

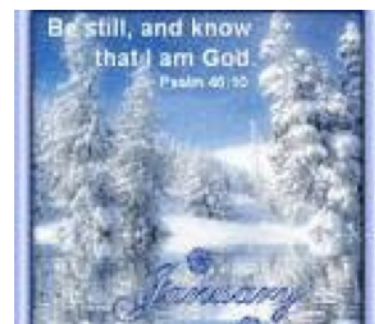
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GOOD NEWS

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December

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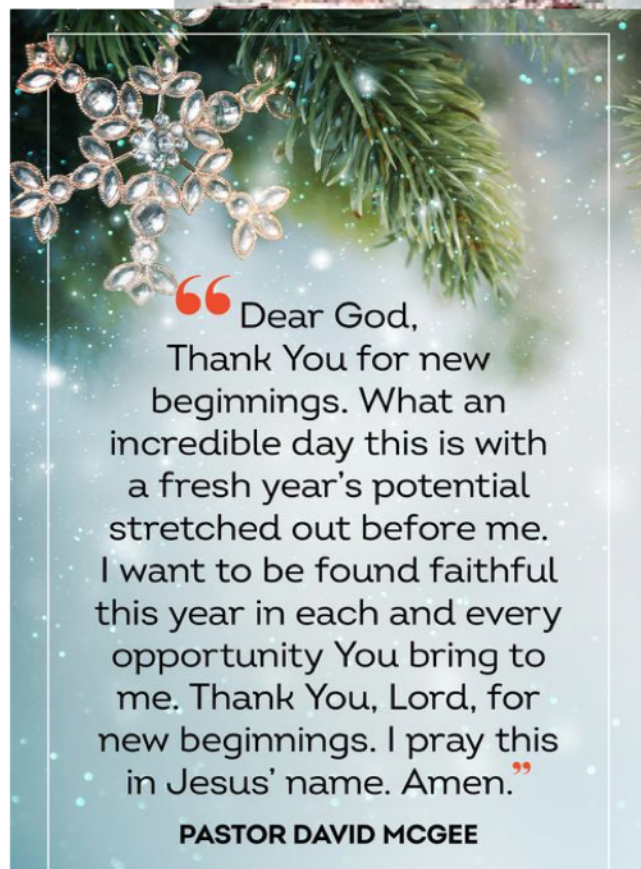
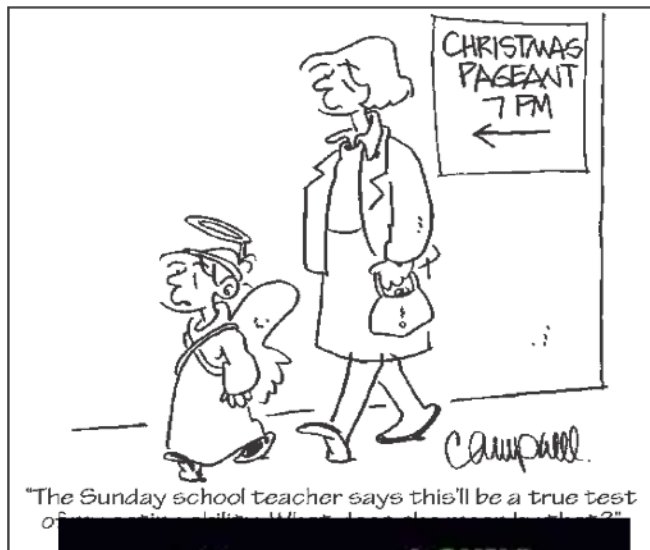
JANUARY



2023

*And Mary said: "My
soul glorifies the Lord and
my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior ..."*

LUKE 1:46-47, NIV



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ALBRIGHT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steven Lamb, Pastor Home phone 724-628-6772 Office phone 724-628-7130

Cell phone: 724-372-1453; Email address: blamb@zoominternet.net

Church Email: albrightumc1626@gmail.com

Worship service 10:45

Administrative Assistant, Elsie Beal

Organist, Jeanne Meyers

Choir director, Donna Fosbrink

Custodian, Glenn Siple

Church treasurer, Randy Fisher

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View weekly service on webpage & Bev's facebook page

LITURGISTS

DECEMBER

4: Jason Jacobs
11: Karen Marko
18: Shelley Mattis
25: Rick Tressler

JANUARY

1: Nancy Mimless
8: Linda Burnworth
15: Ed Jacobs
22: Myra Holden
29: Jessica Tony

USHERS Head Usher, Glenn Siple

Offerings are placed in the offering plate in back of sanctuary.

