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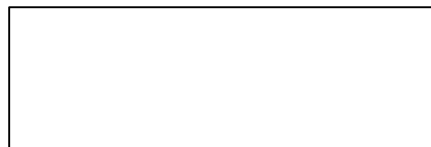
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WORSHIP SERVICES — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 am
FAITH FORMATION — for children during each service

Rev. Scott A. Sager, Pastor ~ pscott8283@comcast.net
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Patti Sager, Organist/media specialist
Wendy Noel, Secretary

Church Office Hours: Mon – Thur 9 am to 2 pm
***Please note, the church office is CLOSED on Holidays.**

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

St. David's United Church of Christ strives to be a loving and caring family of God by:

- Celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Committing ourselves to unite the membership
- Witnessing to our community and the world

PRIORITY STATEMENT:

Our priority is to promote spiritual growth through prayer, bible study, small groups, Faith Formation, and worship participation as evidenced by an increased involvement in vibrant, purposeful congregational activities.

St. David's United Church of Christ needs your help.



Please consider supporting St. David's Building Fund with a donation in memory of your loved one or in honor of someone special. Your generosity makes it possible to keep our church growing and thriving.

Donation Amount:

_____ \$100

_____ \$ 50

_____ \$ 25

_____ \$ 10

_____ Other

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Donor's Name and Address _____

Is there anyone you would like an acknowledgement of the donation to be sent to?

Tell us a little bit about the person(s) you would like to memorialize or honor with your donation.



"My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?" Psalm 22:1

These first words from Psalm 22 are most familiar because they are words that Jesus subsequently uttered from the cross. It can be difficult to find these plaintive words coming from the lips of Jesus. But Jesus came to live among us, not as God in a human costume that could be shed whenever things get hard and rough. Rather, in Jesus, God came as human to the bone, which means human enough to experience bone deep despair and even the perceived absence of God. If Jesus never experienced these emotions, that would mean that He never experienced the kind of life we live, which is filled with such things.

The Apostles' Creed contains this affirmation: "Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell." Some believe that means Jesus gave all those who lived before Him a chance to believe in Him so they could share in eternity. Others have said this statement gives them comfort because Hell is where they spend much of their lives. Hell a forsaken place a place of despair.

We have been there. And Jesus has been there. He has been with us. And, having been there, Jesus transforms it by His presence. And He still has the power to transform the experiences of any and all who have been in the darkest regions. Remember our precious Savior Jesus, accompanies us into the darkest valley's of life, so we do not journey there alone.

Rev. Scott A. Sager

The Lectionary recommends passages of scripture for each Sunday of the year. We will not read all of these in worship, but they are provided for your individual study and reflection for the week. We encourage you to read the lessons the week prior to Sunday service.

March 3rd

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
I Cor. 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 10th

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 17th

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12, 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 24th

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11
John 12:12-16

March 28th

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
I Cor. 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29th

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

March 31st

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
I Cor. 15:1-11
Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8
John 20:1-18



God Moments

I just finished reading a book call, *Holy Moments*, by Matthew Kelly. It opened my eyes to a whole new world. Or should I say, it reopened my eyes to things I already knew and should have been doing.

Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. Ephesians 1:18 The Voice

This book was a Godsend, and I would recommend it to anybody. It's an easy read and takes you back to the basics of why we're really here. I was given the book in the fall of last year, but it was in the fall that my life started to unravel. Without going into all of the details, I was being attacked by the enemy through some Christian friends and other circumstances that left me confused and baffled.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV

I lost sight of my true identity and to whom I truly belonged. Satan was definitely using my mind for a battlefield. I suffered through this for four months with bouts of depression, anxiety, issues of self-worth, and because of all the stress, coming down with shingles. I began questioning why I was really here. I couldn't feel God's presence. I felt as though my faith was slipping away even though I didn't want it to.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

Due to my illness then because of bad weather, I was not able to get to church when I needed it most. (more of Satan's ploys). I tried desperately to hold onto my faith. Even though I didn't feel like it, I remained obedient and faithful to God reading my devotions, the Bible, watching podcasts and preachers on TV. Most days it was just a blur. Through difficult and half-hearted prayer, medication, Pastor Scott, church friends and other friends, I was slowly able to feel God's presence again and my faith being restored.

