

OUR SPIRE

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Valentine's Day

Every day brings an opportunity to say, "I love you" to those in our lives who mean a great deal to us. There is one day above all the rest when we show the world an outward expression of our feelings. Yes, you guessed it! Valentine's Day! We shower our loved ones with flowers, candy, cards, jewelry, and many other things.

There are many beliefs and legends surrounding the beginning of Valentine's Day. Many historians trace the beginning to a festival in Ancient Rome honoring the Roman Goddess, Juno. It was celebrated on February 14th. Others believe a priest named Valentine defied the Roman Emperor, Claudius, by secretly marrying young couples.

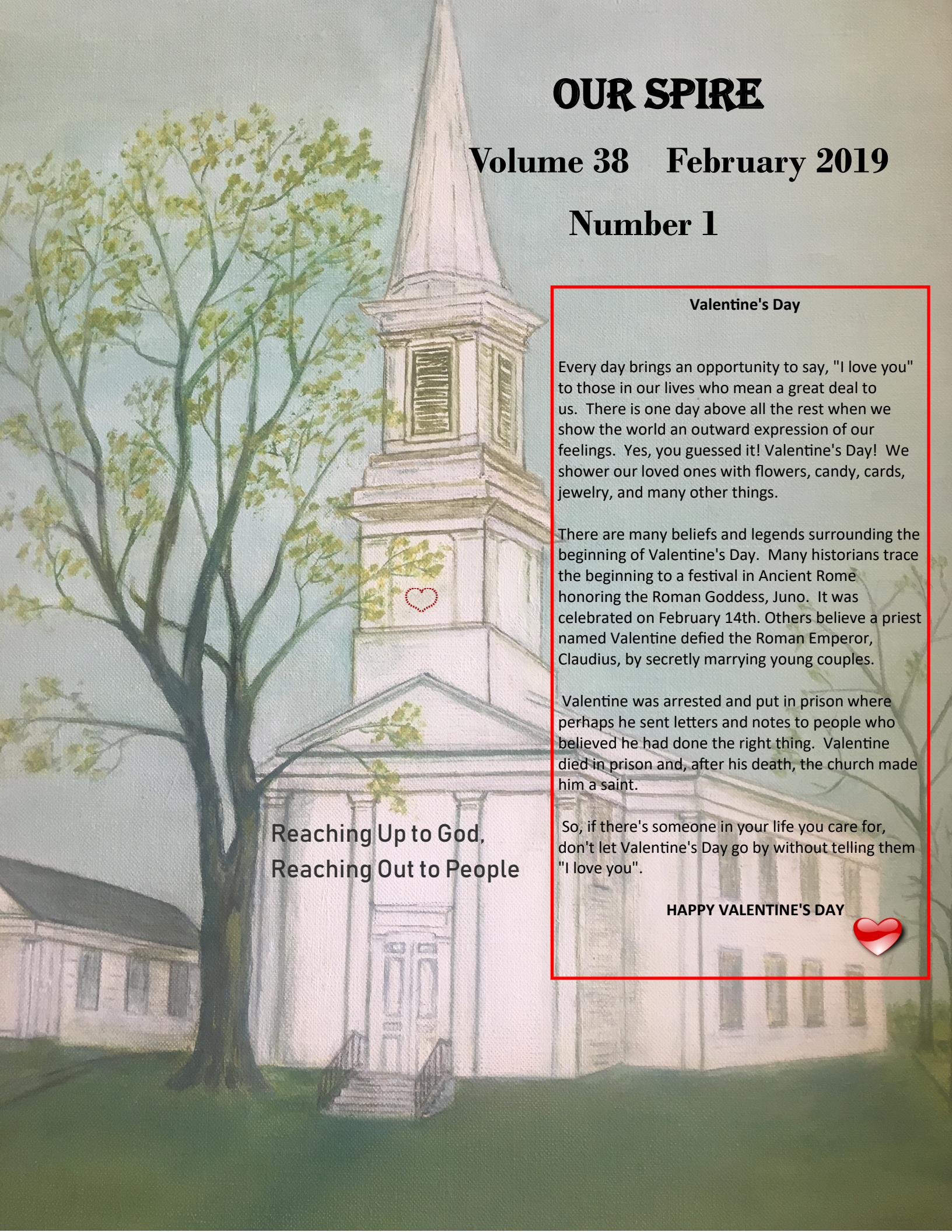
Valentine was arrested and put in prison where perhaps he sent letters and notes to people who believed he had done the right thing. Valentine died in prison and, after his death, the church made him a saint.