COUNTERS

DECEMBER: Jay Whipkey & Karen Stimmell **JANUARY:** Jackie Bartholomai & Linda Burnworth

ALTAR FLOWERS

DECEMBER

4: (1) Church; (1) Myra H.; (1) Sherry & Carol
11: (1) Jason Jacobs; (1) Sue Cable
18: (1) Connie Work; (1) Evelyn C. & Vicky A.
25: (1) Mattis family; (1) Charlotte Holt

JANUARY

1: (1) Colleen Grindle; (1) The church
8: (1) Marko family; (1) Jackie Bartholomai
15: (H) Sherrill G. - Gayle Martin
22: (1) Mattis family; (1) Elsie Beal
29: (1) Phyllis Kimmel; (1) OPEN

Please call Shelley Mattis @ 724-323-6822 to reserve one or both Altar flowers are \$15 each vase. Please pay on or near the Sunday you have reserved. Mark check "Altar Flowers" & put in offering plate.

ACOLYTES

DECEMBER

4: Aadon Jacobs & Jameson Tony
11: Andrew Lynn & Jaxson Jacobs
18: Jack Geyer & Beau Wagner
25:

JANUARY

1: Piper & Sadie Marko
8: Jameson Tony & Morgan Richter
15: Olivia Lynn & Beau Wagner
22: Jack Geyer & Jaxson Jacobs
29: Andrew Lynn & Morgan Richter

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

First Sunday every month: Kathy Nebraska & Linda Burnworth

Second Sunday each month: Leann Geyer

Third Sunday each month: Bonnie Bloom & Becky Bloom

Fourth Sunday each month: Carol Wagner & Michelle Reich

(Oct. 30) When there is a Fifth Sunday: Shelley Mattis & Mandy Lynn



T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Group #1463 meets at Albright each Monday at 10am

Group #1073 meets at Albright each Monday at 5 pm

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks for food donations for our local food pantry.

Non-perishable food & toiletry items appreciated.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Lead by Pastor Steve - every
us!

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Wednesday at 6:30 in children church room. Come, join

WOMEN'S NEWS - UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We invite ALL ladies to come to the meetings. We have fun, enjoy snacks & do mission projects.

We will meet Tuesday, December 13 @ 6:00 for Christmas party. The Richters will be presenting a Christmas program at 7:00. We will not meet in January & February.

MEMBERS: Marilyn Banks, Kay Jacobs, Sis Cole, Jean Rahl, Colleen Grindle, Mariloyd McClintock, Gayle Martin, Debra Murray, Linda Burnworth, Linda Leonard, Shelley Mattis, Phyllis Kimmel, Gretchen Mundorff, Elsie Beal, Kathy Nebraska, Mildred Flair, Elaine Fosbrink, Donna Fosbrink, Jackie Bartholomai, Karen Marko, Sandy Russell.

RADA CUTLERY, ETC. We have books available for your orders of cutlery & other items from the Rada Co.

STREAKFREE MICROFIBER CLOTHS. They are \$5 each. Stop by the church office to get them.

MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting items for Ruth M. Smith Center. Personal products for men & women: Body wash (both), shampoo (both) conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors (both), deodorant (both), feminine hygiene products, fixodent/ poligrip, etc., denture tablets, mouthwash, toothpaste, tooth brushes. There are other items. A list is posted in back of sanctuary.

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Saturday Morning Special

Karen Marko, Leader. We appreciate all the volunteers. We hope to see you again on Sat., December 17 at 11:00 MENU: Pizza for their Christmas party. No gathering in January & February.

POTLUCK MEAL

Will be January 29 following morning worship. Please bring a dish to share and join us for the fellowship.

SOUP SALE

Saturday, January 14 & February 11 at 11:00-1:00. Homemade soups for eat in or take out.
TAKE OUT: \$6 pint; \$8 quart. Eat in for a donation of your choice.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL LUNCHES

Albright Blue Plate Special lunches the last Tuesday every month.
Meals include soup, sandwich, drink & dessert. Donations accepted to offset the cost of next meal. We ask for \$5 donation for take out. Open to the public.
NEXT ones are December 27 & January 31 at 11:00-1:00.

PASTA DINNERS

The third Tuesday at Otterbein United Methodist Church. Donations are accepted to offset the cost and provide for the next dinner. Meal includes a pasta of the month, meatballs, salad, bread, drink, and dessert. December 15 & January 19 @ 4:00-6:00 Everyone is welcome.

DISHCLOTHS AVAILABLE

We have the heavy dishcloths available in the office. They are \$3 each. See Elsie or stop by the office to get them.



