



Taking Off a Hat!

In October I put on the Pastor’s hat the first day of the month

and the Secretary’s hat the seventh.

There have been times that it has

been difficult for many people, I

think, to be able to separate the

hats from the person. More than

once on a Sunday morning, I had to

ask someone to put a note in the Communication

Notebook. This was necessary because the topic

was about secretary “things.”



A week or so ago, someone started to ask a question. Before it fully came out of her being, she said, “I forgot. The Church Secretary doesn’t do business on a Sunday.” She smiled, and I smiled. My smile became a much larger grin when she said, “I’ll write this in the Communication book.”

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Beginning 3 February 2020, I will wear the pastor hat only as part of transition. The pastor email will be read and office will be occupied by another.

When I took on the role of Bridge Pastor, my sense was that I might be here for a while. God is full of surprises—always! A profile showed up; and then another; and one more. At the beginning of January the congregation called a designated pastor. I was glad and sad at the same time.

I believe that Pastor Paul has some marvelous

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ideas. He attended the Worship Support Team in January. Some of his words opened new ways of thinking about things. This is always good. He suggested some ways to redefine the worship experience. It was inviting to listen to his thoughts, musings, and wonderings. I look forward to being part of his ministry among this congregation. His hat will be different from mine. That's a good thing!



document my pastoral visits in a place where I could make a tangible record rather than looking in the "cloud" and

trying to remember what I called that file.

Any sadness about taking off the pastor hat has disappeared in two ways: 1. I can devote my energy to what is happening in side the church office. And 2. I feel totally comfortable that the congregation has called someone whose interests and skills are forward-looking. That, in itself, is exhilarating!

The bridge has been completed. May God be with us as we move into the future with eager anticipation.

Joyfully,

Pastor Jim

I'm excited to keep the other hat in place. As the institution of MUCC moves into new record-keeping software, I find myself happily struggling with new ways to revise the many separate files and lists. Gradually, they are all coming into one place.

It was a new experience to be able to

Recycle
ink &
toner

Kathy Grose has been recycling ink and toner cartridges for a long time. She thought her basement would never get empty. Surprise! She is almost out. Because of our business relationship with Staples, we get \$2 for every one we take in. Last month we got a new laminator for less than half of the retail value. If you don't recycle your inks, please give them to us so Kathy can work her magic.





Prayer Requests

Nancy Brown
 Rosene Duffy
 Erin
 Jewel Fessler
 Linda Feaser
 Joanne Frantz
 Suzanne Fritsch
 Ellen Goodyear
 Bill Gracely
 James Haines
 Linda Herr
 Rosalla Hollenbach
 Russ Kahl
 Joyce Mitstifer
 Steve Norford
 Heather & Elvin Perez
 Bernadette Petzinger
 Sarah
 Ruthann Snoke
 Ralph Woynarowski
 Family of Richard Ondrusek
 Family of Grace Brightbill

Month of February

- 9 David Blystone**
- 18 Kathy Grose**
Christine Wolfe
- 19 Tina Gares**
Candace Hibshman
- 23 Jill Kinsey**
- 24 Kaley Frantz**
Sara Zeller
- 29 Gabriella Bicher**
Wanda Rabold

Is your name missing from the Birthday list? Please add your birthdate to the "Birthday Board" on the Information Table. Or contact the church office by email [myertownucc@comcast.net] or by phone [717.866.5252]. We will be delighted to add your date to our celebration list.



Month of March

- 3 Jennifer Kinsey**
Carolyn Williams
- 17 Patrick Krum**
- 18 Marcia Bicher**
Charles Williams

Around Town

On Sunday, February 16, 2020 the congregations of Penn Central Conference are invited to take a LOVE OFFERING* to benefit the program costs associated with the summer camps at Hartman Center. The cost of a full week of camp is \$575 which means that *many* campers are subsidized.

LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN

2020 LENTEN BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 28, 2020
8-10 am
Tickets: \$15
Cedar Crest Middle School
101 E. Evergreen Road, Lebanon



Troop 20 of the Boy Scouts of America will be with us for worship on Sunday, 9 Feb 20. This is Boy Scout Sunday. They will participate in a variety of ways during the late service

Members - in - Care

Needed: Some of our M-i-C do not have MUCC contacts. The Elders would like to have a visitor for each one. Truly, you receive more than you give. Also, when you make a visit, please tell the secretary who will record it

Lent

February 26th



April 5th



April 9th

April 10th



April 12th



April 10th - Community March with the Cross



Worship Assistants

8:00 am

Open:

Cal Beamesderfer

Greeter: Sue Harvey **Liturgist:** Wanda Rabold

Communion: Wanda Rabold, Jackie Shaak

10:00 am

Greeters: Jim & Beth Diehm

Liturgist: Margo McQuate

Sound: Paulie McQuate

Ushers: Travis, Angid, Gabby, & Gavin Bicher,
Kenny Patrick

Communion: Ed & Candy Hibshman,
Steve & Marianne Fritsch, Emily Frantz

Counting Team: Ted & Carol Batdorff,
Darryl Brown

February 2

February 9

8:00 am

Open: Mark Herr

Greeter: Nancy Weaber

Liturgist: Wanda Rabold

10:00 am

Greeters: Troup 20 Scouts

Liturgist: C Williams

Sound: Paulie McQuate

Ushers: Travis Bicher, Troup 20 Scouts,
Kenny Patrick

Counting Team: Marie Hibshman,
Kathy Grose, Charlie & Carolyn Williams

February 16

February 23

8:00 am

Open: Marcia Bicher

Greeter: Terry, Theresa & Christine Wolfe

Liturgist: Wanda Rabold

10:00 am

Greeters: Dawn Hassler

Worship Leaders: Steve & Marianne Fritsch

Sound: Bob Dash

Ushers: Kory & Ryan Leppo, Bob Dash,
Kenny Patrick

Counting Team: Sara Zeller, Sally Kulp

8:00 am

Open: Fritz Firestine

Greeter: Shirley Krall

Liturgist: Wanda Rabold

10:00 am

Greeters: Pat & Trudy Yeager

Liturgist: Doug Bohannon

Sound: Bob Dash

Ushers: Ed & Cany Hibshman,
Terry & Suzie Schott, Kenny Patrick

Counting Team: Ed & Candy Hibshman,
Terry & Suzie Schott

March 1

8:00 am

Open: Cal Beamesderfer **Greeter:** Lindy Bennetch

Liturgist: Wanda Rabold

10:00 am **Greeters:** Ted & Carol Batdorff **Liturgist:** Kristi Fields

Lector: Darryl Brown **Sound:** Paulie McQuate **Ushers:** The Bohannon Family & Kenny Patrick

Communion: Doug & Stephanie & Braden Bohannon & Dave & Jen Blystone

Counting Team: Ted & Carol Batdorff & Darryl Brown