So, if there's someone in your life you care for, don't let Valentine's Day go by without telling them "I love you".

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Reaching Up to God,
Reaching Out to People



Pastor's Page



Valentine's Day is not a big deal, or is it?

The Bible does not tell people to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day, or any other saint's day. Does this mean we should do it, or should there be no flowers, cards or expressions of love on February 14th?

Whether or not you celebrate Valentine's day depends on who you ask. I present two sides here—reasons for and against the celebration. I hope to show you the more important question is not *if* we should celebrate Valentine's Day, but *how* we celebrate Valentine's day.

Here is one argument for why Christians should not celebrate the day of red Cupids, golden arrows and modern-day overpriced merchandize.

We begin with sainthood itself. According to biblical terminology, a saint, like Valentine, is a faithful Christian. This gifted one has been called out of this world's society and given God's Spirit. Paul explains this well. "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

Saints are not only a few famous holy people; the whole of God's abiding church consists of people the Bible calls saints. Here's the deal though. Saints have never wanted anyone to pray to them or worship them, then or today (Acts 14:11-18; Revelation 19:10).

Would God want His people to celebrate/worship saints? Here's what He tells His people: "Do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods" (Deuteronomy 12:30-31). In other words, don't worship other gods.

So, if you're not worshipping Saint Valentine or celebrating him, but celebrating love itself...enjoy giving—or receiving—that box of chocolate, valentine care or bunch of flowers.

See, *God is love* (1 John 4:8). Love is God. When we love, we extend God's presence into the world. Here is the truth. Secularism has taken a great deal from present-day Christian life and traditions. No one can argue that the church is no longer an American cultural hub—at least not like it was. What if that changed, even for a day—or I say the whole month of February? What if Christianity engaged some of today's secularism not for the sake of secularism, but rather for with the plan of letting God's love be known through acts of love? What if we Christians took Valentine's Day as a day to let God's love be known, felt, heard and even tasted?

I won't deny the commercialism of Valentine's Day. I won't let this mid-February holiday pass by either, not without appropriating it because it is never wrong to say, "I love you." It is never wrong to be romantic, either.

Take this further. It's never the wrong day to share a story of how God loves you, or how God loves the person you are talking with in the moment. Maybe some of us need to rethink how big Valentine's Day can be.

If we think Valentine's Day is the appreciation of a true saint who loved love and think nothing more of it than a Hallmark card holiday, then love doesn't win. I think love should win. I think love should conquer, not cower. Join me. We celebrate love the entire month in the sermon series TIME TO LOVE.

Beyond your sweetheart or your young kids, someone you know needs love. They totally need love. Whether this love comes in a red, heart-shaped box or not, do the God thing. Let love be known. Let love be shared.



Message to the Church!

During the week leading up to Christmas, I was doing my usual late Christmas shopping in one of my favorite stores, Parable Christian Book Store in Johnson City, when an item caught my eye. It looked and it was a great value, so I put it in my basket with my other items.

This is the first gift in January to all of you – you are the church, right? Well, lets see what it is – you’re all in, right?

