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# F. CHATTERBOX

### ST. JAMES UCC ■ JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2017

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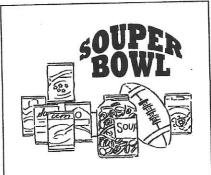
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#### Take Note:





Sunday - February 5th (after worship)



Sunday - February 19th 12:00Noon

#### Reflections From the Pastor...

Wishing all of you a blessed, healthy, happy New Year 2017, not just for New Year's Day, but for every day of this new year.

By the time you will get this newsletter, it will already by 2017. In thinking about the new year, I always try to make new resolutions to focus on. I came across this scripture passage in the Daily Guideposts for 2017 for January 1st.

Proverbs 16:24 (NSRV) reads: "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body."

This sounds like a good goal for the new year - "the kind words goal." To speak kind words instead of saying hurtful, insulting words to family, friends, or co-workers. Hurtful, insulting words come of our mouths so easily it seems, even in church, or at committee meetings before we even realize what we have said. Loud voices, hurtful words are not the way Jesus wants us to treat each other.

Will you join me in taking on this new challenge, the new goal for this year - "the kind words goal?" Let's make kind words a habit! 'Cut out this scripture from Proverbs 16:24 and put it at your desk, by your chair or on the refrigerator as a reminder:

> "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body." (Proverbs 16:24)

As I begin my 9th year with you, let's make a difference in the world this new year of 2017. Think before you utter a hurtful or insulting word to anyone else ever again, instead "make kind words a habit this year!"

(Daily Guideposts, January 1, 2017 - by Stephanie Thompson)

Co-workers in Christ, Pastor Lorraine

## January 2017 Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, January 1st

New Year's Day 10:00AM Worship Usher Team: B

Scriptures:

Isaiah 63:7-9

Matthew 2:13-23

#### Sunday, January 15th

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: A

Scriptures: Psalm 40:1-11

John 1:29-42

#### Sunday, January 29th

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: C

Scriptures: Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

#### Sunday, January 8th

Epiphany Sunday / Installation of Consistory / Communion / Birthday Sunday / Fellowship Hour 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: C

Scriptures: Psalm 29

Matthew 3:13-17

#### Sunday, January 22nd

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: B

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-4

Matthew 4:12-23

#### Sponsored by:

January - Aaron Buckmiller

February - Pastor Lorraine



### February 2017 Worship Schedule

#### Sunday, February 5th

5th Sunday After Epiphany / Souper Bowl of Caring

/ Birthday Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: A

Scriptures: I Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

#### Sunday, February 19th

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: C Scriptures:

#### Sunday, February 12th

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany / Fellowship Hour 9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: B

Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-37

#### Saturday, February 26th

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship

Usher Team: A

Scriptures:

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



January 1, 2017 RING IN the NEW YEAR

with St. James on January 1st at a 10:00AM worship service. No Sunday School.

#### January 8, 2017

We will start the New Year off right with the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Installation of our Consistory for 2017. Join us as we celebrate all those who have birthdays in January and a Fellowship Hour sponsored by Aaron Buckmiller.

#### February 5, 2017

Souper Bowl of Caring and Birthday Sunday

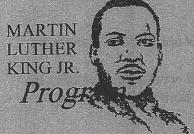
#### February 12, 2017

Fellowship Hour after worship in Honor of Valentines Day!

#### Monday, January 16, 2017

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner & Program

The program will begin at 1:00PM in the sanctuary with speakers Allentown Police Chief Keith Morris and Joseph Marte.



Free dinner at 11:30AM and 2:15PM - please call church office or with Bob speak Bernhard for tickets.

Annual Yearbook articles Chairpersons from Committees are due January 30th, 2017. Please them to Amy church Buchanan, our secretary.



#### **Christian Education**

The Adult Sunday School Class is working through the book "Encountering Jesus". We meet at 9:30AM every Sunday morning in the parlor. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Sunday School Class meets at 9:30AM in the Library Sunday mornings with teacher Lynn Heinaman. All children are welcome.

