

# THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

January 2022

Dear Church:

As I write to you for this January newsletter, it's Christmas Eve and I'm busy finishing up the details for all our Christmas services coming tonight and on Sunday. We bid farewell soon to the year 2021 CE. It was a year in which we hung a lot of hopes that "everything would get back to normal." It did and it didn't. As 2022 comes along, we're right to wonder what to expect. More COVID variants? More zoom classrooms? More political divisions? We're right to wonder about such things and a little dread is even understandable.

In these Christmas and Epiphany seasons the faithful focus on God's ever-present gifts of hope and light. Hope that can be wounded, but not killed. Light that no darkness can overcome.

At the end of December, I will mark ten months as your interim pastor. I have so enjoyed getting to know each of you. Spending this ministry time with Wittenberg has been a real gift. As we journey on in 2022, our partnership will continue as the congregation continues its prayerful discernment for a new pastor. I look forward to this Epiphany season together. As the time gets closer, I'll be sharing more about a little festival we'll be doing at the end of the month called Candlemas.

Joyous Christmastide! Blessed Epiphany!



Hello Wittenberg Lutheran Church family! My name is Gerrie Gresham and I am honored to be serving as your 2022 Church Council President. I wanted to spend some time introducing myself and family to you in my first newsletter to the congregation. I am married to my lovely wife Heather, who is a literacy coach at Centerville Elementary in Gilbert and we have two wonderful daughters. My oldest daughter Ansley is a sixth grader at Gilbert Middle School and my youngest daughter Emma Kate attends Wittenberg's Preschool program so as you can imagine this ministry is near and dear to my heart. In our free time my family and I enjoy sailing. We mainly sail on Lake Murray however we take part in competitive sailing up and down the East Coast. My daughter Ansley also sails competitively on a junior circuit that gives her the opportunity to travel around the Southeast.

Over the past several years I have served on the Endowment Committee, and for the last two years have served as the chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. I am excited for 2022 and look forward to all that we hope to accomplish serving as your council. I would like to thank the outgoing council members for 2021 for all their hard work and dedication to Wittenberg over the last three years.

The council is already off to an exciting start! We will be having our council retreat on January 22nd where we will be discussing and setting goals for 2022 and we have The All Committee Night set for February 13th, where each committee will be discussing and setting goals. We are thankful to serve alongside you for 2022 and want to thank the congregation, volunteers and staff members for all their service to Wittenberg.

Peace be with you,

Gerrie Gresham



## ELCA VISION:

*Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;*

*Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper;*

*Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.*

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## Volunteer Update from Transitions, the Homeless Recovery Center in Columbia.

### Volunteer Spotlight

This month we are highlighting the great work done by the Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson. Pastor Mary is the interim pastor at Wittenberg Lutheran Church in Leesville, but also is the volunteer chaplain for Transitions! She comes weekly to Transitions to speak with clients about their spiritual needs while also offering support and encouragement. She was a founding board member, and has been working with Transitions for many years. Pastor Mary has been an advocate for the homeless for over 20 years, and, in June of 2008, was even awarded the Hyman Rubin Sr. Distinguished Service Award by the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council for her great work.

Thanks so much for all you do at Transitions, Pastor Mary! It's such a pleasure having you spread joy and encouragement to our clients when you're here.





## Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

**Saturday, January 1: CLOSED**

**Friday, January 7: Mike & Virginia Nichols**

**Saturday, January 8: Larry Dasher & Volunteer Needed**

**Friday, January 14: Mike & Virginia Nichols**

**Saturday, January 15: Sherie Todd & Volunteer Needed**

**Friday, January 21: Mike & Virginia Nichols**

**Saturday, January 22: Larry Dasher, Henrietta Gill**

**Friday, January 28: Mike & Virginia Nichols**

**Saturday, January 29: Sherie Todd & Volunteer Needed**

## Serving In Worship This Month:

### GREETERS:

Robin & Chris Taylor

### ALTAR GUILD:

Ann Nichols, Marti Burns, Summer Lawson

### USHERS (8:30):

2 ..... Chris Taylor  
 9 ..... Harriet Householder  
 16 ..... Billy Rauton  
 23 ..... Jesse Rauton  
 30 ..... Harriet Householder