Thanks for your ongoing support with the food and cash donations to our ministries. We truly need your support now and always. Connellsville Area Community Ministries Director, Rob Reamer

THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard for the Christmas Cantata and to those who brought snacks to share. Thanks to Bev & Pastor Steve for bringing the Goofy Gift Exchange fun time to us. We look forward to that every year.

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We are collecting new socks, soap, deodorant, men & women's underwear for homeless in Connellsville area. We have the hamper out for your donations.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom McMurray	Tina Hiltbidel	Janice Bailey	Wanda Donner	David & Tammy Leeder
Rich Tressler Jr.	Misty Lowry	Don Heckathorne	Sandy Reich	Betty Koozer
Chuck Watson	Dolores Malik	Mildred Flair	Amy Marchewka	Diane & John Monico
Amy Zvara	Ray Knopsnider	Carol Tom	Doris Rizza	Doug Basinger

Jack Snyder	Bill Shupe	Sharon & Frank Wilson	Bill & Judy McClain
Roger Richter	Don Evans	Kim Gallentine	Robin Mitchell
Judy Morris	Barbara Welsh	Baby Thompson	Mike Scarry
Cathy Dillinger	Brian Upton	Brenda Pennington	Jack Knopsnider
Linda Burnworth	Joyce Heckman	Larry Henderson	Kay Black's family
Rev. Bob & Amy Zilhaver	Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi	People with Covid 19	Unspoken requests
Military persons	Government leaders	Those with cancer	OUR CHURCHES
Firefighters	Those traveling	Homebound persons listed below	Those battling addiction

Deepest Sympathy to family & friends of:

Robert E. Watson, 92, who passed away September 21. He was predeceased by his wife, Verda on August 22. He is survived by a son, Robert D.; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Itene Tissue.

Donald "Dean" Snyder, 88, who passed away October 2. He was predeceased by his wife, Connie in 2019 and several brothers & sisters. He is survived by 3 children, Kimberly Snyder, Donald Jr. (& Susan) Snyder and Dana (& Charles) Enos; 5 grandchildren (including Matthew & Bailee Enos); and 2 great-grandchildren.

OUR HOMEBOUND PERSONS

Please remember these persons in prayer and send them a card or note to let them know you are thinking of them.

S.CONNELLSVILLE	Marilyn Banks - 407 Vine St.	724-628-6952
	Polly Basinger - 1900 First St.	724-628-9436
	Bob Beatty - 1914 S. Pittsburgh St.	724-628-2895
	Charlotte Holt - 311 E. Allegheny Ave.	724-603-2150
	Dolly King - 1916 S. Pittsburgh St.	724-626-0273
	Shirley Mathias - 1512 Chestnut St.	724-628-5539
	Stephanie Mattis - 1504 E. Gibson Ave.	
	Mary Tressler - 1729 Third St.	724-620-0147
CONNELLSVILLE	Edna Baker - 315 N. Arch St. Apt. 1007	724-603-2259
	Jimmy Lynn - Sunshine Estates - 1526 Independence Ave.	
	Ozella Roy - 208 Perry St.	724-628-9594
	Shirley Rugg - 905 Blackstone Ave. Apt. A	724-626-
1483		
DUNBAR 15431	Ed Miller & Dorene Provance - 123 Runaround Rd.	724-
277-8641		
UNIONTOWN 15401	Sherrill Goodwin - 147 Lafayette Manor Rd. -Rm. 226B	724-277-8642
	Chuck Hall - Cherry Tree Home - 410 Terrace Dr.	
NORMALVILLE 15469	Carrie Campbell - Eicher Home - P.O. Box F -704 Camp Achievement Rd.	



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Navy: Brennen (& Lillian) Tressler - 2609 E. Garfield Ave. Apt. 3 - Alton, TX. 78573-0433
 Army: SSGT Kyle (& Jasmin) Coughenour - 253 Legends Dr. - Raeford, NC

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From the Pastor's Desk

"Love does no harm to a neighbor.

**Therefor love is the fulfillment of the
law." –Romans 13:10**

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall." This is the opening line of the Robert Frost poem, The Mending Wall. It is the telling of two neighbors coming together in the spring to mend a stone wall between their properties. The narrator of the poem sees that each year in the spring they will find places where the wall has fallen for no apparent reason. He muses perhaps hunters had knocked it down in pursuit of rabbits, and even tongue in cheek he jokes that elves may have brought it down, but "something there is that doesn't love a wall." So, he and his neighbor come together, one on each side of the wall and begin to replace the stones, one on the other. His neighbor holding to his father's adage "Good fences make good neighbors." But why, the narrator asks. Why do we need walls between us, separating us from each other.

