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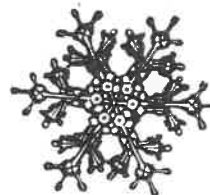


Meeting House Memos



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



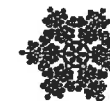
WHOSE JOB IS IT?



This is a story about four people named
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

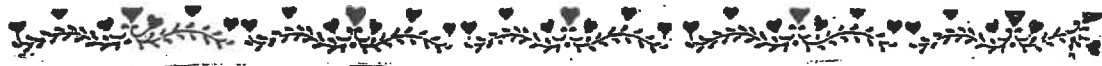
There was an important job to be done.
Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody
was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody
would have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it
was Everybody's job. Everybody thought
Anybody could do it. but Nobody realized
that Everybody wouldn't.



It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody
when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.





Dear friends,

If you were not in worship this past Sunday, you missed our renewal of baptism service, a great way to reflect on Jesus' baptism and to start the year! You don't have to be excluded – ask me for a copy of the liturgy to remember YOUR baptism, no matter how long ago it was.

So much is happening over the next couple of months, that I just refer you to the calendar and all of the articles in this newsletter. You may not want to miss a thing!

The Adult Bible Study class on the life and faith of Dietrich Bonhoeffer is underway. This theologian's response to events in Germany in the 1930-40s resonates with the church and those of faith in the 21st century. Class will not meet on January 20 because of officer training. BUT, on Feb. 10, it will have a special showing of the film "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace" which is open to all. You may bring a bag lunch or let coffee hour snacks hold you over for about 90 minutes.

The congregational survey for the Mission Study will be available to ALL of you this week. Any member or regular attender age 13+ is requested to complete the survey prayerfully and thoughtfully in order to aid the pastoral search process. Details and a path for questions will be available in the opening instructions of the survey.

Watch for the session to announce a congregational gathering for discussion of our Mission Study. Feb. 17 is a possibility but has not been set. It will coincide with the announcement of the Mission Study Team who will help guide us through this process.

Officer training is underway and ½ of the officers will meet Jan. 20 to build leadership skills for the path ahead. The other ½ of officers will train Feb. 9.

We may all look ahead to Lent and Easter, though it comes late this year. Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 6, so there will be more about those observances in the next newsletter.

It is a joy to be serving with you at this special time in the life of the church. May we all be faithful in our walk with God in 2019 and seek to do what we can for the good of our church and the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Leigh

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12

.....In our prayers are Elsa Jackson, Erasmus Belden, Wolfgang Gerhard, the Schoenknecht family, and Anne Zakovic.

.....Our sympathy to Robin Hoy and her family on the passing of her father, Steven Senkarik.

.....We wish you a happy and healthy 2019! Remember, this newsletter is only as good as YOU make it - we rely on you for news and information.



Your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy, and Sara



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
1 John 4:7



CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....December is always a special month at our church with lovely music and decorations. "Lessons and Carols" was wonderful -thanks to Joseph and the choir for bringing us joy through your music.

.....Thanks to all who helped decorate and undecorate the church, and for the Barre-Quick family for donating the beautiful Christmas trees.

.....The Advent Dinner for the Women's Association was delicious, thanks to Kristy Boyce and Judy Kersey. It is always a wonderful evening of fellowship.

.....The pageant was so well done - thanks to Bonnie Canevari who directed the children.

.....Several adults and children went caroling to ManorCare, Brighton Gardens and to homes of some of our congregation the Friday before Christmas. They were so appreciative! After caroling, a light meal at church was organized by Joanne Gepp - thanks, Joanne!

.....The Deacons and some other helpful elves helped to load and deliver Christmas presents and groceries to Elizabeth. Thank you to all who helped, as well as those who donated food and or presents....the recipients were grateful, and we made Christmas a little brighter for many families.

.....We are grateful for our new officers who will be installed on Sunday. They are Lee Christensen, Bill Haggerty, and John Salvato who will serve on Session; Greg Meissner, Laurie Weeks Thomas and Fred Fayen who will join the Trustees, and Dottie Collins and Rich Jurgens who will be Deacons.



