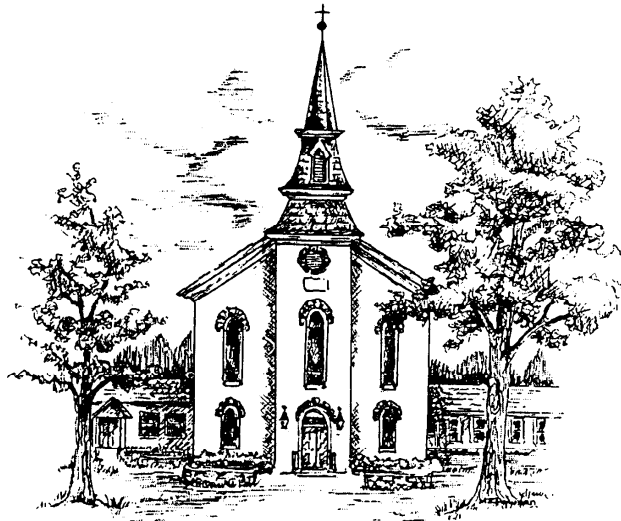


Inside Wentz's

February
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Would you like your Newsletter emailed to you? If so, please contact the church office. Not only will you receive the monthly newsletter, but also weekly reminders. If you do not wish us to email you, you can visit our website: www.wentzsucc.org and view the newsletter online, OR pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk.

Please send your email address to: office@wentzsucc.org

Thank you.

From Pastor Tony



“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’” (Matthew 9:9)

In-between times, you know, those times when we are not getting ready for some big holiday celebration, like Christmas or Easter, is where we spend most of our time. Think about it, most of your life is spent in routine, whether it's getting ready to go to school, or work; or, planning out the week's activities, most of our lives are spent in the in-between times of major events and holidays.

The Church is in such an in-between time. Having just finished the Christmas season, we are now awaiting the coming of Lent and Easter. We have this month to take a short break from the hectic planning and work focused on a particular season. We have this in-between time.

Yes, we still have the regular worship and service schedule. Yes, we still have meetings and fellowship gatherings. Yes, we still have opportunities to come together in study and prayer. Yes, we still have.... As you can see, we have our own routine in our religious experiences.

But, we also have this in-between time for reflection on our call to ministry. We have this time to focus on hearing the voice of God calling us to share in the spreading of the gospel, our routine religious activity. We have this time to ask ourselves how we are doing in our Christian journey.

So, before we move into the hectic season of Lent and Easter, let us use this gift of in-between time to evaluate our journey in Christ. Let's reflect upon what it means to be a disciple of Christ, and how we live that out in our daily routine, as well as, during the high seasons of the year. Let's pause and listen for that “still small voice” of God calling to us. Let's open our minds and hearts to new possibilities for ministry in Christ's name. Let's value this in-between time, and all the in-between times we have!

And just maybe, we may find ourselves in a new relationship with God in our Christian journey.



*Wentz's Family
Please keep these
members
and family and friends of
members in
your prayers:*

