

PAYNE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1459 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

We hope you enjoy catching up with current
events and all the happenings
Within our Church and Church Families!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service Hour.....10:00 a.m.

A quiet room is available for families with small children,
which is located in the back of the church.

Coffee Hour prior to the Worship Service has resumed,
but will only be offered the first Sunday of each month

**Visit us on the Web: <http://www.PayneAvenue.org/>
Our web site is now up and running, be sure to look it over!**

E-Mail Address:

payneavechurch@gmail.com

**WiFi is available in the church building
and on the grounds; Password Peace2All**

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Many hands make light work.

“ANNOUNCEMENTS”

CLEAN-UP DAY

Basement Cleanup will be completed as needed and will be announced in Church.

Thank you to everyone who continues to come and help clean.

If needed there will be an Elders Meeting on December 19th at 6:45pm

Deaconess Schedule

December (4 Sundays)

Prepare – Shirley Jayne Clean Up – Mary Dzik

Elders at the Table

December 3	Bread – Becky Wilson	Cup – Ross Benton
December 10	Bread – Ken Ozzimo	Cup – Barb Wokersien
December 17	Bread – Leah Benton	Cup – Ross Benton
December 24	Bread – Becky Wilson	Cup – Brett Kofod
December 31	Bread – Bob Link	Cup – Bill Wolcott



Please take a few Christmas Cards and fill them out for residents in Elderwood Nursing facility
...we need 90 and we only have half completed! Just add a short note like wishing you the best...it may mean so much to some of these individuals.

From the Pastor's Pen:

Oh the weather outside is frightful, but inside Church it is so delightful. This Sunday we begin our Advent-Christmas celebration. We light the candle of hope in a land yearning for a savior to come and bring peace and joy. Each week a new candle will be lit in our Advent wreath as we anxiously await Jesus' birth. Advent means a new beginning. The old year is gone and a newborn baby awaits our love and devotion. In Christmas God chose to become human to identify with our pain and suffering so we can be free of the burdens which hold us back from living life fully. I invite each of us to come to worship expectantly awaiting the good news of the savior's birth. May we allow the beautiful lights, and decorations, the inspirational Christmas music handed down through the ages, and words of scripture found in Isaiah's prophecy inspire us to greater faith. May our Advent-Christmas celebrations bring renewed hope in a better world. Amen.



Scriptures and Sermon topics

December 3	First Sunday in Advent The candle of Hope Scriptures: Isaiah 64: 1-9; Mark 13: 24-37 Sermon: Our God will bring hope
December 10	2nd Sunday in Advent The Candle of Peace Scriptures: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1:1-8 Sermon: God will bring us peace
December 17	3rd Sunday in Advent The Candle of Love Scriptures: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55 Sermon: Our God's love is eternal
December 24	4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve The candles of Joy and the Christ Candle Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2: 1-20 Sermon: A Child is born
December 31	1st Sunday in Christmas Scriptures: Isaiah 61:10-62: 3; Luke 2: 22-40 Sermon: My eyes have seen salvation
January 7, 2024	Scripture: Genesis 1: 1-5; Mark 1: 4-11 Sermon: Jesus: The Son of God come to Earth

Bible Study: Our group has been reading and discussing the book of Luke these past two months. I have copies of the notes in the office for anyone who missed a session or two. With unpredictable weather in the coming months I would like to propose we try to have Bible Study at 11:15 on Sundays following church or I could try to have it on our facebook page. Either way we could have more participation in our studies. I would also like to challenge each of us to read one chapter of Luke each day from December 1 thru December 24. When finished we will know the real meaning of the holiday.

See You in Church...Pastor Bob

The Church Mouse

I hope everyone had a great thanksgiving, and are getting ready for Christmas. I was quietly sitting and watching everyone decorate the church last Sunday. Everything is so beautiful. I love the sight and sounds of Christmas. Did you ever wonder what the different colors of Christmas mean? White means his purity, Red was his blood which was shed on Easter, Green for eternal life he gives to us, Blue or purple was for his royalty as the Son of God, Gold is for the devotion and love we owe him. Take a moment to ponder and reflect on the different colors in your Christmas lights as you decorate this year. Remember even the Man in the Red suit (Santa) kneels down in homage to the Christ Child.