### USHERS (11:00):

Robert Epting, Andrew Hendrix

### LAY READER:

Larry Dasher

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Larry & Rebecca Dasher

### ACOLYTES

2..... Zane Price  
 9..... Henry Bouknight  
 16 ..... Kate Shealy  
 23 ..... Jack Bouknight  
 30 ..... Susie Reed

### CRUCIFER:

2..... Marissa Spradley  
 9..... Graham Watson  
 16 ..... Pierce Kirby  
 23 ..... Jaycob Banks  
 30 ..... Jase Long

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

2..... By: Connie Kramer  
 9..... By: Pastor Mary Anderson  
 16 ..... By: Sponsor Needed  
 23 ..... By: Ervin & Annette Caughman  
 30 ..... By: Mike & Virginia Nichols

### BBW:

2..... Debbie Sawyer  
 9..... Jennifer Spradley  
 16 ..... Volunteer Needed  
 23 ..... Rebecca Dasher  
 30 ..... Last Sunday Breakfast

### NURSERY:

2..... Justin & Samantha Trotter  
 9..... Volunteer Needed  
 16 ..... Volunteer Needed  
 23 ..... Toshia & John Banks  
 30 ..... Volunteer Needed

### TELLERS:

2..... Ashley B. & Ross C.  
 9..... Greg D. & Wendy E.  
 16 ..... Chancie F. & Jarrod F  
 23 ..... Gerrie G. & Pam H.  
 30 ..... Todd L. & Kayce S.

*If for some reason you can not do the duty you were assigned, please let the church office know ASAP so a substitute can be arranged. Thank you.*



We celebrated St. Lucia in worship December 14<sup>th</sup> with Shayla Bedenbaugh representing this 4<sup>th</sup> C saint by handing out ginger cookies to the congregation.



# Parish Events & Announcements:

**Soup Kitchen:** The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **JANUARY 22**, 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

**Virtual Sunday School (New Link!):** You are invited to attend virtual Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:50 am via zoom. The link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83731894804> . If you would rather call in, dial 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID **83731894804**.

**Coffee and Conversation (New Link!):** Our 9am Monday Bible Study will take a Christmas holiday on December 27 and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll be back with coffee and conversation on the beginning chapters of the Book of Revelation. And then, we'll take a look over the following weeks at some of those Old Testament prophets like Amos and Micah. Our class is growing in number! All are welcome all the time or just occasionally. For those who would like to join virtually, the new link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87321839844> . If you would rather call in, dial 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID **87321839844**.

**Dorcas Quilters:** Dorcas Quilters group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am on the 3rd floor of the educational building. You do not need prior experience with sewing nor quilting to join us.

**Installation of New Council Members and the Recognition of Retiring Council Members** will be held at the end of the 8:30 service and at the beginning of the 11:00 service on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Lutheran Men:** The monthly Lutheran Men meeting will take place on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Noisy Offering:** Noisy Offering will take place on the third Sunday of each month (January 16). A bucket will be placed beside the offering plate for your loose change to benefit the Food Pantry.

**Records and Archives Team** meets next on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Choir room.

**2022 Flower Calendar:** The Flower Calendar for 2022 is now up in the Narthex. Sign-ups are first come, first served. If you have a special date that you would like, be sure to sign up as soon as possible! The cost will be \$60 this year. You can also give Becky a call in the office to sign up! (803)532-4636. **Please remember to state who you would like to honor or remember when you sign up on the flower calendar.**

**2022 Offering Envelopes:** Please remember to pick up your 2022 envelopes. Even if you give online, please pick them up. The envelopes are located in the Narthex.

**Chrismon Tree Removal:** We'll be taking the Chrismon Tree down January 7 at 5:00. We also need some men to climb the ladder to get the decorations off the top of the tree.

