



# THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

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**JANUARY 2024**

**Elders Class of  
2023**

Sally Heffner

Tammy Seidick

David Sentiwany

Eileen Tremblay

**Elders Class of  
2024**

Sue Butchinski

Joyce Wheeler

John Hrizuk

Kevin Justice

**Elders Class of  
2025**

Gail Rhinehart

Scott Kramlich

John Faisetty

Jennifer Hartman

**Deacons Class of  
2023**

Ethan Guzenski

Colleen Kloiber

Gail Kramlich

Louise Juretus

**Deacons Class of  
2024**

Troy Guzenski

Sue Hoke

Samara Mebane

Karen Sentiwany

**Deacons Class of  
2025**

Melody Faisetty

## **The New Year**

**Dear Lord, as this new year is born  
I give it to Thy hand,  
Content to walk by faith what paths  
I cannot understand.**

**Whatever coming days may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,**

**Or every crown of happiness;**

**Should sorrow come, or pain,**

**Or, Lord, if all unknown to me**

**Thine angel hovers near**

**To bear me to that farther shore**

**Before another year,**

**It matters not — my hand in Thine,**

**Thy light upon my face,**

**Thy boundless strength when I am**

**weak,**

**Thy love and saving grace!**

**I only ask, loose not my hand,**

**Grip fast my soul, and be**

**My guiding light upon the path**

**Till, blind no more, I see!**

**--Martha Snell Nicholson**

# CHURCH FINANCES: FINANCIAL REPORT-NOVEMBER 2023

Actual

Budget

Over/Under

MTD:



*Per capita apportionment for 2024 is \$48 per member.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON

**Adult Sunday School** meets every Sunday after our Church service.

**Children's Sunday School:** TBA

**Book Club:** Meets every Monday at 10am.

**Tuesday Fellowship:** Fellowship lunch will be held on January 9th. Fellowship craft will be held on January 30th.

**Deacons:** The Deacons continue to do the work of Christ's heart for our congregation and our community.

**Choir:** TBA

**Thanks for your patience** as we work through internet issues during our worship livestreams. We are investigating the issue. All worship services are recorded and our posted to our church website [hokeypres.org](http://hokeypres.org) on Sunday afternoon.



### JANUARY 2024 USHERS/GREETERS/ COMMUNION

#### PULPIT SUPPLY—January 2024

Jan. 7th: Rev. Chuck Monts

Jan 14th: Rev. Dr. H. Richard McClain

Jan 21st: Rev. Andrew Barton

Jan 28th: Rev. Mike McGowan

Jan. 7th: Donna Fink and Donna Pontician

Jan 14th: Rich and Gail Kramlich

Jan 21st: Eileen Tremblay and Gail Rhinehart

Jan 28th: Karen and Dave Sentiwany

Communion Servers: John and Melody Faisetty

Communion Set-up and Take Down: Carol Clancy

## January Birthdays :

Jan 1: Dave Linton

Bob Wasson

Jan. 2: Deborah Hartman

David Hertzog

Gail Kramlich

Jan. 3: David Sentiwany

Jan. 5: Carol Snyder

Jan. 9: Kathy Waters

Jan. 14: Tom Steigerwalt

Jan. 15: Ashlynn Buskirk

Jan. 17: Brian Hart

Jan. 20: Sue Bode

Jan. 21: Stefanie Mondschein

Jan. 24: Deborah Bartholomew

Dunstan Linton

Jan. 25: Samara Mebane

Jan. 27: Jennifer Hartman

Jan 29: David Wheeler

Jan. 20: Cory Juretus



January 2024



Our Advent Candles in the Sanctuary.



New members Connie and Phil Overby are show here with Pastor Kim.

The Deacons were busy this holiday season. Seventy-one items (hats, sarves, gloves and mittens) were donated by church family members and taken to Turning Point. An impromptu coat drive aso provided Turning Point with 20 coats. All Items were appreciated.

Because of a very generous donation to the Deacon fund, a well as Christmas donations by our congregation, all 33 residents of Zephyr Apartments received a \$50 Giant grocery gift card this month. It was heartwarming to see several residents come to their doors, thanking us for this gift. We also received a letter sent on behalf of ALL residents who were deeply touched by our church family's generosity. "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7). So, thank you all, God bless and Happy New Year! Melody Faisetty

**Our church** received a thank you letter from the Whitehall Food Pantry. "On behalf of the board of the Whitehall Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your constant support of food and money to those less fortunate in our area. As stated in Matthew 7:7, "ask and you shall receive..." and when we asked, you provided. Your gifts continue to provide for may family and send the message that God's love is never ending. I wish you God's blessings this holiday season. Warm Regards, Judy Ehret for The Whitehall Food Pantry. You may see the thank you on the bulletin board outside of Fellow-



## Did you know?

**You can view recordings** of all worship services on our church website at [hokeypres.org](http://hokeypres.org). The recording of the service will be posted on the website within 24 hours of the service..

**You may also view our church newsletters** on our church website at [hokeypres.org](http://hokeypres.org). There is an archive of past newsletters as well.

**Joyful Noise Collection** this Sunday School year will be taken for the Food Bank.

**Thank you to all who signed up for fellowship duties** and bringing all sorts of yummy cakes and pastries and fruit to share after our worship services. Please remember there is a sign-up sheet in the hall to claim your date.



