

Scalp Level

Covenant Brethren Church

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Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – 12 noon
Thursday – Day off

Sunday School – 9:15am

Morning Worship – 10:30am

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe there is only one Almighty God eternally existent in three distinct, co-equal and co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, without error & completely trustworthy.

We believe that all people have fallen into sin, have a sin nature & sin separates us from God.

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, that He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for sin & rose from the grave conquering sin & death.

We believe that through faith in Jesus alone, our sins are forgiven and we receive eternal life.

We believe it is our calling as Christ's Church to share this good news and live holy lives.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling a Christian is enabled to live a godly life and empowered to go and share the good news

We believe in the sanctity of marriage and that God created one biological male and one biological female and blessed their union through marriage.

We believe in the sanctity of all human life from conception until death.

CHURCH STATISTICS

Date	Online views	Attend.	Offering
1/7/2024	23	49	\$ 2,258.00
1/14/2024	34	49	\$ 1,832.00
1/21/2024	26	55	\$ 1,994.00
1/28/2024	19	67	\$ 2,132.00
		TOTAL	\$ 8,216.00
Amount needed this month to meet the budget			\$ 11,742.68
			\$ (3,526.68)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2—William Hoffman, Julia Woodley
 3—Carol Caputo, Haleigh Reese
 5—Janet Hoffman
 7—Lacy Boratko
 8—Adele Madera
 10—Lisa Lees
 17—Gerald Deyarmin Jr., Linda Walker
 20—Aubrey Walker
 21—Eryn Marsh
 22—Sadie Pecze
 26—Carol Reed
 28—Brenna Mackall

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14—Charles & Kathleen Figard

<p>PRAYER CONCERNS</p> <p>SHORT TERM</p> <p>Cortez Baca family Mike Benko Connie Berkebile Joe Canonni Gary Caputo Carol (melanoma skin cancer) Margie Deanor Michelle Decker Donna Grieg Tim Haupt Donna Johnson Elizabeth Karalfa Sally Kohut family Isaac Miller Mac Newman Baby Noah Carly Penrod Jaime Riley family Larue Ross Chris Rupert (Dan's brother) Jack Rupert Samantha Shannon Cherry Thomas Daunte Tysinger Thomas Wade Nancy Warshel Brenda Weaver</p>	<p>LONG TERM:</p> <p>Jocelynn Berkebile Pauline Blough Ryan Creager Wesley Donelson Ashley Floyd – study abroad Sarah Fuska Donna Greig Larry Hartman Ann Hoffman Tyler Kalp AJ Kniss Jean Krug Ardyth Laney Chester Mickey Richard Manges Judah Pope Patsy Pudliner Ansley Stigers Larry Sullivan Jr. Timothy Wade Julia Woodley</p> <p>MISSION WORK</p> <p>Ben & Jessi Bock & Family, Spain Andrew Metcalfe, Samaritan's Purse - Mexico</p>	<p>LONG TERM –CANCER:</p> <p>Terry Berkebile Donna Custer Dale Teresa Freeboy Jess Harclerode Glenn Hundertmark Jack Jodi John – Amy Berkeley's uncle Joni Jim Kormanik Mabel Ann Delene Pluta Diane Podolak Bev & Tom Pomroy Ryan Pritt Lisa Shaffer Debbie Shoemaker Susan Simmonds Pastor Val</p> <p>Ministry of the Month: Windber Food Panty</p> <p>College Student of the Month Eryn Marsh 512 Railroad St. Windber PA 15963</p>
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CBC Regional Church prayer partner
Within the region, our prayer partner church is Center CBC which is near New Centerville, PA. Keep Pastor Homer Painter in your prayers as he leads their church family. Thanks!

Our Growing Denomination
As of the last report we have a total of 122 congregations and over 9,000 members. Praise God for our steadily growing denomination!



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

(my Pastor's page this month is adapted from a study by Dr. Josh Franklin, the Pastor at Mt. Vernon Baptist where my parents attend in Virginia – it is a good word for us to hear!)

Psalm 22:3 says, “*But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabits the praise of Israel.*” I want you and I to focus on the power of praise this month.

