnering with us as we do the work God has called us to in this part of the world.

Love,
Ann and Bill

WOMEN'S LUNCH

Our women's lunch on January 21 will be a get-together in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Bring your own lunch and beverage and table service and come and enjoy the fellowship. Obviously, if the weather is too unpleasant, we can cancel. If that is the case, I will try to let everyone know.

- Pam Faulk



Poinsettia Dedications

In memory of Jimmie R. Moore from Jennifer Turner

In memory of Jimmie Moore; In honor of Jim Snyder from Jane Snyder

In memory of Mary Alice Snyder and Olive & Brooks Snyder from Jim Snyder

In honor of our whole family; In memory of our grandparents and Ben Geary from Fogle's & Smith's

In honor of Hermina Remlinger; In memory of Florian Remlinger from Rolf Remlinger

In memory of Jennie & Dr. Robert Lovell, Margaret & Ray Morby, Ida Morby from Mary Lou & Dave Lovell

In honor of Shay Caulkins, Richard Ward from Darlene & Bob Caulkins

In honor of our children and grandchildren and in memory of our parents from Pam & Larry Faulk

In memory of Lloyd Lauver and Joan DeLuca from Patricia Lauver

In honor of Trudy Laslo and Pat Gosser; In memory of Phil Lee and Raleigh Gosser from Candy Lee

In memory of the Gabriel and Lathrop family members who have passed on from Pam & Ken Shears

In memory of my son, Michael and Dick Jr; In honor of my sons Charles and John from Jeanne Ekelberry

In memory of Charles & Ruth Brown, Teresa Griffith, Nicholas Haycox, and Jeannie Stephenson from Carol Grubbs

First Baptist Church

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2023

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day 1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service - Holy Communion 	2	3	4	5 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Epiphany 6 	7
Baptism of the Lord 8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Dedication of Church Officers	9 5:30 Deacons at Faulk's	10	11	12 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	13	14
Christian Unity Sunday 15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service  Martin Luther King's Birthday	 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:45 MLK Breakfast	17	18	19 8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 11:30 Women's Lunch at Church
Chinese New Year 22 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service noon Board of Christian Education Feb newsletter deadline today	23	24	25 6:30 Potluck Supper 7:00 Annual Business Meeting	26 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	Holocaust Remembrance Day 27 	28
29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Feb newsletter available today	30	31	February 1	Ground Hog Day 2  8:45 Panera Pickup Volunteer Needed	January Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Promise • The Warming Center 	