

**Emmanuel Reformed Church  
of the United Church of Christ  
3618 Hills Church Road  
Export, PA 15632  
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*Merry Christmas*

2017

2018

Happy  
NEW YEAR!

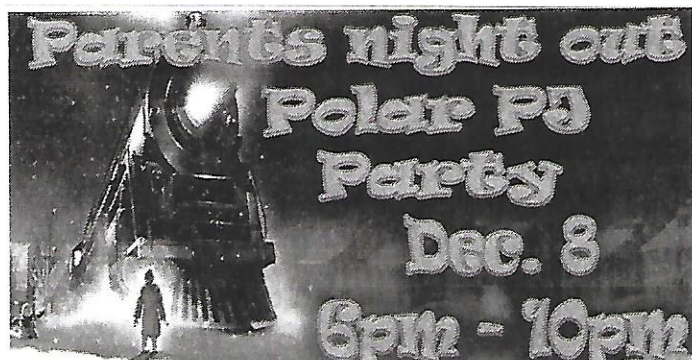
"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
SAYS THE LORD

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD  
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,  
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE"

JEREMIAH 29:11

# HILLTOPPER

December, 2017 and January, 2018



Parents Night Out! Polar PJ Party

Christian Education is planning a Polar PJ Party on Friday, December 8th from 6PM to 10PM. We will be watching the Polar Express and having Hot Chocolate, Pizza and Popcorn. Make sure to come in your favorite PJ's and bring a blanket and pillow.

Pastor:  
Rev. Joseph Hedden

Retired Licensed  
Minister:  
William C. Dulaney

Music Director:  
Linda L. Dulaney

Secretaries:  
Janise Steele  
Julie Reibler

Christian Ed. Coord.:  
Heather Clark

Custodian:  
Ed Korehok

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HILLS CHURCH

## Consistory Elders and Deacons

### Elders:

Randy Steele  
Amanda Steele  
Bill Dulaney  
Linda Dulaney  
Carolyn Graham  
Cathy Hanks  
Shirley Veahman

### Deacons:

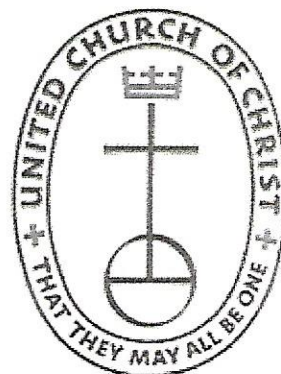
Cheryl Chizmar  
David Chizmar  
Alex Graham  
Cheryl Ignatius  
Michele Matvey  
Donna Wozhler

### Snyder Fund:

Alex Graham  
Jerry Moore  
Sandy Sinan  
Dan Swank

### Trustees:

Alex Graham  
Roy Mardick  
Randy Steele



**Luther's 95 Theses—Christmas Edition**  
**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation**

*In October, I shared a few of my thoughts on things I've learned as an adult and modeled my reflection on Luther's reflections from the year 1517.*

*Continued from last month . . .*

7. There is no shortcut to love. Love has no time saving device. This is hard for us in our modern world. Because everything is about saving time. We microwave our food faster, we check out of the grocery store faster, we can communicate with people on the other side of the planet in a matter of seconds! Do you realize how unique that is in human history? But it makes us forget that the real work of love takes time. A few years ago, a famous experiment happened at a seminary. Seminary students were given time to prepare a talk on the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). The researchers hurried into the room and said, "You're late. You have to get across campus to give this talk on the Good Samaritan. Now!" As the students rushed to get to the talk, they passed a man (who was part of the experiment) slumped in an alleyway, who coughed and moaned as the student passed by. The findings? If you are in a hurry, you are less likely to help someone else. Even when they were going to a presentation about the exact same situation, people stepped over the man to get to their appointment. We would do well to remember that love takes time, is messy, cannot be done in a couple of minutes.
8. Disciples of Jesus don't need to do things because they sound good or serve a particular goal. We've already been given our goal: *And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'* (Matthew 28:18-20). It may be nice to have a new carpet or vote for your favorite candidate but Jesus was pretty specific about how we can serve him. The early church didn't need mission statements, goal-setting, psychology, testing, or an abundance of resources. They did what they did by following Jesus.

