



THE REMSEN DISCIPLE

News of the Remsen Christian Church

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Taking Down the Greens Saturday January 6th At 9:00 am

On **Saturday, January 6th at 9:00 am** we will be taking down the Christmas decorations at the Church. Please join us, we need as many helpers as we can get.



Congregational Meeting January 21st after Worship

There will be a short Congregational Meeting after Church on **Sunday, January 21st**. This will be an informational meeting to discuss what's happening with the business of the Church and to hear group reports.



Upcoming Events

Upcoming events tentatively scheduled include:

- Spaghetti Dinner – February 10th
- Corned Beef Dinner – March 11th
- Swiss Steak Dinner – April 28th
- Look for more information in future Newsletters.



B.A.S.I.C. Food Pantry Saturday January 6th 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Our food pantry is open the first Saturday of every month from 12-2. We have a Bible Study at 11:00; volunteers and clients are welcome.

This past month we were blessed to serve the Lord by ministering to those less fortunate and in need of assistance with meals and critical bills. We served lunch, provided food to and prayed with our clients on Saturday, December 1st. There are several folks struggling with physical issues. We'd love for you to join us in prayer for healing for Mrs. B and Mrs. S.

We ask that you prayerfully consider helping us minister to our clients. If you are interested in helping out you're welcome to just show up for our next food pantry on January 6th. You can help with getting food for the clients, making and serving lunch, clean up or just fellowshiping with our clients. Many have said they truly enjoy coming to our food pantry because of the loving family atmosphere and fellowship we provide.

BASIC operates solely on donations and has a very small budget. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating items we can provide to our clients. This month we are in need of **jars of peanut butter, jelly, cereal and cans of fruit**. We're also excited to announce that in 2018 we will begin partnering with the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. They are a wonderful organization that will help us to expand our outreach and assist more people in need

Annual Informational Meeting–January 21, 2018

As per our Church Constitution, the Annual Informational Meeting shall be held on the third Sunday in January to hear the yearly reports of Officers, Boards, Ministries, and Organizations to transact business; and to adopt plans for the new year. Notice of this meeting shall be made in the bulletins and at the regular church service two Sundays in advance.

This year, the meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st in Fellowship Hall after Worship. Each of the Officers, Boards, Ministries, and Organizations should be prepared to make a report to the congregation. **Kit Marty – Chair, Leadership Council**



Stephen Ministry

On Sunday, December 17th, we showed short videos at Fellowship on how Stephen Ministry has helped individual Care Receivers with their life crises.

Kit & Linda Lee Marty met with Pastor Jeremy (Lafayette UMC) on December 20th in relation to talking to his congregation about Stephen Ministry, as we are beginning a 50-hour course on Tuesday, January 9th to train new Stephen Ministers. There are currently four (4) people signed up and approved for the training, which runs through April 10th.

Kit and Linda Lee Marty, Co-Chairs

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class is on an exciting year-long journey, as we continue to study **52 Weeks with Jesus**. It remains 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**

Leadership Council

Leadership Council met Thursday December 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm, in the church's small meeting room with nine members present. Financially, we are finishing the year in good shape, as there is \$22,954 in Checking, \$17,367 in Savings and \$10,000 in the

Allard Trust; this is due to the actual spending being less than budgeted, and our Minister's salary being very reasonable.

Going into the new year, the Elders have elected Dallas Christian as their Chair, the Trustees have retained Chris Shaw as Chair and the Deacons - Deaconesses have re-elected Ginnie Herrmann as Chair. CWF reported that they will elect their Chair and Treasurer at the January meeting. CMF has put their organization on hold, pending someone stepping forward to plan and lead the group. Missions & Outreach will also meet in early January to elect their Chair. Leadership Council will elect its Chair and Vice Chair at the January 18th Leadership Council meeting.



Operation Christmas Child

It is time to start collecting for our Christmas Shoeboxes. We will conduct an inventory to see what items we have stockpiled from the 2017 collection year.

For January, we will be collecting combs for both boys and girls. Please be on the lookout for reduced hats and gloves starting in early-February and mid-March; these are the items for which we had to scurry around to complete last year's shoeboxes. Also, if you come across some reduced small dolls, trucks and cars (sometimes these are left over from Christmas stock), please purchase these if you are able.

Finally, I could certainly use the help of a co-chair for this ministry. Please let me know if you are interested in co-chairing this ministry. - **Linda Lee Marty, Chair**



Missions and Outreach

Our team will be meeting on Sunday, January 7th during Fellowship Hour to elect a Chair for 2018. This involves all Chairs and Co-Chairs of our church's ministries (B.A.S.I.C., Medina Light Ministries, Oaks Family Care Center, Operation Christmas Child, Operation HOMES, and Stephen Ministry).

Linda Lee Marty - Chair



Brew, Chat & Pray will return on Monday January 8th at 9:00 am.



Monday Night Bible Study will resume on Monday January 8th at 7:00 pm.



Adult Game Night will be back in January! It returns on January 25th at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Operation HOMES

We are scheduled to help Granger UMC on Friday, February 16th. We need help with the meal preparation and greeters; the overnights are already scheduled. Our next turn will be in April. - Linda Lee Marty & Nancy Abraham, Co-Chairs

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.**

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***" For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11***