

The Banner

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH 2012

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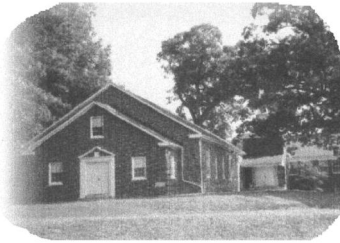
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CHURCH BOARD:

Martha Strite Chairperson

Linda Strite Asst. Chairperson

DEACON: Ellis Strite

Message from Brother Paul

Greetings again my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once upon a time...Our story starts like this...It was the best of times it was the worst of times...In the beginning....

All these lines have one thing in common. They start a story. By the time you read this it will be just about time to begin yet another year, another story.

HAPPY NEW YEARS!!!! We watch the ball drop and sing the song and hug and kiss and if you live at my house that means banging pots and pans and maybe some loud noise in the form of fireworks (he he he). But it pretty much all starts the same. And then the New Year is here and we start planning what we will do next. I use to think that the new year meant a fresh start, a new chance and every year I have found one thing. The only way it can be a fresh new start is if you make it so.

When we fell as far as we could go in the grip of sin and cried out to be saved by the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, he gave us that fresh start. That became the point at which each of us started new. But then as we settled into the daily grind we became relaxed at times. Lately we have been seeing some new growth and refreshing of the spirit within the body of believers here at Longmeadow. That feeling is so wonderful. So my

thought is that we keep it going. We continue to reach out to each other and then outside the church as well. Instead of making a New Year resolution, we resolve to keep this fire burning. We resolve to keep this lamp out from under the basket so the world can see the never-ending love of Jesus Christ. This we do so that those who may be lost would see that light and then to be given a fresh new start.

This is my prayer for us this new year to come. I need take this time and be thankful to this family. You have given Wendy, Wally, Buck and myself an extended family that I am so proud to tell everyone about. The love and devotion you have given us has no measure. Thank you. We love each and every one of you.

I pray God abundantly blesses each of you and those you touch this new year.

In His service
Faithfully
Brother Paul

*Therefore, go and make disciples
of all the nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

The last Widow's Mite offering for Susanne Mongan totaled \$466.



(See attached letters)

The Irving's will be here next summer. They have a house to stay in while they visit.

Charles Strite, chair

MUSIC & WORSHIP

We want to thank all of those who bought poinsettias to decorate the church, they are beautiful. During the year, let us know if you would like to place flowers on the altar.

Watch for Easter flower order form, coming in March.

Love Feast will be on **Palm Sunday, April 1.**
Easter is April 8 this year.

Linda Strite, chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LADIES BIBLE STUDY continues on the second and fourth Saturday's at 9 am.

We are enjoying Dr David Jeremiah's tapes on Revelation – "Escape the Coming Night."



Come join us for this amazing study. Our next studies are **Sat., Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25 and March 10 & 24 at 9 am.**

We would like to thank the children for the great job they did for the Christmas program. That's what Christmas is all about!

Peggy Keefer, chair

CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul leads our **Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.** We are currently enjoying the Andy Griffith study. Come join us **Jan 11.**



Come pray with us on the **first Wednesdays, monthly at 6:30 pm.** Pray for your concerns. There's power in prayer where two or more are gathered.

If you are interested in membership or baptism, please speak with Pastor Paul.

If you would like to meet with the Pastor, call his cell # first to make an appointment.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Paul Leatherman for any needs at: **Paul's cell #: 240-625-3178**

Paul's home #: 301-293-3133

Paul's email: PNL1922@verizon.net

GOLDEN AGERS meets every *other* month on the second Monday at 10 am. Their next gathering will be **Feb. 13 at 10 am.**



NEXT NEWSLETTER deadline is **March 18.**



Please don't be late with articles. If you have anything to add to bulletins or calendar, please give it to Diane as soon as possible by the deadline. There is always at least a month's notice of the deadline.

LENT begins February 26!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In addition to our shut-ins and missionaries, please pray *continually* for the people on the list below. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know, contact the church office. When requesting prayer, please keep the church office informed of their condition so we may remove their name when they are well again.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Barker Fam
Margaret Brill
Shirley Cunningham
Diane Evans
Keefer Fam
Mary Shipp & Fam
Hazel Strite
Longmeadow Church
Our District Office
The unsaved

Richard Brill
Cole Stevens
Tim
Skowronski Fam
Joe Geyer
Beverly Baker
Jeremy Hammerman
Dorothy Hull
Sue Hull
Darlene Cuddy
Stuyck Family
Zeb Yoder (child)
Mickie Fritzke
Dina Frank-Rice
Steve Wilson

Becky Barkley
Anna Bywaters
Eckstine children
Ann Herstine
Susanne Mongan
Marvin Swope
Rescue Mission
Paramount Elem School
U. S. Troops & Government

M Brill's son
 F & A Bywaters gr. son
 A Eckstine's neighbor
 D Evans son-n-law
 D Evans friend
 J Hawbaker's friend
 M Held friend
 J Keefer's mom
 J Keefer's sister
 J Keefer's sister
 W Leatherman's friend
 W Leatherman's friend
 W Leatherman's friend
 W Leatherman's friend
 W Leatherman's brother

