

FEBRUARY 2020



Regular columnist (Pastor) is on retreat and leaves us with a few words in the quote below. He will resume his column next month. Please keep him in prayer so he returns refreshed and renewed!

"Lent begins at the end of the month with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26th. I want to remind you all that this is a great time of the year to try new spiritual exercises." – Pastor Chris

From office clippings file:

Did you ever notice?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows- no good unless they are pushed.

Some are like canoes – they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites – if you don't keep them on a string, they fly away.

Some are like footballs – you can't tell which way they will bounce next.

Some are like balloons – full of wind and ready to blow up.

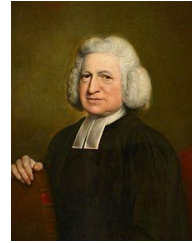
And then, for which we thank the Lord, some Christians are like good watches: open-faced, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

Sunday School

The students of the Sunday school classes have been studying the Parables of Jesus with great success. We have been having fun while really thinking about what Jesus was teaching us with the stories. We will continue with the parables through 2/16. On 2/23, we will begin our Lent/Easter lessons. Plans for the annual Easter party are under way, stay tuned for details!

Thursday Morning Bible Study – from 9:30 -11:00 in the Fireside Room. Pastor Chris will be leading the group through a study on the current lectionary readings.

Regional Food Bank – Volunteers, meet at the Food Bank at 2:30 pm on Tues. February 18th. If you need to carpool, contact Dick Knapp at 518-393-5737. -Jill Dunster-Wesley (cell) 423-3546 (home) 372-4047 jldunster@hotmail.com



Wesley's Wisdom

"Prayer is where the action is." ~ **John Wesley**

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

2/2 Steve Wesley
2/9 Sean O'Sullivan
2/16 Christina Hatt Rock
2/23 Stephen Long

Social

Sue Sykes, Megan Sykes
Flansburg family
Kim Huhtala
Nikki & Kevin Margas

Ushers & Greeters

2/2 Sean & Mary Connors
2/9 Deb Cieslak, Holly Russo
2/16 Holly Russo, Sue Sykes
2/23 Kim & Dave Huhtala

The Women's Group will meet again in the month of April.

CALENDER & EVENTS

2/1 Memorial Service Elsie Maddaus
2/5 Trustees Meeting 7 pm
2/14 Valentines Day ♥
2/15 Community Breakfast
2/15 Building Use Lions Club – Fireside Room 8 am
2/17 Presidents Day
2/18 Regional Food Bank 2:30 pm
2/18 Finance Meeting 7 pm
2/19 Admin. Council Meeting 7 pm
2/26 Ash Wednesday

**Church Treasurers Report
31-Dec-19**

	YTD <u>Dec-19</u>
Individual Contributions	\$111,560
Building Use/Rent	39,872
Fund Raising/Interest Income	2,045
Other Designated Giving	-
Total Operating Receipts	<u>\$153,477</u>
Wages & other employment expenses	\$73,829
Church Operations/Program	9,666
Parsonage Expenses	2,401
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	8,393
Church Building-Utilities/Water	10,533
Church Building-All Other	8,879
Apportionments	20,670
Benevolences	732
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$135,103</u>
Surplus	\$ 18,374

There is a surplus of \$18,374 as of 12/31/19.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

"Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." – Joel 2:12-14