**KICS:** We'll do a devotion and games with lunch after church on 1/9. Parents pick up at 2 pm.

## CIRCLE INFORMATION:

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader/Hostess</u>
Morning	January 5, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Hebrews Cafe	Sally Sherman
IV	January 12, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Top floor of educational building	Patricia Tiffner
L	January 3, 2022	6:30 p.m.	Home of Robbin Swygert	

Monthly Witness Reporting  
as of 11/30/2021

**Offering Report**

	November	YTD
Regular Offering	\$ 39,693	\$ 246,162
Food Pantry Offering	7,696	44,529
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations	\$ 47,389	\$ 290,691

Vision 20 + 20 Offering	890	17,510
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$ 1,265	\$ 589,607

\*A bequest of \$543,607.51 from the Hare family was received in August.

**Expense Report**

	November	YTD
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 26,312	\$ 315,744
Actual Expenses	34,294	279,778
Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)	\$ (7,982)	\$ 35,966

**Food Pantry Report**

	November	YTD
Expenses	\$ 2,270	\$ 24,690
Balance	\$ 26,025	

**Soup Kitchen Report**

Balance	\$ 8,263
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**Fund Report**

	BAL as of 11/21	BAL Last YTD	Vision 20+20 Goal
Cemetery Annuity	\$ 145,660	\$ 140,789	\$ 225,000
Endowment Fund	137,605	115,873	175,000
Vision 20+20 Fund	164,482	128,186	

**Preschool Report**

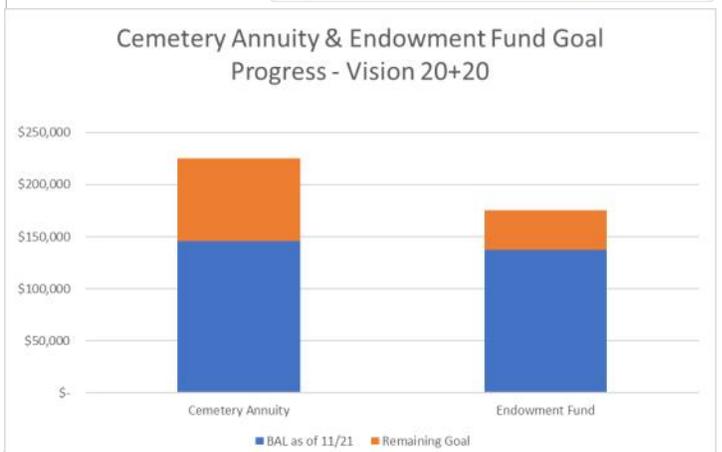
	November	YTD
Offerings	\$ 600	\$ 3,820
Operating Income*	14,363	229,126
Expenses	10,883	146,092
Net	\$ 4,081	\$ 86,855

\*A \$37,000 grant from DSS was received in July and a \$40,000 grant was received in October. Both grants are included in the Operating Income above.



**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

Your financial gifts and your gifts of time and talent are the fuel for our ministry here at Wittenberg. Not only do you support our local congregation, but our synod, the ELCA, and the church around the world. Your gifts have global reach. Thank you for making a difference!



**Wittenberg Lutheran Church Congregational 2021 Meeting  
December 12, 2021 0830 a.m. Meeting**

Members Present – 14 (Includes Pastor Mary Anderson)

Call to Order: 0835 a.m. by Brian Shealy-President Church Council

Agenda Overview: To vote on Preschool Budget, Wittenberg Lutheran Church budget and to approve nominations of 4 new 3-year term council members, and 1 new 1- year term council member

Wittenberg Preschool Budget – Received motion to accept budget as proposed by Wittenberg Church council. No questions or concerns voiced. Motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harriett Householder. Congregation agreed by stating “Aye”. None opposed. Motion carried.

Wittenberg Lutheran Church Budget – Received motion to accept budget as proposed by Wittenberg Church Council. Budget reviewed and discussed previously in scheduled workshop, Sunday School opening and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch. No questions or concerns voiced. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ann Shealy. Congregation agreed by stating “Aye”. None opposed. Motion carried.

Council Nominees: Four 3-year positions open and received 4 nominations. One 1-year term open and received 1 nomination.

Council members completing their 3-year term: Brian Shealy, Ricky Frick, Emily Barnes, and Billy Rauton. 1 -year position open due to Patricia Tiffner resigning related to work schedule.

Nominees for 3-year term: Ross Cary, Jarrod Frick, Wendy Epting, Justin Trotter. Nominee for 1-year term: Kayce Shealy.

