



January 12 Through January 18, 2024

Beloveds,

At some point a few years ago, I acquired a notice board - you may have noticed on my door for the first month or two I was here. I was very excited to receive it, and wanted to be one of those people who changed the creative sayings on it each week or so and - it sat with Micah 6:8 on it for two years. Go ahead, look up the verse - I'll wait...

For a time I used it to let folks know where I was, but that wasn't working for me. So I took it down. Annoyed with it and myself, it became another piece of random detritus in my office taking up space.

Recently, I came across a page I had printed out with a quote on it in hopes of using it on that board.

"Every dead body on Mt. Everest was once a very determined individual so... maybe calm down." - author unknown.

I got to thinking about the New Year, and how many people make resolutions for the New Year - and how many of them fall off the wagon in the first two weeks. Discouraged, frustrated, ashamed, guilty - they give up because they don't have time, energy, patience, discipline... I could go on.

This quote - maybe calm down - is fitting in light of such things. We are determined to do things differently, we are determined to succeed - and we are so determined that we find ourselves like one of the dead bodies on Mt. Everest, may their memories be a blessing. We as a congregation are determined to do the things we must do in order to follow God!

As a faithful community, we are called to climb mountains, walk through valleys, and all manners of things as we follow Christ. We do so humbly with God, and with others, in an effort to fulfill the call given in Micah 6:8. And in order for our congregation and for the community around us to thrive, we must be determined to be loving and kind.

But we don't have to do it all at once. We *cannot* do it all at once. First we have to pause, plan, and prepare. We can focus on smaller details first - what do we do really well? What does the community around us need? Who can we partner with? We don't have to jump into the hike immediately. Maybe we take a few smaller hikes, acclimate ourselves - figure out our own limitations and our own strengths. As we work together to figure out what is possible, we may just make it to the summit - rather than being lost on the path, we may just find our way into the plans God has for us - plans to do good works that God prepared well in advance for each of us.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kalyn



Worship

- We gather for worship Sundays at 10am
- 91 in worship on January 5, 2025

Congregational Care

- STORY TIME ON WEDNESDAY; JANUARY 15, 2025 AT 9:30 OR 10:30
- Starting on January 12, the Adult Sunday School class will begin a study of the Book of Daniel .If interested in participating, please contact John Martin at 724-601-0833 or martinjw5@comcast.net
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Missions

- Our Mission Focus in February will be Rev. Moseray. He will be joining us on February 2.

Operations

Final 2024 Totals

We spent \$211,242

We collected \$202,110

Per Capita Expenses \$8,840

Per Capita collections \$2,800 (approx. 31%)

The 2025 Per Capita obligation will be \$8,640

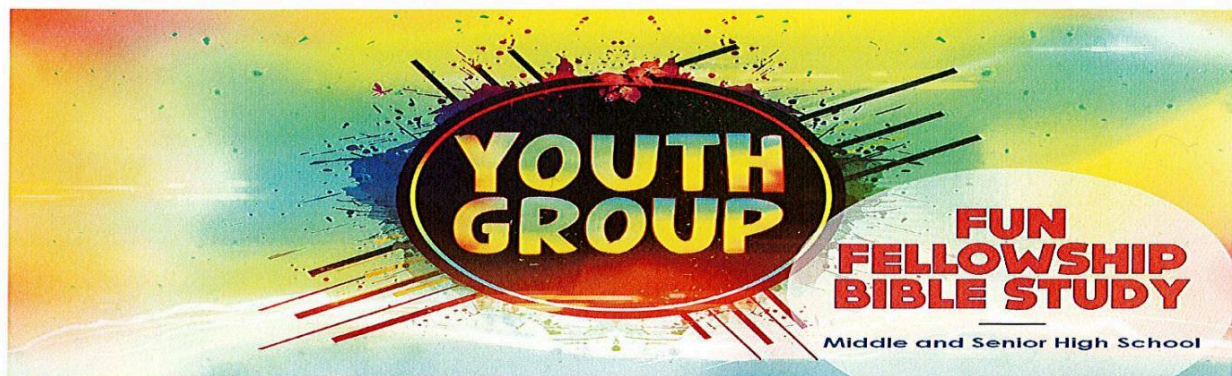
This is based on the fact at the end of 2023 we had 191 active members

This year Per Capita amount will be \$45.24 per member

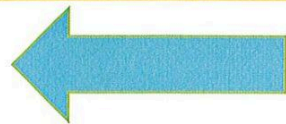
THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missy Sardo–Thanks for prayers for mom; she is home now
- Diane Gennaro–Prayers for the family of John Schultz; Jack's friend who passed
- Wendi Rybicki–For a few days mom is in hospital with congestive heart failure
- Marlene–Friday was the first day people were let go at work
- Dave Kocher–Thanks for John Martin being the Adult Sunday School teacher
- Lynn Smith–Prayers for the family of Lois Davie, who passed last week.
- Simon Hunsberger–Prayers for a friend with neck pain. The treatment is not working
- Jen Davis–Prayers for families of folks in New Orleans who lost their lives on New Years Eve.
- Bonnie Martin–John's mom, Betty, has a trip to the ER for mobility issues





Welcome Back



January 6 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 13 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

January 19 – SUNDAY Ice Skating
Brady's Run – more information to come

January 27 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 3 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 10 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30

February 16 – SUNDAY Snow Tubing
More Information to come

February 24 – Youth Group 7:00-8:30



JANUARY

birthdays

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
Jerri Lech 1/06	Michelle Sebastian 1/18	Rich Kerlin 1/22	Jonathan Lech 1/31
Bob Keller 1/12	Brian Archer 1/19	David Kocher 1/22	Robert Nan 1/31
Eric Nan 1/12	Belinda Nolte 1/20	Jacob Cagnon 1/23	
Sara Allen 1/16	Kevin Smith 1/21	Megan Hunsberger 1/25	
Camden Hoth 1/17	Simon Hunsberger 1/22	Everitt Laird Jr. 1/25	