

THE NUTSHELL

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OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

432 HARKINS MILL ROAD, ZELIENOPLE PA 16063

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JOIN US! UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS!



Sun., Dec. 2 – Orders for **Christmas Eve Poinsettias are due!** Order forms are in the rear of the Sanctuary. Once complete place your payment and form in the offering place or give to Lois Sprague. Poinsettias are used to decorate for Christmas Eve worship services and all are welcome to take following the 7:00 PM service.

Sun., Dec. 9 – **Caroling and delivering of Goodie Bags** following worship. All are invited to go caroling while visiting those who have limited mobility (especially during the holidays). You don't need to be able to sing, your presence is a blessing! Children are greatly appreciated! **Come and bring good cheer!**

Wed., Dec. 12 – All women are welcome to attend the **Women of the ELCA Christmas party** at Carol James' home at 7 pm. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange.

Sat., Dec. 15 3:00-5:00 pm - The Christman Family invites you to join them in **decorating a Gingerbread House!** All the supplies needed to decorate will be provided. You must RSVP by Wednesday, December 12. Limit one Gingerbread House per household. Sack lunches will be stuffed to be given to local children who do not have access to food over the Christmas Break. As such, please bring non-perishable items to fill the lunch bags. All ages welcome! RSVP by signing up in the back of the sanctuary, Facebook, or emailing pastorchistman@gmail.com.



Sun., Dec. 23 – Join us!

1. **"ARE YOU READY?" Christmas play/musical** during worship – enjoy this special worship service with a musical play performed by our youth! Written by our own Bill Brewer!
2. **EAT! Oak Grove has the best Pot Luck meals!** **Join us for brunch following worship.** Bring a covered dish to share (main dish provided). If you don't have a dish, join us anyway, we always have enough!
3. **CLEAN & DECORATE!** Bring your work clothes. All ages are welcome to work together in preparing and decorating the church following brunch. Jobs include: decorating the tree, rails, windows, cleaning pews, set up the nativity, prep luminaries and more! Many hands make light work!

Mon., Dec. 24, join us on **Christmas Eve** for beautiful **Candlelight Services held at 4:00 PM or 7:00 PM.**

Sun., December 30, join us at Passavant Homes, Zelienople, on the 4th Sunday to visit and worship with residents.



"EVERY MAN DIES, NOT EVERY MAN REALLY LIVES."

How do you measure the value of a human life? By amassed wealth? Family? Friends? Success? Faithfulness? Legacy? Accomplishments? Life span? Generosity? Some combination off all of these? Other ways?

To be brutally honest, most of us will be forgotten within a generation or two after our death. Only the world's greatest and most terrible people are remembered by historians. Only those that lived on the extreme edges of human depravity or human achievement. And at what cost? Consider Gandhi, MLK, Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa, and even Jesus. Most of us would not want to live through the kind of hardship that they lived through. Most dying tragic violent deaths. To be "great" in human terms, historically, means to face incredible hardship and adversity. Sometimes to overcome this adversity but other times to be claimed by it. In fact, I wonder if avoidance of pain and suffering assumes a life of mediocrity. That suffering is in fact the pathway to "greatness." What do you think?

How do you measure the value of a human life? I have been thinking about this more of late after the death of my 101-year-old grandmother. I heard it said often that she "lived a good long life" and I'm unsure what that really means.... She *was* faithful, kind, strong, and patient. I never saw her be aggressive, mean, spiteful, selfish, vengeful, or rude. However, her great grand-kids won't know her and history will, at best, add her name to a family tree. I think it likely that that will be my legacy as well.... So, how do you measure the value of a human life? Are all lives equally valuable?

Have you ever noticed that humans tend to put greater value on a tragic death? Dying quietly in your bed after having lived a long life will almost guarantee that the evening news won't tell your story. On the other hand, if you die in a mass shooting, or accident, or as part of a crime you are almost certainly guaranteed a news slot (maybe even "breaking news"). How is it that tragic deaths are more news worthy? Is that "politics" or do people find tragedy more interesting? Both perhaps....

Also, how come the younger you die the more tragic it is perceived? In fact, it seems to me that a sure-fire way to get famous is to die young in a violent way. It makes me uncomfortable writing it but that is the impression I get from the world around me. Is that the impression that we are giving our young people?