The gift is the book “Autopsy of a Deceased Church. 12 ways to keep yours Alive” by Thom Ranier. When I saw this book, I didn’t think that we were in trouble, but I saw the red letters “12 ways to keep your church alive” and I thought, well, for a 200+ year old church, this church is very alive – we’re active, we have all kinds of groups, we’re getting more and more involved in our community, we’re paying the bills, the lights and heat are on, we have a full-time pastor – right? Right, we have something here to be proud of, boast about -no, but thank God and the Holy Spirit for the work He has shown us we can do with Him- but, look around you- Is it safe to say that our congregation is aging? Yes, gracefully, but really think about it – where will we be in 10 years, 20 years, 30 years form now? I don’t want us to be one of the statistics- there are over 150,000 churches in America showing some kind of sickness. Some a little and some that are terminal and some that are closer to home than we would like to admit. This church is a survivor- look at what we physically went through this past year alone – but it’s not only the building – it’s the level of commitment of all of you – it’s the passion of the people of this congregation, led by the Holy Spirit, that continues to do amazing things. However, we need to ask ourselves some hard questions. This year our stewardship committee will be challenged like never before- and they will, in turn, be challenging you! To reminisce, to dream, and to plan, along with the Holy Spirit, what will be the future of this church.

We’re healthy now – Let’s not wait until we’re sick! We have to ask ourselves questions like: How do we reach out to younger generations? What is church to a millennial? How can we be there for them and get them involved? How can we help our community? Am I comfortable with the way things are in this cozy little church? Do I just want the little white church on the hill to stay like I’ve always remembered?

I know, I have only been here eight years or so, but I remember a Methodist Church, in the town I grew up in, that was once thriving – full-time pastor, choir, junior choir, youth group, adult groups, functions, you name it, it was going on. Now, it’s a three-charge church, sharing a pastor with two other churches, struggling to keep attendance at worship- it’s sad!! I don’t want this for our church!

So, we, the stewardship committee, are asking you: Are you in? Are you in for the long haul? Are you ready for some serious input and discussion? We’re excited about what we will be planning in the future and trusting that you love the “church”, and I’m not speaking of just this building or our denomination, but the Biblical Church, the Whole Church! Our gift is our church, alive and healthy. Are you “all in” to plan the future so it will stay that way?

- Message from Craig Stout -



- A message from Your Stewardship Committee -

To sing “We wish you on Merry Christmas!” on Sunday, January 13th?

It’s true! The congregation sang, without missing a beat, the Christmas carol we all know so well in mid-January. Why? Because Christmas matters. Because Christ with us on earth matters. Because the gifts we have received as a congregation matter. Because the gifts we give as a congregation matter.

We have been singing Christmas carols throughout January and this particular carol, if you think about it, is important because we wish others a Merry Christmas...and you know the next line here...we also wish them and a happy New Year.

How are we to have a Happy New Year?

Christmas in January leads to goal setting in February

Your Stewardship Committee has had the opportunity to present with Pastor Will’s sermons a series called CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY. It has been exciting to look at all the gifts we have been given by God over the past years. It’s equally exciting to see all the gifts the Holy Spirit has asked us to give in these years as well. We are truly blessed to be a church so alive!

At this year’s Annual Meeting, the Stewardship Committee led a special new concept. During our report time, we broke into smaller groups for 15 minutes to hear just how God is speaking to—and through—us gift givers. We contemplated goals for the next five years. Taking the information collected prayerfully, your Stewardship Committee now invites you all to discern our goals together at a churchwide meeting on Sunday, February 24 after worship. We’ll have a covered dish dinner on February 24th and will present the goals for the next five years at this time.

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, we have included the same sheet of previous and future goals here that was used at that meeting. Also included is a sheet that lists blessings we have and future blessings we hope for. This sheet may give you some ideas for our future goals.

As Congregationalists, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE! Take the goal sheet out of *Our Spire* and pray about how God should use us in future years. Write down your goals. Send them back to the Stewardship Committee at the church by February 18 so they can be included in the discussion at our February meeting. A future *Spire* will post the results of the February meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you and pray the Holy Spirit leads us boldly into the future.



