

THE CHURCH CANDLE

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



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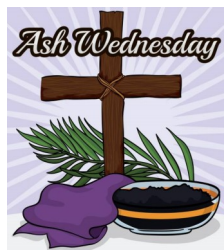
"What "National Holiday" is February 20th?"

The answer is found by reading this newsletter.

WEEK OF COMPASSION — "A NEW WAY" ...

"Week of Compassion" is the relief, refugee, and sustainable development mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC) in the United States and Canada. The annual special offering will be received on Sundays, February 15th and February 22nd. Inserts and offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

The Week of Compassion is eager to engage ~ relying on ecumenical connection and innovative local leadership to find "A New Way" providing hope and new possibilities for survivors right in their own communities. Thank you for whatever you can give as an offering to this ministry. Wendy McKeithan, Outreach Coordinator.



February 18th ...

Ashes will be given from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.

SUNDAY,
February 1st is Food
Pantry Sunday ... It is observed on the first Sunday of the month. **Thank you** to all those who contributed in January to this outreach.



DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER MEETING ...

will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at the Church of Christ

(DOC) in Covington, PA. The meal begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu and program for this dinner will be available in the Sunday Bulletin. Men and women are invited to this event, a group from our church will attend and car-pool to Covington. Please contact Pastor Paula if you would like to attend.

SEED FAITH CIRCLE DINNER-OUT ... Due to the Disciples Christian Fellowship Dinner, we will not meet in February. (If there is a change, an announcement will be posted in the Sunday Bulletin.)

Please welcome Organist, Ted Davenport.. He will be providing Special Music on Sunday, February 1st. Ted plans to move south the middle of February. This will be the last time he will be performing for the Sayre Christian Church. Thank you Ted for your musical talents.



PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that you are surviving these frigid winter months!

Did you know that February 20th is the middle of winter and considered by some "Hoodie Hoo Day" for the Northern Hemisphere. Hoodie Hoo Day is a day when people go outside at noon, wave their hands shaking their fists at mother nature, and shout "Hoodie-Hoo!" to chase away winter and welcome spring! Sounds silly but we all need something fun to do in the dark mid-winter.



Here are some things the church is doing for February; the eighth is Scout Sunday, and the scouts are inviting you to join them as they conduct the worship service in our church. These young men and women, by doing these activities, are earning their faith-based badges – it is exciting to see the youth participate in such a way a grow in their faith.

Ash Wednesday and Lent comes early this year, February 18th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Our Sunday School lessons will continue to focus on the book of Revelation during Lent but the Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Bible Study class will find a video study that focuses on Lent. I plan to do a sermon series that focuses on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that will carry us through to Palm Sunday – that starts next week so stay tuned.

Our church's missions are moving forward, if you have time to read the minutes and notes from the most recent board meeting you will see the Ministry Council / Outreach team's report on where your giving toward mission has gone in the past year. Even our small church can have a significant impact when we partner with other organizations within the community and within the scope of our general church. God bless you all and praise God for the opportunities we have for service.

Blessings,

Pastor Paula

REPORT from the OUTREACH TEAM DONATIONS for 2025 ...

The purpose of the Outreach Team is to serve the needs of our community and the world as much as we are able to. A Local Outreach Fund is available from which donations are given to local organizations. These funds come through the Sunday offering and the "Coins from a Cause" program. This year, from January through December, \$2,484.59 was donated to organizations.

Some of the recipients are: Grace Christian Academy — Christian School in Ulster, PA; Salvation Army of Sayre — To assist with general needs; Penn-York Opportunities — Assists individuals with special needs; Endless Mountains Mission Center — Assists the homeless; Catholic Charities Tioga/Tompkins County — Serves families of Tioga County, NY; The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches — Supports the Annual Sleepout; Feed My Sheep at the Athens United Methodist Church — Food Pantry; and Adelphoi — Works with families of adopted and foster children.

In addition, members of our church family participated in the following activities: Two Community Dinners at the Church of the Redeemer; Operation Christmas Child; The Angel Tree Project for the Bradford-Tioga County Head Start Program; Our church family provided a Thanksgiving meal (plus!) for a family of six who participate in the Head Start Program.

Thank you all who have donated to the Outreach Fund.

GIVING REPORT FOR

December 2025:

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

December — 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$4,713.00
Designated	\$1,181.00
World Outreach	\$150.00
Local Outreach	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$1,060.00



06 - Casey Rava
08 - Drake Cranford
09 - Kelly Seeley
12 - Tyler Rava
19 - Monica Fiske
24 - Nancy Bradley
27 - Braxton Ray Fiske
28 - Francis Lincoln III
28 - Megan Bennett
28 - Mary Flottesmesch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

14 - Tom and Shelia Donovan



Celebration Sunday

will be held on
February 22nd, following
the Worship Service.
Everyone who is observ-
ing a birthday or an
anniversary in February 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."



***Saturday,
February 14th ...***

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Anthony Stella
Jane Donahoo
Mike Spencer
Ed Kretsch
Brett Lattimer



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 non-profits.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2026 ...

Sundays, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd -
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. / Worship at
10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 1st - Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany / Food Pantry Sunday
Wednesdays - February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th /
Bible Study Group at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8th - Fifth Sunday after
Epiphany / Scout Sunday
Thursday, February 12th - Board Meeting at
6 p.m.
Sunday, February 15th - Sixth Sunday after
Epiphany
Tuesday, February 17th - Fellowship Dinner in
Covington, PA at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 18th - Ash Wednesday /
Ashes will be given out from 12 Noon until
1:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study.
Sunday, February 22nd - Seventh Sunday after
Epiphany / First Sunday of Lent / Celebra-
tion Sunday (Snack) / Worship Service at the
Athens Healthcare and Rehab Center at
1:30 p.m.

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