"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:20-21

I still could not recognize my purpose for being here. Some of what I had thought was my purpose had been taken away from me. But God's timing is always perfect. I had never picked up the *Holy Moments* book since it had been given to me, but four months later, I did pick it up and it revived my life. It changed my perspective and gave me direction.

As the book suggests, most of us may never have a mountaintop experience with Jesus like Peter, James, and John in the Transfiguration.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Just then appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Matthew 17:1-3

Our lives may only consist of a series of small events that we have an opportunity to take part in every day. These holy moments are found in the mundane, every day, ordinary circumstances of life. Mother Teresa, my heroine, summed it up best when she said, “Small things done with great love will change the world. I don’t do great things. I do small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa also said, “Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

Holy moments can be something as simple as a smile. We under estimate the power of a kind smile to those we meet each day to both strangers and people we know. A smile shows kindness and love. *Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. – Mother Teresa*

Since reading, *Holy Moments*, I have become more aware of all of the moments in my life that are truly holy. Being conscious of that, I realize how many opportunities there are each day to create and receive holy moments. Just the other day, I was in line at a traffic light that had just turned green. I could have sped up immediately since the light signaled for me to go, but I chose to allow a car that was turning in to a fast-food restaurant to make their turn before I proceeded to go. As God would have it, the light remained green for me. And

even if it hadn’t, and I would have had to wait for the next green light, it would have been okay.

God made the world for the delight of human beings – if we could see His goodness everywhere, His concern for us, His awareness of our needs: the phone call we’ve waited for, the ride we are offered, the letter in the mail, just the little things He does for us throughout the day. As we remember and notice His love for us, we just begin to fall in love with Him because He is so busy with us – you just can’t resist Him. I believe there’s no such thing as luck in life, it’s God’s love, it’s His. Mother Teresa

Through the inspiration of *Holy Moments*, I was able to rediscovered my true identity and rededicate myself to my purpose in life – the little things – kindness, generosity, love, patience, gentleness, self-control. All fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

I don’t need to go on searching for any BIG reason for my existence, but just continue to work on being the best me I can be each day. Be patient with others. Smile at everyone. Fill a need when I see it. It’s the simple things, not necessarily the big things that make us servants for God, and that is our purpose.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Psalm 103:21 NIV

The greatest among you will be your servant. Matthew 23:11 NIV

“Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance.” Mother Teresa
“I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and

it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather He will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'" Mother Teresa

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Mother Teresa

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all of the opportunities you give us each day to find and create holy moments. From turning away from wrath, holding our tongues from saying unkind words or spreading gossip, praying for our enemies, visiting the sick, reaching out to a friend, volunteering, for all of the endless ways and possibilities to serve. We ask You to help us be mindful of the needs right in front of us. We may not all be able to go on mission trips, build houses for the underprivileged, or do something GREAT with our lives, but we can ALL be kind, considerate, smile, and do the small things that equal the same as the big things for God. We ask all this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Tammy Kitzmiller

Song: If We Are the Body – Casting Crowns

St. David's U.C.C. Consistory Minutes for February 12, 2024

Kristine Hann, President called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. Present at the meeting: Kristine Hann, Pastor Scott Sager, Pam Hartman, Jim Wissler, Wayne Fuhrman, Nicholas Hawkins, Mike Klinedinst, Shirlee

Tasto, Sue Brumgard, Jenn Fisher, Lucy Halter, Linda Miller, Tyler Little, Sue Myers, Barb Horneff, Tammy Kitzmiller

Jim Wissler made a motion to approve last month's minutes with Jenn Fisher seconding. Approved.

Pastor Scott verbally gave his monthly report.

Treasurer's Report

Harley Hartman explained the monthly treasurer's report in advance. Linda Miller made a motion to approve the report with Sue Brumgard seconding. All approved.