Continued Prayers are being requested for the following:



Prayer Requests

Rev. Dr. Arthur Davis, Sandy Lange's brother Bruce, Sue Fleming, Terry Michalski, Janet Rider, Mary Dzik and family, Shirley Jayne, Dick Keil, Sue and Ross Benton, Leah Benton's Daughter Ruth, Bob Link's Grandson William and Son in Law David Meisner, Debra Carter's Mother Ellen Maloney, Becky's friend Meagan Rankie, Karen Lawrence, her daughter Ronda and friend Sharon Wiess, Sonya DiNardo, Heather and Ken Ozzimo's Grandson, Martha Scheda's brother Eric and wife Gina, Bob Link's daughter Shelly Brock, Sonya DiNardo, Tammy Bradigan's Brother Kevin, Cynthia Pullman, Kelly Akins, Jan Tooke, Brandon Kofod, Lisa Geraci, Marcy's sister in law Mary Alice Pellicci, brother Paul Pellicci and Cousin Bill Feltz, Mary Caldwell, Debbie Evans

***There will be copies of this list printed and located on the Deacons tables. Please be sure to take one home so you continue to keep them in your prayers. *Please note, after a 6 week period names will be removed unless a special request is received in the office. Thank you.**

To be added to the **Prayer Chain** call Jan Tooke 693-2848 (before 9pm).

*In
Loving
Memory*

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Shirley Kent
given by*

Cathy Gunnarson

Carol Moeller

Brett Kofod

Barb and Ed Wokersien

Marcy DiPasquale

Janith Tooke

Sheila and Joseph Ryskalczyk

*In Memory of Joan Davern
given by Janith Tooke*

"IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT"

***If anyone needs to be placed on the Communion to
Shut-Ins list***

please be sure to contact Becky Wilson at 998-9052.



Coffee Hour has returned and will be held at 9:00am the first Sunday of each month! Please join us as we get closer to getting back to our normal activities. Thank you!

Let's Celebrate!

December Birthdays

7	Frances Painter	18	Rachel Misko Hand
8	Vern Ortel	21	Frank Akins
13	Richard Kent	25	JESUS
14	Sarah Ann Misko	25	Bennett Shamrock
16	Rebecca Wilson	27	Paul Stuart Benton
16	Young-Seok Kim		
17	Adam Ozzimo		

January Birthdays

3	John Harbridge	9	Jason Papke
4	Joanne Painter	10	Jeff Painter
4	Marissa Wokersien Tetzlaff	19	Jung-Hye Lee
4	Janith Tooke	21	Jennifer McGlone
5	Mary Dzik	21	Rebecca Rider
8	Heather Ozzimo	21	Rhonda Lawrence
		30	Michael Shamrock



December Anniversaries

Michael and Amanda Shamrock December 16th

***I would like to update the birthdays and anniversary dates so please be sure I have this information for all members of your family so they can be included each month.**

The Niagara County Dept. of Health

Has gifted us with many supplies to keep the Congregation healthy during this upcoming winter season. We have been given COVID test kits; if anyone is in need of one please see Pastor Bob or Marcy. We also have several boxes of Kid sized face masks; if you think you can use some please let us know!



**Thank you to everyone who took part in our Potluck Luncheon and the decorating of the church!
It looks beautiful!**

Also, many thanks to all our Volunteers throughout 2023 so many endeavors could not have been accomplished without your help!

FROM THE MISSIONS DESK



You know they say Christmas is the most “Wonderful Time of the Year” This statement is mostly true, but for some it can be the worst time of the year.

