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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP HELPERS

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| January 8, 2023 |  | January 15, 2023 |
| Diana Payne | Accompanist | Diana Payne |
| Lisa Stuck | Liturgist | Dwayne Beaston |
| **Pastor Jeff** | Children Chat | **Pastor Jeff** |
| **Dwayne Beaston** | Greeter | **Dwayne Beaston** |
| **George Stuck Jr** | A/V Tech | **George Stuck Jr** |

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING- JANUARY 1, 2023

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| Tithes & Offerings  | Attendance 40Facebook\YouTube 33 | Weekly Budget Needed |
| Offering |  $ 1,974.00 | $ 1,326.09 |
| Paul Rice Mem. Fund |  $ 10.00 | \*\*\*\* |
| Missions/Buckets |  $ 31.81 | \*\*\*\* |
| Building Fund |  $ 175.00 | \*\*\*\* |
| Total Giving |  $ 2,190.81 | \*\*\*\* |

**FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE LIVE**

Streaming On Facebook and YouTube Live starting at 8:50 am Sundays On The Snyder’s UMC Facebook and YouTube Pages!

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ruth Ann Reisinger; Bill Baker; Art Hare; Michael Spadafore; Cliff Ziegler; Suzanne Foster; Sharon Peterson; The Ukrainian People; Our School Children; Elderly & Healthcare Workers; Unspoken Requests; Our Youth Ministry; US Troops; Our National, State, County and Local Officials; World Peace.

**250 YEARS OF “AMAZING GRACE”**

**1773 ~ 2023**

*For 250 years, this beloved hymn has shared the message*

*of God’s Amazing Grace…..*

John Newton’s world-famous hymn, Amazing Grace, was first publicly read aloud 250 years ago on New Year’s Day.

The former slave trader, who became a Church of England minister and abolitionist, penned the hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16 at St Peter and St Paul Church in Olney, Buckinghamshire on 1 January 1773.

The words of Amazing Grace reflect John Newton’s journey to faith.

Born in 1725, he became the captain of a slave ship which was caught in a severe storm in 1748 on its journey back to England. During that time, he was struck by Thomas à Kempis’s quote on the “uncertain continuance of life”, and Proverbs 1:23-26 which states “since you rejected me when I called…I in turn will laugh at your disaster”. Newton later marked the event as the start of his turning to Christ.

After returning to live in England, he was ordained in the Church of England in 1764 and appointed curate in Olney, Buckinghamshire. In 1767, the poet William Cowper also settled in the town and together they published The Olney Hymns in 1779, where Amazing Grace first appeared in print under the title ‘Faith’s Review and Expectation’.

In 1796, Newton wrote to his friend and campaigner William Wilberforce to urge him not to give up his campaign against slavery and stay in Parliament to accomplish the will of God. Newton continued to preach until his death in 1807, nine months after Parliament abolished the slave trade in the British Empire.

**SOUND THEOLOGY**

Charles Schultz, author of the Peanuts cartoon strip, always had some marvelous wisdom, some of which is applicable this morning. In one of the strips, Linus and Lucy are standing at the window looking out at the rain falling. Lucy says to Linus, “Boy, look at it rain…What if it floods the earth?”

Linus, the resident biblical scholar for the Peanuts strip, answers, “It will never do that…in the ninth chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that would never happen again, and the sign of the promise is the rainbow.”

With a smile on her face, Lucy replies, “Linus, you’ve taken a great load off my mind.”

Linus responds, “Sound theology has a way of doing that.” Indeed, indeed.