Finance

Did not meet.

Meets quarterly.

Church and Ministry

Attendees: Sue Brumgard, Wayne Fuhrman, Jim Wissler, Pastor Scott, Kristine Hann

- Discussed anonymous letters regarding concerns of church cleanliness and pastor's focus. These concerns were evaluated, underscoring our church's vibrant activity. We do not respond to anonymous feedback directly due to existing protocols for submitting suggestions and comments. For this purpose, forms are available on the bulletin board.
- Annual committee reports are due by end of February. Committee chairs or representatives from each committee will present brief summary of their responsibilities at Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Job Descriptions will be reviewed and updated at next meeting.
- Ben Bynaker Scholarship applications are due by April 21st.

Next Meeting is May 8th at 7 p.m.

Personnel

Did not meet.

Care

Met February 6, 2023

- Recording CD for Homebound members for Easter.
- April 17, 2024, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Autism Program provided by True North
- Fall/October Hospice Program

- 10 Christmas Carolers visited Homebound in December 2023
- New Hope collecting “Silver items” throughout February
- Blood Drive April 28, 2024 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Grove

Next Meeting May 1, 2024

Evangelism

Did not meet.

- Leap of Faith concert Friday, February 16, 2024
- Line Dancing in the Grove continuing
- Chairperson - Open

Fellowship

Lots of cool and interesting events planned for 2024.

- Fellowship Sundays – in need of donations
- Movie night (Jesus Revolution) on February 9, 2024 was a huge success. Approximately 80 in attendance. Thank you, Fellowship, for providing this fun and inspirational gathering!
- BINGO Night Friday, March 15, 2024, 7 p.m. in Grove Building.
 - In need of gift card donations.
- March 31st Easter Dawn Breakfast
- April 6th Ryan & Friends Comedian/Ventriloquist 7 p.m.
- April 14th Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Fireside Friends

- Valentine’s Singles’ Dinner February 10, 2024 in overflow room.
 - 24 in attendance
 - Spaghetti prepared by Shirley Taylor, Italian Chicken soup prepared by Lori Frate, Gourmet cupcakes made and donated by Laura Vaeth, Salad donated by

Tammy Kitzmiller, Garlic bread and drinks also served

- Preparations and serving by Pam Hartman, Candee Waite, and Lori Frate
- Clean up by Pastor Scott, Pam Hartman, and Barb Horneff
- Special Piano music by Don Horneff. Thank you, Don, for making the evening elegant and relaxing with your beautiful music.
- Door prize give aways
- Thanks to all who helped set up tables.
- Would like to have more help for next year for set-up, serving, and clean-up, perhaps ask the Youth Group to get involved
- Spring plant sale in April or May
- Other events for the year being planned

Mission

Met Thursday, February 1, 2024

Offerings

- Mitten Tree Plus Items – 327 Items received

New Business

- January collection of “silver items” for New Hope Ministries, New Oxford – paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, etc. will be extended through February 2024.
- Month of February - For Love of a Veteran, collecting items or cash for local Veterans
- Community Aid – Requesting another presentation of our church activities to their new employees
- Check for \$2500 Summer Lunch Grant has been received. Receipt of first quarter Care Cards are pending. Dianne & Linda to research Community Aid partnership Hub.

- SWSD Lunch Program totals will fall under Mission.
- HACC Meals on Wheels drivers needed. Items needed for PAL, clothing bank, and shelter.
- Church World Service – Belinda Addae dropped off literature for their programs.

Yearly Reports

- End of Year Mission Report Submitted
- Donations report for 2023 listing total of \$42,313.57 sent to Pastor Sager. AMAZING!!!!
- Emergency Fund
- Set meeting dates and offering dates for 2024

Next Meeting Thursday, February 29th 6:45 p.m.

Music and Worship

Meeting February 22, 2024 after Choir Practice

- 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

History and Library

Did not meet.

- All cabinetry has now been removed from the room.