Goals to be completed in:

2017	2018	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• start a fund to have the church sided with concrete siding instead of costly painting• Sign out front to let our community know what is happening (digital and closer to the road)• Field leveled so kids can play• Become one church family• Sign out front	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• have the sign is place• Parking lot• Better sound system through the church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• complete parking lot to improve drainage to the Memorial garden• New addition• Community center for community activities and youth activities

Additional Goals: Help needy kids, create playground, clothes, food, shoes, paint building, increase church attendance, visits to elderly and homebound

Your suggestions of Goals to be completed in:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<p>**Must be to the Stewardship Committee by February 20, 2019 to be considered in this project</p>				

Christmas Recap

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Participating groups:

4H, Boy & Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts

Mountain View School, Veterans

Harford Fire Company and Ambulance

Local Law Enforcement, Trehab

Susquehanna County Sherriff

Local and County Government

Harford Township Supervisor

Harford Historical Society, Interfaith

Church (Willing Worker, Ugly Quilts,

Missionaries, GAME ON)

All Welcome Grief Support Group



Advent Wreath Lit by:

Millard family

Masters Family

Titus/Clarkson family

Reuss Family



Children's Christmas Pageant:

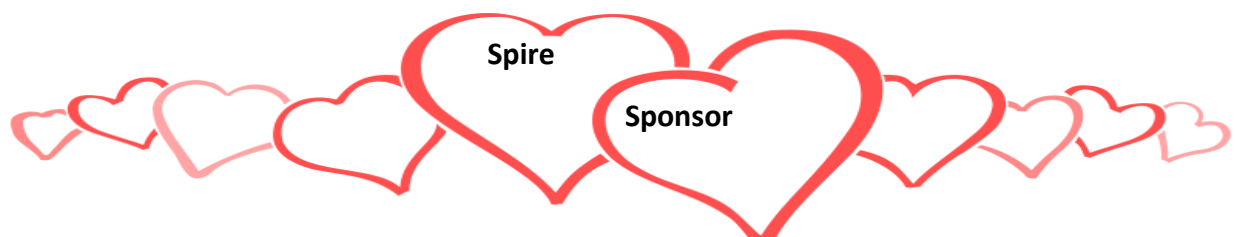
Read by Tanner Stout and Bailey Millard



Children's Christmas Pageant

Thank you children!!!

You were wonderful!!



Dear Friends of the Harford First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, built on (Solid Ground). Your out reach is wonderful! I enjoy reading the "Spire" and seeing all my dear friends and the beautiful church.

Love, Paula Adams

Baptisms



Baptism of Paizley Martha Barney
Parents :Dylan and Tomika Barney



Baptism of Mason John Decker



Baptism of Hudson Michael Decker

Parents : Stacy and Steven Decker



Missionary

12-18-18

Treasurers Report: Spent \$986.27 on Disaster Kits

Donated \$3060 from December yard sale (\$1970 from June yard sale) to CHE Partnership in Hope
Balance of \$1208.81

Least Coin: Prayers for Peace. For the Power of Love to Replace the Love of Power.

TreHab: Homeless supplies are needed. Bedding, towels, toiletries.

Ugly Quilts contributed 4 sleeping bags and supplies.

Ruth Ann Batzel will pick up Christmas Eve.

Japan: the people do not want a US air strip but the government does.

Correspondence: Karen sent out Christmas Cards to /two Japanese churches

Sent out thank yous to all that helped with the yard sale.

Sent cards to shut ins and ill.

Care Ministry: North Harford W.W . purchased \$200 of the Soup from the Heather Warren ministry.

Missionary purchased \$260 towards the remaining benefit soup for the Care Ministry.

Penance Calendar: Worked on ideas. Will go out in the March Spire.

Next meeting: January 15

Missionary

1-15-19

Least Coin: Ginny Ahearn. The widening Gap between rich and poor.

8 men hold the wealth of ½ of the world.

Rich countries hold 13% of the population and 45% of the purchasing power.

Poor countries hold 42% of the population and only 9% of the purchasing power.

Additionally: there remains a significant gender gap in regards to wealth.

Penance Calendar: Approved for the March Spire.

