



THE REMSEN DISCIPLE

News of the Remsen Christian Church

December 2017

Christmas Dinner



Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 pm

Please join us for our annual Christmas Dinner. Meat, potatoes and beverages will be provided. Please help us by bringing a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Bring your family and invite your friends to share with us for this special Christmas banquet which will include an old fashioned Christmas sing-a-long and a possible visit from Santa.



CWF Christmas Fun Night
Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 pm

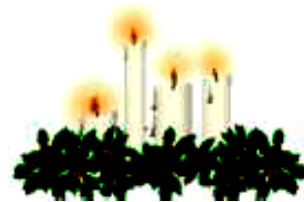
CWF will be meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00pm at the Church for our annual Christmas get together and fun night. Please bring an appetizer/ finger food to share for our fellowship. Dessert is furnished. All ladies are welcome! Please see the Church bulletin further updates and other details.

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class is on an exciting year-long journey, as we are studying **52 Weeks with Jesus**. It is a fun journey that includes Scripture, study material, and a lot of in-depth discussion.

Come join us and be part of this stimulating time each Sunday at 9:00am in the small meeting room of the church.

Kit Marty & Dallas Christian, Co-Teachers



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24th - 10:00 pm

Please join us for this special evening worship service where we will celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus with scripture reading and Christmas hymns.



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Adult Game Night Cancelled – The Adult Game Night that was scheduled for Thursday in December has been cancelled due to the Christmas holiday. It will resume on Thursday, January 25th 2018.

Annual Congregational Meeting

After Worship on Sunday, November 26, 2017, the Annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall to review and approve the 2018 Budget and elect the 2018 Officers of the church.

Treasurer, Dallas Christian, reviewed the budget that had been prepared by the Budget Committee (Dallas, Nancy Abraham & Jim Sherman), and had been approved by Leadership Council. There were very few changes, the largest of which was the addition of money for the minister's salary, since the 2017 budget didn't have any money for a minister, since we were without one until Pastor Dave Maly was called by the Congregation in August. There was a question as to why the actual Building Maintenance (Church – Other) was so high above the budget and the main reason was the repair to the roof above the kitchen for about \$2,500. The budget passed as presented.

Kit Marty passed out copies of the slate of officers that was prepared by the Nominating Committee (Diane Boggs, Terri Clark, Ginnie Herrmann & Dave Shaw) and approved by Leadership Council. Nominating Committee Chair, Diane Boggs, explained that Sandy Ross agreed to continue as Clerk only because others have stepped forward to help her; 2018 will be her last year in that position. There were no volunteers or nominations from the floor. After the ballots were turned in and counted, Kit announced the officers were elected with no negative votes.

All present were reminded that each Board and Organization of the church is to meet and elect its leaders prior to the Annual Informational Meeting in January.

Kit Marty – Chairman, Leadership Council

November Operation HOMES

Thanks to all who volunteered for Operation HOMES. Since we had to switch our overnights this time, we did not need our greeters as the Granger substitutes did both jobs. Thanks to Sandy Ross for a yummy dinner and Diane Boggs for a fabulous dessert. Our next time for Operation HOMES is in for rescheduling. It may be January 28th-29th or February 12th. We will be notified as soon as schedule is finalized.

Linda Lee Marty & Nancy Abraham, Co-Chairmen

Floating Bulletin Board

At Leadership meeting on November 16, 2017, the purpose of the floating bulletin board that was set up by the newly formed team of Out Reach ministries was explained. The theme of the bulletin board is "Those who serve others, serve Christ." It is referred to as a floating bulletin board since it should be always changing and reflecting what is going on in the church regarding ministries

All outreach ministries are encouraged to use this board in order to keep the congregation informed of their needs or activities regarding the church ministries. Thank you notes for charitable donations are also welcome on the board as well as invitations from other churches that meet the Biblical perspective. We only ask that you keep this neat and if you have any questions or need assistance in formatting your information, you contact a team member. We can all work

together to accomplish this task. For our six outreach ministries permanent eye-catching signs have been made.