Stewardship

- Peanut butter balls – making Saturday, March the 23rd, pick-up Sunday, March, the 24th

Christian Education

Did not meet.

- Over 50 members signed up for the “Jesus Revolution” Bible Study
- Working on Rowland Scholarship for 2024

Youth and Young Adult

- Two teams for bowling – 5 guys and 5 gals

Medical Supply Closet

- Steady flow
- Beds coming in and beds going out
- 2 ½ hours cleaning, stacking diapers

Thank you for ALL involved for their hard work on making this Ministry a success!

Property

Met February 6, 2024

Attendees: Nicholas Hawkins, Wayne Fuhrman, Bob Klinedinst, Mike Klinedinst, Scott Klinedinst

- Bell Tower
 - The bell tower repairs were completed. A BIG Thank You to the following:
 - Andy Proepper – Supplied the man lift
 - Wade Fuhrman – Equipment and labor
 - Will and Brody Fuhrman – Labor
- Door Replacement/Weather Stripping – Sunday School Doors
 - Completed February 7th
- Parking Lot
 - Continuing to work with the township
- Well
 - Equipment being installed to remove the sulfur smell from the water
- Grove
 - We are asking that members that use the Grove Building do not put tables and chairs against the walls
- Women’s Bathroom
 - A heater will be installed in the Women’s upstairs bathroom

Thank you to all members of the Property Committee and their counterparts for keeping our church safe and in good repair!

Old Business

- Easter Flowers
 - 14 orders so far
 - Final order date is February 18, 2024
- Line Dancing in the Grove
 - Anywhere from 8-15 people weekly
 - All enjoying and having a good time

Jenn Fisher made a motion to continue with the Line Dancing in the Grove with Jim Wissler seconding. All approved.

- Committee Reports due February 25, 2024

New Business

- Heat concerns about starting out warm during service then getting cooler as the service goes on.
 - Fan runs periodically to cool off unit
 - The temperature has now been raised for services
- Discussed pictures of Consistory Members to be displayed in Vestibule
- Annual Congregational Meeting 4/14/24 with one service at 10 a.m. and a covered dish luncheon
 - Announce Annual Congregational Meeting in the newsletter for March & April
 - Fellowship will assist with serving the meal
 - Committee Chairs will give a brief overview of their committee
 - Main dish provided from budget (\$400)

Barb Horneff made a motion to approve Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on 4/14/24 with one 10 a.m. service and covered dish

luncheon with main dish provided from budget (\$400) with Lucy Halter seconding. All approved.

- Cemetery Trustee Opening – Dale Fisher will be offered the position
- Penn Central Conference
 - St. David's UCC was given a 270-year anniversary recognition certificate
 - Keystone Study Group
 - Focus on Congregation Renewal
 - Combined Annual Meeting June 7-9

A motion was made by Pam Hartman to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Kitzmiller, Secretary

The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. Isaiah 58:11

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICE

❖ **Hosted by:**

**St. Bartholomew's
United Church (ELCA)**
1204 Grand Valley Road, Hanover

❖ **Date:**
Sunday, March 17th

❖ **Time:**
3 pm

**There will be a combined choir.
All are welcome to attend.**



Easter Week Services

March 24 th	Palm Sunday Services 8:30 am and 10:30 am
March 28 th	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
March 29 th	Good Friday Service 7 pm Prayer vigil 7 am to 3 pm at church
March 31 st	Easter Morning Service 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Care Committee Presentation

The Care Committee at St. David's UCC invites you to join us for a discussion of Autism and related disorders. Jennifer Davidson, Program Manager and Stephanie Hann Snyder, Community Outreach from True North Wellness Services and The Amazing Kids Club will be presenting information on the basics of Autism, the meaning of spectrum personality disorders, the prevalence, and resources in the area.

The program will be held at St. David's UCC, 142 Hobart Rd., Hanover, Pa. 17331

WHEN: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 P.M.