Mike Hilton
Bill Sparrow
Bill Weikert
Erin Rhodes
Joanne North
Sandra Beasley
Barbara Edwards
Lonnie Benjamin
Helen Gesford
Janet Taylor
Stan Mentzer
Betty Iglehart
Dana Peake
Shirley Brown
Jean Strite
John Hoffman
Marcy & Hannah Hardinger
Lawrence Petre
Leonard McNairn
Bob & Betty Reynolds
Nancy Linger
Sonny Shilling
Jason Price
Nancy Wallech
Katie Harsh
John Mowen
David Greeley *child hit by car*

P Myers friend
 P Myers friend
 P Myers brother
 C Snodderly's gr. daughter
 M Spielman's friend
 M Spielman's sister
 M Spielman's sister
 L Strite's grt. nephew
 L Strite's sister
 L Strite's niece
 L Strite's cousin
 L Strite's friend
 L Strite's friend
 L Strite's friend
 C Strite's cousin
 E & E Strite's son-n-law
 G & M Strite's fam
 M Strite's fam
 M Strite's cousin
 M Swope's friends
 Meta Swope's sister
 Meta Swope's brother
 K Whittington's son
 K Whittington's sis-n-law
 K Whittington's friend

rest in peace – Terri Meushaw – God bless you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

NURSING HOME VISITATION

- You can be a missionary right here at home. Come help us with these services:
- **Western Md. Hospital** on the **4th Sunday** at **2 pm** in March, June, Sept. and Dec.
- **Union Rescue Mission** on the **5th Monday** at **7 pm** in Jan., May, Aug. and Oct.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR **MISSIONARIES** WITH PRAYER AND A CARD

- **David & Fran Irving** (YWAM Missions)
birthdays: David 11/2, Fran 3/6, Robert 4/30, Alice 2/3
Caixa Postal 441
Porto Velho, Rondonia 78900, Brazil, SA
- **Charles & Georgina Nyane** (Word Alive Missions)
birthdays: Charles, Sr. 11/16, Georgina 10/24, Charles, Jr. 11/18, Ruby 1/5, Jesse 7/28, Lottie Ruth 7/3, George 8/2007
Box 1353, Takoradi, Western Region
Ghana, West Africa
- **Evelyn Dick** (Vine Ministry in Haiti)
birthday: 10/20
PO Box 71283, Albany, GA 31708-1283

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR **MISSION CHILDREN** WITH PRAYER AND A CARD

- **Serdjy Royal**, in Haiti,
birthday: 1-1-1998
It costs \$300 a year to support Serdjy
- **Ziontlang Darnawn**, in India.
birthday: 9-29-2000
It costs \$348 a year to support Zion

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR **SHUTIN** WITH A CALL, VISIT, CARD, AND PRAYER

- **Mary Shipp** **birthday:** 9/12
Ravenwood Lutheran Hm Room 210 –
1109 Luther Dr, Hag, MD 21740



2012 MISSION VISITATIONS

Union Rescue Mission: 5th Monday @ 7 pm
Jan. 30, Apr. 30, July 30, Oct. 29, Dec. 31

Western MD. Hospital: 4th Sunday @ 2 pm
Mar. 25, June 24, Sept. 23, Dec. 23

Helpers needed!

CHRIST'S SERVANTS

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone. Thanks.

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Song Leaders:

Linda and Charles Strite

Accompanists:

Martha Strite, Bud Leatherman

GREETERS:

JANUARY Odalie Haines

FEBRUARY Susanne Mongan

MARCH Kathy Whittington

NEXT newsletter deadline
is **MARCH 19** covering
April, May, June

BIRTHDAYS:

JANUARY

1 Eloise Strite
2 Margaret Barkley
10 Sarah Stocks
11 Steve Keefer
15 Wendy Leatherman
17 Mike Franse
22 Allen Eckstine
25 Meta Swope

FEBRUARY

5 Alyssa Neff
11 Faith Neff
18 Myron Harr
22 Buck Leatherman
22 Wally Leatherman
25 Sierra Keefer

MARCH

2 Elaine Harr
3 Linda Strite
3 Joe Cross
4 Brian Keefer
6 Ellis Strite
21 Pat Myers
22 Kathy Whittington
24 Rachel Eckstine
28 Skymir Keefer
29 Alexis Keefer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Week 1 – Peggy Keefer

Week 2 – Melody Stocks

Week 3 – Linda Strite

Week 4 – Melody Stocks

Week 5 – NO children's church

USHERS:

JANUARY

1 Greg Keefer, Steve Keefer
8 Chris Neff, Charles Strite
15 Glenn Strite, Marvin Swope
22 Steven Barkley, Allen Eckstine
29 Myron Harr, Glenn Strite

FEBRUARY

5 Greg Keefer, Steve Keefer
12 Chris Neff, Charles Strite
19 Glenn Strite, Marvin Swope
26 Steven Barkley, Allen Eckstine

MARCH

4 Myron Harr, Brian Chris Neff
11 Greg Keefer, Steve Keefer
18 Chris Neff, Charles Strite
25 Glenn Strite, Marvin Swope

ACOLYTES:

JANUARY

1 Mikaela Barkley
8 Buck Leatherman
15 Alyssa Neff
22 Wally Leatherman
29 Sarah Stocks

FEBRUARY

5 Mikaela Barkley
12 Buck Leatherman
19 Alyssa Neff
26 Wally Leatherman

MARCH

4 Sarah Stocks
11 Mikaela Barkley
18 Buck Leatherman
25 Alyssa Neff

THANK YOU

for giving your time
to Christ!

If your birthday has
been missed, please
call the church office



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
so that everyone that believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16