*1st Sunday After Epiphany*

*Baptism Of The Lord Sunday*

*January 8, 2023*

*Order Of Worship*

INSPIRATIONAL REFERENCE *Revelation 22:20 NRSV*

*“The one who testifies to these things say, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come Lord Jesus!”*

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*Upon entry into our Sanctuary, we invite all worshipers to quiet meditation. Out of respect for others, we kindly ask that all cell phones and or pagers be either turned off or muted.*

**WELCOME VIDEO**

**PRELUDE**  *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #159*

**ACOLYTE**

**ALLELUIA CHORUS**

**GREETING AND WELCOME** *Pastor Bill*

**\*OPENING HYMN** *“I’ll Fly Away”*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** *Lisa Stuck*

*Isaiah 42:1 - 9 Pages 584 - 585*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  *Lisa Stuck*

**PRAYER TIME WITH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** *Pastor Jeff*

 *(Please stand when expressing your joy or concern. After voicing your concern, please say “This is my prayer”, the congregation will respond “This is our prayer”.)*

**TIME OF PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER:**

*“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”*

**\*HYMNS OF PRAISE** *“This Is The Day”*

 *“Surely The Presence”*

 *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** *Pastor Jeff*

**BUCKET BRIGADE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC CHOIR** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

**MUSIC INTERLUDE FOR MEDITATION**  *“Spirit Song”*

**MESSAGE BY PASTOR BILL** *“This Is My Son!”*

**SCRIPTURES** *Acts 10: 34-43 Page 895*

 *St. Matthew 3: 13-17 Pages 784-785*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**  *Apostles' Creed*

***\**CLOSING HYMN**  *“Jesus We Just Want To Thank You” #461*

**\*BENEDICTION** *Pastor Bill*

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Indicates “Congregation Please stand as you are able.”**

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INSPIRATIONAL REFERENCE *II Chronicles 7:14 NRSV*

*“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

**WEBSITE INFORMATION**

For the month of December, a total of 1,775 contacts were made to our website. Thanks again to George and Lisa for providing this information.

**BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION**

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 **Jan. 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. Refreshments will be available.

**GAME NIGHT SCHEDULED**

On **Sat. Jan. 21st** will be a Game Night here at the church ~ **Eating at 4:00 pm and Games at 5:00 pm** . Please bring a snack to share and your favorite board game! We will be setting up a Sequence Tournament.

**ADULTS SS CLASSES COMBINE 4th SUNDAY**

The 4th Sunday of each month will be combined Adults SS Classes. All adults are invited! We will be meeting in the Upstairs Adult Classroom with Pastor Jeff leading Sunday School. **Our next combined class is Jan 22nd.**

**COFFEE TIME BEFORE WORSHIP**

All adults are invited to meet downstairs to enjoy coffee and fellowship from 8:30 am to 8:50 am every Sunday.

**SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Kind, Director of Connectional Ministries of the Susquehanna Conference will conduct a special Church Conference at Snyder's Church **Next** **Saturday January 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM** for the purpose of members present and voting on the proposed Disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church.  As stated only members present can vote either YES or NO on the question of Disaffiliation.  The vote requires 2/3rd vote either way. If we vote YES then another meeting will be held for us to determine what our future will be, becoming Independent or joining with another Denomination.

If the Disaffiliation vote is positive, there will be a brief meeting of the Church Council to [1] approve the appointment of the Disaffiliation Committee consisting of Darryl Graham, John Weldon, Barb Perkins, Sandy Graeff, Bev Zeigler and Pastor Bill as a non-voting member.  [2] There will be the need to approve the Disaffiliation Statement giving our reasons for leaving the UMC, a copy of which will be provided to all Council Members.  [3] Following the special Church Council meeting the Disaffiliation Committee will meet to review the process ahead including hiring of our Attorney and other business that will come to the committee.  Of course if the members do not approve Disaffiliation there will be no need for the meeting following the vote.

**CHURCH SIGN ~ PSALM 145:3**

*Great is the Lord!*

*He is most worthy of praise!*

*No one can measure His Greatness!*

**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.

**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.

**SNYDER’S CHURCH: OUR PURPOSE!**

* The Bible Is The WORD OF GOD!
* Jesus Is The ONLY Way To Salvation!
* Prayer Is ESSENTIAL!
* Evangelism Is Our MISSION!