FINANCIAL UPDATE - January 31, 2024			
<u>Current Expenses</u>			Balance
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>01/31/2024</u>
Total Income	\$ 25,756	\$ 25,756	
Net Expenses	\$ 18,822	\$ 18,822	
Gain (Loss)	\$ 6,934	\$ 6,934	
Last Year (2023)	\$ 5,758	\$ 5,758	
Current Expense Fund Balance			\$ 321,259
<u>Other Funds:</u>			Balance
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>01/31/2024</u>
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,010	\$ 19,170
Building Fund Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	
Improvement Fund Receipts	\$ 901	\$ 901	\$ (9,488)
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	
Emergency Fund Receipts	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 3,896
Emergency Fund Expenses	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Investment Fund Gain / Loss	\$ 1,996	\$ 1,996	\$ 1,477,996
<u>Attendance Record</u>	Average Attendance		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	from Last Year
Sunday School	14	14	
Traditional Service (1st)	111	111	
Contemporary Service (2nd)	72	72	
Via Phone	9	9	
Streaming			
Weekly Web Views			
(Less SS & Web Views) Total	192	192	-4.9%
<u>LAST YEAR (2022)</u>			
Sunday School	16	16	
Traditional Service	125	125	
Contemporary Service	68	68	
Via Phone	9	9	
Streaming			
Weekly Web Views			
(Less SS & Web Views) Total	202	202	

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

PAL DATE: Saturday MARCH 23rd,
2024

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING **UCC Offering MARCH 10th**

“SHARE THE LIGHT”

We share our light with others in the way we live. When we show kindness and love in all that we do, we “Share The Light”.

By participating in this UCC offering, we are involved in assistance in disaster situations, and providing for refugees and development ministries throughout the world. When disaster strikes, or people are displaced, or become victims of violence or extreme poverty, we are a part of the immediate response, as well as the long-term recovery.

An example of long-term recovery would be One Great Hour of Sharing instructors assisting farmers in various countries, teaching them how to use the best methods to produce abundant crops and raise cattle, goats and chickens. These farmers then share this knowledge with their neighbors and it leads to greater stability in their communities.

Please consider sharing the light and love of Jesus. Envelopes are on the offering table for your use.

HANOVER AREA **COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

“GET INVOLVED”

The Council of Churches is very busy every day of the week. They rely heavily on the work of their wonderful volunteers. Without volunteers, the Council cannot fulfill God’s mission to provide resources to our community. Stop in to see how the Council works, volunteer your time and talent whenever you are able. Even an hour of time can help tremendously!

Don’t forget to check the donations list on the offering table for all of the Council Needs! Your help is very much appreciated!

Seeking volunteers in the following areas:

MEALS ON WHEELS: Runners and drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. 9:30am-11:00am Monday through Friday. (Volunteers can be flexible with available days.)

CLOTHING BANK: Wash, sort and hang clothing. Organize household items, shoes, etc. Assist in sales on Tuesday and Thursday 9am-Noon. Load and deliver overflow donations to Community Aid.

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

The shelter is looking for groups to provide evening programs, such as game nights, crafts, worship and more! You can shine positive light into the lives of those in need.

PAL PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to sort food donations, make donation pickups from local vendors and more. Hours are typically 8:30am-12:30pm.

STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP

The Stolte Scholarship Fund was established in 1973 in memory of Rev. Robert H. Stolte. The fund provides a one-time grant of \$1000 to an individual in the greater Hanover area pursuing a career in the field of ministry, missions, or humanitarian service. The administration of the fund is handled by the Hanover Area Council of Churches.

The applicant must submit an application form and submit a brief summary of their call into the field and their future vocational goals. They should be an active member of a church, with good moral character and high scholastic ability.

Application forms are available in area high school guidance offices, seminary financial aid offices, and at the Hanover Area Council of Churches. The deadline for applications is April 23, 2024.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS!!

We are blessed to have a congregation that is very compassionate and generous in their giving to others.