Soup Ministry: Priscilla Allen reminded the group that soup is available to take to persons, just sign the sheet so we know who has received soup.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2019

Missionary Program:

Trehab presented by Ruth Ann Batzel and Edlyn Flannery

Trehab has many programs that cost are based on need:

Food Banks, Transportation, Weatherization, Emergency Housing Services, Help with Utilities, help with Foreclosure, Work Force Development (help with resume, job search, career links), Help for 1st time home buyers, Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Education for additions in Schools, Independent Living for Foster Students, Affordable Housing Developments (low -Mid Range), Senior Housing, Community Resource Center (GED, Resume help, Recreation, homeless assistance, Job Search, Drug and Alcohol Counselors).

Funding comes from State and Federal Government and grants, churches, and donations.

Always need volunteers.

Community communication via Facebook



Ugly Quilts donated 4 ugly quilts to Trehab for the homeless.

Trehab has a new resource center in Montrose. They have experienced an increased number of homeless persons walking in from the street. Missionary collected bedding, towels, blankets and toiletries for Trehab to be used by the homeless in emergency housing.



Missionary Yard Sale in Montrose

from November 30-December 1. Proceeds (\$3060) went to Partnership in Hope to support CHE (community health evangelism) missionaries in Nicaragua.



Stewardship

December 11, 2018

Pastor Will opened with prayer.

Julie gave the financial report and noted that as of Nov.30, pledges for 2019 stood at \$75,904. The annual premium for property taxes in 2019 will be \$5855 which is close to a \$500 increase over 2018. In January, \$20,500 for a community building will be transferred from the general fund to the capital fund. At the end of the year, \$4139 will be sent for OCWM which is an annual donation from pledges.

The 2019 budget has been accepted by Council and is ready to be presented at the annual meeting in January.

Will shared that in the past 5 years, much of the money raised by First Congregational UCC has stayed in the community. A recent example is the "soup with a purpose" fundraiser for Heather Warren a Harford Township resident who is battling brain cancer.

Harford Community Facebook page has been established for any community event, prayer request, or suggestion which may need to be brought to the attention of the church. Will announced and introduced this face book page at the well-attended tree lighting on Nov. 25. We need to be proactive not just reactive to the needs of our community and the Facebook page can assist us in our outreach.

The annual meeting will be January 27, 2019 following church and lunch. Stewardship discussed dividing into small groups to suggest future goals for the church and to discuss the direction in which the church should move. Scout Sunday is scheduled for February 3, 2019.

A tentative date for church to meet in the Lecture Hall is Feb. 10 and a potluck dinner is planned for Feb. 24.

We all expressed our appreciation to Jo-Ann for her leadership, time, and commitment as Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee for the past 6 years.

The next Stewardship meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019.

Bell Choir Rebirth!!!!!!

Bob DeLuca has graciously volunteered to conduct a bell choir.
Please call or email Bob if you would be interested in participating.

570-498-7090 gepetto@nep.net



Deacon Minutes

December 10, 2018

Old Business:

- Tree lighting was a success. Thank you to Melissa Clarkson for making the bows.
- Deacons received a thank you card from Kay for their commitment in 2018.
- David III confirmed that because Christmas Eve services were already listed on the calendar as 7 pm that services would be at 7pm. Judy will send an email and announcement will be made in church to let people know of this change.
- David II explained that Christmas Eve service will be broken into “mini lessons” with coordinating hymns after each lesson. Service will end with Silent Night.

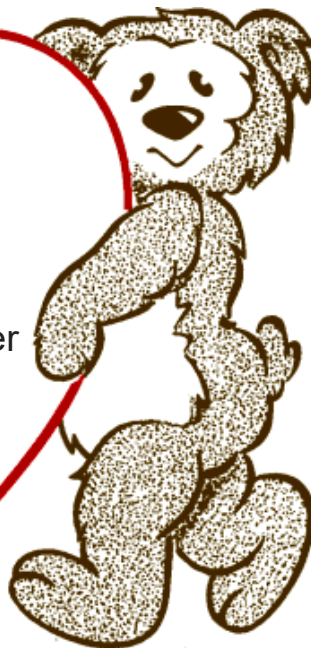
New Business:

- David II entertained the idea of having a medley of Children’s songs on Christmas Eve next year. This was tabled until the next meeting.
 - Next communion will be January 13th (changed to January 6th)
Servers will be Bonnie, Leanne, Melissa and Gail.
 - Deacon duties tabled until next meeting.
 - Good Friday-David II suggested having a “Last Word Service”
 - David III would like to revisit the idea of quarterly vs monthly communion in the new year.
- Next meeting will be January 14th at 7 pm.