Motion from Wittenberg Council to accept all nominations as stated above. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Taylor. No questions or concerns voiced. Congregation agreed by stating “Aye”. Motion carried.

New Business – None

Adjournment: Motion received to table meeting until 11 a.m. service and to adjourn this meeting from Robert Epting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan Shealy.

**Wittenberg Lutheran Church Congregational 2021 Meeting  
December 12, 2021 1100 a.m. Meeting**

Members Present – 92 (Includes Pastor Mary Anderson)

7 (On-line/DVD)

Call to Order: Meeting resumed 11:05 a.m. by Brian Shealy-President Church Council

Agenda Overview: To vote on Preschool Budget, Wittenberg Lutheran Church budget and to approve nominations of 4 new 3-year term council members, and 1 new 1-year term council member

Wittenberg Preschool Budget – Received motion to accept budget as proposed by Wittenberg Church council. No questions or concerns voiced. Motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Dasher. Congregation agreed by stating “Aye”. None opposed. Motion carried. Budget approved as proposed.

**WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET – RECEIVED MOTION TO ACCEPT BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY WITTENBERG CHURCH COUNCIL. BUDGET REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY IN SCHEDULED WORKSHOP, SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING AND 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY LUNCH. QUESTION PRESENTED BY CHER DAVIS CONCERNING EXPENSES - SECTION B – (INCREASE OF 36% IN PASTOR SALARY) ANSWERED BY BRIAN SHEALY. NOTED THAT INTERIM PASTOR ACCEPTED SAME OVERALL COMPENSATION PACKAGE AS PREVIOUS PASTOR, BUT LINE ITEMS DIFFER. THE 2022 BUDGETED PASTORAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE REPRESENTS AN OVERALL 2.5% INCREASE IN PAY COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR. ALSO NOTED THAT CURRENT BUDGET DOES NOT REFLECT ANY TYPE OF NUMBERS FOR POSSIBLE NEW PASTOR FINANCIAL PACKAGE. APPROVAL OF NEW PASTOR PACKAGE WILL NEED APPROVAL SEPARATELY WHEN THAT TIME ARRIVES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS / CONCERNS NOTED. MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JAY HENDRIX. CONGREGATION AGREED BY STATING “AYE”. NONE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Council Nominees: Four 3-year positions open and received 4 nominations. One 1-year term open and received 1 nomination.

Council members completing their 3-year term: Brian Shealy, Ricky Frick, Emily Barnes, and Billy Rauton. 1 -year position open due to Patricia Tiffner resigning related to work schedule.

Nominees for 3-year term: Ross Cary, Jarrod Frick, Wendy Epting, Justin Trotter. Nominee for 1-year term: Kayce Shealy.

Motion from Wittenberg Council to accept all nominations as stated above. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cher Davis. No questions or concerns voiced. Congregation agreed by stating “Aye”. Motion carried.

New Business – None

Adjournment: Motion received to adjourn this meeting from Cher Davis. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricky Frick.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$200 to SC Lutheran Retreat Centers. I would like to personally thank you for your support of this ministry at Camp Kinard and Coastal Retreat.

Blessings and peace,

Dallas Shealy  
Executive Director  
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers

Dear Wittenberg Council & Family,

Thank you so much for the generous bonus that you gave me for Christmas. It is such a blessing to have not one, but two church families! Thank you also for the many gifts from members and groups! I enjoy my work here at Wittenberg and appreciate all of the kindnesses shown to me throughout the year. I hope each of you had a very happy and blessed holiday season.

Peace be with you all!  
Becky Hughes



### Pictures of the Season at Wittenberg Lutheran!





Hey, Middle and High School Youth!

You are all invited to join in these activities of faith formation, fun, and service this winter. Check it out!