David Jeremiah writes, “Did you know there is someone who really gets bent out of shape whenever you go to church? It truly torments the devil and every one of his ‘assistants’ when you worship God, in the public sanctuary or the private one. It throws a wrench into the detailed agenda of demonic works. In all the other things we do, there are countless windows of opportunity for the devil to steal in and do his thing. But when you worship God devotedly, Satan is out of his league. He is completely stripped of power, and that’s always been the one thing the devil can’t handle.”

Whenever and wherever God’s people praise Him, He reigns among them, He inhibits their praises, Satan is stripped of his power and miraculous things happen on their behalf. Praising God is powerful!

Consider in scripture the countless times God delivered His people after they praised. God delivered Jonah from the fish, after he praised (see Jonah 2:1, 9-10). God delivered Paul and Silas from jail, after they praised! Remember them praying and singing joyfully to God while in chains at midnight in Acts 16:25-26? Then the earthquake came and the chains were loosed! Their praise, led to deliverance and the opportunity to witness and led even the jailer to Christ!

God delivered King Jehoshaphat in 2nd Chronicles 20:1-30! He was outnumbered, trapped and by all physical appearances, about to be massacred. But he prayed saying, “God...we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” (v.12) God responded to this prayer assuring Jehoshaphat that the battle was the Lord’s and that Jehoshaphat would not need to even fight! Jehosaphat believed God’s promise and then responded with praise before God’s promise came! He led the army forward into battle but it was not an army of war, but an army of praise! It was a marching band singing praises to God and the scripture tells us that when the praise began, the Lord set ambushes against the enemies of God’s people and the enemies actually destroyed one another!

Here’s the point: When the Devil attacks you, PRAISE GOD!! Some have said that Satan has an allergic reaction whenever there is true worship. This is an interesting way of visualizing it. When we praise God, Satan breaks out in hives! When we praise Jesus, Satan’s throat gets inflamed and closes up – his lies can no longer be voiced in the presence of praise and truth! When we praise the Holy Spirit, Satan flees from the room hacking and sneezing! Missionary Amy Carmichael writes, “I believe truly that Satan cannot endure praise and worship, so he slips out of the room, more or less, when there is a true song.”

Are you suffering with depression, moods, or do you feel defeated? TRY PRAISE

Do you lack joy, or do you have a problem being positive? TRY PRAISE

Are you going through a deep trial in your family or life? TRY PRAISE

Would you like to have more power in your life? More power in witnessing, serving & teaching? TRY PRAISE

Colossians 3:16 says, “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Let us be His church who relentlessly praises Him! See you on Sundays as we praise our great and awesome God!

In Christ’s love, Pastor Mark

FEB 14	Good Shepherd Lutheran <i>Shady Lane</i>	Doug Knupp	The Plot <i>John 11:45-57</i>
FEB 21	Scalp Level Trinity GMC <i>Horn Road</i>	Mark Murchie	The Passover <i>John 13:1-17</i>
FEB 28	Scalp Level CBC <i>By Windber Woods</i>	Miles Zdinak	The Predictions <i>John 13:18-28, 33-38</i>
MAR 06	SS Peter & Paul Orthodox <i>By Rec Park</i>	Erica Wellner	The Prayers <i>John 17:1-11, 20-24</i>
MAR 13	Windber CBC <i>By the Library</i>	David Mohr	The Presentations <i>John 18:12-14, 19-24, 28-40</i>
MAR 20	Rummel COB <i>By Windber Elementary</i>	Abby Shaffer	The Paradox <i>John 19:17-30</i>

Windber Community Lenten Services

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning February 14.

Everyone is welcome! Offerings will benefit a local ministry.