Grace and Peace, Merry Christmas! Pastor Joseph

## Consistory September 13, 2017

### Opening Devotion

Congregational Caring- Cheryl Ignatius is experiencing back pain. Aria is having outpatient surgery for her ears on Thursday.

Approval of Agenda- approved

Reading and adoption of the minutes: 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary needs to be changed to 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary: motion with correction to anniversary date; Alex Graham, second Bill Dulaney

### REPORTS

Pastor- Requested grants for trainings and capital improvements, waiting to hear back. Request for funds from youth account (\$100) to use for initial costs for City and Kingdom Pittsburgh event. The money will be reimbursed after payment for hosting the event. Spooky Stroll II will be October 28<sup>th</sup> and the tickets are ready to be sold.

Association- Meredith Hutchinson has submitted her retirement letter. Lutheran Book store sale begins Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Financial

Treasurer- written report, \$6,000 of General Fund is still owed to Building fund. Motion to move designated memorial to undesignated memorial by Bill Dulaney, second Alex Graham.

Snyder- written report

Building- written report, suggestion made to close the Standard Bank account due to lack of interested gained, and move to Dollar Bank.

Financial- written report incomplete. Discussion held about updating these incomplete reports.

Cemetery- verbal report

Trustees – Wheelchair lift fix is in progress.

Worship Committee- Worldwide Communion Sunday Oct. 1 – Neighbors in Need. Reformation Day is Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Program Committee-

Christian Education- written report, Halloween Trunk or Treat Party is scheduled for Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Family Game night to be rescheduled.

### Deacons-

Elders-Communion on Oct 1 will be organized by Alex and Carolyn

### Women's Guild-

### Old Business

Auditors : Treasurer – checking on the status of this audit.

Building Fund Investments – need consistory secretary letter stating the motion was approved in order to transfer funds : investment discussion to invest \$30,000 from building fund, interest from this investment will be deposited into the general fund. Bill Dulaney is authorized to transact business on behalf of account. Motion made by Amanda Steele, seconded by Alex Graham, motion carried.

New Business

PA CLEANWAYS: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> @9am

President's Report – Next Consistory Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @7pm

Lord's Prayer

In attendance: Pastor Joseph, Randy Steele, Amanda Steele, Carolyn Graham, Alex Graham, Linda Dulaney, Bill Dulaney.



## Consistory October 11, 2017

### Opening Devotion

Congregational Caring- Continued prayers for Tressa Clark and Cheryl Chizmar.

Approval of Agenda- approved

Reading and adoption of the minutes: minutes will be approved next meeting

### REPORTS

Pastor- waiting to hear back from the grant requests. Church desks are for sale on the Murrysville flea market page. June 30<sup>th</sup> Pastor will be working a wedding at Denmark Manor since Meredith is retiring. Pastor resigned from St. Paul's board and has also resigned from the UCC blog. Info about the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> event at Bella Luna has launched. Spooky Stroll II is Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and will need food donations. Guest book to be completed by the guests in attendance of Spooky Stroll so that their information will be recorded to be able to contact them the following year.

Association- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting: Registration at 2:30 in Irwin, meeting is at 3pm.

### Financial

Treasurer- written report

Snyder- written report, \$14,400 moved from Snyder fund to the general fund to pay bills, motion to approve the transfer Amanda (Steele) Bank, second Cheryl Ignatius.

Building- written report, suggestion made to close the Standard Bank account due to lack of interested gained, and move to Dollar Bank. \$1330.30 was moved from designated to undesignated memorial. Flooring is paid in full, \$1578.00.

Financial- written report has some adjustments that need to be made and incomplete.

Cemetery- verbal report, will look into hiring a surveyor to map out more cemetery spots.

Trustees – Wheelchair lift fix is in progress, October 18<sup>th</sup> there is a technician coming to look at the lift. Sidewalk cracks need to be filled. Entry into the dining hall needs new shingles. There are shingles stored in the outside shed that will be used to complete the fix.