SESSION - Attendance

December 2	68	December 23	59
December 9	81	December 24 (5 pm)	125
December 16	95	(9 pm)	63
		December 30	35

Jean Hileman, Clerk

→→→ It's open now! Survey link:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cpcmountainside>



Don't you just hate to come downstairs after worship services only to discover there is NO coffee hour? That hour of fellowship has become such an important part of our Sunday morning, but we need YOU to participate. It does not need to be elaborate. It truly is not the FOOD, it is the FELLOWSHIP. Why not sign up next Sunday morning?

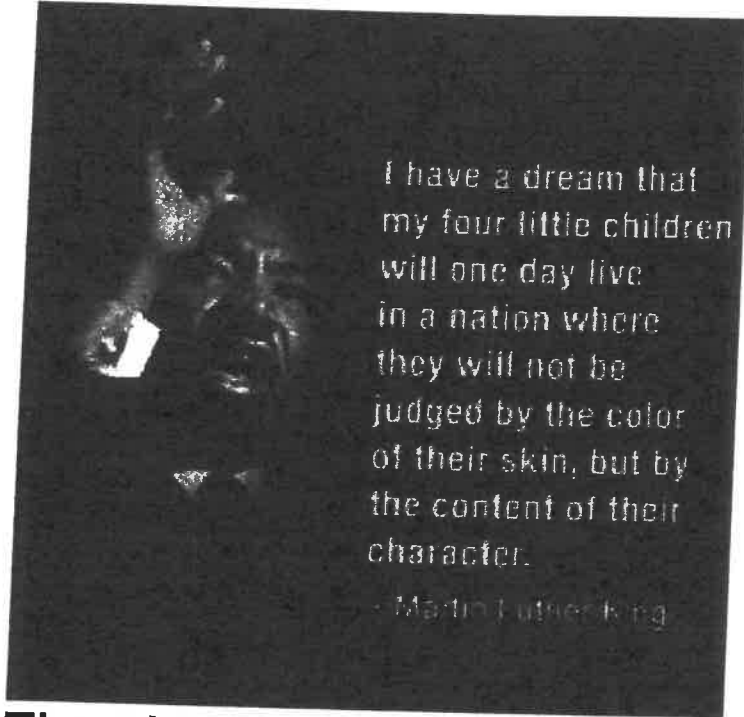
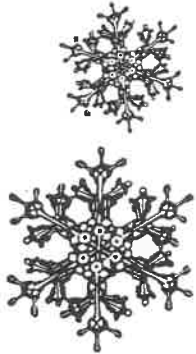
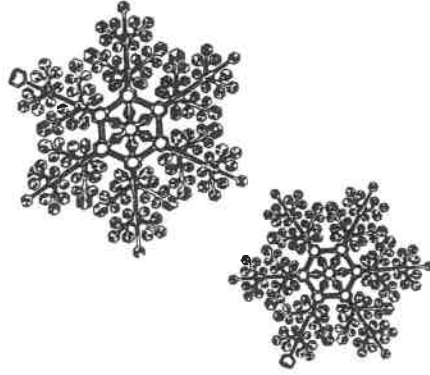
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Interfaith Service**

Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

**First Congregational Church
125 Elmer Street, Westfield**

Join us as we MARCH from the MLK Monument on the South Circle to the church before the service. Gather at the Monument at 12:15.

Bring a non-perishable food donation for the Westfield Food Pantry.

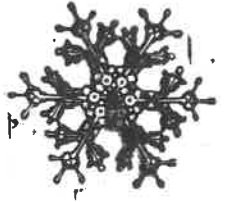


I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

- Martin Luther King

**The church office will be closed
January 21.**

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR



Show kindness. It's a choice. Choose it.

Show patience. Just remember, you're not perfect either.

Show encouragement. If you do, people will strive for more.

Show compassion. Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

Show wisdom. It's in short supply these days.

Show fairness. Don't stack the deck in anyone's favor.

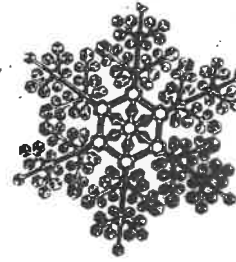
Show leadership. Too many people are followers.