Your offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. You may find them in Fellowship Hall.



**Christmas Candy Committee has sold and delivered 152 containers of candy for the Christmas Candy Sale.**





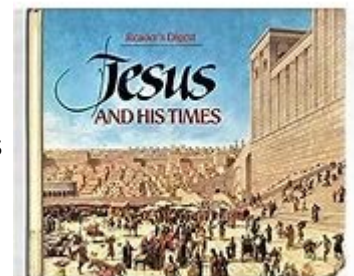
## THE HOKEY PRES SWEETS SQUAD

For many years the same core group of women have made candy as a Christmas fundraiser. Shown above, front left, is Carol Clancy, Sally Heffner and Gail Kramlich. Back left is Donna Fink, Eileen Tremblay, Gail Rhinehart and Sue Butchinski. Missing from the photo is Joyce Wheeler. This year a few new candy elves showed up, Bonnie Keeler, Lois Yudt and Karen Sentiwany. In the photo the ladies are wearing aprons donated to the “Hokey Pres Sweet Squad”.

Starting in 2017 this candy fundraiser has been quite the success. In past years proceeds were used to buy a hallway heater in the Sunday school wing, the carpets throughout the whole church were cleaned and new Advent candles for the sanctuary were purchased. Future proceeds will go toward a project that has yet to be decided.

## Our Paul Dyer Library (located in Fellowship

**Hall)** The book we are featuring this month is Reader’s Digests “Jesus and His Times”. In words and pictures this book tells what life was like for the people who lived during these times. This book starts with the birth of the Savior and continues on through triumph and strife, the changes Herod brought, what village life was like, trade and travel, religious conflict, the mission of the Messiah and the spread of the gospel. Using drawings, maps, photographs and time-lines the book captures the feel of what life would have been like had we lived during these times.





**Please drop a card or note to our members who, because of health or transportation problems, find it difficult to worship with us Sunday morning.**

Janet Bloszinsky	5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037
Donald DeWalt	276 Circle Drive, Catasauqua, PA 18032
Linda DeWalt	Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104
Dolly Kramlich	Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #206, Allentown, PA 18102
Dick & Marie Lychak	Gino J. Merli Veteran's Center, 401 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503
Dorothy Somers	3000 Fellowship Drive, Rm 102, Whitehall, PA 18052
Jim Shedlauskas	3021 Rosewood Court, Whitehall, PA 18052

*Deborah Altorfer*

*Pamela Henckel*

*People in the Military*

***People suffering from depression.***

*Stephanie Baily*

*David Hertzog*

*Angie Pontician*

***People who are suffering because of the virus.***

*Karen Becker*

*Matthew Hess*

*Jacob Rivera*

*Bedocs Family*

*Nicky Hudack*

*Doug Rowland*

*Krista Champagne & Family*

*Bill Jodry*

*Josie Sabella*

*Elizabeth Conners*

*Joe Kanusky*

*Ben Sammak*

*Kathy Cutter*

*Raymond Kern*

*Linda Schlosser*

*Michael Dobry*

*Barbara Knarr*

*Rowan Sharrar*

*Doreen*

*Linda Kramaranko*

*Jim Shedlauskas*

*Dolly Dougherty*

*Rosemary Kravenko*

*Joanne Sienkiewicz*

*Due Family*

*Caroline Laudhorn*

*Carol Steigerwalt*

*Pat Frankenfield*

*Jaden Leiby*

*CSS Emily Thrasher*

*Alisa Gashi*

*Marie Lychak*

*Jane Tremblay*

*Peter Gilbert*

*Richard Lychak*

*Donna Walck*

*Steve Glick*

*Ivy Lynch*

*Carol Wal*

*Raina Gomez*

*Charles McGarvey*

*Mike Woodling*

*Maria Gontkosky*

*Joe Macrina*

*Vance Woodley*

*Charlie Grim*

*Juliet Malay*

*Joey Groller*

*Joy Messner*

*Larry Hein*

*Lois Messner*

*Louise Hein*

*Todd Messner*



Give yourself and others permission to keep your deceased loved one part of the new year.

1. Have a candle placed and lit in their honor.
2. At dinner make a toast to those who have passed and encourage others to do the same.
3. Place a basket or box with paper and pens and ask people to write a memory of your loved one.

**REMEMBER TO  
SAVE YOUR  
REDNER TAPES,**

You may find the container in Fellowship Hall. The Redner profit goes toward the area food banks.

# JANUARY 2024

SUN.	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Years Day/office closed	2	3 Choir 6:30pm	4 NA 7PM	5 Girl Scouts 6:30	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 Baptism of the Lord. Communion. Rev. Chuck Monts	8 Book Club 10am	9 Fellowship Lunch Olive Garden 1PM	10 Choir 6:30pm	11 NA 7pm	12 Girl Scouts 6:30	13
14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Dick McClain. Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons.	15 Book Club 10am. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	16	17 Choir 6:30pm	18 NA PM	19 Girl Scouts 6:30	20
21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Andrew Barton	22 Book Club 10am	23	24 Choir 6:30pm	25 NA7PM	26 Girl Scouts 6:30	2
28 4th Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Mike McGowan	29 Book Club 10am	30 Fellowship Craft at church.	31 Choir 6:30pm			