So, how do you measure the value of a human life?

Perhaps the value of human life has nothing to do with us and everything to do with the one who created us.... God has created you special, unique, and wonderful. God has breathed into you the stuff of LIFE and brought you into existence. God did not have to do this but God choose to do this because God wanted you to exist. The creator of the universe wanted *you* to exist. Your value is in the fact that you are made of the stuff of God.

God gave you special gifts, talents, passions, and resources so that you might be a partner with God in caring for the universe and the other people God breathed into existence. You were born great, made from the essence of God. From the stuff of God, you were created. You have nothing to prove, nothing to lose and nothing to gain. Live boldly, fearlessly, and with great hope. And when you die, whether young or old, whether long or short-lived, whether tragic or otherwise - return to the fullness of God and.... Well, I don't fully know what happens next. We'll have to wait and see.... I look forward to that day, but in the meantime, I have a life to live. So do you.

P.S. Thank you for your show of support at the death of my grandmother, whether by Facebook, text, email, cards, and in person - I appreciate it.

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VARIOUS LOCAL EVENTS!

The 3rd Annual **Reason for the Season Holiday Concert** to benefit Monaca Santa Cops Project will be held on **Thurs., Dec. 6**, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Monaca, at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature outstanding musicians and singers from the Beaver County and Pittsburgh areas. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be collected. Additional donations of non-perishable food items, monetary gifts and gift cards would be most helpful.

Sun. Dec. 9 at 3 PM – Holiday concert featuring the **Ellwood City Civic Chorale** at Zion Lutheran Church, 557 Perry Highway, Harmony, PA 16037. A great way to start off the holiday season! Following the concert there will be a social time with cookies, coffee and punch. The concert is free. A free will offering will be taken in support of the Chorale. All are welcome!

Wed., Dec. 5 at 7 PM – FREE Holiday Concert at CCBC Golden Dome presented by **Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Monaca Cornet Band**. In lieu of admission, donations will be accepted for the Little Free Pantry in Aliquippa. Bring the whole family to enjoy some of your favorite sounds of the season, as well as refreshments and a 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by the Beaver County Commissioners, the Beaver County Department of Tourism, and the Beaver Valley Musicians Union.

Thurs., December 13 at 7 PM – An evening of **World Class Holiday Music featuring Calvin Jones'** new symphony release, Paramount (www.calvinjones.com) at Burry's Church, 1835 Rt. 68, Rochester (724) 452-6941. Free admission. An offering will be taken.

A **Circle of Friends Choir** invites you to join them as they celebrate the season:

- **Fri., Dec. 7 at 7:30 PM**, Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Rd., Cranberry Twp, PA 16066 (Concert benefits Camp Lutherlyn)
- **Sat., Dec. 8 at 7 PM**, Clen Moore Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Clen-Moore Blvd., New Castle, PA 16105 (Concert benefits Lawrence County Backpacking Program)
- **Sun., Dec. 9 at 7 PM**, Meridian Presbyterian Church, 4150 Highland Ave., Butler, PA 16001 (Concert benefits The Lighthouse Foundation)
- **Fri., Dec. 14 at 7:30 PM**, Bakerstown United Methodist Church, 5760 William Flynn Hwy, Gibsonia, PA 15044 (Concert benefits The Lighthouse Foundation)
- **Sat., Dec. 15 at 3 PM**, St. Peter's Reformed Church (hosting for English Evangelical Lutheran Church), 320 East Grandview Ave., Zelienople, PA 16063 (Concert benefits Abiding Ministries)
- **Sun., Dec. 16 at 7 PM**, St. Peter's Reformed Church, 320 East Grandview Ave., Zelienople, PA 16063 (Concert benefits A Circle of Friends Choirs)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bring Someone to Church! Advent begins on December 2. It is a great time of year to invite and BRING someone to church! Give them the gift of hope, meaning, grace and belonging this Christmas!

The Altar Flower Calendar for 2019 is ready for individuals to choose a special Sunday to place flowers on the altar. The calendar is located on the outside wall beside the side entrance to the church. Make payment to Oak Grove and designate payment "Altar flowers with specified date" and place in the offering plate.

Good Samaritan Sunday

Bring canned goods to worship for the Unionville Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month.



