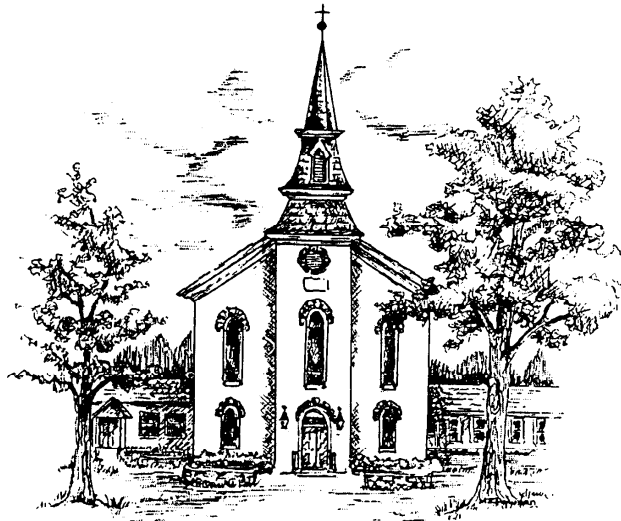


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Inside Wentz's



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

From Pastor Tony



“Happy New Year!” so rings out the cheerful greetings of this New Year. People wishing one another fortune and good luck, making of resolutions as one examines one’s life, and the excitement of new possibilities in the days and months ahead all mark the meaning behind this simple phrase.

As we make our resolutions for this year, we are reminded of the promises of God fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ. The promise of God’s presence with us in all our living days is renewed in the recent Christmas message. The promise of God’s salvation is revealed in the Child of Bethlehem. The promise of God’s challenges is lived out in our daily journeys of faith.

As we look toward the new year, there is much to excite us, as well as challenge us. The new music and all-purpose room has been completed and is in use by the various choirs, as well as meeting space for the church programs. The challenge of a new Sunday School of educational programs for children, youth and adults is found in the calendar days ahead. The good news is coming in the Easter proclamation of the risen Christ! The completion of the Confirmation journey for some of our youth and the beginning of discovery of the Christian message for others is available each time we gather. The support of Bethany Children’s Home and Oak Park Elementary Christmas project, the sharing with Manna on Main St. and Holy Joe’s Café, the support for One Great Hour of Sharing and Neighbors in Need, the annual Church Auction and Church Bazaar, Fastnacht and Mother’s Day banquets, Wentz’s Fest and Rally Day, fellowship times and moments of prayer for others, Bell choir concerts and the Christmas Cantata, work projects and mission outreach – all these and more loom on the horizon of the new year to bring us challenge and excitement for ministry!

And, there is worship and service, through which we give glory to God and discover God’s presence in our lives lived out in faith. Singing, praying and proclaiming we worship the One who brings us salvation – from the birth in Bethlehem through the Cross on Calvary to the empty tomb of Easter!

So, as we look towards the year ahead, let us make our resolutions and include those of our ministry through worship and service. In so doing, and in so keeping, may we discover the wonder and grace of God who in Jesus calls us to live out the kingdom in our lives.

Happy New Year!



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

Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach	Pauline Thacker
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as (nephew of the Rubery's); Danny Applewhite (stepson of Gordon Todd, Jr.); Barbie		
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ley); 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.		
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er, Jr. (friend of the Rubery's); Rich & Shirley Higgins (friend of Bev Gresch); Judy		
& Julie (friends of the Weners); Jessica Jannenga (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law);		
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Dorothy Klock (friend of Jackie Wolfe); Edith Kallensee (Mother of Georgia Slater);		
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Brian, Tracy & Sophia Lukens (friend of the Rubery's); Marlee Mintzer-Shaner		
(friend of the Reed family); The family of Pat Montenegro (friends of the Bickle fami-		
ly); Nathan Morton (Nephew of Stacy Morton); The Moyer Family (family of Carl		
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need to talk with the Pastor?
If so, please inform the church
office, or contact Pastor Tony:
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**ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS~**

Your 2017 reports are due in the church office by **January 15, 2018**. Remember, Wentz's is a work in progress. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. office@wentzsucc.org

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

All women of the church are invited to attend the Women's Guild Meeting on January 22nd at 7pm.