Upcoming Sermons:

Series: "Great Expectations"

2/4 -- "Make His Name Great!" – 3rd Commandment

2/11 -- "Exhale busyness, breath in God" – 4th Commandment

2/18 -- "Atoms, Triangles & Family" – 5th Commandment

2/25 – "Gospel Reenactment" – 6th & 7th Commandments

February at a Glance

2/1 – Bible Study 6:00pm

2/4 – Acts 29 Youth at Scalp Level CBC 6:00-8:00pm

2/8 – Fellowship meal 5:00pm & Bible Study 6:00pm

2/10 – Acts 29 Youth roller skating at Galleria 5:00-7:00pm

2/14 – Independent Living Valentine's Day Luncheon 11:00am-2:00pm

2/15 – Bible Study 6:00pm

2/17 – Acts 29 Youth at Rummel COB 6:00-8:00pm

2/22 – Fellowship meal 5:00pm & Bible Study 6:00pm

2/24 – Men's Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall 8:00am

2/25 – Acts 29 Youth at Windber New Day 6:00-8:00pm

2/29 – Bible Study 6:00pm & Praise in the Park planning meeting 6:00pm

Bella Gift Cards

Available to purchase as a fundraiser for the United Churches of the Windber Area. They support projects such as a scholarship for a deserving senior from one of our participating churches, and the Windber Area School's baccalaureate service. Please contact Mary Lou Berkebile (814-467-5206), Carol Caputo (814-467-9048) or Pastor Mark Murchie (814-467-8460) to purchase a gift card.

Ministry to Single Parents

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." – Psalm 34:8

The challenges of raising kids today are immense and are even more challenging for single parents. We are beginning a new ministry to come alongside and be a measure of grace to single parents and caregivers of children. The purpose of the ministry is to show the love of Christ by supplying a prepared meal for single adult families raising children and to build relationships in our church family.

Here is how it works: Anyone willing in the church is invited to prepare a meal that can be frozen and put into the freezer located in the classroom next to the downstairs men's restroom. From there, a meal could be picked up from the freezer by a single parent family after morning worship or taken by a church member to a family that is in this situation as an outreach from our church. If you would like to participate in this ministry, there is more information in the lobby or you can contact Dave & JoAn Oatman at (814) 421-3436.

Change of Address

Ruth Hindman
McCullough Place
500 Cheney Oaks Drive Rm #138
Johnstown PA 15905

ACTS 29

This month, we will be meeting here at the church on Sunday February 4th from 6:00-8:00. On Saturday February 10th, we will be meeting at the Galleria to go roller skating from 5:00-7:00. On Sunday February 18th, we will be meeting from 6:00-8:00 at Rummel COB and on Sunday February 25th, we will be meeting from 6:00-8:00 at the Windber New Day in the back of the community building. We are looking forward to seeing you this month! Any youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

Thursday Night Fellowship & Bible Study

We will have Bible study on every Thursday this month at 6:00 and we will have our meals at 5:00 on Thursday February 8th and 22nd. We will be studying the book of Job in Bible Study. All are welcome to join us to be fed physically and spiritually!

Covenant Brethren Church Annual Meeting

The CBC 2024 Annual Meeting & Worship Conference will be from July 18-20 at the Chiques Church in Manheim, PA. Pastor Mark will be attending and we need two more to attend as delegates. Travel and hotel expenses are covered by our church. The meeting and conference are a great time of discovering what God is doing within our denomination and an enriching time of fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in representing our church family at the meeting, reach out to Pastor Mark. Thanks!

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, February 24th

There will be a men's breakfast Saturday, February 24th @ 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome for a time of food, fellowship and encouragement. See you there!



- **GAMES**
- **PIZZA**
- **MOVIE**
- **CRAFT**
- **MUSIC**
- **& MORE**

Saturday, March 23rd

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Parents, drop your kids off in the fellowship hall for the entire time or part of the time. Take this opportunity to run errands, have a “date” night, or just sit and relax knowing that your kids are having a great time with their friends.

Please sign up so that we know how many to plan for.

KIDS BRING A FRIEND!

Sponsored by the Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church Nurture Commission.