Each January we submit a listing to the UCC Penn Central Conference listing our offerings and donations made during the past year. This figure is comprised of all monetary offerings, the Churches Wider Mission line item on your offering envelopes and also estimated values of the canned goods, Christmas shoeboxes and Mitten Tree items donated just to name a few. We had a total donation amount of \$42,316.57 for this year. So amazing!

Below are thank you letters from recent offerings.

Church World Service – Blanket Sunday Collection of \$1,238.00

“Dear Friends from St. David’s UCC,
Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the US to build a new future. It provides comfort to our

neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support mean relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thank to your compassion, we can—and will--change lives.

Sincerely,
Rick Santos
President and CEO of Church World Service

New Hope Ministries - Feed A Friend Marathon Collection of 106 Food Items and \$438.56

Dear Friends,
Because of you, thousands of families receive the help they need every day at New Hope Ministries, especially through our life-sustaining food pantries that make sure that no one goes hungry in the greater Hanover community.

Your gift to the 38th Annual Hanover Area Feed-A-Friend Marathon truly makes a difference for your neighbors in need. **Thanks to you**, we exceeded the 128,000 food item goal and raised the equivalent of over 130,000 items – what an amazing gift!!!

Thank you for remembering people who are struggling to make ends meet. We are blessed by your generosity and kindness!

New Year Blessings,
Eric Saunders, Executive Director

Contributions Made to Community Aid

Thank you for your donations of clothing and household items dropped off at Community Aid. We have received a check for the last quarter of 2023, in the amount of \$617.76. This will be put into our Mission's Emergency Fund.

**AFTER THE SHOEBOXES:
THE GREATEST JOURNEY BEGINS**

We received a newsletter from Samaritan's Purse regarding the Shoeboxes now in transit, or already received. Over 11 million shoeboxes were sent this year, they are crossing oceans, mountains and deserts to delight children in more than 100 countries.

But another journey is about to begin. This year many of those children will enroll in The Greatest Journey, the discipleship classes offered to those who recently received shoeboxes. One teacher in Mongolia is very excited to teach the first lesson, about God creating the world. This is a very different idea for children in Mongolia, that the world was created by God. One student said he learned that he was special in God's eyes – Genesis 1:27. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him."

An Asian boy names Khalid said his friends convinced him that God did not exist. After his cousin invited him to their church, he received a shoebox and was taught “The Greatest Journey”. “I felt a sense of hope that I had never felt before. I started to understand the meaning of life and who God is.” He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior, but he is also faithfully studying his Bible and sharing his faith with family and friends.

We praise God for the eternal impact of Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your gifts and prayers for these children and for Samaritan’s Purse as we work in the Name of Jesus Christ to save lives, relieve suffering and share the hope of the Gospel.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham



CANDY is needed to fill the eggs for Easter Egg hunt. The candy must be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic egg. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the overflow room **by March 10th.**

Upcoming Fellowship Committee Events

- March 3rd** **Fellowship Sunday**
Donations needed
- March 15th** **Bingo Night 7pm @ Grove bldg.**
- March 31st** **Easter Dawn Breakfast**
- April 6th** **Ryan & Friends**
Comedian/Ventriloquist
- April 14th** **Annual Meeting & Luncheon**
- May 12th** **Fellowship Sunday**
(Mother’s Day)

GIVE BLOOD

Sunday, April 28th
8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Grove Building
Sign up sheet on the bulletin
board

**Stewardship Annual
Peanut Butter Ball
Fundraiser**

**\$6.00 per dozen
preorders only
Milk chocolate or dark
chocolate**

**Orders and money due by
Sunday, March 10th**

Pick up Sunday March 24th

**See Wanda Bankert, Chasity
Foerster or Missy Klinedinst**

Quantities are limited.



**Kids! Join the Fun
St. David's UCC
Saturday, March 23rd
10 AM**

**Meet at the church
Story time, egg hunt and snacks**



The New Venture Lunch Group will be meeting the second Tuesday of every month. New venture is a small group ministry that meets once a month for lunch and fellowship in the Hanover area. Everyone is invited to join in.