Worship Committee- Reformation Day is Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Program Committee- Hayride is this coming Sunday

Christian Education- written report, Halloween Trunk or Treat Party is scheduled for Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 3pm-5pm

Deacons-

Elders- Communion November 5<sup>th</sup> – All Saints Sunday. Bill and Linda Dulaney will be in charge of communion.

Women's Guild-

Old Business

Auditors : Treasurer – checking on the status of this audit.

Building Fund Investments – signature needed from the treasurer and also a letter from the church secretary naming Alex Graham be added to this account to finish the process for these investments.

PA CLEANWAYS: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> @9am

New Business

Living Waters donation letter from David Ackerman to be inserted into the Newsletter.

President's Report – Next Consistory Meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @7pm. Congregational meeting for electing officers will be December 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Lord's Prayer

In attendance: Pastor Joseph, Randy Steele, Amanda (Steele) Bank, Carolyn Graham, Alex Graham, Linda Dulaney, Bill Dulaney, Cheryl Ignatius.





**The Chancel Choir will  
Meet on Mondays  
at 7PM.  
Hope to see you there!**



**Emmanuel Reformed Church  
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Monday—Friday  
10:00a.m.— 3:00p.m.  
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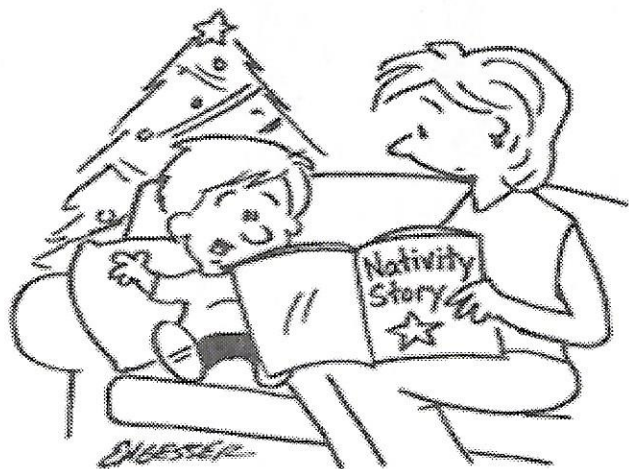
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## **EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**Deadline for the  
February  
Newsletter Articles:  
January 10, 2018**

**SAVE POSTAGE AND PICK-UP  
YOUR NEWSLETTER  
BEFORE CHURCH WORSHIP**



"At least they saved themselves a co-pay."



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## **WINTER**



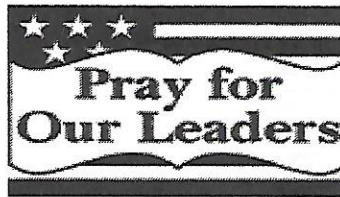
**COVERED DISH  
LUNCHEON  
First Sunday of every month  
December 3, 2017 and  
January 7, 2018**

The luncheon will recognize those  
having birthdays and anniversaries  
during that month.

Please plan to attend and join fellow members  
in celebration and fellowship.

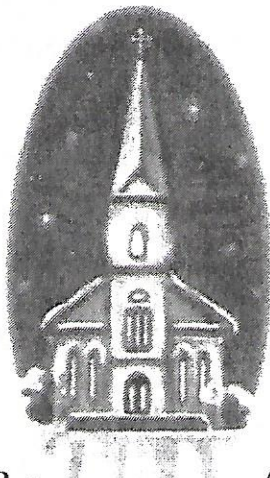
Please bring a covered dish to share.

