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Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 22nd of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection January 22nd
- Blood Drive January 11th
- Annual Community Dinner January 16th
- FFF January 27th
- Congregational Meeting January 29th

An Update on Faith Filled Fridays:

Unfortunately there has been not much to report for FFF. The November meeting was a time to organize all the donations brought in for the Operation Adopt A Soldier fundraiser. No children showed up for that meeting, but fun was had by Amy, Dolores, Alberta and Marie! Apparently, one of our FFF kids was having a birthday party that afternoon, which most of the rest of our group were attending. I heard the following week from many of the kids that they couldn't wait for the December meeting (we were going to be making cookies as a thank you to the congregation). When Dec. 16th finally arrived, there was an emergency at the school due to a faulty fire alarm wire. The frigid temperatures tripped the alarm and children were sent first to the bus garage, then transported to the new fire house, then bussed home or to their emergency contact. Without knowing where any of my FFF kids ended up for the day, I had no choice but to cancel FFF. Needless to say, Saturday found me baking 28 dozen snicker doodles in my kitchen at home! I delivered plates to my FFF kids and bagged the rest for the congregation to take home on Sunday, along with some ornaments I made for a thank you as well.

So, barring any unforeseen disaster, we should be meeting Fri. Jan. 27th. Pray that it's a 'GO!

UP COMING EVENTS

January 11th Blood Drive

January 16th is the annual community dinner. See page 3 for more details.

January 29th is the Annual Congregational Meeting at which time committee reports will be accepted, 2017 budget will be presented, nominating committee will present slate for replacements on session and board of deacons and the corporation will hold its annual

Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in January will come from the following readings:

January 1st	Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23
January 8th	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17
January 15th	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
January 22nd	Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

GIVING TREE

Mission Team is once again setting up the Giving Tree in the chapel. We are collecting hats, gloves and small sized youth underwear for the nurse's office at the school. We will be collecting until January 22nd.

Newsletter Articles

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of October to Holly Keys
(holly.keys@aol.com or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, January

Mission Team Report

Your Mission Team met for a regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, and proceeded with the regular order of business - opened with prayer, daily reading from God Calling, and reports.

Neal and Amy will see to removing the Nativity Set and storing it until next year. It was noted of the lovely shadow that it cast on the side of the building when the spotlight was on it. **"Thank You"**, to Dawn Rea who provided and painted the memorial sign.

The Christmas Cookie sale was a success and added \$416. to the treasury. Thanks to all who helped, baked cookies, set up and cleaned up.

We are coordinating a **Free Community Dinner** in memory of Cal and Millie Chapman on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 16th from 5:00 until 6:30. Members of the Mission Team will furnish turkey, ham, potatoes, goulash, mac and cheese, chocolate milk and will be asking the congregation to add vegetable dishes, rolls and desserts. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the chapel Sunday, Jan 1.

The annual **"Giving Tree"** will also be set up to receive mittens, gloves, hats and small size underwear for the school nurse to distribute when needed. Items will be collected until Jan. 22nd.

Charlie told of his positive experience as a "bell ringer" at the Granville Price Chopper. He enjoyed it so much he went back for a second day. Thank You, Charlie.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 at Dolores' house. The congregation is invited to attend any meeting and suggestions for Mission projects are always greatly appreciated.

Community Dinner

Our annual Free Community Dinner given in memory of Cal and Millie Chapman is quickly approaching. This year's dinner will be held on Martin Luther King Day, Monday January 16th from 5-6:30pm. Mission Team is already supplying a turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, goulash, mac-n-cheese and some veggies. If you'd like to sign up for a dish, whether dessert

Congregational Meeting

January 29th is the Annual Congregational Meeting at which time committee reports will be accepted, 2017 budget will be presented, nominating committee will present slate for replacements on session and board of deacons and the corporation will hold its annual meeting. **All information to be included in the report is to be Holly by January**

Birthdays/Anniversaries

January Birthday's

2nd Jane Keys
19th Nancy Bardwell
David Moore
26th Christopher Barrett, Jr

January Anniversaries

3rd Tom & Jane Keys
5th Seth & Diane Pitts

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

January 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	3	4	5 Line Dancing 9:30am	6	7
8 Harry Booth Worship 10am	9 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	10	11 Blood Drive	12 Line Dancing 9:30am	13	14
15 David Haase Worship 10am	16 Free Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	17	18 Session 7pm	19 Line Dancing 9:30am	20 FFF 2:30pm	21
22 Rev Lois Wolff Worship 10am 4 Cents a Meal Collection Cub Scouts 1-6 pm	23 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	24	25	26 Line Dancing 9:30am	27	28
29 Worship 10am Annual Cong. Meeting 5th Sunday Services	30 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	31				

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with whatever gift each of you has received so that God
may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

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**Service Schedule for
January 2017**

Elder of the Month:

Sunday, January 1st

Reader: Jane Keys

Coffee Time: Mary Van DeWater
Amy Thetford

Sunday, January 15th

Reader: Sylvia Graham

Coffee Time: Nancy Bardwell
Neal Rea

Sunday, January 8th

Reader: Seth Pitts

Coffee Time: Marilyn Hanby & Donna Holmes

Sunday, January 22nd

Reader: David Simmons

Coffee Time: Diane Jilek & Nancy Roundtree

Sunday, January 29th

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH SERVICE