**As is written in the poem,
Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offence.**

We all build our walls. Maybe not of stone or wood, but more often a guarded representation of ourselves. We don't want to be too exposed, that others will find in us fault and vulnerabilities that could be exploited. So, we stack up our defenses, and allow but a few to come in. People that we feel we can trust with parts of our real selves. And if that trust is violated, we construct even thicker fortifications against future assault. So, the old adage is seen to hold truth that, good fences make good neighbors, allowing a person to wall in their true selves and wall out that which would expose us to harmful words and actions.

But Paul points us to "something that doesn't love a wall", and that something is love. Paul is addressing the commandment of "love your neighbor as yourself." He urges his readers to allow love to be a driving force in our relationships with one another. Love breaks down unhealthy barriers between people that keeps us from becoming the community that Christ envisions his followers to be. Love allows us to peer through the cracks of the walls that we erect, our wall and our neighbors, and see glimpses of the Holy Spirit at work in in the lives of our neighbors and in us.

I know that I have my walls and defenses, in some places well-fortified and in others only a thin vale. I also know that churches often build fences based on discipline, theological doctrine, scriptural interpretation, and social issues. But I know that when we gather in the presence of our common focus, (that being our desire for a relationship with God, and God as defined by John is love, thus loving our neighbor brings us into a closer relationship with God) for a while we allow ourselves to be open to Christ love in our time together. Our fences may always be present, and at times they will have gaps in them. But it is in the gaps that neighbors come together and work to repair the broken places.

John Wesley once wrote, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that we be in no wise divided among ourselves. Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thine? I ask no farther question. If it be, give me thy hand. For opinions, or terms, let us not destroy the work of God."

I pray we never build our fences so tall or so wide we cannot reach across and take our neighbors hand.

See yinz Sunday,

Pastor Steve

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Happy Birthday - December

- 2 - Kaitan Smiley
- 4 - Joyce Shaffer
- 5 - Myra Holden, Emma Johnson, Kim Kimmel
- 6 - Pastor Steve Lamb
- 7 - Madison Jacobs

Jaxson Jacobs

- 9 - Tanner Wiltrout
- 10 - Dehn Unterzuber, Katie Schmidt, Rick Fosbrink
Kevin Strother Jr.
- 11 - Marilynd McClintock (85), Jodi Ardabel
- 14 - Brittany Shroyer
- 15 - Holly Hatfield
- 17 - Jameson Tony
- 18 - Elsie Beal, Brennen Tressler, Kristi Ulery
- 20 - Lori Newcocmer, Carolyn Tressler,
Susan Gallagher
- 21 - Glennda Groh
- 22 - Marion Bradley, Nadine Eichenmiller
- 24 - Joan Bates
- 27 - Tim Ritenour
- 29 - Ethel "Sis" Cole (85), Rosella Dulik
- 30 - Andy Mattis, Mallory Dumbald

Happy Anniversary - December

- 8 - Fred & Joan Bates
- 16 - David & Kathy Pasipanki



Happy Birthday - January

- 1 - Morgan Olexa
- 5 - Andrew Geyer, Sydney Geyer
- 6 - Matthew Lamb
- 8 - David Provance
- 9 - Donna Fosbrink, Jayden Kooser,
- 12 - Anthony Vorrasi, Michelle Bradley
- 14 - Josh Strother
- 15 - Karen Marko, Scott Soliday
- 16 - Ken McClelland
- 19 - Bryan Cartwright
- 20 - Jesse Snyder, Gayle Martin, Howard Vandyke
- 21 - Laurie Arevalo
- 22 - Amanda Johnson
- 23 - Ed Jacobs
- 24 - Marcia Whittaker
- 25 - Stacy Koontz, Jeff Ward
- 27 - Phyllis Kimmel (87), Colleen Grindle
- 28 - Jacob McClelland, Evelyn Colbert
- 31 - Tim Sanner

Happy Anniversary - January

No anniversaries

PRAYER CHAIN 2022

Church phone: 724-628-7130

Pastor: 724-628-6772 or 724-372-1543

CIRCLE 1: Leader, Marilyn Banks 724-628-6952
8362

CIRCLE 2: Leader, Elaine Fosbrink 724-552-

Ann Watson 724-542-7429
0154

Jackie Bartholomai 724-626-0424 or 724-550-

Myra Holden 724-628-8084

Kay Jacobs 724-628-8594

Ken Urbach 724-628-2507

Michelle Reich 724-880-

4573

CIRCLE 3: Leader, Linda Leonard 724-628-6829

CIRCLE 4: Leader, Bev Lamb 724-372-1456

Linda Burnworth	724-628-5866	Sandy Russell	724-628-
7528			
Marcia Whittaker	724-317-3843		
		CIRCLE 6: Leader, Elsie Beal	724-628-
7467			
CIRCLE 5: Leader, Colleen Grindle	724-434-4694	Mildred Flair	724-628-
3031			
Joyce Shaffer	724-984-8756	Dorene Provance	724-277-
8641			
Jessica Tony	724-372-9620		
Vicki Stimmell	724-562-0167		

We share concerns, needs & praises. When you need the prayer chain, please call the pastor or a circle leader. When you receive a call, pass it on to the next person.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER: Write your name & number down and put in the offering plate and we will get you on the list of prayer partners.