**Continue to pray for all the military  
families and those who  
have loved ones in the Armed Services serving  
in difficult situations and deployments.**



Daneen Matthews  
Elsie Hockenberry  
Vicki Hill  
Trudy Hill  
Patty Duncan  
Bobby Eberts  
Debbie Jones  
Catherine Cline  
Nora Cline  
Cheryl Ignatius  
Edith Letham  
Jim Kirkwood  
Leonard Holt  
Donna Cline  
Brandon Humberger  
Bonnie Humberger  
Bonnie Yanko  
Cindy Allingham  
William Hoffman  
Peggy McNaughton  
Gary Curl  
Sandy Smail  
Donna Carroll  
Christine Chesky  
Darrin Nichter  
Barbara Marker

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Worship Schedule



*Christmas Eve*  
SERVICE

10:15AM Worship Service with  
Holy Communion  
And "Christmas Cantata"

7:00PM Christmas Eve Service  
With Holy Communion

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

To order Memorial Flowers, please call Linda Dulaney or Heidi Compton at  
724-325-3785. The prices are Altar—\$25.00 Chancel—\$50.00



**OUR NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST:**  
Please call or email the church office  
If you see a name missing and needs  
added to our prayer list.

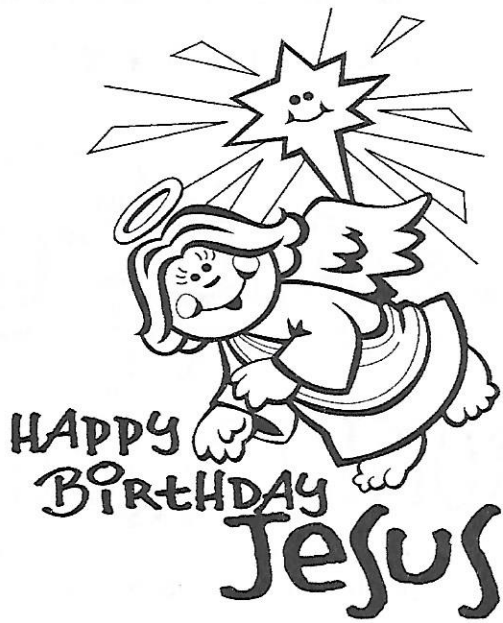
Hospital Update

**In the Hospital:**

Donna Cline @ William Penn  
Apartments  
Dorothy Daw @ Kane  
Regional  
Edith Letham @ Redstone  
Catherine Cline @ Brook-  
dale Memory Care

**Home From The  
Hospital:**

Linda Dulaney



*Happy Birthday,  
Jesus!*

*December 25th*



**December 2nd**

**@ 9AM**



*Christmas Party*

**December 3, 2017 with Santa  
Covered Dish Luncheon after the  
10:15AM Worship Service.  
Parents are asked to bring a wrapped,  
Labeled gift for each of their children.**



**Have a wonderful year  
ahead filled with good times and  
happiness to unfold. Wishing  
you and your family  
"A Happy and Healthy"  
New Year  
2018!!**



## Christmas Party

*Sunday, December 3, 2017  
Christmas Party with Santa*

*We will begin with a covered dish luncheon following the 10:15AM Worship service. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share.*

*Santa's little helpers will be on hand to help us sing Christmas songs while awaiting his visit.*

*Parents are asked to bring a wrapped, labeled gift \$5 - \$7 price range for each of their children.*

*All are invited to join with us for lunch, fellowship and have a picture taken with Santa!*



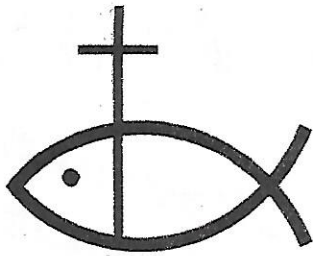
*Secret Pal Christmas Party is Sunday, December 10th after Worship from Noon to 2PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. New members wishing to join The Secret Pals for 2018 are invited!*



If anyone would like to donate fruit items or help with the assembling and delivery of the fruit baskets for our homebound members, please contact Sue Gay. They will be assembled Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM and distributed on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.



The Choir Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM Worship Service.



If you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Linda Dulaney to initiate the Prayer Chain (724-325-3785).



**THE PRAYER CHAIN** is in need of some volunteers. If anyone is interested in being part of this chain please contact Linda Dulaney or call the church office (724)327-3050. Your name can be added at anytime.