Oak Grove website www.oakgrovelc.org

Have you visited our website lately? If so, we would like to have input on how we are doing and how we might improve our website. Please e-mail your responses to the following questions to rongoehring@yahoo.com. Thank you!

1. How often do you visit OGLC's website?
2. What is your reason for visiting?
3. What features are especially helpful?

DID YOU KNOW the weekly bulletin Announcement insert and Scripture readings are emailed out to Oak Grover's before each Sunday? If you would like to receive these inserts please send an email indicating so to pastorchristman@gmail.com.

OGLC Honey Bee Ministry is GROWING!

It may be that Pastor Christman and Christian Shaffer have been stung one too many times!

1. Pastor was recently elected Vice-President of the Beaver Valley Bee Keepers Association and both Christian and Pastor are mentoring new bee keepers.
2. Currently they have hives located on three different properties and hope to triple that next spring!
3. In an effort to keep down costs and reuse abandoned materials they are asking for your help in keeping an eye out for the following items:
 - Mason jars and lids,
 - cinder blocks,
 - 4x4's,
 - untreated lumber, and plywood.



Thank you for your continued support!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We continue work on the **Nutshell** (our newsletter) to include info that interests you! ***We appreciate all who contribute promptly*** to making it a go.

The Evangelism Committee is now reaching out to the **new families in the community** by sending the electronic version of the newsletter to those that provide emails. We are mailing out a holiday service post card to those who moved into the area recently. To keep costs down we will mail to those close proximity to our church.

Our goals for next year are to develop an **Oak Grove "brand."** We will be soliciting everyone's input in the form of a contest so stay tuned for upcoming details on that! We also plan to develop an electronic post card that can be sent to the new comers with e-mails on a monthly basis. Merry Christmas everyone and have a blessed new year!

Karen Wappler, Chairperson Evangelism Committee

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Members of the Christian Education Committee have been busy planning educational activities! For children, three levels of Sunday School are up and running weekly, following the Kick-off Rally Day on September 23. For children ages 3 to 6 (or pre-readers) the **Early Years Class** is taught by Mrs. Patty Scheck, assisted by Victoria Saylor. Children from second grade through 4th grade are in the **Primary Class**, taught by Mrs. Gloria Yount. Students from 5th grade and up are in the **Middle School/High School Class** taught by Mrs. Tracy Shaffer. In addition to learning content which is in line with the teachings and materials of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), there is lots of food and fun involved! **All children are welcome to attend**—the classes are held immediately following worship every Sunday.

The three Sunday School classes are joining together this year to present a **musical Christmas program entitled “Are You Ready?”** The play and music were written by Pastor Bill Brewer. The program is directed by Carol Saylor. The program will take place on **Sunday, December 23 during worship**. Practices are occurring every Sunday immediately following worship between now and December 23 *with the exception of* Sunday November 25 (due to our Annual Congregational Budget Meeting) and Sunday, December 9 (due to Church Caroling). **There are opportunities for all children to participate in “Are You Ready?”** A child may participate as a soloist or as part of the chorus. If a child is interested in participating, call Carol Saylor, Director, at (412)818-0742.

For adults, the **Adult Forum** is also held immediately following worship each Sunday. The topics vary and are of interest and relevance to all adults seeking to function in a healthy Christian way in today’s world. Again, all are welcome to this informative time of learning, fellowship, and sharing of food and fun!

Too busy to participate in further Christian Education or Oak Grove’s Adult Forums? Well, we have a solution for you! Pastor Christman has joined with two other pastors in a very innovative endeavor. Pastor Christman partners with Pastor Angela Smith, and Pastor Brandon Johns to present a **weekly podcast** on topics which are vitally interesting and important in our daily lives including: Social Justice; Death; Forgiveness; and Covetness and Vanity. The Pastors combine their expertise, deep knowledge, and even humor in these weekly presentations. This series of podcasts is entitled: ***The Weekday Christian: Conversations About Faith that Matter Every Day***. The wonderful thing about podcasts is that they can be accessed from anywhere at any time. Imagine the opportunity of listening to 3 knowledgeable Christian leaders while enjoying a walk-through Green Valley Park, while driving to work, or while accomplishing your daily chores around the house. This is the beauty of these podcasts—they can be listened to and reflected upon while you accomplish your other weekday tasks. Check them out at: <https://www.oakgrovelc.com>.