Show humor. Life is short. Don't take it too seriously.

Show concern. Listen to the problems of others.

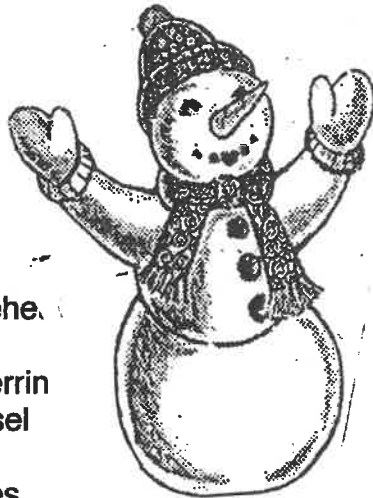
Show love. It can solve lots of unsolvable problems.

Show forgiveness. You'll help change the world.



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL is now registering for the 2019-2020 year. Contact Stacy Cole at 908-232-9490 for information and/or a personal tour.

CELEBRATE!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gerald Morehe
- 5 Ryan Hoy
- 6 Elizabeth Perrin
- 10 Janinne Kissel
- 11 Peg Moser
- 12 Marjorie Pires
- 13 Kim Hain
- 17 Joan Lowe
- 18 Jean Hileman
- 19 Abigail Pires
- Betty Pracht
- 21 Trevor Hain
- 22 Gerry Christensen
- 25 Wylie Haggerty
- Alexandra Steinberg
- 27 Helen Borchert
- Gisela Groiss

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jack McCurdy
- 4 Travis Boop
- 5 Mira Lark Flath
- 7 Louise Fristensky
- 8 Wayne Boyce
- John Perrin
- Jennifer Pires
- 12 Andrew Hoydich
- 15 Scott Hain
- 23 Katelyn Pires
- 25 Daniel Kelk
- 26 MacKenna Rose
- Mirabella

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in this newsletter, please let the church office know.

ANNIVERSARY

- 30 Bobbie & Ted Weeks



**Trustee's Newsletter
January - February 2019
"A New Year"**

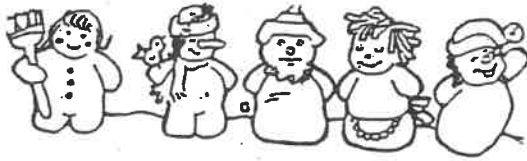
As the new year begins, so do the activities of the Trustee's. Our first meeting saw the election of officers: President Greg Meissner, Vice President Ted Hansen, Secretary Laurie Thomas. We also determined committee assignments for the coming year for the Memorial Garden Committee, the Finance Committee, and the 2020 Nominating Committee.

Over the next two months the Trustee's will be dealing with several rather major issues as well as the usual "pop up" items that never fail to suddenly appear! At the top of our list is the replacement of the **Sanctuary Roof**. Our current roof is in excess of 25 years of age, and while there are no current leaks, we have had to make patch repairs over the past two years. It is now time to resurface the entire roof before we experience a major issue. Over the next month we will be reviewing several bids for the roof replacement, and anticipate making a decision in February. Our plan is to have the work done in early summer to avoid inconvenience to our weekly church activities.

While a great deal of work has been done to the manse over the summer we have one issue that needs attention. Evidently the top of the chimney for the furnace and fireplace is in bad shape. Loose bricks and mortar have been identified and need repointing before a major issue occurs. Once again this is work that will be done in late spring or summer when the furnace is not in use.

We have made good progress in developing the 2020 Capital Fund, but we have also used most of the fund on major repairs to all of our facilities and grounds. With the replacement of the sanctuary roof the fund will be greatly reduced. It is therefore important to continue to fulfill your pledge to the fund, or to add to your pledge so that we may continue to address other identified issues: walkway repairs in front of the church; repainting of the Assembly Room and replacement of lights to LED; painting and re-decorating of the memorial room.

We continue to look for other items that need our attention and are always eager to hear from members of the congregation with their ideas and observations. You can email me at gregjm1@gmail.com or drop a note in the Trustee mailbox in the church office.



Women's Association News

Thank you to Kristy Boyce and Judy Kersey for preparing the delicious Advent dinner, and to all the other elves who provided hors d'oeuvres, beverages, decorations and kitchen help. It is always such a special evening of friendship and faith.

