



January 2024 Beacon

442 Rehoboth Road
Rostraver Township PA 15012

**Sunday School Teachers and
Assistants for January**

January 7th Becky and Ed Moore

January 14th Carter and Chris Stasicha

January 21st Rachel Maxson and Sarah
Zundel

January 28th Randy and Rebekah Foringer

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Upcoming Schedule and Events

January 7th Worship Service 11:00am

January 11th Deacons Meeting 6:00pm

January 14th Worship Service 11:00am

January 16th Session Meeting 7:00pm

January 16th Bag Brigade 5:15pm

January 21st Worship Service 11:00am

January 28th Worship Service 11:00am

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Prayer List

Dale Nelson	Dave Vindivich	Dee Alekson	Bill Smith	Russ Moon
Sherry Freet	Jamie Alexander	Diane Morgan	Carolyn Smith	Louetta Hayden
Buffy Roberts	Donna Adams	Florence Orr	Melba Jean Wolfe	Ian Chikoti
Noreen Yakich	Idalee Leeper	Cindy Hruby	Jeremy Wolfe	Lucy Chikoti
Gianna Smoyer	Lida Evans	Dave O'Casek	Darryl Smith	Nancy Layton

January Birthdays

3- Jaxon Chacko	13-Daniel Evans	20 – Rob Stratton	24 – Tasha Brownfield	30 – Jannine Blacka
7- Christopher Chacko	14-Noah Yartin	20 - Suzanne Stratton-Prager	25 – Jesse Huebner	31 – Jenny O'Casek
10- Kim Hornak	16- Sandy Stratton	22 – Karen Ott	25 - Anna Zundel	31 - Tyler King
11-Damon Jones	17- Amy Flower	23 – Louetta Hayden	26 – Garrett Campbell	
11- Richard A Lapinski	18 – Korey Anne Smith	23 - John Garber	27 – David Moon	

January Anniversaries

20th Jeff and Betty Rae Smith

January 2024 Beacon Article

Imagine the perfect year if you will. What are the events that describe it for you? Would a perfect 2024 include prosperity, adventure, and good health for you and your loved ones? How about that great (and often illusive) goal of weight loss?

We all have our own set of aspirations for the year ahead. And it's okay to dream big at this time of year. But what will our dreams and aspirations look like in six to nine months? How will they look at the end of 2024?

I sincerely hope that all your dreams come true – if they are godly and not irrational. But have you ever wondered why more of your dreams and wishes do not come to fruition? Perhaps it is because they are not as strongly underpinned with prayer as they should be.

With this in mind, I want to share with you a dream, aspiration, and goal of mine. My dream is that the Friday afternoon 1:00 pm prayer meeting at Rehoboth would be graced by your presence. And even if you are not able to attend, would you take time at 1:00 pm each Friday to pause for prayer? Together, we can lift each other up and maybe find more of those New Years resolutions fulfilled.

With Blessings in Christ's Name,

Pastor Don

The Bully of the Bird Feeder

We have a bird feeder in our backyard. On the very first day that it was up this year, birds started visiting. Around mid-afternoon, I glanced out to find a cardinal defending the feeder as if it were his own and driving away any other bird that tried to land. Fortunately, his selfish antics didn't last long, and by the end of the day, the feeder was filled with a rotation of smaller songbirds.

Time, however, isn't generally a reliable cure for greed or bullying in human society. That cardinal had the advantage of size and aggression; humans may have a position of authority, power gained through fear, money, fame—a whole slew of ways to take control of resources and keep control of them.

And cardinals aren't the only ones with the impulse to take what they can get and keep everybody else from getting a share. That impulse, however, isn't one that Christians should share, admire, or condone. Instead, our hearts should break when we see injustice and need.

God is highly concerned for the welfare of the marginalized, the vulnerable, and the disadvantaged. Deuteronomy 10:18, for example, says that God "executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing." In Proverbs 31:8-9, we read: "Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Throughout the Bible, we are told to look out for the widows, the orphans, the poor, and the sojourners—all groups that were particularly vulnerable in that culture. The same groups are vulnerable in our own society—and we can expand that list, for there are many groups that are at a disadvantage and voiceless.

And there are many ways that we can be advocates for them, no matter how much money or power we have ourselves. We can speak out against injustice and take care to ensure that our own actions do not harm others. We can give what we can to the needy and truly listen to what others have to say and try to understand their experiences, which may be very different from our own. We can, in short, show love.

Laurie Bartolotta

December 19, 2023, Session Highlights

Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to increase the administrative assistant's (Elizabeth Rutter) salary due to a change in the job description to be at the church three days a week instead of one day a week, to a salary of \$700.00 per month.

Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed to approve the 2024 payroll calendar prepared by treasurer, Randy Foringer.

Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to pay Nouy Zentz, beginning in January 2024, for custodial services of Rehoboth Church. (Nouy Zentz is David Vindivich's girlfriend)

Moderator's November 2023 Report

Visitation: 6 Counseling: 3 Funerals: 2 Meetings: 7 Class: 3 Events: 5 Continuing Education: 1

Visitation Report Mileage:

Total Mileage: @.625 = \$44.37

Bill Smith: Jefferson Hospital – 38 miles

Ida Lee Leeper: Piersol Road Visit – 5 miles

Lida Evans: Piersol Road Visit – 5 miles

Jack Curnow: –State Rt. 51 South - 7 miles

Melba Jean Wolfe: - Grove Ave. – 4 miles

Louetta Hayden: - Residences at Hilltop – 12 miles

Building and Maintenance

Sewage Camera Inspection of Manse and church, Debi Buza to take place between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Gates on Water Tank replaced by Bulbs, Bill Nicholls, Update.

