

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Church Family,

A member of the Church recently sent me a little quip entitled "The Fifth Grade Assignment." It goes like this: "A fifth grade teacher in a Christian School asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results (I am choosing just a few!):

God is like...

BAYER ASPIRIN

God works miracles

A FORD

God's got a better idea

COKE

God's the real thing

HALLMARK CARDS

God cares enough to send God's very best

TIDE

God gets the stains out others leave behind

DIAL SOAP

Aren't you glad you have God?
Don't you wish everybody did?

It's a cute story, isn't it? And it carries a powerful reminder that all the "things" of the world are no substitute for our relationship to God through God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Ed

Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Frank Lanterman**. We thank you for your support.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the March issue is Monday, February 20th.

Men's Lunch

Men's group will meet at Noon on Wednesday, February 8th, in the lounge for soup, sandwich and fellowship. All men are invited to join us.

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, February 14th at noon in the church lounge. All ladies are invited.

Communion Dates for 2017

First Sunday in Lent	March 5, 2017
Maundy Thursday	April 13, 2017
Easter Sunday	April 16, 2017
Pentecost	June 4, 2017
World Communion Sunday	October 1, 2017
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2017

Treasurer and Stewardship Report, through December 31, 2016

Income	\$236,268.00 (YTD)
Expenses	\$242,223.00 (YTD)
Net	\$ -5,955.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge giving:	\$135,354.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 13,425.00



A New Baby!!

We welcome Zachary Lawrence Balbin!
Zachary was born on January 23rd at 12:11 a.m. He weighed in at 7lbs., 10 oz. He is the son of Aryn and Manny Balbin and the grandson of Phil and Theresa Lawrence! Congratulations to all!

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **February**:

**Diane Huffman, David Heath, Chris Finelli,
Frank Lanterman, Dick McNally, Cort
Huffman, Bill Cramer and Norene Rosso**



Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **February**:

**Ernie and Sandy Rydell
Ed and Anna Mae West
Dennis and Jenny Collins**



Coffee Hour Sponsors

We will continue to have coffee hours on the second Sunday of every month. They will be sponsored by various groups. The Koinonia Group will host the coffee hour to be held on Sunday, February 12th following worship.

The Deacons will continue to host the coffee hours on the last Sunday of every month.



Calling All Cooks!

The Deacons have become aware of a need for meals for some of our church families who are experiencing difficult times. To help these families, the Deacons are now collecting homemade or store bought frozen meals, such as bag meals, soups, stews, casseroles or pasta dishes. Meals prepared in disposable cookware are best.

The families ~~range~~ ^{span} range from two to five people. A sign in/out sheet is located on the freezer in the upstairs lounge. If you plan to provide a frozen meal for this project, this is what we would like you to do:

- Label the meal and the number of people the meal will serve
- List the heating instructions
- Place the meal in the upstairs freezer
- List the meal and the date it was placed in the freezer on the sign in/out sheet

We anticipate the need for this program will continue for several months. Both the Deacons and the families in need greatly appreciate and thank you for your support.

Please do not remove any meals without contacting Pastor Ed or Jen, in the church office.

Youth Events - by Jen Henshue

February is going to be AWESOME!

I am looking forward to a bunch of fun events coming up THIS month as well as throughout this spring! Read on to check out the awesome details!

And remember...

...Friends are ALWAYS welcome! :)

...If there is a cost involved, scholarship money is available.

...If you have any questions, contact me at

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Let's go SNOW TUBING!!!

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

This winter hasn't been the greatest for snow storms (of course now I jinxed it), so let's go have some SNOW fun where there IS snow – at Camelback! All ages and abilities are welcome to join us! No need for special skills or equipment. You only need to be at least 33" tall and accompanied by an adult, or 44" tall to ride solo but with an adult present.

Tickets will cost \$25 per person payable to ESPC. Also, EVERYONE will have to complete a SNOW TUBING RELEASE FORM which can be EASILY done online on Camelback's Website.

Please RSVP to me by Wednesday, February 8 with who and how many people are planning on attending. We would love to have you all!

Sunday, February 19, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Let's get together and watch a movie after church! We will order pizza for lunch, make some popcorn, and settle down to enjoy a movie on the big TV. We will end our time together discussing the movie, what we liked, didn't like, and what parts of the movie stuck out to us. The movie has yet to be determined, however if you have suggestions, let me know!

Sunday, February 26, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for a regular Youth Group gathering for some lunch and a ready made SNOWBALL FIGHT! We will see who will win the battle and the challenges ahead of you. Are you ready?

(For youth in 5th-12th grade)

Save the dates!!

March 4 or 5 - Trip to FreeFall Trampoline Park in Bethlehem, PA

March 19 - Youth Group

March 31-April 2 - High School Youth Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg

April 9 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 21-23 - Middle School Youth Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg

April 30 - Family Campfire and Night (GLOW) Games

May 7 - Youth Group

May 21 - Ultimate Youth Day at Camp Johnsonburg

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5 Adult Ed., 9:00 Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Deacon's Mtg., 11:15 am Pastor Ed's class, 11:15 am	6 Sweetbriar Pre-K, 9:30 am -12:30 pm	7	8 Sweetbriar Pre-K, 9:30 am -12:30 pm Men's lunch, noon K-Group, 7:00 pm	9	10 Sweetbriar Pre-K, 9:30 am -12:30 pm	11 Snow Tubing!
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