

# The Messenger

## January 2013



# The Presbyterian Church Of Johnstown

## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We have come to 2013, and we begin to wonder what will be next. We have been shaken up by the horrible event in Newtown, and we just experienced one of the most emotional elections in the history of our country. The year 2012 forced us to witness more unrest around the world. In a way that is to be expected if we realize that many nations still have to go through their "revolutionary war" as we had more than 200 years ago. A large part of the world still has to shake off the burden of cruel, selfish rulers who resist the thought that their people want to experience liberty and justice in a political democracy as we are used to in the U.S. People across the world are looking for something, and we have what they are looking for.

But we are the lucky ones. We will still be looking forward to a "Happy New Year." The reason being, that we have made a choice to follow what God gave us with His son born to us in Bethlehem.

Remember the song "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." God chose us to be the recipients of the light that now is beginning to shine beyond us and what we have. That choice is what makes the difference. And God in Jesus Christ has become the Light for our lives.

You know I am big on stories. Let me share one with you. A small boy is standing at an intersection waiting for the light to change so that he can cross the street. Many other people are there waiting with him. Suddenly, before the light changes, some of the people begin to cross. So the boy took a step into the street to follow them. A lady standing next to the boy grabbed him and pulled him back just in time to avoid a bicyclist trying to beat the yellow. The lady looked sternly at him, but the boy said, "But the other people went . . ." The lady interrupted him and said, "Do not watch the people, watch the light."

We are lucky! We have seen the Light shine, and it is still shining. For some it has become the light at the end of the tunnel, for others the light for their path, and yet for others it became the light that comes from learning and understanding.

So what is the catch word for the year 2013? Why not, "Watch the Light!"

May the Lord bless you richly as you enter and live your choices in the New Year, and may the Light shine brightly in your life.

Love,

Pastor Oluf

### **Wholly Holy Bloopers**

Taken from A Taste of Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul

Holy howlers that popped up in religiously related documents:

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they can be seen in the church basement Friday afternoon.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning.



## A Note from the Clerk...

Acts 5:42 "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news, that Jesus is the Christ."

Happy New Year! May 2013 bring us all the blessings our Lord can bestow; perhaps even the new pastor that He has chosen for us. The Pastor Nominating Committee has been selected and has been trained by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry representative. They are ready to begin reading resumes. Please keep them in your prayers.

Session met on December 11 at the home of Karen Blair and enjoyed a time of fellowship along with appetizers and desserts before the business meeting began. Scott Lockwood presented the budget, which was approved unanimously. Pastor Oluf, Betty and Bob Pardee conducted a Sunday afternoon worship service at Northview Nursing Home. Rhonda Piper took some of our Sunday School children Christmas Caroling. In January, the Elders will be deciding which committee they wish to chair. We will post that information when it is finalized. The Nominating Committee has submitted the slate of officers that will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting following a potluck lunch on January 20, 2013.

A special thank you to Abigail, Andy and Katie, who directed the Jr and Cherub choirs in their Christmas program. Also, thanks to all who participate in the other choirs that enhance our worship service each week. As 2012 ends and 2013 begins, it is a good time to remember and thank all of you who do so much behind the scenes to keep our Church the wonderful place to worship that it is. We are grateful that Pastor Oluf is here to lead us until we find our new Pastor. Thank you and bless you all,

Diane Frazier

### PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



Christmas break will be December 19<sup>th</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>. School resumes on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The JCP follows the Johnstown school calendar.

The Pre-School Board is asking for your help in alleviating some of their costs. The Pre-School is asking for non-perishable items and basic school supplies. These items can be purchased and returned to the box outside the Pre-School office. Thank you for your help!!!

Multi-grain Cheerios

Animal crackers

Lucky Charms

Cheez-it crackers

Regular Graham Crackers

100% apple juice

Whole grain goldfish

Cheese crackers with peanut butter

Strawberry frosted Mini Wheats

Blueberry frosted Mini Wheats

Chocolate chip granola bars

Bag pretzels

Jar regular apple sauce

Cinnamon Toast Crunch

Box Tissues

Ream copy paper

Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip cookies (Other brands OK)

# VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY

## FLOWERS:

January 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 13<sup>th</sup>  
January 20<sup>th</sup>  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

## ACOLYTES:

January 6<sup>th</sup> Moriah Fleming  
January 13<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Richards  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Wesley Cox  
January 27<sup>th</sup> Orion Irwin

## WORSHIP LEADERS:

January 6<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Piper  
January 13<sup>th</sup> teen leader  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Karen Blair  
January 27<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Derenberger