We would especially like to thank Jim Sherman for refurbishing the bulletin board for us and John Haigh for securing the billboards donation.

Linda Lee Marty, Outreach Ministry Coordinator

Leadership Council Notes

Elders: Jim Sherman - The Elders will continue discussing the 15 Core Beliefs, summarized in our Church Tri-fold Brochure, each Sunday during fellowship. Elders discussed the Advent season and will receive guidance from Pastor Dave. Dallas brought some articles to the Elders meeting explaining community service projects that churches in the area are involved with. Perhaps we could look into that in the spring.

Pastor: Pastor Dave expressed concern for all the sick.

Deacons/Deaconesses: Ginnie Herrmann – Ginnie is Deaconess for December and Diane is Greeter..

CWF: Ginnie Herrmann – The Craft Fair went well. No final report. Chris, treasurer is on vacation. The Christmas Party has been changed from Dec. 14 to Dec. 7 at 6:00 pm. Money from the Crafters' drawing at the Craft Fair was given to: Battered Women's Shelter in Medina; and Oaks Family Care Center.

CMF: Jim Sherman – No report. The meetings have been temporarily suspended until someone steps forward to lead that group.

Sunday School: Kit is teaching the adult class and Linda Kara continues with the children's sermon and children's church with Irene's help.

Brew, Chat and Pray: Linda Lee Marty & Linda Kara – We are studying a book entitled *Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible*; we've finished Eve and are now studying Sarah.

BASIC: Diane Boggs – BASIC cooked for the LOVE INC Fundraiser at Northside Christian Church on November 4th. There is a pot luck for BASIC on November 8th. All are invited; the turkey and stuffing will be provided. The Akron-Canton Food Bank requires a steel door on the furnace room in the basement and there is an issue with the outside door in the basement. Dave Shaw will be asked to look into it.

Medina Light Ministries: Jim Sherman – He's organized a list of needs for the Jail inmates at Christmas as was done last year.

Oaks Family Care Center: Chris Shaw – The Baby Bottle Drive will be mid-January & February.

Suggestion to place a mailbox outside for Prayer Requests last month – not discussed this month.

Election of Board/Organization Chairs: Kit will send a letter to all groups to elect a chairman for their group.

2018 Calendar: All were asked to look at any event they will be part of and bring these to next meeting so Cindy can finalize the calendar.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry training for people who will become Stephen Ministers, which includes 50 hours of interactive classroom training, will begin in January. Kit and Linda Lee Marty will be leading most of the classes that will be held at York UMC in Mallet Creek (York Township). As Stephen Leaders, we will be visiting local churches of our group to enlist more Stephen Ministers, which are really needed in our area. There are a lot of hurting people who could benefit from this ministry.

On Sunday December 17th, we will be showing an introductory video during fellowship hour to explain the purpose of Stephen Ministry from the perspective of Care Receivers who benefitted from this ministry. It is for informational purposes only and there is no pressure to sign up for training. We just want the congregation to be aware of how this ministry operates. -Kit and Linda Lee Marty, Co-Chairmen

Basket Ministry / Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped me serve, bake and pack at the pizza party on October 22nd. We packed 25 boxes and then had a Blessing Service on November 4th. The shoeboxes were delivered to the distribution center on November 17th. This has been our 4th year for this ministry. Sales from the Basket Ministry at the craft fair and the extra monetary donations, provided us with enough money to cover the extras, which included New Testaments in the child's own language, *The Greatest Journey*, a 12-week course that teaches about Jesus Christ, and postage. So many times, when we have seen these videos at our pizza packing we are just amazed how these simple shoeboxes bring children and their families into the kingdom for God.

Look at where our shoeboxes have gone over the years! This year they were sent to three countries; some went to Ecuador, some to Ukraine, and some to a "Hard to Reach Area."

We should all be more amazed that with a simple investment and work done with love, that God always provides the good outcome when we trust Him. - **Linda Lee Marty, Chairman**

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“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” - Matthew 1:21