

Monocacy Church of the Brethren

Monthly Newsletter

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Church News



Thank you to all that participated in the Candle light service and to Pastor Ed for the special message!

New Church Directories for 2024 are available at church.

Fundraisers:



The month of January we will be collecting cans of soup for the "Souper Bowl"



Reminders

Sign up sheet for Church cleaning is posted on back bulletin

A Cure for Sunday Sickness

A Cure for Sunday Sickness - Morbus Sundaticus is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack usually comes on Sunday morning around 9:00 A.M. and lasts until around noon. In the afternoon patients are much improved. They are able to read the Sunday newspaper and participate in recreational activities. The only cure for Morbus Sundaticus is for the church member to fix his or her eyes on Jesus Christ (Heb.12:2) and to think seriously about the price He has paid for our redemption. The truly grateful Christian will be able to avoid this sickness and to wake up on Sunday morning looking forward to Bible class and worship in the Lord's house.
- via Bulletin Digest

JANUARY

Deidre Haller 1st
Harold Lutz 4th
Sidney Moser 11th
Mary Beth Swanson 11th
Joelle Hartman 15th
Wanda Stover 15th
Landon Armiger 19th
Mary Webb 20th
Russell Moser 20th
Hannah Free Goellner 23rd
Larry Free 25th
Keith Boone 25th
Josh Eyler 26th
Aaron Shorb 26th
Jeff Smith 29th
Terri Belanger 30th

Rick & Sharon Free 12th
Russell & Sidney Moser 12th
Scott & Donna Ritchie 17th
Michael & Pam Kilcoyne 18th

Adult Sunday School

Continuing the David Jeremiah
The Jesus You May Not Know:
7 - Is He Past or Is He Present?
14 - Is He King of the Jews or King of
Kings?

New Series by David Jeremiah:
The GREAT DISAPPEARANCE
21 - A Great Day
28 - The Noah Factor

Youth Sunday School

January 14th
January 28th

Contact Information

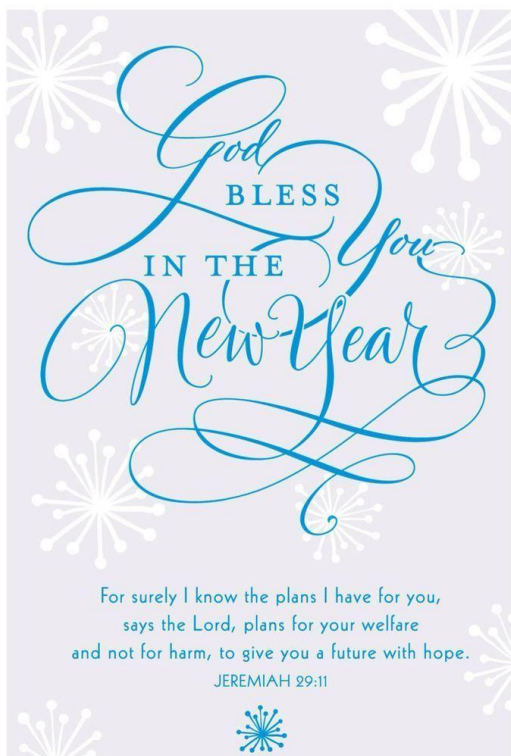
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continued prayers
for our country and
our military



January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Genesis 1-3	2 Genesis 4-7	3 Genesis 8-11	4 Job 1-5	5 Job 6-9	6 Job 10-13
7 Job 14-16	8 Job 17-20	9 Job 21-23	10 Job 24-28	11 Job 29-31	12 Job 32-34	13 Job 35-37
14 Job 38-39	15 Job 40-42	16 Genesis 12-15	17 Genesis 16-18	18 Genesis 19-21	19 Genesis 22-24	20 Genesis 25-26
21 Genesis 27-29	22 Genesis 30-31	23 Genesis 32-34	24 Genesis 35-37	25 Genesis 38-40	26 Genesis 41-42	27 Genesis 43-45
28 Genesis 46-47	29 Genesis 48-50	30 Exodus 1-3	31 Exodus 4-6			

Words from Pastor Ed

A Word Fitly Spoken January 2024

At the end of every Passover Seder, and the close of Yom Kippur worship, Jews across the world speak these words: *L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim*. This phrase means, "Next year in Jerusalem", and for long centuries these words served as a reminder of God's promise and presence among Jews scattered across the globe. For many men and women, the words of Psalm 137:5,6 were words of grief mixed with hope: *If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.* This was a phrase that spoke of their hope for a Messiah to redeem them, to make them a saved people, even, perhaps, a restored Temple? Today they are in Jerusalem, but not all their desires have come to pass.

As Christians we have a similar hope to look forward to, a hope found in Revelation 22:12 and 20. Jesus says to his children across the ages: *Behold, I am coming soon!...He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.* In the King James and some other versions a Greek word is carried into the text, *Maranatha!*, which of course means, "Come Lord Jesus!" In days like ours, in a troubled and hurting world, we also cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus! Come rescue, come save, come make all things new! Hurry, don't delay, come today!"

As 2024 begins, we as individual believers and as a church body, need to speak *Maranatha!* Over our neighbors, friends, and families. We need to speak it over Rocky Ridge and Thurmont and Frederick and Sabillasville and Taneytown too. You see, *Maranatha* is not just a plea for Jesus' swift return, but also a warning and a summons to those around us. "Get ready! The King is coming! Be prepared!" are the messages we need to tell all around us, for who among us wants to see our friends, neighbors, and loved ones go into a lost eternity? Of course we want to warn them! So let's make 2024 the Year of *Maranatha* for our church, and see what our Lord will do. God bless each one in this coming year!