## GREETERS:

January 6<sup>th</sup> The LeClair Family  
January 13<sup>th</sup> Teen Choir  
January 20<sup>th</sup> The Cox Family  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

## NURSERY:

January 6<sup>th</sup> Katelyn Mansell  
January 13<sup>th</sup> Bob & Micki Maibach  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Gale & Brenda Schaile  
January 27<sup>th</sup> Maci & Heather

## JR. CHURCH:

January 6<sup>th</sup> Marilyn LeClaire  
January 13<sup>th</sup>  
January 20<sup>th</sup>  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

January 6<sup>th</sup> Pastor Oluf  
January 13<sup>th</sup>  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Pastor Oluf  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

## USHERS:

January 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 13<sup>th</sup> Teen Choir  
January 20<sup>th</sup>  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

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## Youth Group Activities:

JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>: 6:00pm to 7:30pm High School Youth Group meeting at Carrie Almendinger's home.

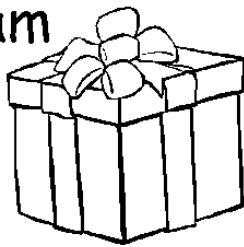
Jr. High Youth Group meets at Jeremy & Marianne Derenburger's home.

JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>: 6:00-8:00 Parent/Teen game night at the church. Bring a covered dish to share.

Drinks provided.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## A Free Gift Anagram



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## New Year's Resolutions

Make a list of 10 things that you would like to do in the year 2013.

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## Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

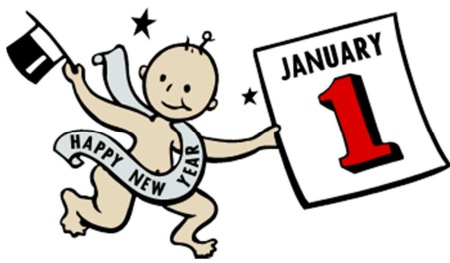
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Norma Johnson	14 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Kisner
4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles & Marilyn Parker	16 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Jones
5 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Mansell	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jim & Pat Blair
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lewie Main	21 <sup>st</sup>	Jesse Joseph Farley Aletha Irwin
8 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Ashbrook John & Penny Replogle	24 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Trimble
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Blair Ashley Speck	27 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Muller
11 <sup>th</sup>	Claire Almendinger David & Aletha Irwin	28 <sup>th</sup>	Kuri Dove
13 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Parker	30 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Frazier
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Speck

### HAPPY YOU DAY!!!

The Fellowship Committee is beginning Happy You Day.  
After church once a month we will be celebrating our  
Member's birthdays and anniversaries.

We will have special cupcakes just for the celebrants.

January's Happy You Day will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> following our worship service.  
This will be during our Annual Meeting potluck.



# January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 pm undecorating of the church	3 6pm Girl Scouts	4	5
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  6:30pm PNC	7 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	8 9am Bible Study  1pm Tabitha Circle  5:30 TOPS	9 5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells  7:30 Adult Choir	10 6pm GS	11	12 10am Girl Scouts
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	14 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	15 9am Bible Study 1pm Tabitha Circle  5:30 TOPS  7:15 Session Mtg	16 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle at the Hot Spot Coffee House  5:15 Jr. Choir/Bells  7:30 Adult choir	17 6pm Girl Scouts	18	19
20 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Annual Meeting and Happy You Day	21 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 7pm Fellowship Committee Mtg	22 9am Bible Study  1pm Tabitha Circle  5:30pm TOPS	23 1pm Elizabeth Circle @ Hot Spot  5:15 Jr. Choir & Bells  7:30 Adult Choir	24 6pm Girl Scouts	25	26
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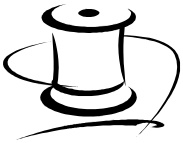
# Our Church Groups



## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

## Tabitha Circle



Tabitha Circle is continuing to meet on Tuesdays **at 1:00 PM to 2:45 PM**. It is a time of working together, making lap covers, baby quilts, cutting out squares. So if you can use a scissor, tie a knot, use a sewing machine or just need some extra fellowship you are welcome to come. We have lunch together once a month. Please come and see if this is a ministry in which you would like to get involved in.

## ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Hot Spot coffee house. The group has a short bible study and plenty of fellowship time. Come and see what we are all about!

This month's meeting is on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Our Tuesday morning Bible study group meets at the church on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.

We will begin a new study on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We will be studying the Parables.