Respectfully submitted by **Barb Minzenberg**, Chairperson Christian Education

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met in October to review the proposed 2019 budget to be recommended to council. We reviewed each line item in both income and expenses. After a review of the past attendance and giving we have grown 12% since 2014. Based on the historical and projected income for the same time period, we projected a 5% increase for 2019. The date for the annual congregational budget meeting will be held on Sunday, November 25th immediately following church.

We finalized the Oak Grove Committee Assessment report. Our goals for the immediate future are: write a policy on what officers should be on investments accounts, upgrade our Shepard Staff software used by the Financial Secretary Treasurer, and work on a narrative budget.

Respectfully submitted by **Carmie Dambach**, Finance Committee Chairperson

PROPERTY COMMITTEE Report includes the following update of projects:

1. Completion of the women’s restroom has been finished for some time. The restrooms meet the standards of the American Disability Act. The cost for building materials plus new heating system by Zeigler Heating, and plumbing materials and installation by Hohman Plumbing total cost was \$9,159.29. Volunteer hours were 847 hours.
2. The new French door in the Parsonage was install by Z&M Construction. Total cost \$2,145.00.
3. The concrete patio for parsonage was installed by Leonberg Construction. Total cost \$2,375.00.
4. The deck and stairs to the patio was completed by volunteers. Total cost \$480.00. The patio roof is on hold till next spring. Due to the weather contractors were being careful as not to over bid the time left to start and finish their

work load. Currently we only have one bid. If you might know a good contractor please send me his name or give him my phone number. Bill Bennett 724 775 1591

5. New lighting was installed above the pulpit. If you haven't noticed, check it out and we would like to know your thoughts!

As winter approaches, please consider helping with snow removal. Contact me or sign-up on the sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary. We are in need of your help.

Future Capital Improvement Projects suggestions include: Insulation for Church & Parsonage and air conditioning for church

Respectfully submitted by **Bill Bennett**, Property Committee Chair

RAISING FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Oak Grove has been blessed with so many young children in attendance at our weekly Worship services--how thrilling it is to welcome members of all age groups into our church family! We know that the sound of children both playing and protesting may be exhibited during Worship. These sounds are evidence that Christ will be known to the next generation. We recognize and celebrate that these children will be someday be the future members, leaders, and ambassadors of the church. Oak Grover's have made it clear that young families should feel comfortable during Worship, regardless of this joyful noise. The voices of children are valued and sweet to our congregation!

Family members of the ***Rising Faithful Children*** group decided to create "**Busy Bags**" for children to use during Worship Services. These bags were developed for three age groups of children:

1. Infant-Toddler, for children who are birth through 3 years of age;
2. Preschooler, for children who are 3 to 5 years of age ; and
3. Young School-Age, for children who are 5 to 8 years of age.

The families involved in ***Raising Faithful Children*** collected toys and materials which are developmentally appropriate for each age group, child-safe, non-toxic, and interesting. Some of the toys may involve pretend play; drawing, writing, or coloring; reading books or picture books; or manipulating toys or materials. The materials are designed for "quiet play" and to be "kind" or non-damaging to our church environment. Some of the materials are religious and some secular. Every bag is different.

Worship Greeters are asked to be aware of the location of the "Busy Bags" and to offer them to members and visitors with young children as they arrive to Worship. The "Busy Bags" may be found in one of four boxes placed on the floor underneath the coat rack in the back of the sanctuary. Each of first three boxes contains bags for one of the three levels: Infant-Toddler, Preschool, and Young School-age. **Each level has a symbol** displayed on the bag: **Infant-Toddler** is imprinted with a symbol of a baby crawling; **Preschool** displays blocks; and **Young School-Age** has a symbol of a book imprinted on the front of the bag. The fourth box is to contain bags which "**Need Attention.**" If toys need to be cleaned, repaired, or materials need replenished, they should be placed in this box.

The group has also placed disinfectant wipes in the area so that families may clean and wipe toys prior to replacing them into the bag and returning to their respective box. Needless to say, this is especially important during cold and flu season. The ***Raising Faithful Children*** group is hopeful that the "Busy Bags" help to make Worship Service more comfortable, meaningful, and enjoyable for all. **Children are our joy and future!**

Respectfully submitted by **Barb Minzenberg**, Member Raising Faithful Families

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Social Ministry would like to thank Oak Grove friends and members for their continued support for the Social Ministry Committee.