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COOKIE WALK

We ask those who volunteered to make cookies to bring them to the church December 8 & 9. The Cookie Walk will be SATURDAY, December 10 at 10:00-1:00. You may purchase cookies in half dozen or dozen. They will be on trays for your convenience. There will be variety trays (with several kinds of cookies) also available. Come and purchase the cookies of your choice.

THE OLD FAMILY BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he held in his hand was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

“Mama, look what I found!” the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” asked his mother. The young boy answered in a voice hushed with awe, “I think it’s Adam’s underwear.”

Thoughts from three wise women

Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever remains to them? -Rose Kennedy

Always be joyful. That is the only truly saintly state.
-Teresa of Ávila

We plant seeds that will flower as results in our lives, so best to remove the weeds of anger, avarice, envy and doubt, that peace and abundance may manifest for all.
-Dorothy Day



Thoughts from three wise men

Those who deeply love never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young. -Sir Arthur W. Pinero

Inside each of us there are two "warring" entities, the strong and the weak, the bold and the fearful, the large and the small. Each of us has a "big me" and a "little me" inside, and often the "little me" frustrates and paralyzes the "big me." When a person's inner image drops below a certain level, the result is pure misery.

-The Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

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UPCOMING ALBRIGHT HAPPENINGS

December

8 & 9: Cookies due in

10: COOKIE WALK 10-1

13: Women group Christmas party 7:00

17: Sat. Morning Special 11:00 Pizza for Christmas party

24: Christmas eve worship 7:30 at Otterbein

27: Blue plate special lunch 11-1

Weekly Bible study on Wednesdays 6:30

January 2023

14: Soup sale 11-1

19: News deadline for Feb/March newsletter

25: Assemble newsletter for mailing 10:00

29: Potluck after church

31: Blue Plate Lunch 11-1

February

11: Soup sale 11-1

12: Sweetie tea/ 2 p.m.


22: Ash Wednesday

28: Blue Plate lunch 11-1

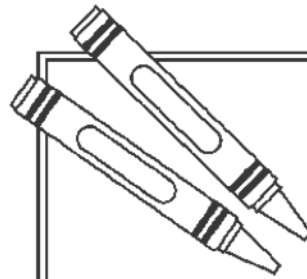
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Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him



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Just for

As we begin a new calendar year, let us always remember who we should follow in this world.

1. Start at the circled letter "I." Follow the direction of the arrow and circle every other letter until you have gone around the world one time.
2. Start at the circled letter "T" again, and write down the circled letters on the blank lines below.
3. Beginning at the *W, write the letters or numbers that are not circled until you have gone around the world again. Read the message.



Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

Answers: "I
ME WILL
OF LIFE." J.

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					Co-op Parish Charge Conf. 7:30-8:30 @ Albright			
4	5	6	7	8	9		10	
2nd Sun of Advent				Cookies due in	Cookie Walk 10-1			
	T.O.P.S. 10 & 5							
11	12	13	14	15		16	17	
3rd Sun of 12:30 Pizza for	Advent	Women mtg 7		Christmas party	Ott. Pasta Din.	4-6	Sat. Morning Special 11-	
		Prog. Ricchters					Christmas party	
	T.O.P.S. 10 & 5							
	18	19	20	21	22		23	
24 4th Sun of Advent Eve							Christmas	
							Service 7:30 @ Otterbein	
	T.O.P.S. 10 & 5							
25	26	27	28	29		30	31	
Christmas Day Eve Combined worship 9:30 @ Otterbein		Blue plate spec. 11-1					New Year's	

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Feb/March news		
	2nd Sun of Epiphany		Church council 7	deadline		
				Ott. Pasta din. 4-6		

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

Choir prac. 7

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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3rd Sun of
Epiphany

Assemble
newsletter 10

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

Choir prac . 7

29	30	31
		Blue plate spec.
4th Sun of		11-1
Epiphany		

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

FEBRUARY/MARCH Newsletter

News deadline is Thursday, Jan. 19.
Need volunteers to assemble Wednesday,
Jan. 25 @ 10