Spire Sponsor

In Memory of
Minnie E. Benniger,
paternal grandmother

Love Kay Gow



Trustee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2018

New Business:

Gary is looking to switch to a new propane supplier. (Keystone Propane). For the best pricing we would need to purchase our own propane tanks.

New care and cleaning procedures for new pew cushions. Kandy will make copies of the procedures and distribute. We should flip them at every 6th months, possibly part of spring clean-up procedure.

Need to put insulation in the crawl space in the basement. Rigid foam with a sheet of plastic for now.

Old Business

Harry still needs to call McNamara about leveling the lecture hall

We are still on Binghamton Slag Roofing's schedule to have the roof on the church done yet this winter

Gary had Terry Kavetski look at a leak around a window. He couldn't find much, but did re-caulk a spot

Doors have been mostly fixed in the narthex

Gary and Harry will put the steps to the lecture hall back on Saturday Morning.

Should we revisit putting a full foundation under the lecture hall in order to level it? It would provide a lot of useful indoor space.

Trustee Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019

Old Business

Doors in Narthex have been fixed

BSR is mostly done with roof

Insulation in basement is done

New pew cushions have wax on them from Christmas

Present idea of full basement under the lecture hall to Council

Steps have been reinstalled

New Business

Clean areas of roof leaks prior to the roof being fixed (ensure the leaks have stopped)

Discussed a property given to Church

Discussed community involvement with needy families



GAME ON

It may seem to you that GAME ON has been MIA the last month or two.

With the business of the holidays, we did take a short break from our Friday night get togethers. In the meantime the kids were quite involved with several community events and activities !

GAME ON is more than Games..GAME ON is reaching out to our community and their needs. GAME ON is a way for our youth to see that they *CAN* make a difference!

On December 7th the GAME ON crew hosted a soup benefit to support our very own Harford neighbor Heather Warren (Maureen's granddaughter). The crew worked together, with some of the kids putting in *VERY* long hours helping to prepare for this event. We couldn't be more proud of them for stepping up and taking this on!



On December 15th a group of youth along with their families and friends gathered at SUNY Broome in Binghamton for an afternoon of ice skating. A great time was had by all (minus a few minor injuries) . We hope to do it again soon!



On December 22nd GAME ON, along with several brave members of the congregation , participated in the annual Cerebral Palsy gift wrapping event at the Viewmont Mall. Question: Do you have any idea what the mall is like 3 days before Christmas? Our kids wrapped their tails off and did an amazing job!! They were non-stop for 2 hours!



We have been busy, but have missed our regular Friday night gatherings.

Our first one of the year was on January 18th. We will plan to meet every other Friday from 6-8 pm for FUN, FELLOWSHIP and FOOD!

Bring a friend and join us!! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details. Any questions contact

Tammy Stout -570-396-7081



Kid's Corner



By: Bailey Millard

Chocolate, one of the best things in the world (in my opinion.) Last Sunday, me (Bailey), Mikaela Stout, Tanner Stout, and Pastor Will drove around town during Sunday school and handed out chocolate bars. We handed out about 20. Some people took the chocolate right away (mostly because they knew us) and some people were a little hesitant, because to be honest, you don't usually see people just handing out candy bars for free. People are not very used to seeing people reaching out and just being joyful these days. We thought it would be a good idea to just try to brighten some people's day. And I have to say, I think it worked. Some people we had to ask a few times, but they finally accepted the candy, and I'm sure they are glad they did. I had a fun time, and I hope we can do it again.