1. Over \$400.00 was collected for our World Hunger appeal. That money will feed 4 refugee families for a month!
2. In conjunction with the Yellow Ribbon Girls, the Social Ministry Committee signed Christmas cards for the Troops for the holiday season.
3. We continue to provide meals to Cross Roads Men's Shelter, Beaver Falls, each month. We made 100 individual pancake breakfasts for in their freezer.
4. Non-perishable items continue to be collected on the first Sunday of each month for Unionville Compassionate Ministry. On November 4, a variety of items were collected for Harvest Home for local families for Thanksgiving.
5. The Beaver County Mental Health was supported by preparing and serving Thanksgiving meals for approximately 150 to 200 people this year.

The Social Ministry committee an open invitation to all on the afternoon of **December 30 at Passavant Home** to worship with the residents of Passavant, Zelianople. OGLC holds worship on those months with a fourth Sunday.

Respectfully submitted by **Vivian Leonberg**, Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - Giving at Oak Grove

For those of you who haven't heard, a stewardship committee has formed at Oak Grove. (We would love to welcome anyone who wants to be on the committee, by the way!) **One thing the committee is working on is getting the word out about ways to give at Oak Grove-and there are a lot of them.**

1. Using OGCL's envelope system (offering plate) - When you do this, designate where you would like the money to go (Current, Mission Support, Special). You can divide where it goes. For example, you can designate 80% to Current and 20% to Mission Support.
2. Direct deposit from your bank. (An Electronic Funds Transfer) - You set this up with your bank and it automatically gets sent to OGLC each month. This goes to Current unless you designate otherwise. This type of giving supports OGLC when you are at church and when you are away.
3. Vanco (Another Electronic Funds Transfer) - You can set this up with Ron Goehring and it will be electronically transferred from you to OGLC. When you set this up you can designate what percentage you want to go where, just like with the envelope system. OGLC is charged a 1% fee for this service. This type of giving supports OGLC when you are in church and when you are away.
4. Place loose offering in the plate - when you put money in the plate without an envelope or designation 83% goes to Current Expenses at Oak Grove and 17% goes to Mission Support.

Some changes are happening regarding giving at Oak Grove:

1. If you give electronically, you will no longer receive envelopes, unless you tell Ron you need them. Oak Grove has the wonderful problem right now that we have more giving units than envelope numbers available. By not giving envelopes to people who regularly give electronically, we free up envelopes for those that otherwise wouldn't get them.
2. For those that give electronically, don't worry about what to put in the offering plate just yet! We have made reusable, laminated cards that can be found in each pew. You can put that in the plate each week to show others that you give electronically. In doing this you are being a good steward of resources since the cards are reusable and you might encourage those around you to give electronically. Remember, when you give electronically your gift of support is received when you are at church or away.

Please speak with a member of the Stewardship Committee if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

Tricia Christman (chair), Don Stoebe, Brandon James, Carol James, Ron Goehring (Financial Secretary), Pastor Nathaneil

Respectfully submitted by **Tricia Christman**

WOMEN OF OAK GROVE - ALL women of Oak Grove are members of Women of the ELCA, so please join us!

We are a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society, and the world.

Our Oak Grove women meet the second Wednesday each month, September through June.

We enjoy fellowship, short devotions, and a light snack. This year's devotion theme is: **Travel Through America.**

Please consider joining us at any one of our upcoming meetings:

- **Wed., December 12**, will be a Christmas party at Carol James Home at 7 pm. Devotions Zelda Smith and hostess Carol James. We will have a gift exchange (bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange.). Outreach for December will be goodie bags for the golden agers (to be delivered by Carolers on Dec. 9).
- **Wed., January 9, 2019**, at 7 pm at the church (basement). Devotions to be led by Tricia Christman and hostess will be Cindy Smeltzer.
- **Wed., February 13, 2019**, at 7 pm at the church (basement). Devotions and hostesses will be Gloria Yount and Charen Bennett. In February, WELCA will be making pies **Sat., February 16**, in the church basement and selling them on **Sunday, February 17**.

We hope to see at one or all our meetings/events!