Upcoming Events:

JANUARY

Monthly Book Club:

Monday, January 21st at 1:30 pm at the home of Bobbie Weeks (257 Meeting House Lane.) Please let Bobbie know if you'd like to attend. They are reading *My Stroke of Insight*, by Jill Bolte Taylor

Lunch with Leigh – Tuesday, January 22nd – meet at 12:30 pm in Memorial Room and the group will carpool to a nearby restaurant. Enjoy fun and casual conversation.

FEBRUARY

Monthly Book Club - Monday, February 18th at 1:30 pm at the home of Sandy Burdge (312 Old Tote Road.) Please let Sandy know if you'd like to attend. They are reading *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

February Girls' Night Out – Tuesday, February 19th – 6:30 pm

Meet at Sorrento's Restaurant at 631 Central Avenue in Westfield to beat the winter doldrums (ordering off the menu & bring your own wine.) There is a parking lot at the restaurant. Please RSVP your attendance (and if you need a ride) to Diane McCurdy by email to dianmccurdy@gmail.com or at 908-400-1486.



Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Trip - Marion Bass

Betty Brauss from the Westminster Presbyterian Church and I are organizing an afternoon lunch Matinee performance at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse entitled "Take Me Away", a mystery musical that takes place in Covent Garden, London. The stars are the hilarious and world famous Sherlock Holmes and his most trusted friend, Dr. Watson. The date is Wednesday, March 26th. Doors open at 11:30 am. Lunch is selected from a menu and served at your table. There is an extensive dessert buffet followed by the performance. The cast welcomes and interacts with the guests throughout the performance. It is sure to be a sell-out event!

We are hoping for 20 guests; then each ticket will be \$66. Carpooling will be available and you may invite guests.

I have posted a program with more information in the Assembly Room. Please feel free to call or email me for more information.

If you are interested in tickets, kindly respond no later than Sunday, February 24th

Call Marion at 908-233-8692 or email her at marionbass73@gmail.com.



Friends of the Library- Gerry Christensen

If you have any holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hannukah) decorations you wish to donate, please give them to Gerry Christensen who is collecting same for a fund raiser by the Friends of the Library. Thank you!



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9 Deacons 7:00 PM Trustees 7:00 PM	10 	11	12
13	14 	15	16 Session 7:00 PM	17	18 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	19 
20 Officers Training 12:00 - 4:00	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed Book Club  1:30 PM	22 Lunch with Leigh 12:30 pm	23	24 	25	26
27	28 Men's Group 12:15 pm	29 	30	31		

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

EVERY SUNDAY

10:30 AM

Worship Service

11:30 AM

Coffee Hour

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 AM

Nursery School

THURSDAY

5:00 PM

Children's Choir

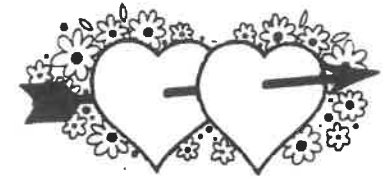
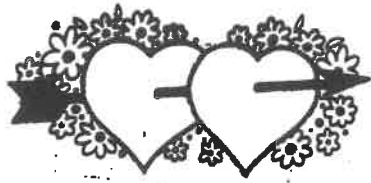
6:30 PM

Bell Choir

7:30 PM

Chancel Choir





February 2019

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10:30 am
Worship Service
11:30 M
Coffee Hour
12 noon
Bible Study

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 am
Nursery School

THURSDAY

5:00 pm
Children's Choir
6:30 pm
Bell Choir
7:30 pm
Chancel Choir



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<p>Love is the feeling that makes you do the right thing for people, regardless of who they are, whether they deserve it or not, and even if they'll never know it.</p>					<p>1 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day </p>
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<p>17</p>	<p>18 President's Day Church Office Closed Book Club 1:30 PM </p>	<p>19 Ladies Nite Out 6:30</p>	<p>20 Session 7:00 PM</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22 Washington's Birthday </p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Men's Group 12:15</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Deacons 7:00 PM</p>	<p>28</p>		