## Women's Association



The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks and brooms. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks, and \$8 for the brooms. You can purchase these through Norma Johnson, or bring the money into the office during office hours.

To the Women's Association,

Thank you for my poinsettia. It is an honor to be able to play for the Angel Program. It is my favorite program of the year. Thank you for including me!

Sincerely,

Penny



# Church Happenings

## **The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Mid-Winter YOUTH RETREAT February 1-3, 2013**

REBUILDING My Faith + My Life:

What does all this stuff I learn in church have to do with my real life, my every day life? How are kids supposed to be Christian and still fit in?

If you are in grades 6-12 and you want to have fun, study the Bible, worship, sing and hang out...

The 2013 Youth Retreat is for you!! This retreat is sponsored by the Presbytery Congregational Nurture Committee. Middle and High youth will have opportunities for fun, fellowship, Bible study and worship as they renew and develop friendships from across the Presbytery. The retreat will be held at Camp Akita (near Logan) from 7 pm Friday, February 1 through 10 am Sunday, February 3, 2013.

Please see your youth leaders for information and registration forms.

## **UNDECORATING OF THE CHURCH**

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:30. We would appreciate any help that we can get, so come early to choir practice and lend a hand.

## **OUR WEBSITE**

We are currently working to make our website, [www.thejpc.org](http://www.thejpc.org), a source for information and fun for people to see who we are all about. Your ideas and contributions would help achieve our goal. Please send information, pictures, or simply ideas to Scott Lockwood at [splockwood@columbus.rr.com](mailto:splockwood@columbus.rr.com).



## **CHOIR NOTES**

Thank you to all of the guests and teens who have given us their voices through the holiday season.  
We really enjoy all that you have to offer!

Joy Ringers and Jr. Choir practices will start back up on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Oluf's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 2pm

Marie's hours are Monday-Friday from 9am to Noon.

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Oluf's email address is [pastor\\_oluf@thejpc.org](mailto:pastor_oluf@thejpc.org)

Our email is [johnstownpres@gmail.com](mailto:johnstownpres@gmail.com)

[www.thejpc.org](http://www.thejpc.org)

We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

<b>Flowers for Worship:</b>	contact the Office
<b>Greeters:</b>	contact Karen Blair
<b>Acolytes:</b>	contact Marie Richards
<b>Ushers:</b>	contact John Alexander
<b>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church:</b>	contact Rhonda Piper
<b>Children's Message:</b>	contact Marianne Derenberger
<b>Special Music:</b>	contact Norma Clark
<b>Property Maintenance:</b>	contact Ray Speck
<b>Church Sign:</b>	contact Tami Ashbrook
<b>Wedding Coordinator:</b>	contact Sally Uhde



## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.

## **PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS AND UPDATES FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012**

### **THOSE SUFFERING LOSS:**

Norma Clark's brother's wife passed on Christmas day. Pray for comfort for the families.

Jim Kissel, Jamie Pardee's father passed away. Give thanks to God for his release from pain, and pray for Jamie, Kim and Jason and the rest of their family as they go through this difficult time.

### **JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:**

Wendy Short, daughter of a friend of Penny Replogle, is improving. Her cancerous tumors are shrinking.

Continue to pray for her healing. God is good and does hear our prayers.

Kriss, Kim Hill's sister had severe numbness in the lower half of her body. Pray the Lord guides the doctors to a diagnosis and treatment. Kriss is now out of the hospital and getting better. Pray for her continued recovery.

### **PRAYERS FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, EMERGENCIES:**

Greg Miller, cousin of Linda Lockwood, has returned home from the nursing facility. Greg contracted pneumonia around Christmas last year, was hospitalized & contracted MRSA in his lungs. He is on oxygen & using a walker, this is very good news for him and for his family.

Barb Thompson underwent successful surgery for breast cancer, but now is suffering from pneumonia. Pray for her healing.

Mia, John and Jane Muller's granddaughter, underwent surgery to remove her tonsils and adenoids. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Kelly Bartosic, daughter of Mike and Barbara Derenburger and sister of Kris and Daniel Almendinger underwent surgery to repair a very large hernia. She is in severe pain and faces a long recovery. Pray for her pain to subside and for her recovery to progress quickly. Cards can be sent to 9730 Ridgeview Trail, Concord, Ohio 44060.

Dan Thompson, Alexandria resident, who was struck by a falling tree branch a month ago. He is currently in Dodd Hall and still faces a long recovery. The Lord is by Dan's side and he is making small improvements each day.

