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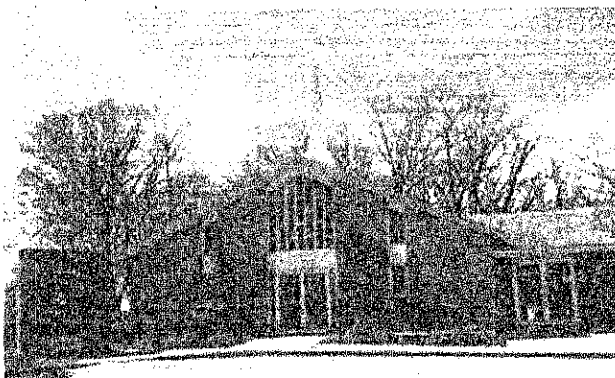
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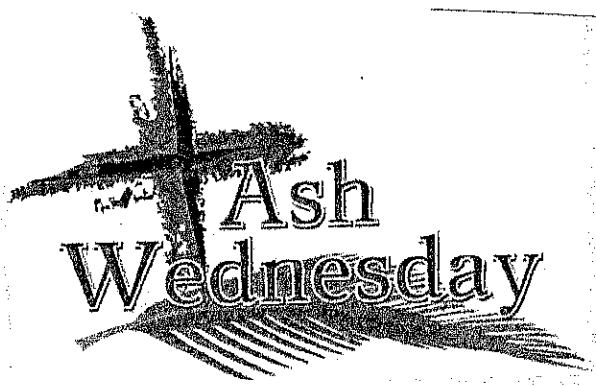
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***MORGENLAND UNION CHURCH NEWSLETTER***

***FEBRUARY 2021***





***Lent Begins***

***February 17, 2021***

Things did not go well for Jesus as he began to teach. People began to feel threatened. He challenged their way of thinking and doing and they killed him on a cross. This is a reality in our world. We, too, suffer and die. The marvel of our faith is that God makes that journey with us as well. Our seasonal observance of this reality is called Lent. It begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday at the dark end of winter. It is a time of recognizing our need for God to understand what we face in this life and to accompany us along the way. Its highest message is that God is so willing, and that in the depth of our pain we can be related to our God, who also knows pain and tears and death.

Lent is 40 days long (not counting Sundays, which are always feast days), reflecting the 40 days of rain for Noah, the 40 days of schooling the people, Israel, in the Exodus, and the 40 days of testing of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism in the Jordan River.

Lent, as a season of preparation, is traditionally focused on repentance. Biblically speaking, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words and lifestyles. The Lenten season is the spiritual equivalent of an annual physical exam: it is a time to take stock of our lives, our hearts.

***From the Pastor...***

We have learned in 2020 especially with the Covid 19 threatening our life and the lives of our loved ones that fear can claw at our faith and hearts and squeezes the joy out of life. If we stop to think about it, most of us fear dozens of things every day. We fear being late for work, we fear being involved in a car accident, we fear the disapproval of others. Some of us dread dental appointments, financial slowdowns, job lay-offs and aging. Fear is cloaked in big and small packages that unexpectedly and frequently arrive on our doorsteps.

Yet our fear, worry and apprehension are no surprise to God. Although He doesn't experience fear of anything, He understands us when we balk at challenges or panic when pained. Countless times throughout His Word, God confidently reassures us that we can gain courage and "fear not." Yet He does not just command our bravery, He nudges us to let go of our anxiety and apprehensions by shifting our thinking.

How do we practically deal with those never-ending fears? By remembering through the day that we are not alone because God – who infinitely greater than any intimidating person or and daunting situation – is right beside us. When reminded that God is constantly on our side, we can stand up to our fears and watch our worry disappear.

**God's Blessings!**

***Pastor Zelker***



### ASH WEDNESDAY-IMPOSITION OF ASHES

There will be a drive-through Imposition of Ashes on Weds, February 17, from 1-2 pm and 5-6 pm.

In the event of inclement weather, please check our website or WFMZ Channel 69 news for updates.

**IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES WILL RESUME SUNDAY, MARCH 7\*\* AT 9 AM WITH HOLY COMMUNION.**

Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be observed.

\*\*Subject to change due to the pandemic. Check our website or Facebook for updates.

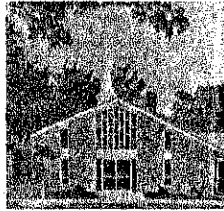


In 2020, Morgenland donated 595 lbs of food, four \$25 store cards, and \$2,087.86 to the Lowhill Food Pantry. Thanks for supporting the needs of our community!

### MORGENLAND IS IN SEARCH OF:

**CHURCH TREASURER** starting April, 2021. Contact any Board member if interested. Carol Betz will be available to train.

**WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR**-needed to manage our website and post updates and activities of the Church. Students in need of volunteer hours are welcome. Contact any Board member.



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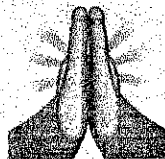
*Submit newsletter articles to Betsy Laub at [Betz1964@aol.com](mailto:Betz1964@aol.com) or 610-336-9425  
prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month*

*Board meetings are held the second Sunday of each month immediately after Worship*

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**2021 BOARD MEMBERS**

<u>President:</u>	Susan Langley
<u>Vice President:</u>	Kelly Fritzing
<u>Secretary:</u>	Allison Wehr
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Carol Betz
<u>Financial Secretary:</u>	Kathy Haas
<u>Board Members:</u>	Becki Bitting, Brenda Bougher, Joshua Langley, Kurt Everett, Curtis Renner, Dennis Rupp, Judy Pudleiner, and Wayne Schaeffer.



**Angel Fund**

Through the generous donations of our members, we were able to help five people during these difficult times. We normally receive our funds through a monthly "Joyful Noise Offering" when Sunday School is in session and through some of our members that make regular contributions to the fund. The Angel Fund is getting low. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be mailed and made payable to the church, just specify "Angel Fund" in the memo section of the check, or there is a container in the Narthex of the church when church resumes.

## FEBRUARY

### BIRTHDAYS

9 Cole Barthold, Keith Reichard  
12 Kaitlin Hardiman, Jesse Renner  
15 Logan Bitting, Mark Breininger  
16 Debra Hardiman  
19 Stephanie Eisenhard, Elaine Werley  
20 Kimberly Hardiman, Charles Moles  
22 Janet Reinert  
25 Cody Lutz  
27 Preston Langley  
28 David Werley, Wayne Schaeffer

### ANNIVERSARIES

14 Troy & Tina Everett  
22 Leon & Nancy Blackman

### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	\$ 23,175.00
Expenses	\$10,360.26
YTD Income	\$129,002.27
YTD Expenses	\$117,762.83
* Adjusted	\$16,818.86.

### DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	\$19,351.00
Expenses	\$17,413.69
YTD Income	\$148,353.27
YTD Expenses	\$135,176.52
* Adjusted	\$45,566.68

\*Adjusted amount reflects postage and store card inventory.



### 2020 HOAGIE REPORT

Many thanks to all that helped with the hoagie sales, sorting and bagging for pick up. We sold 2,494 hoagies in 2020, which gave a profit of \$7,267.55 for the year. We will begin selling hoagies in March. Orders must be in by February 28<sup>th</sup> with pick up on March 9<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

This is a great fundraiser, so lets try to make it even better in 2021.

-Paul and Marilyn Beuscher

**SCRIPT CARDS**-- the next gift card order will be due Sunday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> with delivery Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Allison Wehr at 610-390-9945 or [alli1993@yahoo.com](mailto:alli1993@yahoo.com) to arrange pick up of order due to church in person services cancelled.

