**2023 BUDGET COMING**

**2023 TITHE ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE**

The 2023 Church Budget will be finalized in December and will be sent in the January 2023 Newsletter that you should receive before the end of the year.

Sandy Graeff, our Financial Secretary, will have the 2023 envelope boxes available early in December. Please pick up your box and perhaps take one to give to someone who is not present. If you need and would like envelopes for your 2023 giving and we haven’t provided them, please speak to Sandy and she will gladly provide them for you.

**FREE ONLINE ADVENT STUDY**

## What can we learn from the women in Jesus' family tree?

Discover how four women —  Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, & Mary — changed the course of history in this special Advent study! Using author Shannon Bream's *The Women of the Bible Speak* Workbook, this special Advent study will help us posture our hearts as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and begin to see ourselves in the unique stories of these women in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Together, we'll unpack each woman's incredible story, paired with one of the four themes of Advent....  Tamar = Hope, Rahab = Peace, Ruth = Love and Mary = Joy!   Free Online Resources …. Join the Online Bible Study by Shannon Bream **starting Tomorrow - November 28, 2022. Sign Up Today at the following Link:** [**https://bit.ly/3FbnpK0**](https://bit.ly/3FbnpK0?fbclid=IwAR3ilSUOpogkfvnXt9v9gcKO_KtfByeEwJkDxspx9nRHW2-iVlvAarxK7ZY)

**USED EYE GLASSES COLLECTED**

The Ickesburg Lions Club project is on-going, and you can bring those used eyeglasses and place them in the box provided in the Narthex.

**LADIES AIDE ITEMS FOR SALE**

The Ladies Aide always have Greeting Cards and Vanilla for Sale. Just see Bev if you are interested. She can give you prices and answer any questions!

**STAMP COLLECTING**

Collect your used/canceled stamps off all of your mail.  Snyder's Church will be supporting Alliance Stamp Ministry.   Carefully trim the stamps leaving a border around the s tamps of 1/4 " to 1/3".  Place the stamps in a plastic bag.  Do not use paper clips, rubber bands or even saran wrap around the stamps.  Place the bag of cut out stamps in the box on the glass case.  Bev will see that these stamps get to Florida where they will be sorted and sold.  The income generated from this ministry goes to support ministry material in South America, Central America and even the USA. Thank You for your support!

**ADULTS SS CLASSES COMBINE 4th SUNDAY**

The Adult Sunday School Classes will be combined **TODAY.** All adults are invited and we will be meeting in the Upstairs Adult Classroom.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER**

We are collecting for Perry County Literacy Council through ***Today***. **Items needed:** Gently used or new children's books for preschool and school age children; clothing not torn or stained; gently used or new toys for their day care; toiletry items they pack toiletry bags for homeless; gift cards to buy shoes from Newport shoe store.  A container will be marked in the Narthex near the water cooler.

**GRETNA GLENN CHILDRENS WINTER BLAST**

See Pastor Jeff **TODAY** if you would like to go to this Winter Blast ~ this **Friday Dec 2nd at 7:00 pm to Saturday Dec. 3rd at 7:00 pm** for ages 6 – 12 years. The cost is $50 and the church will cover half. Jeff has all the forms and information.

**BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION ~ ADDITIONAL DATES**

Our Revelation Study will continue on **Monday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm** in the Social Hall of Snyder’s Church. We will meet on **Nov. 28;** Dec 5, 12, 19**. NO Study on Dec. 26th.** We will resume on Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30and into Feb & March as needed. In the case of bad weather, we have the phone numbers of those attending and we will make phone calls before 5 PM on the Monday to announce no study that evening. We have approximately 38 registered for this special study led by “Chuck” Bretz and Ron Manley. Others are invited to join with us as we learn about the End of Times and God’s ultimate VICTORY over sin! Refreshments will be available.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY**

**Next Sat, Dec. 3rd. From 2:00 – 4:00 pm** All ladies are invited to meet in the Social Hall for the “Advent Study”. See Paula for the book and we are watching a Video. We will also be working on a painting but if you do not wish to paint that is fine. Just come out for the Fellowship! Coffee will be provided just bring a snack to share if you would like. This is open to all ladies.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Sunday, December 18th** we will celebrate Jesus Birth with the Adult and Children Simple musical/program ***"Signs Of Christmas".*** The songs are simply arranged, easy to learn along with some readings that can be done by youth and adults. Some practices during Sunday School, plus extra **practices on Sat. Dec 10 & 17 at 6:00 pm**. Looking forward to us getting together to celebrate Jesus's birth. Following the program Sunday, December 18th we will enjoy a completely Covered Dish Luncheon (**NO MEAT** is being provided) and a visit from Santa.