COLLECTION

for the Animals

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS: The Sunday School will be collecting items for animal shelters/rescues so please keep this in mind while you are shopping during the holiday season. Items include: food, beds, blankets, toys, etc. Please see Debi Kin-sky for more details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning January 7th

Art Bustard will be teaching a new Sunday School Class starting on January 7th. The class will use a new video from Ray Vander Laan called "A Clash of Kingdoms" and looks at Paul's Journey to Greece and the difference in world views of the secular world and the Christian message. This is the 15th lesson that Ray has produced and Art thinks it is one of his best. Please join Art on the 7th and see what you think.

Offering Envelopes



**2018 Offering Envelopes
are available in the Guild
Room. Please remember to
pick up family members'
envelopes also.**

A Prayer for the New Year

*A thought to contemplate at the
beginning of the New Year.*

Dear Lord, touch me with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal your love and light. In your name. Amen.

MARTIN
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KING JR.
Day



Multi—Church Ecumenical MLK Day Service

This year our ecumenical partner churches are cooperating for a first-ever Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service on **Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 7pm**. The service will be held at Trinity Christian Church UCC in Skippack. There will be a combined choir for anyone interested in singing. Participants are asked to review the music (ask Pastor Tony for a copy) and to meet at 6:30pm at Trinity Christian Church on the 14th. For more information, see Pastor Tony.



Happy New Year!

As we head into 2018, we at the preschool would like to begin by extending our thanks to the congregation for having the faith and resolve to believe in us. We realize there has been much love and support, as well as debate and soul-searching regarding our viability. We are grateful to be celebrating a happy, NEW year! Thank you!

For 2018, We the preschool resolve to:

**Finish the work we started in 2017 towards full licensing.*

On 12/7/17 we were visited by the state for an unannounced inspection. It is the second of three required drop in visits towards full license. (Currently operating under a 6 month provisional license.)

This inspection focused on our record keeping for our staff. All paperwork documentation (about 15-17 individual items per staff member) were in perfect order. All training by staff members (CPR, Fire Safety, and 6 hours of additional Health and Safety) has been completed. All classrooms were checked for safety issues (tipping hazards secured to wall, toxics/hand sanitizer/sharp teacher scissors, all out of reach of children.) Teachers were each asked questions by the inspector to make sure they are familiar with the state regulations. We had to change some space issues, but by doing so, came away from the inspection with zero violations!

**We resolve to continue serving our families with the same love and support that you have shown us throughout this process.*

**And we vow to make you proud!*

Happy New Year! Here's to a fantastic 2018!! ~ Kim Bauer, Director



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.

Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.

Jan 7 **6:30pm Youth Group Meeting (discuss February Events including Baking Competition –February 11)**

Jan 12—13 **Friday 9pm to Saturday 8am Youth Group Lock-In**



Jan 21 **6:30pm Youth Group Meeting**

☀ 8:30am Early Service
 9:30am Sunday School;
 *10:45 a.m. Worship Service/1st Sunday of the month—blended service w/ communion
 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
 ☩ Summer Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Holiday—Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)</i>	2 <i>7:30pm AA</i>	3 <i>8 pm AA</i>	4 <i>7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA</i>	5 <i>8pm AA (Men)</i>	6
7 ☀ <i>10:45am Blended Service with Communion 6:30pm Youth Group Mtg</i>	8 <i>6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm 5Year Planning Committee</i>	9 <i>7:30pm AA</i>	10 <i>8 pm AA 6:30 p.m. Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory Mtg</i>	11 <i>7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA</i>	12 <i>8pm AA (Men) 9pm Youth Group Lock-in begins</i>	13 <i>8am Youth Group Lock-in ends</i>
14 ☀ <i>7pm Community MLK Service @ Trinity Church UCC, Skippack</i>	15 <i>6:30 pm AA (Women Only) <u>Articles for February Newsletter Due</u></i>	16 <i>7:30pm AA</i>	17 <i>8 pm AA</i>	18 <i>7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry</i>	19 <i>8pm AA (Men)</i>	20
21 ☀ <i>6:30pm Youth Group Mtg</i>	22 <i>6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Guild Meeting</i>	23 <i>7:30pm AA 7:30pm CE Meeting</i>	24 <i>8 pm AA</i>	25 <i>7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA</i>	26 <i>8pm AA (Men)</i>	27
28 ☀	29 <i>6:30pm AA (Women only)</i>	30 <i>7:30pm AA</i>	31 <i>8 pm AA</i>			