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

Budget

January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income	0.00		
Expense			
100 Outreach			
101 COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
102 REGION 3 CBC	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
103 CAMP HARMONY	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
104 BERKEY CEMETERY	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
105 UNITED CHURCHES	250.00	250.00	0.00
106 SCALP LEVEL FIRE CO.	600.00	300.00	300.00
107 NEW DAY INC / WINDBER	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
108 UPJ CAMPUS MINISTRIES	300.00	300.00	0.00
115G LENTEN SERVICE	361.00		
115GG PRECIOUS LIFE	500.00		
115I W.A.C.K	400.00		
115J COMPASSION HOUSE	1,200.00		
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	5,365.00		
115TT TRUTH CONNECT	1,000.00		
115U SAMARITANS PURSE	460.00		
115Z MIKE HOJNACKI	1,000.00		
Total 100 Outreach	21,736.00	11,150.00	10,586.00
200 Executive			
201A SALARY	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
201B RETIREMENT HOUSING	480.00	480.00	0.00
201C PENSION	4,819.00	4,820.00	-1.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	554.09	4,000.00	-3,445.91
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
201F - CBC ANNUAL MEETING	500.00	500.00	0.00
201G CONTINUING EDUCATION	834.06	1,000.00	-165.94
202 MODERATOR	0.00	70.00	-70.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	10,584.00	9,075.00	1,509.00
204 OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	456.69	1,900.00	-1,443.31
205 POSTAGE	878.96	900.00	-21.04
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	5,712.00	7,560.00	-1,848.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	9,472.53	2,400.00	7,072.53
208 PULPIT SUPPLY	225.00	450.00	-225.00
209 MUSIC MINISTRIES	453.87	1,000.00	-546.13
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
211 CBC DELEGATES	75.00	800.00	-725.00
212 MISC.	1,354.00	400.00	954.00
212 MISC.PT RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	1,150.00	0.00	1,150.00
Total 200 Executive	95,449.20	93,255.00	2,194.20
300 Nurture			
301 MUSIC	0.00	25.00	-25.00
302 FLOWERS/DEATHS & BIRTHS	68.85	100.00	-31.15
302PT HOLIDAY FLOWERS	695.50	0.00	695.50
303 WORSHIP SUPPLIES	811.91	800.00	11.91
304 CHILDREN'S CHURCH	0.00	25.00	-25.00
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	1,405.73	900.00	505.73
306 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	120.00	600.00	-480.00
306PT CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	406.90		
307 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	0.00	500.00	-500.00
307PT - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	690.95		
308 SPECIAL OCCASIONS GIFTS	97.86	350.00	-252.14
309 YOUTH ADVISOR TO NYC	0.00	0.00	0.00
310 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
311 MISC.	97.85	100.00	-2.15
312 PROGRAMING	1,102.50	1,300.00	-197.50
312PT- MISC.	1,909.00		
Total 300 Nurture	7,407.05	4,900.00	2,507.05
400 Witness			
401 PROGRAMING	58.66	300.00	-241.34

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget
402 DISC MINISTRY	0.00	50.00	-50.00
403 WINDBER NEW DAY YOUTH CEN...	300.00	300.00	0.00
404 RIGHT NOW MEDIA	879.89	1,000.00	-120.11
405 MISC	523.30	100.00	423.30
405PT MISC	2,857.60		
Total 400 Witness	4,619.45	1,750.00	2,869.45
500 Stewards			
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	6,311.64	4,000.00	2,311.64
501PT	1,996.55		
502 CLEANING SUPPLIES	393.19	900.00	-506.81
503 INSURANCE	9,807.51	8,500.00	1,307.51
504 PROPERTY TAXES	2,265.01	2,300.00	-34.99
505 FUEL OIL	17,293.00	22,380.00	-5,087.00
506 ELECTRICITY	2,538.07	2,600.00	-61.93
507 TELEPHONE	3,085.18	2,600.00	485.18
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	1,423.20	2,000.00	-576.80
509 OFFERING ENVELOPES	297.42	200.00	97.42
510 MEMORIAL FUND	220.00	0.00	220.00
511 MISC.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 500 Stewards	45,630.77	45,580.00	50.77
600 Deacon Bd			
601 COMMUNION SUPPLIES	103.69	250.00	-146.31
602 DEACON FUND	2,187.01	0.00	2,187.01
602pt	200.00		
603 MISC.	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 600 Deacon Bd	2,590.70	350.00	2,240.70
Total Expense	177,433.17	156,985.00	20,448.17
Net Income	-177,433.17	-156,985.00	-20,448.17

Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church
Summary Report by Month
December 2023