Message from Penn Northeast Conference
12-4-18

Greetings Friends!

Now that we have completed the work of our Fall Conference Meeting, it is time to move forward. At our Fall Conference Meeting we had two directions in which we were focusing our energy: both inward and outward. Our goal was to strengthen our work in the Penn Northeast as well as developed a stronger partnership with Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

First, we were looking inward at the work of the Penn Northeast Conference and the direction God was leading us as a covenantal organization of churches. We discerned a new vision, mission, and purpose statement. We did some identity work to reflect on who we are and who God is calling us to become. We began moving into a new governance and ministry structure. Our governance structure helps provide good boundaries for our work and frees our ministry teams to be creative and responsive in their work and relationships. We have revised our Constitution and Bylaws to enable and empower us to do this work. Our teams have been developing goals and strategies for their ministry work. We have been working very hard, sometimes putting in double time. We have many volunteers who put in extra time and effort. All of you, the people of the Penn Northeast Conference, have been putting in your love, time, and energy, and all of this is to support and strengthen our local churches. What a gift!

Second, we were looking outward to partnership with the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. We charged the Joint Conference Visioning and Development Team to present a vision and plan for developing a new Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Our Conference voted to continue this work. The PSEC did not affirm the plan to continue the unification conversation. At this point, we still have a ministry relationship with PSEC. We will continue to work together and invite one another to our many programs and ministry teams. We have decided not to move forward with a unified conference council at this time. That does not mean our relationships have ended. We will continue to partner in clergy convocation, the ecumenical relations team, disaster response, ministry days, boundary trainings, and more!

What does this mean for us?

It means that we will continue our work as the Penn Northeast Conference. We will build on the foundation we have set, and we will continue to strengthen our churches and partnerships in our area. We will continue to do ministry with Pennsylvania Southeast. The PSEC Consistory and the PNEC Board will decide how we will move forward with the governance conversations. Right now, this process has hit a pause, and we need to take some time to figure out where we go next.

Bonnie will continue to serve as our Designated Conference Minister. Bonnie has been called for a three year term, and she will continue to see us through this time of transition. She is doing an amazing job leading us through this time of discernment, and we are grateful for her leadership through these changes.

Right now, we are in the midst of change, and we will work together as we find our way forward. If you have questions about this process or about the changes that are being implemented, I welcome your questions and feedback. Please feel free to email me (jomarchetto@rcn.com) or text/call (610-703-5897). Thank you, and I would appreciate your prayers for our Board, our Ministry Teams, and for Bonnie as we continue to seek God's wisdom and direction. I would also ask you to pray for our friends in PSEC as we continue to partner in ministry together.

-- Joanne Marchetto

Correspondence

"Our family can't thank the youth GAME ON crew at First Congregational Church of Harford enough for organizing this amazingly successful soup benefit for our Heather! We are touched by the out pouring love & generosity of our community and from each & everyone of you. We are so very thankful, incredibly grateful and unbelievably blessed! A special thank you to our dear friend Jennica Drake for being a rockstar & to everyone who helped make this soup benefit happen. Heather wishes she could have attended, but with a few recent set backs & new medication she can't be in crowds, but she was there in spirit & feels all of the love.

Heather' Warrens family

Received from Harford Volunteer Fire Company: Thank you for your monetary donation. The Harford Volunteer Fire Company thanks you very much for your help and support.

Blood Drive Report

Blood drive at fire hall on December 5

We collected from 20 donors. We had a goal of 19!!

80 potential lives saved.

Thank you to all those who signed Christmas cards for the home-bound and those we miss.

Love in Christ
The Deacons

Dear Friends at Harford Congregational,

Thank you so much for inviting me to the caroling and tree lighting event. The prayer of blessing and the warm welcome was deeply appreciated. Any way we can work together to build a better and safer community is best.