The St. James UCC Book Club is reading "Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life" written by Harold S. Kushner. This is the same author who wrote, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People". Please join us on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00AM.





January- macaroni and cheese (boxed) / cans of tuna / spam

February - assorted canned vegetables

Sign-up sheets for Fellowship Hour, Have A Good Day (\$12.00), and Bulletin Chart (\$10.00) for 2017 are available to sign your name and sponsor in the back of the sanctuary. Thank You!

#### HAVE A GOOD DAY

You can sponsor the "Have A Good Day" insert for \$12.00 per month. Please call the church office and speak with Amy to sign up, or sign up on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

The "Have a Good Day" insert for the month of January is sponsored by Aaron Buckmiller.

The "Have a Good Day" insert for the month of February is sponsored by

When Sunday School and Worship are cancelled due to inclement weather:

Please call the church office at (610) 432-7677 if you are in doubt. A message will be put on or

listen to channel 69 for closings. Thank You!



#### PRINTER CARTRIDGE Recycling

Remember to bring in your empty ink printer cartridges and place them in the box marked "Printer Cartridges" in the back of the sanctuary. For each cartridge brought in, St. James UCC receives \$2.00 towards a rebate on office expenses.

If you, or a family member, are admitted to the hospital, remember to give the.....



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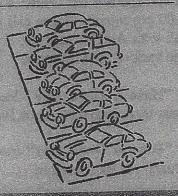
You can also call the church office with information. Slips with the church code on them are located in the back of the sanctuary.

Newsletter articles for the March/April issue are due February 12, 2017! Thank You!

Information or changes to be placed in the weekly bulletin must be received by 9:00AM Tuesday morning to be included in that weeks bulletin.

NO PARKING

— at the Hotel
Traylor without a permit!



#### **BonTon Community Sales**

Thank you for all your support of our participation in 2016 Community Days Sales at Bon Ton. We realized a total of \$200.00.

This money has been donated toward expenses incurred from the installation of the new LED sign.

Thank you again to all who participated.

Carol Klement

Please continue to help us by bringing in your × Redner's Tapes. Thank You!



REDNER'S TAPES

## CHATTERBOX NEWS!

NOVEMBER ...

#### **Boiler Heat Committee**

- Boiler Heat Fund balance as of Consistory meeting: \$12,702.73.
- Heating system has been serviced and waiting to see how the system functions under daily use.

#### **Hospitality Committee**

- Hospitality bank balance as of 11/1/16: nearly \$12,000.00.
- October Hoagies Sales profit \$370.50
- Chow Chow profit to be determined after all expenses.
- Volunteers needed to help make bake pies November 21, 22, and 23 - contact Eileen Bernhard to volunteer 610-432-3715. Pie(s) pick-up is November 23 after 9AM.

- December 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cookie sales half or full dozen cookies per bag, price what you think cookies should sell for.
- Annual Christmas Dinner, December 11<sup>th</sup>, turkey and all the trimmings. Five or six turkeys needed for the dinner.

#### Vision & Growth Committee

LED sign arrived, total cost of sign \$785.00.
 Mike Sincavage notified Sam of Al Beck & Son Electrical, LLC and we are now on the schedule for some time after November 14th. The church will reimburse the electrician for all permit fees.

#### **Property Committee**

- Still working on the replacement of the exterior quartz floodlights with LED floodlights and housings. Current lights are 500 watts each and 2 are not functioning. Estimated cost installed \$1,500.
- Chair lift to Fellowship hall has been repaired.

#### Consistory wants you to know ...

- St. James UCC hand bells on loan to Zion's Reformed UCC (620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown) were picked up October 25, 2016. On loan: 2 Octave Sets of hand bells, two to three hand bells need adjusting and maintenance. Pastor Stevens reported that the cost to repair the bells is \$800, of which Zion's Reformed UCC will cover the cost.
- Terms completed: A special note of thanks to Bob Bernhard and Dr. Charles Peters for serving on the St. James U.C.C. Consistory. We thank Amy Calnan and Miriam George as well for their commitment to the Memorial Endowment Committee. We sincerely appreciate your devotion to our church!