	Dec 23
Income	
Deposit	
Christmas Eve	1,402.00
Envelopes	15,514.25
Fellowship Hall	220.00
Interest	1.62
Misc.	
Christmas Post Office	1,500.00
Donation for Outreach	741.00
Poinsettias	105.00
Postage	80.00
Total Misc.	2,426.00
Sunday School	207.00
Total Deposit	19,770.87
Total Income	19,770.87
Expense	
100 Outreach	
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	741.00
115TT TRUTH CONNECT	1,000.00
Total 100 Outreach	1,741.00
200 Executive	
201A SALARY	3,250.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	25.55
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	200.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	882.00
205 POSTAGE	66.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	441.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	773.10
209 MUSIC MINISTRIES	139.72
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	1,375.00
Total 200 Executive	7,152.37
300 Nurture	
302PT HOLIDAY FLOWERS	385.00
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	48.15
312 PROGRAMING	140.07
312PT- MISC.	1,500.00
Total 300 Nurture	2,073.22
500 Stewards	
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	17.32
505 FUEL OIL	0.00
506 ELECTRICITY	310.20
507 TELEPHONE	225.58
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	113.10
Total 500 Stewards	666.20
600 Deacon Bd	
602 DEACON FUND	1,402.00
Total 600 Deacon Bd	1,402.00

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church
Summary Report by Month
December 2023

	Dec 23
Total Expense	13,034.79
Net Income	<u>6,736.08</u>

BALANCE 38,690.84

SAVING ACCOUNTS

Deacon Fund	4,084.79
General Fund MM	31,603.91
Memorial Fund MM	15,161.91
Model Wealth Portfolios	34,486.88
Raymond James	17,442.51
Maintenance Fund	16,715.68
Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund	13,705.70



Dennis Hoffman, Treasurer

SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD
January 15, 2024

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on January 15, 2024. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Norma Creager, Wanda Custer, Mary Lou Berkebile, Audrey Coleman, Carol Caputo, Dave Oatman, Joe Denk, Kevin Kiser, Lionel Berkebile, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Zach Denk called the meeting to order and Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Minutes from the November 20, 2023 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received the November & December Summary Reports by Month, the 2023 Summary Report and the Budget Report for 2023.

Finished the year strong. God has been faithful. Transferred \$18,016.00 from savings accounts throughout the year which was deposited in the General Fund to help cover costs of heating oil and the salary for the youth director.

NURTURE COMMISSION: Norma Creager

1. Still working on getting volunteers to staff the nursery for the fall of 2024.
2. Finished updating job descriptions for Camp Harmony Representative, Vacation Bible School Director, Sunday School Secretary and Assistant and Ministry to the Aged.
3. Adele Madera has purchased the Vacation Bible School curriculum for this summer titled "Jungle Journey".
4. Pastor Mark will check with the families of children to see if they would be willing to serve as acolytes.
5. \$1,5000 was collected through the Christmas Card Post Office which was mailed to the Baca family who has relocated to Arizona to be near family.
6. The \$230.00 paid for the bus for Christmas Caroling has been refunded. Christmas Caroling was cancelled due to inclement weather.
7. The Nurture Commission has received the year end statement for the youth accounts.
8. Planning a "Kid's Fun Day" for Saturday, March 23rd from 11:00 – 4:00 which will be a time for parents to drop off their kids. There will be activities planned for the children. More details to come.
9. Thank you to:
 - The Denk family for organizing the Christmas Card Post Office and to all those that contributed to the generous monetary gift.
 - Deanna Hoffman and Gayle Denk for planning "Carols & Cookies" and to the Bell Choir for their performance.
 - The Patrick Hoffman family for organizing the church Christmas decorating and take-down and to all those that came out to help.
 - Lori Kiser for directing the children's Christmas program and to others that volunteered and especially to the children for blessing our church family with the great program that was presented.
 - Pastor Mark and Ashley and others that helped with the Christmas Party for our children and their families.
 - Those that participated in singing Christmas carols at Windber Woods for their Christmas Open House.