Merry Christmas,
Cindy Beeman, Interfaith

Congratulations to Sue and Irv Needham
Upon the birth of a great-grandchild on December 9, 2018
Hazel Rae Plummer (Irv's granddaughter's baby)



February Birthdays

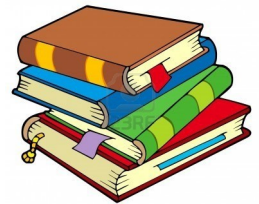
February 4	Dana Empet	February 25	Jim and Gail Batzel
February 7	Ted Yarrish	February 26	Connor Mitchell
February 14	Charlie & Missy Heller	February 27	Charline Hudson
February 15	Kim Bridgeman		
February 18	Charlie Grimes		
	Justin Moser		
	Doug Higgins, Jr.		

Susquehanna County Library Help

Do you every shop at ShurSave Supermarket?

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The Susquehanna County Library will receive \$.03 for each can or package of these brands: Best Yet, Nature's Finest, Top Care, Domestix, Academix and others not mentioned in the newspaper article. Hopefully you will be able to sign up on your next shopping trip or from your computer.



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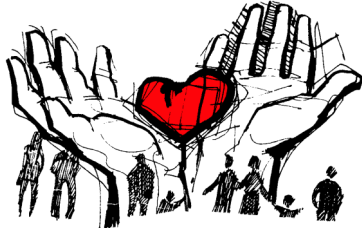
Worship Assistants

Greeters

February 03, 2019 Scouts
February 10, 2019 Evan Clarkson
February 17, 2019 Judy Mitchell
February 24, 2019 Ginny Ahearn

Ushers

February 03, 2019 Scouts
February 10, 2019 Gus Ferrara & George Lotter
February 17, 2019 Alyssa Clarkson & Cody Nolan
February 24, 2019 Melissa Clarkson & Kay Gow



Readers

February 03, 2019 Lynette Millard
February 10, 2019 Wendy Phillips
February 17, 2019 Peg Smith
February 24, 2019 Gus Ferrara

Memorial Plaque Information

Are you interested in having a plaque attached to the memorial stone in the memorial garden?
One may have a plaque ordered by doing the following: Cost---\$25.00

Send check (made out to First Congregational-UCC) along with name of person and the year of birth and the year they passed away to the office.

The office will then proceed to order the plaque and have it placed on the stone.
Thank you.



**Notice: Please send all material for the Spire to
Firstchurchspire@gmail.com
by the 15th of each month**



Prayer Concerns

Nicholas (Great Grandson of the Weidemans)
 Patrick Simons
 Scott Klenk
 Nancy Marr
 Heather Warren
 Sandy Zupanovich
 Alice Watkins
 Dorothy Greene
 Jacquelyn Holgate's brother-in-law
 Brandy and Dave Gebo and the direction they'll take
 Sandy Pulchi

Susan Bush
 Jim Kelly
 Kay Gow's friend Franny
 Buzz Gulick
 Tom Van Vleck
 Vivienne Pascoe
 the family of Charlie Barney
 Dr. Nicole Rosa's healing
 Pastor Peg
 Mary Ellen Hosie
 Chloe's friend Chris
 Caregivers
 the family of Carol Hubbs
 Steven and Sharon Decker
 the grieving group
 our military and their families
 our nation under God
 our government
 Mrs. Hickey
 Sydney Ann (Gamble) Mead

Home Bound



The Carey Family
 Dorothy Greene
 Alice Watkins

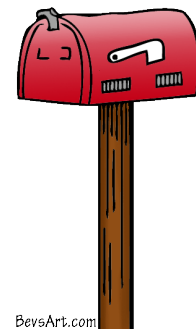
Catherine Escandel
 Barbara Pease

Address and Directory Change/Additions

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 13 Kirsten's Way
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 Hallstead
 PA 18822



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Valentine's Day word search

Z O U K D Y P O G M M F S E P
C H O C O L A T E I E D N G I
F H S Y F H E R N N R I X N H
E E F R T A R E S A T B V I S
B A E Z E I R E C N A M O R D
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Isaiah 9:2

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