
TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

December 2017

***Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DEC 2 - STUART SZELMECZKI'S 5TH BIRTHDAY
CRYSTAL SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- DEC 3 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
DECORATE SANCTUARY
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE 6 PM
- DEC 7- PEARL HARBOR DAY
- DEC 10 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
FOOD DRIVE AND TOYS FOR TOTS ENDS
APPRECIATION DINNER (SEE ARTICLE)
- DEC 11 - SHELVA SWITZER'S BIRTHDAY
JEANIE SPAID'S BIRTHDAY
- DEC 17 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
SUSAN CLARK'S BIRTHDAY
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7 PM (SEE ARTICLE)
- DEC 22 - BETTY WINGFIELD'S BIRTHDAY
- DEC 24 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
- DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
- DEC 27 - STEVEN SZELMECZKI 'S BIRTHDAY
- DEC 30 - JANET FRIES' BIRTHDAY
- DEC 31 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
HOME MISSION OFFERING
NEW YEAR'S EVE
- JAN 7 - CAPON VALLEY RURITAN SENIOR HOLIDAY
PARTY 2 PM (SEE ARTICLE)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 7 pm, followed by light refreshments in the basement of the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring a favorite finger food and invite a friend or neighbor. We have had a tradition of placing poinsettias in the Sanctuary for the 11 am service on December 17th and then leaving them for the evening service at 7 pm.

APPRECIATION DINNER

The Ladies Fellowship will be hosting an appreciation dinner, for all of those who have participated throughout the year on various church events, on Sunday, December 10th following the worship service. Everyone is welcome, but we would appreciate your signing the attendance sheet in the back of the church no later than Dec 3rd if you plan to attend.

RURITAN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Capon Valley Ruritans will be holding their annual Holiday Party for Senior Citizens on Sunday, January 7th at 2 pm at the Ruritan Park in Yellow Spring. There will be refreshments, entertainment and door prizes. This is something you do not want to miss!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held following the worship service on Sunday, January 14th.

We welcome any comments and suggestions.
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PASTOR'S PEN

In our culture today, there is much uncertainty about the future. Fears often trigger other emotions, including despair and anger and much of it is played out on social media. In truth, there *is* much to fear in our lives and in our world. The unknown future can seem dark and filled with danger. We wonder if we can handle it. We wonder how we can endure. From our children's health to paying for college; from job security to who runs the country; from prayers unanswered to relationships under strain; we worry about what could happen and what we will do when it does.

David wrote, "Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident" (Psalm 27.3). Psalm 27 is a song and a prayer of trusting God in the face of fears. We learn from this Psalm that our confidence is based on God's unending protection, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (vs. 1). True safety is found in God's presence, "One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple" (vs.4).

The ultimate fulfillment of this Psalm is found in Christ, the one who conquered our worst fears at the cross. He is our light and salvation. Because of Jesus, we can come into God's presence with confidence and hope. As Paul wrote in Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (8:31-32). If God sacrificed His own Son to save us from our sins, how would he not also be with us in the fears we face today?

Dear friend, whatever you fear this day, go before the throne of grace in confidence because Christ has made the way for you. Cry out to God, give Him your fears, worries, and cares. Ask for salvation, rescue, and deliverance. Instead of despairing over what could or might happen, run to the One who holds the world in the palm of His hand. Turn to the One who turns the hearts of kings (Proverbs 21.1). Rest in the One who doesn't let a sparrow fall from the sky unless he so wills it (Matthew 10.29). Find your peace in the knowledge that He is the Alpha and Omega, the One who knows the beginning and the end. Nothing in your future will surprise your God because it is all under His sovereign rule and care. And because you are His, all things will work toward your ultimate good (Romans 8.28).

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