

PAYNE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1459 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120



FEBRUARY 2025

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.

Visit us on the Web: <http://www.PayneAvenue.org/>

[Our web site is now up and running, be sure to look it over!](#)
[All upcoming Events are in the Newsletter which is always posted on the Website!](#)

E-Mail Address:

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

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“ANNOUNCEMENTS”

**Pastor Hope will be on vacation from January 28th thru February 11th.
If you require any pastoral needs please contact your Elder
or Becky Wilson at 716-998-9216**

There will be an Elders Meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:45pm

**The Annual Corporate Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23rd following the
Worship Service. Following the meeting we will hold a special coffee hour sharing pizza
and wings donated by the Ortel family. Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Deaconess Schedule

February (4 Sundays)

**Prepare – Nancy Golba Clean Up – looking for volunteers
Please see Sandy Lange if you are able to assist with Communion**

Elders at the Table

February 2	Bread – Bob Link	Cup – Barb Wokersien
February 9	Bread – Jim Wokersien	Cup – Ken Ozzimo
February 16	Bread – Bob Link	Cup – Bill Wolcott
February 23	Bread – Jim Wokersien	Cup – Brett Kofod

Rev. Hope Douglas Harle-Mould

Jimmy Carter's Last Sunday School Lessons for Us
Collected by Pastor Hope for his January 26th sermon on The Beatitudes



"[Growing up] I preferred to plow without wearing shoes, and I remember vividly the caress of the soft, damp, and cool freshly turned earth on my feet."

"We should live our lives as if Christ is coming this afternoon."

"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. I'm free to choose that something....My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can."

"I love you the goodest!"—what Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter said to each other throughout their 77-year marriage (which Jimmy had heard from his parents!)

"We have a tendency to condemn people who are different from us, to define their sins as paramount and our sinfulness as being insignificant."

"Jesus never said a word about homosexuality. In all of his teachings about multiple things—he never said that gay people should be condemned. I personally think it is very fine for gay people to married in civil ceremonies."

"Up until 1966, I had been successful in reaching almost all my goals. But that year, after much prayer and soul-searching, I ran for governor of Georgia. When the returns came in, I had lost to Lester Maddox, an avowed segregationist, whose symbol was a pick handle that he used to drive potential black customers from the door of his restaurant in Atlanta. I could not believe that God would let this person beat me and become the governor of our state..."

"Ruth [my sister] drove to Plains from her home in North Carolina and asked me to take a walk with her: 'Jimmy, you have to believe that out of this defeat can come a greater life.'"

"I responded with bitterness, 'Ruth, you and I both know that this is nonsense. There is no way I can build on such an embarrassing defeat.'"

"Patiently, Ruth explained what [the epistle of] James was saying. When we face trials with courage, we learn to endure and to pray for wisdom. Wisdom can lead us to put our dependence on things that don't change... With faith, we can make the right choices—measured not by our peers or by societal standards but by unchanging priorities. In adversity Christ can give us enough courage to take a chance on something new. (James 1:2-4, 12)—Jimmy Carter, *Living Faith*, (c 1996).

"The Carter Center has the only existing international taskforce on disease eradication...In the history of the world, there's only been one disease eradicated: smallpox. The second disease, I think, is gonna be guinea worm."

"We have a moral obligation to prevent suffering wherever we can...We have to inspire our children and grandchildren to take on challenges and risks that at first may seem to be overwhelming, or even impossible...Reducing or wiping out diseases from entire regions or globally is not an easy task. But it is possible for a few diseases...And this work is also—and this is very important—a core act of kindness, a recognition of our common humanity."

"I think, in many people's minds, the Confederate battle flag is not only a memorial to our ancestors, which is perfectly OK, but also a symbol of white superiority and an inclination for people to believe that even slavery would've been OK."

"The best way to enhance freedom in other lands is to demonstrate here that our democratic system is worthy of emulation."

"America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense human rights invented America...Human rights is the soul of our foreign policy, because human rights is the very soul of our sense of nationhood." "I think what's going on in Guantanamo Bay and other places is a disgrace to the USA. I wouldn't say it's the cause of terrorism, but it has given impetus and excuse to potential terrorists to lash out at our country and justify their despicable acts."

