

Mt Chestnut News

Pastor's Page- January 2024

As we commence a new year, it is critical to note that “we” Are at a critical inflection point. The “we” referenced, is not just individuals, or Mt. chestnut Church community, the PCUSA denomination, our community, nation, or world. The “we” constitutes all of the above. For numerous destructive, evil or challenges are pervading us individually, our families, society, and the world. Historians may well describe the 21st century as a period of radical moral and religious upheaval.

America has led the world in implementing religious liberty and expression paramount to a nation and people (See the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence and the First Amendment to the Constitution). Religious freedom has been the foundation for our culture of liberty, human rights, justice for all, and supportive communities. American Christians have encouraged, created, and sustained a culture which has blessed people here and around the world premised on Christian principles. Today, the Church of Jesus Christ must not remain silent or passive to the evils attacking and suppressing individual and societal religious expression.

Christian believers must aspire to implement the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who declared that His followers should be **“a city shining on a hill.”(Matthew 5:14-16)**. We must constantly remind ourselves that when God chooses a person, group, or nation for a task- be it Moses, Israel, America, or you- God’s selection represents an arduous responsibility. Therefore, if our Gracious Lord has chosen America, Mt. Chestnut Church, or you to speak and strive against the evil destruction and moral decay of our present age, we must prepare ourselves spiritually and communally to understand and confront the enemy we face.

As our community of faith peers into 2024, we must not content ourselves with maintaining the status quo, or sheltering from the world. More than anytime in our lifetime, Christians must prepare themselves to trust in God as our rock and salvation, whom we will trust at all times(**Ps.62:1-7-8**). **HAVE A BLESSED 2024.**

In Christ's Love & Service,

Larry Maley

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Going Together"*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00AM

Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00am-1:00pm

We Gather Together

January ANNIVERSARIES



| <u>NAMES</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Years Married</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Mike & Donna Lee Hibbs | 1/19 | 30 |

January BIRTHDAYs

January 1 Katelyn Evans, Adalyn Guiher, Donna Osborne
January 2 Jeff Curtis, Joyce Laughlin
January 9 Connie Dunn
January 12 Jodi Boory
January 14 Carol Burns



January 16 Don Boardman
January 18 Gary Clingerman
January 20 Morgann Meiser
January 21 Maria Clingerman
January 24 Angela Ray
January 27 Spencer Noble
January 28 Ron Graham, James Campbell
January 29 Amy Metrick
January 31 Megan Best, Judy Wilson



Seniors Lunch with Pastor Ron will be Thursday January 4th @ 12pm at Michaels Restaurant
Please try to enjoy lunch and some fellowship.



January 6th at 8AM. All men are welcome to join us for *breakfast and Bible Study!* Bring a friend!



The next Women's Brunch will be held on January 20th, 2024 @10am. Come and bring a friend for some food and fellowship!

We Grow Together

K'BASH for Children!

(Kids Bible And Study Hour)

K'BASH Updates

K'BASH (Kids' Bible And Study Hour) 2024!

On Sunday, January 7th, we will resume K'BASH during our 10AM worship service. We will be studying the life of Jesus, beginning with a recap of the celebration of His birth and journeying through his life all the way to Easter Sunday. Our goal is to better understand how to follow Jesus' example and live like he did. Along the way, we will be having fun with some Easter science experiments! If you have any questions, contact Connie Dunn at 724/283-9861 or any of the other K'BASH leaders.

Prayer Ministry

There are special times that will be set aside for prayer for our congregation! The second Sunday of every month we meet at 9:00 am before worship service. You can also come to the church on the last Friday evening of the month at 7Pm for prayer. Come as you are and join in on the ministry of praying for the needs of our church family.



The Youth Group are meeting on
Thursdays from 6:30-8pm

Free Devotionals

Did you know that Mt Chestnut Church offers you two FREE devotionals? The Upper Room and The Daily Bread are both available for YOU! They are in the bins next to the bulletin board.



We Go Together

[AA & Al/Anon](#) every Monday at 8pm.



Food Cupboard

Food Cupboard will be on the 2nd and 3rd Monday this Month. We serve Franklin Twp., South Brady Twp., and Prospect

Hope for Broken Hearts

Hope for Broken Hearts will be taking a break from meetings at this time. Any calls and concerns can still be directed to 724-991-2357 H4BH (Support for families dealing with addiction).

Mt. Chestnut Christian Preschool

January in Preschool



- Winter themed crafts
- Make Bird feeders

The Beautification Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of 2023. Mount Chestnut Presbyterian Church serves the community in amazing ways! If you're interested in donating to the Beautification Committee, we would be grateful. Any amount helps. Please include, "Prayer Path" on the check memo line and drop off your donation to the office or the offering plate.



January

2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------|---|
| 10 am Worship | 1 10 am Seniors Group 8 pm AA& Al/anon | 2 | 3 | 4 12pm Faith & Friends lunch @ Michaels's Restaurant | 5 | 6 8 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study |
| 7 10 am Worship | 8 10 am Seniors Group 6-7 pm Food Cupboard 8 pm AA& Al/anon | 9 6:30pm Girl Scouts | 10 | 11 6:30 pm Youth Group | 12 | 13 |
| 14 10 am Worship Training of Officers | 15 10 am Seniors Group 8 pm AA& Al/anon | 16 | 17 6:30pm Session Meeting | 18 6:30 pm Youth Group | 19 | 20 10 am Women's Brunch |
| 21 10 am Worship | 22 10 am Seniors Group 6-7 pm Food Cupboard 8 pm AA& Al/anon | 23 6:30pm Girl Scouts | 24 | 25 6:30 pm Youth Group | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10 am Worship | 29 10 am Seniors Group 8 pm AA& | 30 | 31 | | | |