

# Monocacy Church of the Brethren

## Monthly Newsletter

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### **8 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR CHRISTIANS**

#### **RESOLUTIONS THAT WOULD GET GOD'S STAMP OF APPROVAL.**

It's almost 2025. The old are gone and the new has come! After the rollercoaster ride of 2024, you may be more than ready to move into a new year. New opportunities, a fresh start – the new year shines before us like freshly fallen snow with no tracks on it. Here are some Christian New Year's resolutions to help you set goals and establish a spiritual tone of the new year for yourself and your family.

- Read and study the Bible daily!
- Attend church regularly!
- Serve or serve more in the church!
- Pray more!
- Be more Christ-like
- Avoid living in open sin!
- Be a peacemaker.
- Only do things that are pleasing to God.



# The Bulletin Board



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Candlelight Service.



The Church Cleaning Schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help with church cleaning.



We will collect cans of soup and/or other canned items the month of January. Also, if anyone wants to make a monetary contribution, they can make out a check to the Thurmont Food Bank. All will go towards the Souper Bowl collection.

## Pastor Schedule for January

January 5 – Pastor Tracy Wisner

January 12 – Pastor Sam Martz

January 19 – Pastor Tracy Wisner

January 26 – Pastor Sam Martz



**Children's Sunday School** Schedule: January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

**Adults:** David Jeremiah Series Golden Age – January 5<sup>th</sup> - No Devil

January 12<sup>th</sup> New study series

## The Meaning of the Snowman



White snow represents God's forgiveness of our sins.

The circular snowballs shows the everlasting life God promises us.

The carrot nose shows us that God has given us the Earth and all living things

The black coal mouth reminds us to give God praise.

The scarf keeps us warm just as God's love does.

The top hat reminds us to honor God above all things.

And the twig arms are open to hold us the way God does when we need Him!

Pastor Tracy Wisser

## Points To Remember

- The money and property are not yours or your church's; it's God's.
- Mishandling money can destroy your witness, your ministry, your church, even life.
- Guilt, fear and greed can motivate giving, but they are not fitting tactics for servants of the God of love who created and sustains the universe.
- Failing to spend money, when necessary, can be as harmful as spending it foolishly.
- The building is not a church, it's a tool for the church's ministry.

The above is an excerpt from *Doing Christianity: Pastoring: The Nuts and Bolts*, Pastor David Wentz



## *Birthdays*

Deidre Haller 1st  
Harold Lutz 4<sup>th</sup>  
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 25<sup>th</sup>  
Josh Eyler 26th  
Aaron Shorb 26th  
Jeff Smith 29th  
Terri Belanger 30th



## *Anniversaries*

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



### **Remember Our Servicemen**

Elijah Moser – Air Force  
Caleb Peters – Marines

**Thank You for your service**

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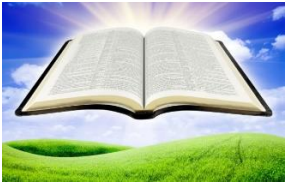
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## SUGGESTED DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JANUARY

1 <i>2 Corinthians 1:7</i>	2 <i>2 Corinthians 10:4-5</i>	3 <i>2 Corinthians 5:17</i>
4 <i>2 Timothy 1:7</i>	5 <i>Acts 1:11</i>	6 <i>Acts 10:43</i>
7 <i>Acts 16</i>	8 <i>Colossians 3:24</i>	9 <i>Colossians 3:4</i>
10 <i>Daniel 9:9</i>	11 <i>Deuteronomy 10:21</i>	12 <i>Deuteronomy 20:4</i>
13 <i>Deuteronomy 31:6</i>	14 <i>Deuteronomy 31:8</i>	15 <i>Deuteronomy 33:27</i>
16 <i>Deuteronomy 4:29</i>	17 <i>Deuteronomy 8:18</i>	18 <i>Deuteronomy 8:5</i>
19 <i>Ephesians 1:18-19</i>	20 <i>Ephesians 1:7</i>	21 <i>Ephesians 2:14</i>
22 <i>Ephesians 2:4-7,10</i>	23 <i>Ephesians 3:12</i>	24 <i>Ephesians 3:19-19</i>
25 <i>Ephesians 5:8</i>	26 <i>Ephesians 1:4</i>	27 <i>Ephesians 5:25-27</i>
28 <i>Exodus 14:13</i>	29 <i>Exodus 15:13</i>	30 <i>Exodus 19:5-6</i>
31 <i>Exodus 33:14</i>		