#### DECEMBER...

#### **Boiler Heat Committee**

- Boiler Heat Fund balance as of Consistory meeting: \$12,702.73.
- Two compressor pumps have been replaced.
- Two thermostats have been replaced.
- Heating system pipe has been replaced.

#### **Hospitality Committee**

- Hospitality bank balance as of 11/30/16: \$12,819.84, plus an additional \$1,528 has been deposited recently – grand total of \$14,347.84.
- November Hoagies Sales profit \$315.00
- Chow Chow profit \$502.00.
- Thanksgiving Pies profit \$286.00
- Christmas Cookies Sale \$75.00.
- Annual Christmas Dinner profit \$350.00.
- Hoagie Sale Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
- Mark your calendars: Steak Sandwich Dinner, Sunday, January 22, 2017.

#### **Vision & Growth Committee**

- Electrical work for LED sign installation by Al Beck & Son Electrical, LLC should be completed by Christmas.
- Carol Klement reported that the proceeds from this year's Bon Ton Community Days coupon book sales (\$200) would be used to defray LED sign expenses. We sincerely appreciate this donation – thank you, Carol!
- V&G welcomes anyone wishing to join our committee – speak to Taylor Ernst or Marie Sincavage for more information about V&G.

#### **Property Committee**

- Still working on the replacement of the exterior quartz floodlights with LED floodlights and housings. Current lights are 500 watts each and 3 are not functioning. Estimated cost installed \$1,500.
- Doorbells to church are now working.
- Small wall area in Head Start classroom to be repaired.
- Small pipe leak in boiler room to be checked out.

#### Consistory wants you to know ...

#### 2017 Consistory officers:

President – Fred Charles, II Vice President – Michael Sincavage Recording Secretary – Marie Sincavage

Installation of Consistory - January 8, 2017.

Wishing everyone in our St. James United Church of Christ family a happy and healthy 2017! Thank you for purchasing hoagies in September and October!



Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Christmas dinner — everything was delicious - Karl Trobetsky who made the filling and Lyn Unger who made the bacon dressing, Elmer Fries, Fred Charles, Joan Nyemscek, Stan Sell, Marie & Michael Sincavage, Ginny Hawkins, Carol Klement, Tim Finn, Karl Trobetsky, and Eileen & Bob Bernhard. Thank You!

#### January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 12:00Noon (after church)

Menu: steak sandwiches (plain or cheese), loaded baked potato, apple sauce, beverage and dessert.

Cost: adults - \$9.00, children 6-13 - \$4.50, children under 6 FREE!



Dinner



### February 19th, 2017

12:00Noon to 2:00PM (after church)

Menu: all you can eat spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert.

Cost: adults - \$8.00, children 6-13 - \$4.00, children under 6 FREE!

#### January 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 - Sundays

We will be collecting cans of soup for the Allentown Food Bank the month of January. Vote for your NFL and AFL teams. Tables will be set up in the sanctuary.



### February 5<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl Sunday (after church)

Homemade soups and barbecue. All donations given to the Allentown Food Bank.



Many Thanks,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of 3 boxes of food.

Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

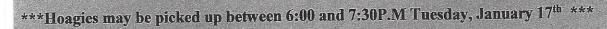
Thank you for your donation.