Thank you to Ed Moore, Dean Rippel, and Bill Nicholls for serving on the Session.



The Rehoboth Deacons packed up the Salvation Army van with the presents purchased by the people at Rehoboth. These presents will be distributed to the children before Christmas.

The Deacons want to thank everyone who took tags off the tree and bought presents for local children.

As you can see, the van was quite full.

Poinsettia Orders:

Purchased

In Memory of

Diane and Rich Lapinski	Richard Lapinsky
Diane and Rich Lapinski	Ralph Helman Sr.
Diane and Rich Lapinski	Parents and
Diane and Rich Lapinski	Grandparents
Judy Turk	Jim Lomis
Mavis Perney	Parents
Carolyn Clark	Loved Ones
Jeff Lee	Loved Ones
Chris and Becca Reeb	Eleanor Lee
Beverly Reeb	Loved Ones/Marianne
Kevin Huebner	Loved Ones
Ken and Marilyn	Loved Ones
Deacons	Loved Ones

MITTEN TREE

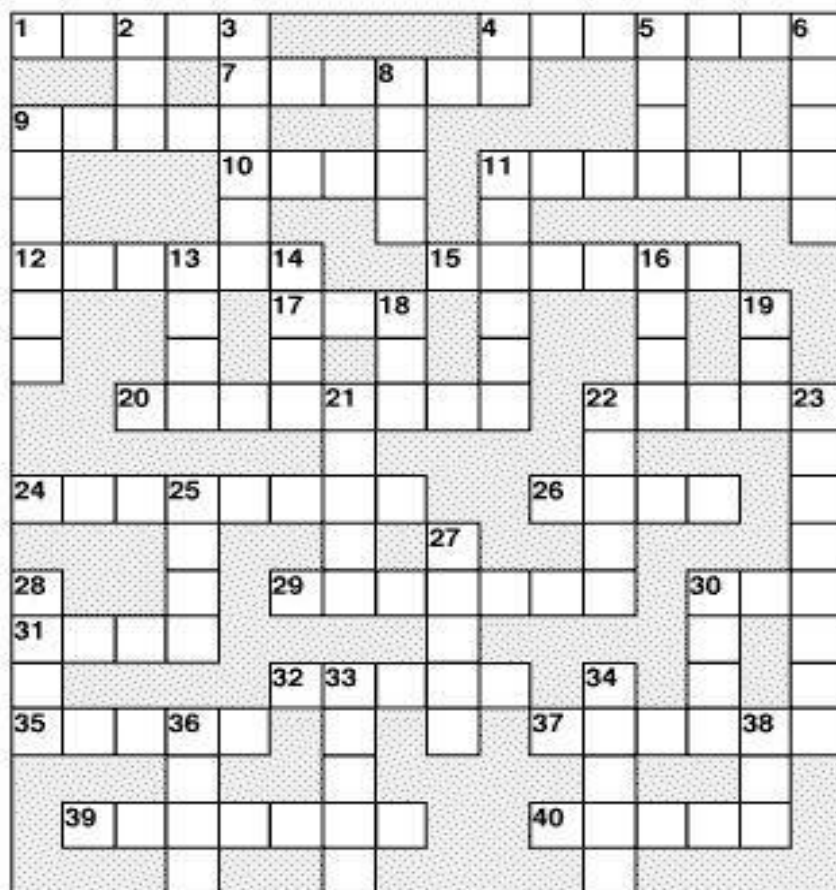
December the congregation may begin decorating the mitten tree in the Fellowship Room with:

Mittens, Gloves, Hats, Socks, and Scarves. The Deacons will then donate these items to the Bag Brigade to be distributed to students who need them in January 2024.

Help us keep our area students warm this winter by donating. Any questions can be directed to any of the Deacons. Thank You!



Winter Crossword



Down:

- 2. Frozen water
- 3. Small
- 4. Myself
- 5. Small pie
- 6. Neck warmer
- 8. Chilly
- 9. Used to move snow
- 11. A season
- 13. Strong emotion
- 14. Ripped
- 16. Nil
- 18. Bath _____
- 19. Cloud of water vapour
- 21. Last month of winter
- 22. Wooden snow vehicles
- 23. Winter road condition
- 25. Be carried on
- 27. Locomotive
- 28. Carried along by wind
- 30. Piece of hockey equipment
- 33. Make this in the snow
- 34. Winter foot wear
- 36. Faucets can do this
- 38. You hear with this

Across:

- 1. Sudden cold breeze
- 4. Hand warmers
- 7. Hanging spike of ice
- 9. Freezing rain
- 10. Show and _____
- 11. Conditions outside
- 12. Flowering plant, colour
- 15. Achoo
- 17. Not in
- 20. Month of winter
- 22. Carols, etc.
- 24. Valentine month
- 26. Thaw
- 29. Keeps drinks warm
- 30. Small dog
- 31. Winter Olympic sport
- 32. Silky material
- 35. Breezy
- 37. Ice sport
- 39. Foot warmer
- 40. Direct a vehicle's course