**POINSETTIAS 2022**

We will have 10 poinsettias on the Altar starting Dec 4th. If you would like to sponsor one in “Memory of” or “In Honor of”, please complete the enclosed form and **give to Lisa or George Jr by Dec 4th**. There is no cost as these poinsettias have been donated. Please leave the plants on the altar till after our Christmas Morning Service, then you may take the one you sponsored home with you. They are always a pretty addition to the Christmas decorations!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIORS**

Instead of exchanging Christmas Cards with the church family this year, we will be collecting cards for the 3 Perry County Nursing Homes between **now and December 11th.** The residents love to get mail and may not have any family to do it.  There will be 3 bins set up in the Narthex, one for each location.   Address the cards to “Resident” and make sure to sign them from you and Snyder's Church Family.   Kinkora - 82 residents; Stonebridge - 60; Perry Village - 83.  Thank you for sharing God's Love!

**COLLECTING FOR THE PERRY COUNTY FOOD BANK**

Paula and the Women's Ministry are collecting for Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank.  This collection period will be from **Now thru Sunday Dec. 11th.**  Place your items in the Bin marked for the Food Bank in the Narthex.  The following is a list of needed items: Nonperishable foods, Peanut Butter (16-18 oz), Canned Meats, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Pudding & Jello, Powder Drink Mixes, Boxed Dessert Mixes, and more. Full list is on the church Web site and the Bulletin Board.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND ENTIRE CHURCH FAMILY**

As we continue to discern what we will do about possible disaffiliation with the UMC, all members and the entire church family are invited to a very special meeting **Sunday December 11 from 2 to 5 PM** in our social hall to receive information and then to ask the members present do we want to have a special Church Conference for the purpose of voting on disaffiliation.  At this meeting we will provide "mounds" of material and information and allow for ample time for questions.  If we decide to hold a special Church Conference, the District Superintendent will authorize such and a date and time for voting will be set, at which time only members present and voting will be held.  Plan to be with us on December 11th for this special meeting.

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**SODA TABS**

Please start saving your soda tabs off the aluminum cans. We will be saving them for Ronald McDonald’s House. There is an orange plastic container marked in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY CELBRATIONS**

You are invited to join us on **Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm** for our Annual Service. This year the Service will be led by Pastor Jeff. On **Christmas Day** you are invited to join us **at 9:00 am** for our Worship Service led by Pastor Bill. There will be NO Sunday School on Christmas Day. This is a great time “to come home for Christmas” and to invite other to Snyder’s Church.

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH**

If John’s Gospel were the only one we had, this is all that we would know about Jesus’ birth: before his name was Jesus, his name was the Word, and he was with God from the very beginning of creation, bringing things into being, making things happen, and shining light into the darkness.

He was God’s self, God’s soul, God’s life force in the world. He was the breath inside all living things. He was the electric spark that charged peoples” hearts. He was the fire inside the sun. He was the space between the stars. He was the axis around which the galaxies spin.

John goes on to say that not everyone got that message. Many were blinded by this light and preferred the darkness they knew to the light which they did not know. The Word sidled up to them and hummed life into their ears, but they cleared their throats and walked away. So God decided to speak in a new way. God decided to speak body language. “And the Word became flesh and lived among us – full of grace and truth.”

This is John’s Christmas story in a nutshell. Like Luke, John is telling us about an encounter with the Holy One. God’s Word was translated into a human being. God’s self, soul, and life force were concentrated into one mortal life on earth, and as a result, nothing would ever be the same again. Not because everyone listened, because everyone does not, but because the eternal Word of God took human form.

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***BELIEVE like MARY***

***TRUST like JOSEPH***

***HOPE like SHEPHERDS***

***SEEK like WISE MEN***

***WORSHIP like ANGELS***

***LOVE like JESUS***