- Brett Hoffman and Nathan Hoffman for planning our Christmas Caroling that unfortunately had to be cancelled.
- All those that purchased poinsettias. There were 44 poinsettias ordered that were a beautiful addition to the sanctuary.
- Pastor Mark for the time with children each Sunday of Advent and for incorporating the children in the lighting of the Advent candles.
- All those that helped in any way with activities/programs during the Christmas Season.

WITNESS COMMISSION: Audrey Coleman

1. Discussed what has been done over the past several years.
2. Will sponsor a "Tissue Drive" for Windber Woods. An announcement will be put in the bulletin the next several Sundays.
3. Received a thank you from Scalp Level Trinity Church for the gloves, hats, mittens, etc that were donated to their project.
4. Received a thank you from Kuddle Korner Daycare for the Christmas "goodie bags" that were provided to them.
5. The Commission will work with Chuck Madera who will be heading up the organization of "Praise in the Park" to be held on August 10th. Hoping to expand to include other churches that want to help with this project.

STEWARDS COMMISSION: Joe Denk

1. Had the church furnaces serviced at a cost of \$611.46.
2. The toilet in the family restroom has been repaired.
3. Looking into possibly using some Memorial Fund money for a new curtain for the fellowship hall and/or upgrading our video system used to record and stream morning worship services.

DEACON REPORT: Denny Hoffman

1. Received 2 requests for help over the Christmas season which were fulfilled.
2. There were 84 in attendance at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with an offering of \$1, 402.00 which was deposited in Deacon Fund.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Mark

1. Covenant Brethren Church updates:
 - The CBC Annual Meeting will be held July 18-20 at Chiques Church Manheim PA. We are able to take 5 delegates which includes Pastor Mark.
 - The entire Puerto Rico COB District has left the denomination and joined the CBC.
 - CBC Region 3 growing with more churches joining, but because it is geographically very large, it most likely will split into 2 Regions.
 - CBC Region 3 is looking to hire an administrative assistant in the near future.
2. Youth group is going well with Dan. Have been connecting more with youth from Rummel. Looking to have their youth group join with ours.
3. Thank you to Deanna Hoffman & Gayle Denk and the handbell choir for organizing and presenting "Carols & Cookies". It was a good night of worship and great way to start the Advent season.

<u>November Statistics:</u>	16	Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
	2	Church related meetings / events
	2	Other Ministry related meetings / events
	4	Prayer Meeting
	8	Bible Studies (taught or attended)
	4	Taught Sunday School

- 1 CBC Region Three Board Meeting
- 1 Meeting with Dan
- 4 FCA
- 3 Thursday Night Fellowship
- 1 Ministerium meeting
- 3 Youth Group
- 4 Handbell Practice
- 1 Children's Program Practice
- 2 Baby Dedications
- 2 Service Projects (Ardyth Laney with men's group,
Wanda Custer with youth)

Numerous calls, text messages and emails

- December Statistics:
- 16 Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
 - 1 Other Ministry related meetings / events
 - 1 Prayer Meeting
 - 4 Bible Studies (taught or attended)
 - 5 Taught Sunday School
 - 5 Communion
 - 1 CBC Region Three Board Meeting
 - 2 Meeting with Dan
 - 2 FCA
 - 1 Thursday Night Fellowship
 - 1 Ministerium meeting
 - 3 Youth Group
 - 2 Handbell Practice & "Carols & Cookies"
 - 1 Children's Program Practice
 - 1 Children's Christmas Party
 - 1 Men's Breakfast
 - 1 Caroling at Windber Woods
- Numerous calls, text messages and emails

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the reports.

Pastor Mark shared some statistics regarding the mental health of high school students reminding us that the work that we do in the community is significant and valuable. It is important for us to be spreading the hope and love found in Jesus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Pastor Mark shared information on Keystone Family Alliance which is a Christian ministry coming along foster and adoptive families. There are several ways to be involved: 1) an on-line portal connects to specific needs 2) join a care community which wraps around one family serving and supporting them 3) be a foster family. He asked us to prayerfully consider how our church might be able to get involved with this ministry.

FEBRUARY MEETING will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Closing prayer by Pastor Mark.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk

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NEWSLETTER – February, '24 issue
270 Hoffman Ave
Windber PA 15963