The Choir is collecting used greeting cards for St. Jude. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Linda Dulaney is collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed:  
Meals on Wheels  
Murrysville Christian Concern  
Salvation Army  
Check: [www.Murrysvillegov.org](http://www.Murrysvillegov.org)

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**EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH of the U.C.C.**  
**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!**  
**WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS!!**

***THANKS TO THOSE WHO QUIETLY  
REACH OUT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION  
WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT.***

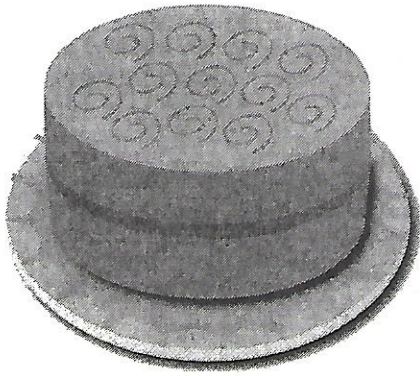
**THANKS**  
—from the—  
**HEART**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help at the Spooky Stroll at Hill's Church. The participants who Read at each cemetery was informative and interesting. The food was excellent this year again. Thanks to all who helped make this a success. See ya again next year!

Thanks to Donna Carroll for the beautiful Thanksgiving altar decoration arrangement. Enjoyed by all very much!

Dear Pastor Joseph, Thank you and your church congregation gift of the lovely prayer blanket. Faith is an important part of walking through this challenge of life. I really appreciate how your blanket will help me maintain this walk of faith. Thank you for all your efforts and prayers on my behalf.

With affection, Kelly



### BLACK FOREST CAKE

(preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom of 2, 8-inch or 9-inch round greased pans with parchment paper.

- 1 2/3 cups Cake flour
- 2/3 cup Unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 tsps. Baking Soda
- 1 tsp. Salt

Sift the dry ingredients together and set aside.

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- 2 14 oz. Sweet cherries in heavy syrup. Drain these 2 cans of cherries. The juice will be used as directed after the cake is cooled. Instead of cherry juice, KIRSCH, a cherry liquor can be used. I kept our cake alcohol-free.
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- 1/2 cup Shortening
- 1 1/2 cups Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 cup Buttermilk

Beat shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla.

Beat into the DRY ingredients alternating with Buttermilk, just until combined.

Pour into prepared pans.

BAKE for 35 or 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. COOL COMPLETELY

Remove the parchment paper.

Using a thin, sturdy string (dental floss works)....wrap the string around one of the cakes at

the halfway mark, horizontally. Tie the string once and pull slowly, cutting through the cake forming two layers. Repeat on the other cake.

SPRINKLE cherry juice, or Kirsch, on the cut side of each layer.

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FILLING

1 cup Butter  
 3 1/2 cups Confectioners sugar  
 1 tsp. Very strong brewed coffee  
 1/2 cup Buttermilk  
 a pinch of Salt

CREAM butter until light & fluffy. Add confectioners sugar, pinch of salt, and coffee. Add buttermilk as needed for consistency.

PLACE first layer of cake on the cake plate cut side down.

SPREAD with 1/3 of the filling. Top with 1/3 of the cherries. (Remember to save some cherries to decorate the top of the cake.)

REPEAT with the remaining layers.

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FROSTING (in a separate bowl)

2 cups Heavy whipping cream  
 1/2 tsp Vanilla  
 1 Tbsp. Cherry juice (or Kirsch)  
 1 oz. Semi-sweet baking chocolate

WHIP the cream to stiff peaks. BEAT in Vanilla and Juice (or Kirsch).

FROST the top and sides of cake.

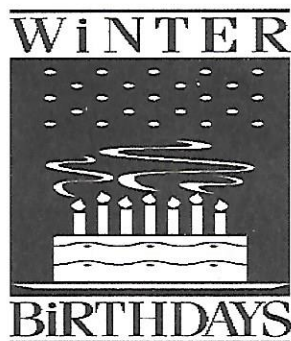
DECORATE top with remaining cherries.

GRATE (using a veggie peeler) the baking chocolate over the top of the cake.

Voila! A (nearly) authentic Black Forest Cake.....enjoy!