Barb Gualtieri, Norma Clark's niece. After 2 months on chemo for liver cancer, her tumor has enlarged somewhat, still too large for surgery. A port was put in and new treatment has begun. Pray for her husband, parents, and siblings.

Paul Dorsey, is now recovering from his third leg surgery – three surgeries in four weeks. Pray for his comfort and healing.

Kylee Williams, Charlie and Marilyn Parker's granddaughter. She has been having severe stomach pains for over a month and is starting to miss a lot of school due to this. The doctors cannot determine the cause. Pray that they are able to make a diagnosis and treat her.

Maryann Grimes, Maxine Pardee's sister-in-law is undergoing a major re-evaluation at Veterans Hospital for a chronic lung condition. Her condition is related to her past military service.

Carol Stires, Hazel and Joe Almendinger's friend, underwent major surgery for breast cancer. After a very long surgery, the doctor seems confident. Pray for her recovery and healing.

Bonnie Schultz, Suzy Sayer's aunt, underwent open heart surgery after Thanksgiving and has had a lot of complications. She needs a third surgery. Pray for success so she can finally begin the recovery process. Pray for her complete healing.

Dianna Carlson, Maxine Pardee's granddaughter in Chicago. She is suffering from pneumonia. Pray for her healing.

Don, a friend of the Muller's underwent knee surgery. Pray for his healing.

Ken Scott, Crissy Willeke's father. His prostate cancer has returned full force. He has several large spots on his spine, back ribs, hip and groin and will begin radiation treatments. Pray for him, his wife, and their entire family as he begins this battle.

Andy Replogle, underwent shoulder surgery. Prayers of healing are needed.

Ceisa, Carolyn Friedburg's daughter-in-law underwent carpal tunnel surgery. Pray for her speedy recovery.

Update on Steve Miles, friend of the Almendinger's: Our church family has been so wonderful to reach out to our dear friend, Steve Miles, throughout the years. I thought everyone might like an update on his situation. Steve has been living with his sister, Mary, in Reynoldsburg during the past year. He has decided to release his apartment in Johnstown and stay with Mary permanently. Though we feel sad that he is not able to be in our lives on a more regular basis, we are thankful that he has family who can support his needs. Cards can be sent to Steve Miles 6940 Tanya Terrace, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

**THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:**

Roy H. Sarbaugh  
Doris Dorsey

Alice Neibarger  
Betty Ford

**CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

Norma Duncan - multiple health issues  
Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)  
Katherine Kissel, grandmother of Jaime Pardee  
Steve Miles (friend of the Almendinger's)  
Gary Weaver (Ken Weaver's brother)  
John Dalton, Northridge parent  
Ellen Howell (sister of Hazel Almendinger)  
Jane, Aunt of Susie Speck, stroke  
Mike Robison, paralyzed from the waist down.

**CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:**

Stacy Sayer  
Susie Harrison (Aunt to Dani Cox)  
Bob Thomas (of Johnstown)  
Amy Williams (Charlie Parker's daughter)  
Marilyn Parker (needs recurrent checkups)  
Betty Scully (friend of the Weaver's)  
Northridge resident, Val Kauahi  
Colton Zigo, Northridge HS Senior  
Carol Stires  
Mary Bowles  
Kathy, Roger & Carl -- Susie Speck's cousins

Submitted by Rhonda Piper

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE THRU NOVEMBER 30, 2012

Y-T-D BUDGET	CURRENT \$152,252.10	BENEVOLENCE UNDETERMINED	EXPANSION FUND \$32,523.48	BASEMENT 0	MEMORIAL 0	TOTAL \$184,775.58
JAN 1,2012 FUNDS AVAILABLE	(\$7,625.71)	\$1,137.20	\$18,152.30	\$4,662.79	\$3,363.17	\$19,689.75
RECEIPTS TO DATE	\$144,067.43	\$8,500.26	\$44,801.50	\$5,571.00	\$2,500.00	\$205,440.19
BALANCE	\$136,441.72	\$9,637.46	\$62,953.80	\$10,233.79	\$5,863.17	\$225,129.94
EXPENSES TO DATE	\$125,427.09	\$4,517.26	\$47,522.71	\$150.00	\$3,700.00	\$181,317.06
November 30,2012 FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$11,014.63	\$5,120.20	\$15,431.09	\$10,083.79	\$2,163.17	\$43,812.88

AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS  
(Oregon St. Property)\$98,875.25  
Loan-Presby Church, U.S.A. \$366,853.40

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KAREN MANSELL