Thinking of happier times with family and friends in a nice warm home, cookies made perfectly, Christmas dinner, remembering Christmases past. For those who live on the cold streets only wishing things could be the way they used to be in years gone by. Or the family that is suffering with little to no food, wondering how they are going to feed their children & make the eyes of a child smile bright on Christmas morning. I have seen and dealt with people such as these, and it still breaks my heart. I can either look the opposite way like it does not exist or be someone who sees what is happening and tries to make someone's day a little brighter. How do you see things? Through rose colored glasses? Pretending things like this don't happen even in the smallest of towns. It happens all over the world, even in North Tonawanda!! I carry blessing bags in our van. Very simple thing to do. In a large storage bag I have a pair of warm socks, a reusable cup, and inside that cup is a tea bag, a pouch of hot chocolate, and a pack of cups of soup a plastic spoon, Also in the bag is a pair of warm gloves. To one person you meet along the way in life, this may be the GOLD to them. I gave a pair of warm socks to a guy who parks cars at a hospital. Think he really didn't have warm ones. He took them with a big smile and thanked me. Ok I made someone's day! A year later we were at that same hospital. This guy comes up to me and says, “You are the lady that gave me those warm socks, and you have no idea how grateful I was.” A year later mind you!! For someone to remember me for something I had done to make a person's day a little brighter. How can you help? Reach out to a family or a person who you see struggling but is too proud to ask for help. You may be the only one who cares enough to make someone smile. Carry Blessing bags in your vehicle! You never know when you will meet someone who wishes they had a miracle and you have that Pot of Gold. This time of year is the most wonderful time of the year.

It should be every day 365/7 for everyone! Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas!

Thinking of You!

Please remember our members that are unable to be in their homes any longer....they would love to hear from you...make a call or send a card it will help them knowing we care!

Thank you!

Janet Rider
c/o Weinberg Campus
Rosa Coplon Room #243
2700 North Forest
Getzville, New York 14068
Phone - 716-688-4937

Ms. Cynthia D. Pullman,
Rm 201 P, Elderwood at Wheatfield,
2600 Niagara Falls Blvd., Wheatfield, NY 14304.
(daughter of the DiBernardo's)

Susan Benton
c/o Elderwood Room 214D
2850 Grand Island Blvd.
Grand Island, NY 14072

Also, friends that are at home but unable to attend services at this time:

Karen Lawrence, Richard Keil, and Sonya DiNardo

**I am sure they would love to hear from members....their contact information is listed in the Directory
(Cards only at this time please)**

FINALLY HERE!

We will be having our Chiavetta's BBQ on Saturday, December 2nd from Noon to 4:00pm or sold out!

Dinners will be \$14 and will include with the half chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad and a roll with butter! Please be sure to tell all your family and friends!

Questions? Contact Brett Kofod or Jim Wokersien



POINSETTIA SALE CHRISTMAS 2023

The Worship Committee is planning to decorate the altar of PACC for Christmas with a variety of live poinsettia plants (6 & 1/2" pots) in your choice of color (red, white, pink or marble). If you would like to purchase and share your plants with the Congregation in this way, please fill in the request slip below and bring it to church. (There are also forms and envelopes on the table in the center of the church) The Deacons will all

have an envelope available for you to enclose cash or a check payable to Payne Avenue Christian Church. These will be collected by Becky Wilson or placed in the Offering plate. If you are mailing in your request, please send it to PACC @ 1459 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Attention: Becky Wilson.

The **DEADLINE** is **Sunday, December 3rd**. The Worship Committee plans to have them on the Altar on Sunday, December 17th and will be there through the Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 24th.

Contributors may pick up their orders after the Christmas Eve Service @ 10:00 AM

You can call me with an order and pay by Sunday the 3rd @ 716-998-9052 (Becky).

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Please Print

Name: _____

_____ red _____ pink _____ white _____ marble
(Indicate the number of each color you are ordering)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

_____ Total plants @ \$10.00 each = _____

Enclose check payable to PACC or cash and order form in an envelope

FINAL DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2023



Our service will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 10:00am

**Please note Office Hours for the holiday weeks....
Marcy will be in the Office on Wednesday the 20th and Thursday the 21st
(if needed I will be in on Friday the 22nd)**

**Christmas week - the office will be closed on Monday the 25th,
Tuesday the 26th and Wednesday the 27th.**



**New Calendars for 2024 have been delivered and gifted to us by
Wattengel Funeral Home, please feel free to take one home!**

**Contribution Envelopes for 2024 will be placed on one of the round tables towards the
back of the church, please remember to pick yours up.**

Annual Statements for Giving will be mailed by the end of January 2024.

**They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thanks for the church ladies with typewriters. These
sentences actually appeared in bulletins or were announced at a church service...**



**The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."**



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