"We cannot be both the world's leading champion of peace and the world's leading supplier of the weapons of war." "You can't bring peace to Israel without giving the Palestinian also peace. And Lebanon and Jordan and Syria as well." "We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children."

*In memory of Florence and Ralph Janowsky
And Winifred and Robert Schasel
Has been given by Mary Caldwell*



*An Honorable mention was given by Robert and April Lane
Honoring Nancy Golba*

Continued Prayers are being requested for the following:



Prayer Requests

Kim Potfora, Bill Wolcott's sister Barbara, Deborah Evans, Bob and Becky Wilson, Burton Merrian and Devon Compton, nephew of Paul White and Nancy Mueller, Ken Miller, Brian's father-in-Law, Billy Wilson a nephew, Jan Tooke and her Sister-in-law Ronni, Diane Misner (Bob Link's daughter) Harry and Lois Madrid (requested by Jan Tooke) Cynthia Pullman, Madeline Mock and Vince Perfetto (Friends of Marcy's) Autum Lee, Rev. Dr. Arthur Davis, Shirley Jayne, Sue and Ross Benton, Leah Benton and daughter Ruth, Bob Link's Daughter Shelly and Grandson William and Son-in-law David Misner, Karen Lawrence and her daughter Rhonda and her friend Sharon Weiss.

***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).

Thinking of You!

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

Thank you!

**Cynthia D. Pullman,
Comfort Care @ Our Lady of Peace Skilled Nursing
5285 Lewiston Road
Lewiston, NY 14092
Room 254
(daughter of the DiBernardo's)**

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

Also, some members who are not able to attend weekly due to health and weather issues, a card would be a wonderful reminder that they are being remembered...Jan Tooke, Karen Lawrence and Janet Holt – all addresses are in our Church Directory.



“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.

OUTREACH

OUTREACH & MISSION

On behalf of the hundreds of people served by the North Tonawanda Interchurch Food Pantry, THANK YOU to everyone who accepted last month's challenge from the Baltimore area Disciples of Christ churches to provide groceries and personal care products. Your generous response (154 items donated!) shows how much you care about our sisters and brothers who have limited financial resources.

Stay tuned to learn about new ways in which our PACC family can bring hope and comfort to God's people – both locally and globally. May your hearts be filled with the peace and joy offered by our Lord Jesus.



RECYCLE

For many who do not know or may have forgotten...here at PACC we accept clean returnable drink bottles and cans that are taken to the redemption center and the money received is part of our fundraising. Please consider donating your returnables and place them in the large bins at the entrances of the church! Thank you!

Let's Celebrate!

February Birthdays

7	Darleen Papke	27	Carla Wokersien Reeves
12	Missy Weiser	28	Kelly Akins
13	David Krause		
14	Dylan Akins		
19	Ross Benton		
22	Tammy Bradigan		

March Birthdays

1	Pastor Hope	19	Susan Hewitt
16	Shelley Wilson	28	Everly Shamrock



***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.**



COFFEE HOUR

COFFEE HOUR Coffee is available every Sunday morning at 9:15am. On the first Sunday of each month, the coffee hour includes sweet treats! Also, introducing an additional Coffee Hour and Fellowship Sunday on the third Sunday of the month following the Worship Service.



The new directories have been issued, if you have not gotten one, please check on the tables where the signup sheets are located.

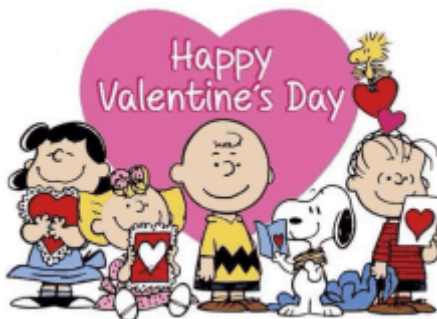
Also, please add to your directory the following addition:

DZIK, Mary, Ashley and William
75 Raintree Island Apt. #5
Tonawanda, NY 14150
716-261-7468



Presidents Day is now a legal holiday celebrated on
Monday, February 17th

This is when President George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays are celebrated, so schools, post offices and banks are closed.



Valentine's Day is February the 14th!

A day to celebrate those you love!

It could be a spouse, a parent, a special child, a dear friend or yourself!

So please do something special and enjoy!