Respectfully submitted by **Charen Bennett**, WELCA President

LEADERSHIP AT OAK GROVE

Officers:

- President:**..... Bill Smith
- Vice-President:**Don Stoebe
- Council Secretary:**.....Barb Minzenberg
- Youth:**..... Victoria Saylor

Council Members/Committee Reps:

- Cemetery..... Zelda Smith
- Christian Education Barb Minzenburg
.....& Tracy Shaffer
- Evangelism Bill Smith
- Fellowship Carol Saylor
- Finance Tracy Collins
- Music and Worship Ruth Goehring
- Mutual Ministries.....Barb Mizenburg
- Property Ollie Dambach
- Social Ministries Tracy Shaffer
- StewardshipDon Stoebe



PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH

Dennis Frankenstein, Lorraine Goehring, Ellen Schweinsberg, Florence Hellmann, Dick Smith, Jeannie Roberts, Kelly Baker, Lois Smith, Henry Kaczmarczyk, Kevin Miller, Gregg Happ, Alta Mae Vodenichar, Velma Bonzo, Tim Shane, Zac Zronek, Ben Kress, Kevin Caldwell, Josh Simon, Jeff Horton, Kathleen Evanchenko, Ava Nickol, LaRue Galina, David Humphrey, Dick Dunmyre, Derek Krut, Betty Lehmann, Brad Walker, Eva Geotano, Debbie Spangler, Jeff Roche, Kathy Ketterer, Doug Deem, Larry Kuhn, Karen Wilson, Lori Sweeney, Diane Rowe, Harvey Lantz, Pam Koller, Patrick Duffy, Tessa Tarasovich, Robert Gordon, Lauren Pierce, Ruthann Debo, Helen Bryan, Patty Stetz, Roy Shaffer, Donna Barnard, Rege Haefner, Connie Andresky, Linda Orth, John Hoyman, Blake McLean, Arlene Clowes, Larry Munyon



Prayers for those who grieve:

For those who serve in the armed forces: Jeffery Grant, Josh Morris, Nick Durfey, Wyatt Jenny, Michael Bittenbender, Kyle Ellis, Jordan Escamilla, Cody Davis, Dustin Spencer, Dustin Spencer, Thomas Jordan, Siarra Corfield, Callum Heavens, Jarod Leonberg

To initiate the prayer chain, please call, Vivian Leonberg at 724-774-5967.



ANNIVERSARIES

December 14, 1985	Tom and Kelly Applequist	December 19, 2001	Rodney and Tauna Perenovich
December 14, 1985	Ed and Diane Grunnagle	December 29, 1965	Ron and Lynn Goehring

BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Susie Jenny	December 22	Walker Vodenichar	January 16	Cody Davis
December 3	Gary Westerman	December 22	Lucas David Schomburg	January 18	Cole Furbee
December 3	Lois Smith	December 26	Katie Furbee	January 18	Kylie Dambach
December 6,	Victoria Saylor	December 27	Alajia Cypher	January 21	Dale Majors
December 10	Lonnie Vodenichar	December 29	Emily Hunter	January 24	Dave Rape
December 10	Tessa Rape	December 30	Zelda Smith	January 25	Sharon Hoyman
December 12	Angela Smith	December 30	Dan Yount	January 28	Lorraine Goehring
December 12	Mike Lucas	December 31	David Hunter	January 31	Brenda Campbell Hunter
December 12	Kendra Goehring	January 2	Tom Applequist	February 6	Declan Ward
December 13	Carmie Dambach	January 2	Christine Clowes	February 7	Randy Kaelin
December 14	Violet Fernandez	January 2	Kelsey Smith	February 8	Myles Minzenberg
December 16	Rodney Perenovich	January 3	Ashley Spencer	February 14	Marcia Heymann
December 16	Rick Durst	January 7	John (Joe) Heymann	February 17	Don Stoebe
December 17	Greg Scheck	January 8	Patty Vodenichar	February 18	Emily Hatt
December 19	Dustin Spencer	January 11	Jessica Hatt	February 21	Scarlet Spencer
December 21	Reed Minzenberg	January 14	Tracy Shaffer	February 22	Tauna Perenovich

If you should have any updates or additions for Birthdays and Anniversaries, please contact Lynn Goehring.

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"Prayer is very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails." Martin Luther