# December 2017

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- 2. Don Foley
- 5. Pastor Joseph Hedden  
Keyan Matthew Morrison
- 7. Korie Hentschel
- 8. Carl Patty
- 9. Sandra Claycomb
- 11. Cheyanne Kemble
- 13. Tony Molnar-Strejcek
- 15. Stephanie Jobe
- 17. Mary Glendinning  
Kelly Davenport  
Alex Graham
- 18. Jennifer Hedden
- 21. Shawn Hanks
- 22. Joanie Murdick
- 24. Ruth Kemerer
- 25. Debbie Baer
- 27. Bonnie Yanko  
Christine Chesky
- 28. Beverly Balest  
Ryan Lucas

## GREETERS:

- DEC. 3 Susan Gay & Rachael Pedder
- DEC. 10 Lois Grudowski & Edna Hartman
- DEC. 17 Jeff & Bobbie Hill
- DEC. 24 10:15AM Bob Holt & Sandy Sinan  
Christmas Eve 7PM—Al & Bonnie  
Humberger
- DEC. 25 *Merry Christmas!*
- DEC. 31 Delouris and Kim Keibler

## LAY READERS:

- DEC. 3 Eric Carroll
- DEC. 10 Bill Dulaney
- DEC. 17 Miriam Hedden
- DEC. 24 10:15AM Mike Bartlett & Shirley  
Veahman
- DEC. 24 Christmas Eve 7PM—Logan Clark
- DEC. 25 *Merry Christmas!*
- DEC. 31 Jerry Moore

## DEACONS:

- DEC. 3 Dave Chizmar, Cheyrl Chizmar,  
Donna Woehler and Cheryl Ignatius
- DEC. 10 Cheyrl Chizmar, Donna Woehler,  
Cheryl Ignatius and Alex Graham
- DEC. 17 Donna Woehler, Cheryl Ignatius,  
Alex Graham and Dave Chizmar
- DEC. 24 10:15AM—Cheryl Ignatius, Alex  
Graham, Dave Chizmar and Cheyrl Chizmar  
Christmas Eve—TBA @ 7:00PM
- DEC. 25 *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*
- DEC. 31 Cheryl Ignatius, Alex Graham,  
Dave Chizmar and Cheyrl Chizmar



## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

December 24 @ 7:00PM

ATTENTION:

Elders are needed to help set up,  
clean up and serve.

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# January 2018

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1. **Al Humberger**  
Cameron Scott Carmichael
3. **Logan Clark**  
Thomas Grudowski
4. **Carol Davenport**  
Patty Duncan  
Louis Geiger  
Coursin Hill
5. **Eric Carroll**
7. **Edna Hartman**
8. **Linda Dulaney**  
Casey Hanks  
Tressa Clark  
Michele Askey-Matvey
11. **Miriam Hedden**  
Willard Smith  
Lyndel Cline
13. **Doe Swank**  
Christy Lightner  
Zander Daniel Morrison
14. **Ed Hartman**
15. **Pattie Eberts**
17. **Monty Oslosky**
18. **Lydia Cline**
19. **Eddy Molnar-Strejcek**  
Daneen Matthews
23. **Jeanne Baughman**  
Donna Carroll
24. **Juliana Keibler**
25. **Jason Foley**
26. **Ella Rayn Lucas**

28. **Robin Grubs**
30. **Ben Walker**
31. **Abigail Jo Horn**

## **GREETERS:**

JAN. 7 TBA  
JAN. 14  
JAN. 21  
JAN. 28

## **LAY READERS:**

JAN. 7 TBA  
JAN. 14  
JAN. 21  
JAN. 28

## **DEACONS:**

JAN. 7 Cheryl Ignatius, Alex Graham,  
Dave Chizmar and Cheyrl Chizmar  
JAN. 14 Alex Graham, Dave Chizmar,  
Cheyrl Chizmar and Donna Woehler  
JAN. 21 Dave Chizmar, Cheyrl Chizmar,  
Donna Woehler and Cheryl Ignatius  
JAN. 28 Cheyrl Chizmar, Donna Woehler,  
Cheryl Ignatius and Alex Graham

## **2018 COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

January 7, 2018

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