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"To make disciples of Jesus Christ who Worship passionately, Love extravagantly, and Witness boldly"

<u>The Bible</u>: IS The Word Of God – <u>Jesus</u>: IS The Only Way To Salvation <u>Prayer</u>: IS Essential – <u>Evangelism</u>: IS Our Mission

December 2024

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX REPORT: Once again the Snyder's Family has responded well to this very special project that we do each year. This year we collected 58 boxes and Bob & Sandy delivered them to the next relay point on Sunday November 17th. A special thanks to Sandy for leading us in this special ministry again this year.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST: We will begin our special season of Advent on Sunday December 1St. Sharon Graham has secured persons to light the Advent Wreath [December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 24]. We will hang the Crismons on December 1St and also share in Holy Communion. Advent is a wonderful time for "coming home for Christmas" and if you have been absent from the church recently this is a most wonderful time to return and be in Worship and Fellowship with us.

<u>CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE NURSING HOMES:</u> Instead of exchanging Christmas cards with the church family this year again we are asking you to help us collect Christmas cards for the 3 Perry County Nursing Homes. November 24, December 1 and December 8th you can bring the cards and put them in the bins clearly marked. Address the cards RESIDENT and make sure to sign them from you and Snyder's Church Family. Last year there were 100 residents at Transitions/Kinkora; Stonebridge 59; Perry Village 71. An updated/corrected number will be in the bulletin on November 24th.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER: Cornerstone Church is offering a free, home cooked Thanksgiving Meal delivered to your door or available for take out. Register calling 717 834-4641. Deliveries are made Wednesday evening Nov 27th or Thursday morning Nov 28th.

2025 TITHE/OFFERING ENVELOPES: Sandy will have the packets of Tithe/Offering envelopes to distribute to the church family probably December 1st. If you have questions, contact her. We count on the faithful and loving giving of our entire church family to help with the operational expenses and mission of Snyder's Church.

<u>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON:</u> Sunday December 22nd we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a Christmas Cantata "Joy To The World." Looking forward to us getting together to celebrate Jesus' birth. Following the Service we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon [drink and place setting provided]. Just bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. And invite someone to join us as it is a great day of fellowship and love.

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:</u> Tuesday December 24th at 6:30 PM will be our Annual Christmas Eve Carol and Candlelight Service. Pastor Jeff is leading the Service this year. It is always a great time for the entire family to be together so young and old can enjoy this wonderful experience. We should all be so grateful this year that we literally "fill the church" in this time of joy and celebration.

ADVENT BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY DUNCANNON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Wednesday December 4th at 9:00 AM held at Otterbein UMC. The West Side Singers will be performing and the event is open to all in the community.

ON THE PREPARATION COMMITTEE: It is understandable that some Christians have grown impatient over the centuries, and have tried to speed things up a bit. I love what someone once said about the return of the Lord: "God did not put me on the Time & Place Committee; He put me on the Preparation Committee." Our job is not to speculate about times and seasons, but to make sure that we are living as God wants us to live – sisters and brothers to one another – here and now. Some folks are "so heavenly minded they are no earthly good."

STOP SHOPPING FOR THE PERFECT CHURCH GET PLUGGED INTO SNYDER'S CHURCH THAT IS WORSHIPPING A PERFECT GOD. WE GUARANTEE TO BE FULL OF IMPERFECT PEOPLE THAT NEED AS MUCH GRACE AS YOU DO! THROUGH THE YEAR BIBLE READING: With this we conclude the Psalms/Proverbs reading and the Our Daily Bread Readings for 2024. Beginning in January our entire church family is asked to preview and use the weekly Scripture readings that Diana provides each Sunday evening via our church mailing list. This will give us a balanced reading of the Scriptures in 2025.

PSALMS & PROVERBS:

Week of December 1: Psalms 135 - 137; Proverbs 28: 15 - 28

Week of December 8: Psalms 138 – 140; Proverbs 29 Week of December 15: Psalms 141 – 143; Proverbs 30

Week of December 22: Psalms 144 – 146; Proverbs completed Week of December 29: Psalms 147 – 150; Proverbs completed

OUR DAILY BREAD:

December 1 – 7: Ezekiel 40-41, Il Peter 3; Ezekiel 42-44, I John 1; Ezekiel 45-46, I John 2; Ezekiel 47-48, I John 3; Daniel 1-2, I John 4; Daniel 3-4, I John 5; Daniel 5-7, Il John

December 8- 14: Daniel 8-10, III John; Daniel 11-12, Jude; Hosea 1-4, Revelation 1; Hosea 5-8, Revelation 2; Hosea 9-11, Revelation 3; Hosea 12-14, Revelation 4; Joel 1-3, Revelation 5

December 15-21: Amos 1-3, Revelation 6; Amos 4-6, Revelation 7; Amos 7-9, Revelation 8; Obadiah;

Revelation 9; Jonah 1-4, Revelation 10; Micah 1-3, Revelation 11; Micah 4-5, Revelation 12

December 22-28: Micah 6-7, Revelation 13; Nahum 1-3, Revelation 14; Habakkuk 1-3, Revelation 15;

Zephaniah 1-3, Revelation 16; Haggai 1-2, Revelation 17; Zechariah 1-4, Revelation 18; Zechariah 5-8, Revelation 19

December 29-31: Zechariah 9-12; Revelation 20; Zechariah 13-14, Revelation 21; Malachi 1-4, Revelation 22

MEN 4 JESUS SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH: We have been blessed tremendously during our first two breakfast gatherings of the Men 4 Jesus. Our next gathering is Saturday January 18th 8:30 to 10:30 AM. A delicious breakfast will be served by the Ladies Aide Society and again there is no cost for the breakfast, however, an offering basket will be found to help the Ladies Aide Society recover the cost. Our speaker for January 18th is Pastor Brian Doyle of the Mt. Gilead Global Methodist Church. A gifted speaker and he has completed requirements now for ordination at the May 2025 Annual Conference Session. This is a special invitation to all our men/boys to attend and enjoy the fellowship, the meal and the inspiration together.

CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS LIVE ON STAGE AT THE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER, WILLIAMSPORT; SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH WITH SHOWS T 4:30 AND 8:00 PM. THIS IS PART OF THE NATIONAL TOUR OF A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS LIVE ON STAGE AND YOU CAN CALL THE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER FOR TICKETS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. A GREAT HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE.

2025 Policies For Using Snyder's Church

[Adopted By Church Council November 7, 2024]

USE OF THE SOCIAL HALL

- 1. Permission for use of the Building/Pavilion will be secured through the Chair of Board of Trustees in consultation with the Pastor
- 2. After special permission has been granted, Trustees Chair shall mark the Church Calendar with the date and time
- 3. Anyone who is not a member of Snyder's Church will be charged a fee of \$175 for use of lighting, heating, air conditioning and gas. Fee is paid prior to use of the facilities, given to Chair of Trustees
- 4. ALL furniture that is used during the use of the building should be returned to its original position
- 5. NO tacks or tape or wax candles may be used on the walls, floors, ceilings
- 6. Use stepladders; Do NOT use chairs or tables
- 7. Sitting on tables is not permitted
- 8. This is a **Non-Smoking Campus** which means smoking is not permitted anywhere on our church property
- 9. Use a dry mop to clean up
- 10. Use of alcohol and other drugs is not permitted on church property
- 11. Shoes with roller blades are not permitted inside church property
- 12. All trash and garbage must be removed from church facilities and disposed of. **NOTE:** trash bags are available at current rate [see Custodian for these and pay for them]. Bags of trash must be removed and may be set out on Sunday evening for pick up
- 13. If you use the church's paper goods, then please replace them
- 14. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from members. Give to Trustees Chairman

USE OF SANCTUARY

- 1. Non-members will be charged \$125 for use of the sanctuary to be paid in advance of use; given to Chair of Trustees
- 2. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from church members. Give to Trustees Chairman

USE OF PAVILION

- 1. Non-members will be charged \$100 for use of the pavilion to be paid in advance; given to Chair of Trustees. Special arrangements will need to be made for Restroom use.
- A generous donation is expected/appreciated from members. Give to Trustees Chairman

USE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

- 1. The Chairperson of the Trustees is to be notified before borrowing any church property including tables, chairs, coffee pots to receive permission for use first
- 2. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from members. Give to Trustees Chairman

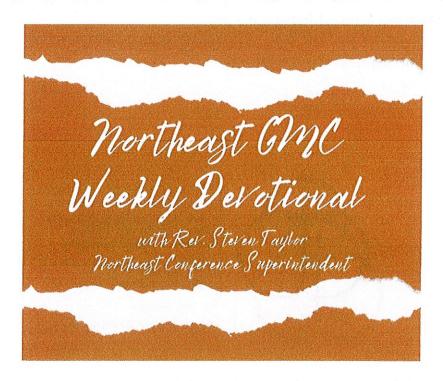
<u>Please refer any questions to the Pastor, Assistant Pastor or Church Council Chair. We thank-you for your support and faithfulness as always.</u>

Devotional from Conference Superintendent - Rev. Steven Taylor

From: Northeast GMC (info@northeastgmc.ccsend.com)

To: revpippy@aol.com

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 07:02 AM EST



[Paul shared this thanksgiving with his son in the faith, Timothy.] I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. —2 Timothy 1:3

In this season of thanksgiving, what is your plan to give thanks to God for the people in your life that are most precious to you? Certainly, our families are precious to us, but what about your closest and dearest friends who are not related to you, but who are close to you (maybe even closer than your family)? Do you have a friend or two that you've had for as long as you can remember - people that mean so much to you that when you're together you are filled with thanks? When is the last time you gave thanks to God for them?

The Apostle Paul was in a rough place when he wrote our verse for today. He was coming to the end of his life and finding close friends hard to come by. Often, being the one to share the Good News about Jesus with those closest to us results in people walking out of our lives. Yet, as Paul did, he stayed on mission and continued to encourage Timothy,

whom he mentored and for whom he prayed regularly. Timothy was continuing the work that Paul began, in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

This week, before we even get to the final plans for Thanksgiving Day, make a list of close friends for which you are thankful. Then, give thanks to God for that friend or friends. But don't stop there. Send that person a note or text message or phone call to let them know how much you appreciate them, give thanks for them, and then commit to doing that regularly. The foundation of the gospel and of love is relationship. We are eternally grateful for the relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are eternally grateful for the relationship we have with God through Jesus Christ. We can also be thankful for all with which we are blessed, especially the precious people in our lives who love us, keep us accountable, share our joys and fears, and who listen and share themselves with us too. Don't delay in this ministry! Today is the day.

~Steve



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