The next New Venture Lunch will take place of **Tuesday, March 12th at Plaza Azteca Restaurant, Carlisle Street Hanover.** Please arrive around 11:30 am.


Want to get involved? The Evangelism Committee Needs You.

The Evangelism Committee is going to be revamped and is in need of members.

There is a need for an Evangelism Committee Chair and folks to support the committee.

Reach out to Kristine Hann for more information.

**Spreading the
word of Jesus**

<p>COME JOIN OUR</p> <h1>BIBLE</h1>  <p>Study</p>
<p>Tuesdays 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM All are welcome</p>



No Men's Group in March!



GRIEFSHARE

- **Sunday Afternoons**
- **12:00 pm to 2:30 pm**
- **13-week schedule**
- **Light lunch will be available**

Another 13 week session of GRIEFSHARE will begin on **Sunday, February 18th**. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving experience alone. This support group, led by Pastor Scott Sager, will give you access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin or you may reach out to Pastor Sager or call the church office.

Sundays February 18th -- Sunday, May 19th
(excluding Easter Sunday, March 31st)



Sight & Sound, Lancaster PA

Presents “Daniel”

Friday, May 10th, 2024

Adults \$150 / children 3-12 \$90

**Depart: St. David’s Parking Lot
10:45 am**

Return: 7:15 pm approx.

**Includes: Bus transportation, Family Style Lunch and ticket to show.
Rill’s Bus Service**

Checks may be made out to St. Davids UCC. Note that the check is for “Daniel”
Contact Pam Hartman at 717-873-7585 with questions or contact the church office at
717-637-2299



On behalf of the South Western School District and our Food Service Department, we want to thank you for your donation toward meal account balances. It is generous of you and is greatly appreciated. Thanks Again.

St. David’s UCC Family,

I appreciated so much members of the church family who came caroling at my home. What a nice surprise and I enjoyed all the Christmas Carols that they sang. Also, the gift certificate was such a thoughtful gift. It means so much to know that you are cared about during times of illness.

Thank you for all your kindness. Pat Matthews



Sign up sheet is on the
bulletin board

SCRAP COLLECTION: Nick Geiman is suffering with breathing difficulties due to the long term effects of Covid and has been unable to work since September 2021. He is collecting scrap to try to earn some money to help support his family. If you have scrap you would like to donate to help Nick, bring your items to the church and place them in the trailer parked near the office entrance. Acceptable items to donate are listed below.

ACCEPTABLE SCRAP DONATIONS

APPLIANCES

Refrigerators
Freezers
Stoves
Dishwashers
A/C units
Microwaves
Small Appliances, etc.
Sewing Machines

ELECTRONICS

TVs
Radios
Computers
Monitors
DVD players
VCRs
Anything with a cord

OTHER METALS

Aluminum cans
Steel cans
Wire
Light fixtures
Tractors
Mowers
Grills
Car Batteries
Cars and Trucks
Auto Parts

Fireside Friends



Schedule of upcoming events/meetings for 2024. Please join us!

(Always the 2nd Saturday of the month if possible)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 - Movie - Cabrini - RC Cinemas - Hanover - 7:15pm movie time for our group (Francesca Xavier Cabrini, born 1850), she was the first American saint. It explains her life, her mission and her service among Italian immigrants. This date celebrates International Women's Day. Movie runs in theaters from March 8 - 17. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. We will meet at theatre at 7PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 & SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 2nd Annual plant/succulent/flower fundraiser for Mother's Day gifts. (overflow room of church before and after church at both services) Sign up sheet to follow

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 - Bus trip to Sight & Sound - Daniel - leave St. David's UCC Church @ 10:30am, lunch @ Hershey Farms 12pm - 2:00pm - Show @ 3pm - Return to church @ 7:15pm. Cost \$150 Adults, Children 3-12 \$90 Seats still available. Contact Pam Hartman (sign up sheet on bulletin board of church)

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 - "Women's Retreat" near Caledonia Park 10am-4pm at home of Barbara Horneff - Theme is "Rocks", Bring your own Bag Lunch - Beverage provided - carpooling encouraged Walking trails, Norlo Park, Fayetteville Antique Stores - More details to follow and sign-up sheet.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:

- **St. David's Selfies:** How often do you run into a church family at Walmart or the grocery store? When you do, snap a selfie of the two of you together and send it to Patti. This is a great way to show our love for our St. David's family.
- **Monthly Photo Focus. March** Focus will be pictures of signs of Spring. Send all photos to media@stdavidsucc.com



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March	1 -	Jody Klinedinst Scot Stambaugh, Jr. Kyle Henry Chad Wagaman
	2 -	Pam Yost Makenzie Harmon Hillary Smith Bernice Stambaugh
	3 -	Missy Gladfelter Bryce Michael Welty
	4 -	Linda Huggens Renee Forrester Dorothy Kaspar-Kerst Vicki Kise Kenneth Miller Pam Myers Gina Wilson
	5 -	Billie Smith Randy Madoushek
	6 -	Evan Martin Tony Soistman Casi Murren
	7 -	Isabella Baker Jeannette Chronister Janet Hahn Nick Noel
	8 -	Cody Fields
	9 -	Cindy Klinedinst
	10 -	Michael Cromer Chloe Lucille Dix Darryl Spangler
	11 -	Joe Hahn Chris Rohrbaugh Jess Thayer
	12 -	Erik Thayer Leo Emmett Raymond Fields
	13 -	Trevor Gladfelter Dick Thayer
	14 -	Carlee Fowler Eleanor Fowler Dana Kieffer David Storey
	15 -	Brandon Myers Sierra Wineholt Larry Etzler
	16 -	Camren Christy Harley Hartman Nathaniel Sealover
	17 -	Bailey Bostian
	18 -	Dawn Gross Kevin Lindner Daniyelle Sentz

		Joyce Smith Jennifer Werner Alan Fuhrman
19 -		Ryan Hertzog Megan Rummel R.J. Thayer
20 -		Christy Henry Dane Waleski
21 -		Katelyn Gabler Kimberly Garrett Randy Reck Scott Sager
22 -		Deb Burk Jessica Nace Zachary Lemay Breonna Costello
24 -		Dolores Beard Kimberly Dubs
25 -		Mark Bauer Jr. Samuel Hartlaub Hannah Mae Miller Michael Weakly Michael Cole
26 -		Diane Brown
27 -		Holly Myers Ashton Madoushek
28 -		James Arentz Iain Waleski Liam Wentz
29 -		Mira Stuhltrager
30 -		Brion McClintock
31 -		Kayla Brillhart Margaret Garrett Jessica Rill Robert Wildasin, Sr.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March	1-	Doug and Marilyn Bradley
	8-	Jeffrey and Carole Warner George & Sharon Stremmel
	12-	Nicholas & Sarah Geiman
	13 -	Dwight & Pam Myers Tony & Kim Soistman
	14 -	Larry & Joan Etzler
	21-	Joshua & Tiffanie Richardson
	22 -	Bill & Sue Wineholt Michael & Dianna Jones
	23-	Doug & Lisa Rummel
	25 -	Scott & Ginger Leppo
	28 -	Rhyan & Jamie Hoover Chris & Stephanie Lang

March 2024



3 12:00 - 2:30 pm Grief Share 5:00 - 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Bowling 8:30 and 10:30 am services	4 6:00 pm Bells	5 9:30 am and 7:00 pm Bible Study	6 7:00 pm Yoga	7 6:45 pm Mission Committee 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Line Dancing	8	9 9:00 am Jesus Revolution
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17 Combined Lenton Service St Barts 3:00 pm Same events as 3/10 plus Lenton service	18 6:00 pm Bells No Men's Group in March	19 9:30 am and 7:00 pm Bible Study	20 7:00 pm Yoga	21 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Line Dancing	22	23 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt. Meet at church. 9:00 am Jesus Revolution PAL
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31 6:30 am Breakfast and Easter Dawn Service 8:30 and 10:30 am services EASTER SUNDAY						