Sincerely, AAEFB

ST. JAMES HOAGIE SA

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

- ⇒ \$4.00 per Hoagie & \$3.00 per sandwich
- ⇒ Use order form or call Bob Bernhard 610-435-4315, or Karl Trobetsky - 610-434-6345
- ⇒ All orders must be turned into the Church by Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- ⇒ The profit attained from this Fundraiser will benefit the Church



	HOAGIES					SANDWICHES		
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Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

- ⇒ \$4.00 per Hoagie & \$3.00 per sandwich
- ⇒ Use order form or call Bob Bernhard 610-435-4315, or Karl Trobetsky - 610-434-6345
- ⇒ All orders must be turned into the Church by Monday, February 20th, 2017
- ⇒ The profit attained from this Fundraiser will benefit the Church

\*\*\*Hoagies may be picked up between 6:00 and 7:30P.M Tuesday, February 21st \*\*\*

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# BIRTHDAYS this month

#### **JANUARY**

5	Emilia G. Galliani
6	Virginia Hawkins
7	Ann Klipple
9	Merissa Seminara
0	Matthew Danner
18	Kathleen Reynard
20	Matthew Beck
22	Douglas Patt
22	Cooper Shultz
23	Zachary Heinaman
24	Michael Danner
24	Janice Kiefer
24	Alexandria Smith

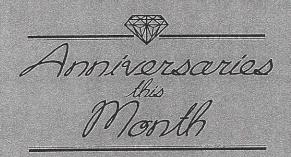
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#### FEBRUARY

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1	Dorothy Greenawald
1	Bryce Watts
3	John Nyemscek
4	Jeanette Hausman
5	Anna Laudenslager
6	Carol Klement
7	Dorothy Bowie
8	Lucille Geist
8	Michael Sweigart
10	Lucille Kern
13	Denise Jones
17	Sandy Sweigart
22	Pam Deppe
22	Bobby Acker
25	Steven Kiefer
27	Mary Ernst <sup>*</sup>
28	Brianna Hill
28	Jean Spaide
20	Cindy Erdmon



#### **FEBRUARY**

15 Pam & Carl Deppe



### "The Wise May Bring Their Learning" The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth, And some may bring their greatness, and some bring strength and health;

We, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;
We have no wealth or learning; what shall we children bring?
We'll bring him hearts that love him; we'll bring him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways;
And these shall be the treasures we offer to the King,
And these are gifts that even the poorest child may bring.
We'll bring the little duties we have to do each day;
We'll try our best to please him, at home, at school, at play;
And better are these treasures to offer to our King;
Than richest gifts without them — yet these a child may bring.













# JANUARY 2017

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#### FINANCIALS AND ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 2016

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10/30	1	1	1	1	28	\$769.00	\$35.00	\$11.00

Average worship attendance for October 2015 – 32

October 2016 - 27

Monthly Income - \$7,940.75

Monthly Expense - \$13,404.15

#### FINANCIALS AND ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2016

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11/27	1	1	1	1	30	\$408.55	-	\$36.00

Average worship attendance for November 2015 - 30

November 2016 - 33

Monthly Income - \$7,124.12

Monthly Expense - \$7,450.

#### **PAM'S TRIVIA CORNER**

#### LOVE IS STRENGTH

Dear God, strengthen us with your love. Amen

Dear God, we come to You for strength for the hours ahead, the days and months ahead. Strengthen our spirits, our will, our power to do and be. Strengthen us with Your love.

Dear God, fill us with healing strength. Strengthen our bodies, bless us with vitality and energy and life.

Dear God, fill us with the strength to stand fast in our faith, to be undismayed by appearances. We shall not falter, nor fail, knowing that You are with us, that You are holding our hands.

Dear God, fill us with the strength we need to do the things before us to do this day and months ahead. Bless all our efforts with success.

Dear God, we feel Your strengthening presence with us. We feel upheld and sustained in Your love. We know that we are strong in You.

#### TRIVIA QUESTIONS: Ark, ark, who's got the ark?

- 1.) Who made the Ark of the Covenant?
- 2.) What tribe did God choose to carry it?
- 3.) What body of water parted when the priests carried the Ark into it?
- 4.) To whose temple did the enemies take the Ark?
- 5.) Who kept the Ark for David and was blessed because of it?
- A.) The tribe of Levi
- B.) Dagon
- C.) Bezalel
- D.) Obed Edon
- E.) The Jordan River

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