Lois McConnell Bill Detwiler Kathryn Eshbach
Melissa Johnson Pauline Thacker Thelma Wood
Betty Emma Wells Ginny Landis Kim Metzger
Fran & Mark (friends of the Weners); **David L. Boyer, Sr.** (brother-in-law of Patti Pursell); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Congregation); **Michael Corazon** (friend of Gail Reilley); **Debbie Deily** (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal); **Bill Fisher** (Brother-in-law of Denise Granlun); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Janet Garris** (friend of Kim Kline); **Edward Gresch & Family** (Son & family of Bev Gresch); **Doug Grunkley** (friend of the Domurats); **Kathy Heinz** (friend of the DuBree family); **Rich & Shirley Higgins** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Judy & Julie** (friends of the Weners); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Mary Lou Johnson** (Mom of Craig Johnson); **Jamie Jordan** (niece of the Rubery's); **Dorothy Klock** (friend of Jackie Wolfe); **William Jack Kocsi** (nephew of the Kocsi & Moore family); **Marsha Koopman** (sister of Denise Granlun); **Don Krapf** (friend of Kim Klines's); **Agnes Lafiata** (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); **Marianne Little** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Jamie Moyer** (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Taylor Moyer** (granddaughter of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Alexander Murph** (friend of Kim Kline); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June Wright); **Nunes Family** (friend of the Rader's); **Brian Peterson** (friend of the Congregation); **Beth Ann Phipps** (niece of Craig Johnson); **David Roper** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Mary Jane Roth** (mother of Megan Roth); **Hank Ryzner** (grandfather of Bob Darde); **Rose & Louis Santora** (family of Bev & Henrietta); **Grant Severance & Family** (friend of Mark Landis); **Lisa Serrao** (friend of the Kessler family); **Shackelton Family** (friend of Nancy Ricci); **Brian Tew** (friend of Debi Kinsky); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty Wilkie); **Ty White** (friend of Stacy Morton); **Wayne Wilkie** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Jeanette Yocum** (friends of Annalise Wilson); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

Baptisms, January 15, 2017

Joshua Michael Ostrowski, Son of Jon & Nichole Ostrowski

Deaths ~

Ted Rupley December 22, 2016
Thomas Geyer December 22, 2016

The Newsletter is published 11 times per year. **The deadline is always the 15th of every month.** To ensure communication throughout the entire Wentz's family, please contact the church office with your newsletter articles. Should you need assistance, please call us at 610-584-4855 and we'll take care of you. Your contribution to this newsletter is appreciated.

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Don't forget to use
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to help support our church.*



STEWARDSHIP AUCTION: Saturday, April 29 If you are ready to begin your Spring Cleaning...please remember the Stewardship Auction and consider donating items that you believe would sell. Our auction has been a great source of adding to our General Fund. Please contact Gerald Rader, 610.613.2766 if you have items to donate.

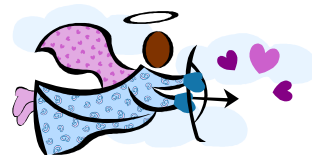
Wentz's Dessert Competition and Lunch
February 12 after the 10:45 Service of Worship



Sign up (at the Welcome Desk) if you will be attending this fun event AND/OR if you will be entering a dessert that may just win in one of the following categories: Most Beautiful, Most Artistic, Most Original, Cutest, or Best Tasting.

Voting is done by purchasing raffle tickets.

**ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY OFFERING**



On February 12 we will be collecting donations for All Saints Day offering. All these gifts go to supplement the health and dental insurance benefits for retired clergy and their spouses/widows, who receive low pension incomes. The recipients of these gifts have served faithfully in our conference and are very grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness

Annual Congregational Meeting February 26

There will be no Early Worship Service and no Sunday School. The Stewardship Committee will have breakfast in the morning beginning at 9am. The Congregational Meeting will begin at 10am, followed by the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship. More details to follow.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS in the hospital or may need to talk with the Pastor? If so, please inform the church office, or contact Pastor Tony: pastortony@wentzsucc.org



From a worship bulletin:

Our visitor center has an updated beverage menu. Stop by for some coffee or sweat tea. We look forward to meeting you!

This doesn't sound like a very *sweet* offer!

GIANT GIFT CARD PROGRAM: The Stewardship Committee has purchase 20 \$25 Giant Market gift cards. Wentz's receives 5% from the purchase. If you would like to purchase a gift card, please contact the church office.



Thank you from Oak Park Elementary.....

