

THE CHURCH CANDLE

JANUARY 2026

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



A LITTLE



Question: Whose song of praise includes these words, "He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble."

(Please find the Answer on another page in Newsletter)



**TO SANDY
CAMPBELL,**
Sayre Salvation
Army Volunteer ...

Sandy has
received the Bill and Sarah Ransom
Community Service Award —
November of 2025.

And ALSO TO...

DR. JENNIFER MANGES, a
Biology Teacher at the University of Pittsburgh,
Johnstown, PA. Jennifer received
her PhD after defending her Thesis on
helping to change the way vaccinations
are promoted. Jennifer is the Niece of
Laurel Mareck.

SEED FAITH DINNER-OUT ...

We will gather for dinner on Tuesday, January 20th, ~ 5:30 p.m. at The Grille Restaurant, located at 718 North Lehigh Avenue in Sayre. All women of the church and friends are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008 if you plan to attend.

SUNDAY, **January 4th is Food**

Pantry Sunday ... It is observed on the first Sunday of the month. There were a total of twenty-six (26) food items collected in December. Thank you to all those who contributed to this outreach.



**FROM the ATHENS
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH ...**

“Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your recent donation of food to our ‘Feed My Sheep Food Pantry.’ We appreciate your donations especially at this busy time of the year. Merry Christmas! *In His Service, Athens UM Church, FMS Food Pantry.*”

*May God give you grace and peace.
I Corinthians 1:3*

And ALSO FROM ...

**The GUTHRIE TROY
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ...**

“Because of your generosity, our community now has access to life-saving breast imaging technology. Thank you for helping make contract-enhanced mammography a reality at Guthrie Troy Community Hospital.”

A donation has been made through the Seed Faith Circle.

PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ and I pray that you begin this new year with gladness and gratitude. I often think of New Year Resolutions and how many times we make and break them. We make these promises to ourselves so why do we break them? I would rather make promises to all of you. This year I promise to keep things positive, to approach each of you with grace and gratitude – maybe that will bring more peace and gladness. I promise that when I need your help with something, whether a project or just with getting through tough times, I will ask for it. So, here's my first ask – How are things going with the church? Are you seeing needs that are not being met? If there is something within my capabilities and power to change, I am willing, if I can't help, I will be honest and let you know that too. I am not saying that there are problems within this church or in the congregation, but if you see something I am not seeing I hope you will let me know. Some things are better if you don't sweep them under the carpet.

Here are some things to remember for the coming new year. First and most important is the weather, please keep yourselves safe. If the weather turns bad and you are not comfortable traveling please stay home – I would rather miss you one day due to weather than for a lifetime due to accidents. Next, we are changing the time for our Wednesday Bible Study group from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to better accommodate some of our schedules. Finally, remember that you are a big part of this church family and, as in every family, nothing is done without each member pitching in. We need volunteers for many church projects – think about what you are willing to do for the church if needs arise and please let one of your church leaders (any member of the board) know. It takes a village!

Blessings and wishes for a safe and healthy new year.

Pastor Paula



ANGEL TREE: Gifts for the Children of Bradford-Tioga Head Start Program ...



Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Angel Tree" program. We received seventeen (17) children's names from the Bradford-Tioga Head Start at the Lynch-Bustin Elementary School. All of the children received gifts from our church. The families do appreciate your generosity!

In addition to providing Angel Tree gifts, we also provided a Thanksgiving dinner for a blended family of seven. We received a Thank You Card from the family — "Thanks for all you did for us on Thanksgiving. We appreciate it very much for your help." Thank you to all who contributed food to this outreach.



THANK YOU to everyone who decorated the Sanctuary for Christmas this year.

GIVING REPORT FOR

November 2025:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

November — 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$5,328.50
Designated	\$1,583.00
World Outreach	\$8.00
Local Outreach	\$168.00
Building Fund	\$1,410.50

Celebration Sunday ... will be held on January 25th, following the Worship Service.

Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in January will be honored.



Please bring a snack to share.

WORSHIP SERVICES and BAD WEATHER ...

"In the case of bad weather on Sunday, please do not attempt to come to the church if it is not safe for you to do so. I will be in the church, there will be a service regardless of attendance - if no one can come I will record a message for YouTube and post it myself. The church will remain open for anyone who wants to worship on any Sunday."



To Family and Friends of Bruce Bach, who passed away on December 16, 2025. Bruce has been on our prayer list and is a friend of Sayre Christian Church.

Luke 1:52
Answer to Trivia Question ... Mary's Song,

07 - Zachary Yale
08 - Holly Kline
09 - Juanita Cron
13 - Calvin Preiser
15 - Rick Rava
15 - Darci Baird
16 - Mark Allis
16 - Kathi Hunsinger
20 - Jeff Robert
20 - Art Johnston
23 - Candace Carlson
24 - Lorie Anderson
27 - Jessey Lacko
28 - Laurel Mareck



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

15 - Darin and Brenda Yale

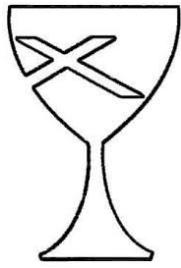
LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Jane Donahoo
Anthony Stella
Bob Felt
Brett Lattimer
Mike Spencer
Ed Kretsch
Nikki Greeno



Coins for a Cause" ...

The Society of St. Andrew will continue to be the recipient of this program. All are encouraged to bring your loose change for the jar located in the sanctuary. The Society of St. Andrew was founded in 1983 and works with farmers to harvest unmarketable fruits and vegetables, and organizes volunteers to pick, pack, and transport healthy produce to local food banks, free church pantries, shelters, and other nonprofits.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR JANUARY 2026 ...

Thursday, January 1st - Happy New Year /
Church Office Closed
Sunday, January 4th - Epiphany Sunday / 2nd
Sunday of Christmas / Food Pantry Sunday
Sundays, January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th / Sunday
School at 9:15 a.m. / Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 6th - Elder's/Deacons' Meeting
at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday - January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th /
Bible Study Group at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 11th - Baptism of the Lord
Sunday
Tuesday, January 13th - Board Meeting at 6 p.m.
Sunday, January 18th - Gideons' Sunday / 2nd
Sunday after Epiphany / ECD Council Mtg.
at 3 p.m. in Alba
Tuesday, January 20th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-
Out at 5:30 p.m. / The Grille Restaurant
Sunday, January 25th - 3rd Sunday after
Epiphany / Celebration Sunday (Snack) /
Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare
and Rehab Center at 1:30 p.m.

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