



Mark your Calendar

January 2017

- 1-1 New Year's Day/Communion
Epiphany of the Lord
- 1-8 New Member
Reception/Deacon Meeting –
11:30 a.m.
- 11-15 Ordination & Installation of
Officers
- 1-16 Birthday of Martin Luther
King Jr.
- 1-25 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

February 2017

- 2-5 Communion/Souper Bowl of
Caring
- 2-12 Annual Congregation
Meeting/Deacon Meeting –
11:30 a.m.
- 2-19 Snow date for Annual
Congregation Meeting
- 2-20 Presidents' Day
- 2-22 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

Message from the Pastor

Happy New Year!! It's that time again, where we have the opportunity to start fresh and commit ourselves to new and exciting things. We have the motivation to take stock of our lives and make changes and resolutions that will dramatically alter our existence. This is the new beginning; the first days of the rest of our lives! Brad Paisley said of New Year's: *"Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."*

Yet, what is the new beginning? Is it the chance to forget the past or remake the future into something we want it to be? I believe, if we are honest with ourselves, that there is a lot of both inside of our feelings. We all have areas of our lives we want to change and things we want to do or believe we should be doing, but the future is directly attached to the past. We cannot move forward without a starting point. Though, we mustn't look back to the detriment of the future. We use the past as a jumping off point based on lessons learned and valuable experiences. The seemingly arbitrary celebration of New Years because of a flip of the calendar seems on the surface to be trivial. How much different is your life on January 1st as opposed to December 31st? If your life is like mine there is little difference in actuality. Yet, there is there is a profound difference in spirit. A profound difference in our attitude as we flip the calendar. We feel as if we have a chance for a better life this year. Hope springs eternal!

We've just come from a season of new beginnings. Celebrating the birth of Jesus reminds us of the new beginning the world experienced the day He was born. The newness of life as a baby is born. The opportunity to celebrate a new life that changes the world of all who celebrate the newborn. The life that changes ours forever. The true and lasting change we are looking for can only come from the baby born in Bethlehem. Hold fast to Him and life will be better for all of us this year.

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UPDATES

Session Update

Regular January Session Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular February Session Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Update

Regular January Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular February Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Usher Schedule

January 1	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
January 8	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Dick & Loyce Johnson
January 15	Natalie Dutt, Lynn Ehrhardt John Ehasz, Lori Frankenfield
January 22	Jeff Indyk, Lori Indyk Rex LaBarre, Debra McKenna
January 29	Suzanne Swanson, Mark Marason, Russell Scott, Amber Brady
February 5	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
February 12	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Rose Bohr, Ruth Skirbst
February 19	Rich & JoAnn Fehr Niki & Andy Carr
February 26	Carol Keiper, Courtney Morrow, John Counterman, Jan Kuhn

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 1, 2017 – Communion/Epiphany Sunday/Happy New Year

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst
 Greeters Russell Scott
 Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr
 Servers Richard Fehr, Tom Wismer, Ray & Bev Lalley

JANUARY 8, 2017 - Fellowship/Receive New Members

Assisting Elder Niki Carr
 Assisting Deacon Carol Keiper
 Greeters Dave Ehasz Family

JANUARY 15, 2017 – Fellowship/Ordination of Elders/Deacons

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte
 Assisting Deacon Jenn Taynor
 Greeters The Carr Family

JANUARY 22, 2017 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Kat4 Harris
 Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson
 Greeters Cindy Winters

JANUARY 29, 2017 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Tom Wismer
 Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn
 Greeters Indyk Family

FEBRUARY 5, 2017 – Communion/ Souper Bowl of Caring

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt
 Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin
 Greeters The Losco Family
 Servers Charlie Cummins, Russell Scott, Lori Frankenfield, Deb McKenna

FEBRUARY 12, 2017- Annual Congregation Meeting

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson
 Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley
 Greeters Shirley & Elisa Beers

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 – Snow Date for Annual Meeting

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley
 Assisting Deacon Vicki Stevens
 Greeters Russell Scott

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn
 Assisting Deacon Tom Wismer
 Greeters Sandi Skibenenes

CANCELLATION OF WORSHIP

IN TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, please tune in to the following radio station for notices about cancellation of worship or check our church website: WFMZ Channel 69 News

HOME VISITATION

If you would like Rev. Bohr or a member of the Board of Deacons to visit you at home, please contact the church office to set up a date. The Deacons are interested in visiting, providing meals, etc. However, they can not "read minds" so please let the church know of any needs.

CHOIR NEWS/RING THOSE BELLS!

If anyone is interested in joining the Children's Choir or the Adult Choir please see Sandy Vliet. We are always glad to have new faces and voices. Choir rehearsal is from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Children's Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation.

REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

Randa Barabas, Jim Barr, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Kate Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Grayson Bohr, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Constanza, Kim Crane, Glenn David, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Kelly Fox, Denise Frankenfield, Dick Frankenfield, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Wes Garrison, Sr., Charletta (Red) Geis, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Hilton Family, Donna Hoff Pensack, Linda Hoffman, Bob King, Bobbye Kopec, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, Sam Marino, Veronica Matus, Alice McElhinney, Bill McEwen, George Morgan, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olswfski, Irma Cook Petersen, Tom Pointer, Janice Prostack, David Rehrig and his family, Joan Richards, Betty Salter, Rich Salter, Margie Scott, Russell Scott, Amy Shandor, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Henry Skirbst, Marjorie Solt, Ron Smith, Earl Steel, Sr., Vicki Stevens, baby Trent, Bob Vannatta, Debbie Vasco, Dave Ward, Diane Wilkinson, Danny Wismer, Debbie Wittschiebe, Donna Youpa and those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

A CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Session of The Presbyterian Church in Harmony, New Jersey, has issued a Call for the **2016 ANNUAL CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION MEETING** to be held following Morning Worship on **Sunday, February 12, 2017** (snow date, February 19). **ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH** are asked to be **PRESENT** to do the business of the church. At the meeting, written reports of the organizations, committee and programs areas of the Church will be presented, and plans and budgets for 2017 will be reviewed.

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION

Rev. Scott Bohr, Moderator
Karen Rose, Clerk of Session

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for you to pick up in Fellowship Hall. If you could deliver envelopes to relatives, friends, or neighbors, it would save the church postage. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER to all persons submitting reports for the Annual Meeting: **PLEASE, PLEASE** have your reports in to the Church Office by **January 8, 2017**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cathie Fischer, Office Administrator

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY

Last year, the **“SOUPER” BOWL** raised over a million dollars to support anti-hunger programs around the country. This made a big difference to hungry people in our community. Our church will again be taking part in this effort on **“Souper” Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2017**. Be sure to bring a can of soup, with a \$1 bill wrapped around it, to worship with you that day. Baskets will be located in the church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to give flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, or just for a special day, a sign-up chart is on the door to Fellowship Hall. Flowers cost \$30 for two vases.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES


If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to tomcat507@verizon.net. Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website tpcnh.org.

BAPTISMS

We are always pleased to welcome God's children into our church family. Baptized on November 9, 2017 was **Courtney Morrow**. Baptized on November 13, 2016 was **Thomas M. Keiper III**, born on March 2, 2006, son of Thomas Keiper Jr and grandson of Carol Keiper. Baptized on November 27 was **Jace Nikoden**, born on March 24, 2006, son of Jason Nikoden and Courtney Morrow.

In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office. Thank you.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Our offerings do not meet all the church expenses. Working and praying together, along with our donations of time, money and talents, and income earned from our investments, we continue to meet our obligations. These obligations include both Local Mission (which is the expenses necessary to operate our house of worship, pastor, staff, and activities) and the World Mission (which is funds to be used outside our community: state, national and overseas).

If you have not already pledged for 2017, it is still not too late. Please see the letter attached and return your pledge card to the church. Thank you for your support.

Dick Johnson, chair

MESSAGE REGARDING *THE TOWER*

The Tower, which is now to be published five times per year, is a miraculous publication. Recent editions have included children born to the wrong people, and occasionally, *The Tower* even has raised people from the dead. Perhaps a healing or two has occurred by simply touching *The Tower*.

Errors do occur — sometimes glaring errors. The point is that your church staff is fallible, and we often overlook the obvious because we are so close to it. We could use your forgiveness and help.

Therefore, all seriousness aside, we invite you to volunteer to assist with the next edition as proofreaders, folders, and collators. And if The Spirit moves you accordingly, please call the church office at 908-859-0355.

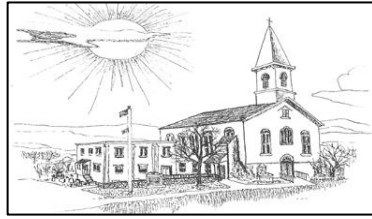
Peace, and may God continue to richly bless our endeavors.

Pastor Message (continued from page 1)

May God be with you in this new year. May you experience the love and joy that He brings as you move through the year. And as Brad Paisley said of the new year: “*Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.*”

Just some thoughts.....

Peace,
Scott
Rev. Scott Bohr



THE CHURCH STAFF would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made possible our Christmas gift. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We extend to each of you, our church family, our prayerful wish for a year full of blessings in 2017!

Rev. Scott Bohr

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