THANK YOU FROM OAK PARK ELEMENTARY: *To Wentz United Church of Christ Congregation - Thank you so much for your generous support of Oak Park Elementary School families again this year. For the last few years, the number of our families who qualify for free and reduced lunch has been increasing, which indicates an increase in the needs of our families. Similarly, we have seen an increase in the number of families who have participated in our holiday giving program. Without your continued assistance, we would not be able to help these families at the holidays. We have many families who have told us that without this help, they would not have been able to give their children a Christmas. As you can see from the sample thank you note from these families, they are truly grateful for this help. Thank you for your kindness, Mindy Schewe, Counselor (Please see notes from some of the families)*


To the people
who helped us.

...and thanking God for you.
Thank you so much
for your help during
the holidays. It was
greatly appreciated and
much needed.
Thanks so much!

We want to thank you so
much for the gifts. We
appreciate it! Also thank you
for the food we received as
well. We are grateful for
this community who come together
to help those in need. God bless
to all.

from a thankful
Oak Park Family



Thank you for supporting our
family in our time of need, 

- Amani From Oak Park

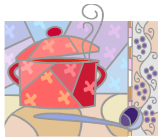
We thank you very much for the
Christmas gifts and food. We are
very happy for the happiness of
our children. Thanks

from a thankful Parent.



Youth Group News

All youth group members need to complete the Wentz's UCC Information Sheet with your insurance information in order to participate in youth group events. This form can be found online at: www.wentzsucc.org and on the youth group bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, February 5th is our annual Souper Bowl Collection after worship. We will also host a Football Tailgate themed Coffee Hour and have a Youth Group Meeting afterwards..



Sunday, February 12th is our annual Dessert Competition and Luncheon!

Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP LUNCHEON AND DESSERT COMPETITION



The congregation of Wentz's are invited to come together for fun and fellowship in a dessert competition and lunch to benefit Wentz's Youth Group on Sunday, February 12 following the 10:45 am service ! Everyone is welcome to make a dessert that will be judged in each of these categories: Most Beautiful, Most Artistic, Most Original, Cutest, and Best Tasting. Voting is done by purchasing tickets, and placing them in a container labeled with each judging category. Winners are selected by how many tickets are collected in each category. Following the judging, and lunch, we eat the dessert entries and vote on Best Tasting in the same manner as the other categories. The dessert with the most votes wins! Ribbons will be awarded for each winning category.



Happy February from the "Kidz" at Wentz's!

We are having a fantastic year here at the pre-school! Look for the bird feeders hanging in the tree, or the pumpkins on the side of the yard that we are hoping will bring us new pumpkins next year.

Our kindergarten class is thriving!

Parents at Worcester Elementary are excited to hear of our program and looking forward to signing up for next year!!

Registration is now open for all classes. See the new flyers on the welcome desk, or email wentzkidz2thruk@gmail.com for more information.

Thanks and have a great month!

Kim Bauer, Director

☀ 8:30am Journey Service (first of the month) & then Regular Service the Sundays following, 9:30am Sunday School; Allegro Ringers during Offertory; Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/Youth Choir, Flute Choir & Youth Band following Children's Message at the 10:45am Service of Worship; 10:30am Prelude chimes 10:45am church service

✝ Summer Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 pm AA	2 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	3 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	4
5 ☀ 8:30am Journey Service w/ Communion Souper Bowl Sunday 12noon Youth Group Meeting	6 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	7 7:30pm AA	8 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory 8 pm AA	9 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	10 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	11
12 ☀ Annual Dessert Competition & Luncheon	13 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	14 7:30pm AA	15 8 pm AA <u>Articles for March Newsletter Due</u>	16 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry	17 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	18
19 ☀ 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting	20 Holiday—Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	21 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	22 8 pm AA	23 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	24 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	25
26 ☀ 9am Breakfast Congregational Meeting No Early Service & No Sunday School	27 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	28 6:15pm Fastnacht 7:30pm AA	* Please note that the Resounding Ringers' practice schedule will either be on Monday night or Tuesday night. Laura will post the schedule on the music calendar on the website, or you may contact Laura: dlrmclennan@gmail.com or 215-234-4635			