January 9 - LUNCH AND BOWLING following 11 am worship (with Faith & Mt. Hebron Lutheran)

January 21-23 - SCLCY 9th & 10th Grade Retreat at Camp Kinard - [Register here](#)

January 22 - Soup Kitchen Helpers - 9 am - noon

February 6 - Youth sponsor First Sunday Lunch - Soup & Grilled Cheese

February 13 - Souper Bowl of Caring at Worship, Super Bowl Party at 6 pm

February 18-20 - SCLCY 11th & 12th Grade Retreat at Coastal Retreat Center - [Register here](#)

February 26 - Soup Kitchen Helpers - 9 am - noon

March 6 - Game Night + Supper - 6-7:30 pm

March 18-20 - SCLCY 6th-8th Grade Retreat at Camp Kinard - [Register here](#)

March 26 - Soup Kitchen Helpers - 9 am - noon

April 11? - (Spring Break) - Youth Trip to Transitions Homeless Shelter

Youth Faith Formation Activities occur every week in Sunday School @ 9:50am. Confirmation Youth have a complimentary program along with this calendar of fun and service activities.

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Possible 2022 Summer Trip for 8th-12th grade:  
[ELCA Youth Gathering](#) July 24-28 in Minneapolis

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Additional detail will be published about each event as it gets closer. For now, please mark your calendars!!

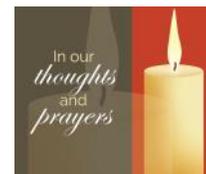
Update contact information [here](#) or email [wittenbergyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wittenbergyouth@gmail.com). Shareable Google Calendar link [here](#).

## Youth News

By Jase Long, President

The youth group had another amazing month of December. We kicked off our month by building a float for the annual B&L Christmas Parade. This float was used to highlight three of our ministries, our Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen and our Preschool here at Wittenberg. The float ended up coming in 2nd place overall in the parade, which was an awesome first time event for many of our youth members. Later on in the month some of the youth participated in helping with the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, and helped prepare luminaries for our evening worship service on Christmas Eve. We look forward to another great year in our Wittenberg Youth Group!

# WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Connie Kramer</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>Josie Price</b>	<b>1/16</b>
<b>Ross Shealy</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>Angie Shealy</b>	<b>1/16</b>
<b>Wade Watts</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>Julie Rogers</b>	<b>1/17</b>
<b>Sara Long</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>Emily Horne</b>	<b>1/19</b>
<b>Allison Hunter</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>Don Price</b>	<b>1/19</b>
<b>Shayla Bedenbaugh</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>Jack Shealy</b>	<b>1/19</b>
<b>Eileen Chapman</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>Todd Davis</b>	<b>1/20</b>
<b>Donice Frick</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>Rebecca Reed</b>	<b>1/24</b>
<b>Bruce Nichols</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>Ira Ruff Sr.</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Kim Hendrix</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>Theo Walker II</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Teresa Laws</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>Mary Dority</b>	<b>1/28</b>
<b>John Ruff</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>Avery Finger</b>	<b>1/31</b>
<b>Jackie Shealy</b>	<b>1/13</b>	<b>Cade Long</b>	<b>1/31</b>
<b>Amber Fulmer</b>	<b>1/14</b>		

### LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Tissy Price	Mona Henderson
John & Merlyn Watkins	Anne Shealy
Sandy Spradley	Earlene Swygert
Larry Lorick	Nathan Shealy
Cricket Leaphart	Jerry Shealy
Lisa Cook	Hazel Cooper
Freida Banks	Sam Barnes

### LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Lynwood Hyler (*friend of Robbin Swygert*)  
 Chris Gunter (*cousin to Robbin Swygert*)  
 Walter Chandler (*friend of Hazel Cooper*)  
 Shealy McCormack (*WLPP student*)  
 Bill Amick (*family of Barbie Rodgers*)  
 Tayler Grace Kinard (*cousin of KD*)  
 Reece Spradley (*niece of Chip & Jennifer Spradley*)  
 Ronda Miller (*friend of Chip & Jennifer Spradley*)  
 Selena Player & family (*relatives of Chip & Jennifer Spradley*)  
 Lisa Williams (*friend of Crissie Kirby*)  
 Daphyne Ridgell (*friend of Brent Shealy*)  
 Beverly Smith (*sister of Jerry Price*)  
 Missy Lewis (*friend of Brenda Howard*)  
 Helen Winstead (*mother of Sonya Cary*)  
 Bill Eubanks (*friend of Sonya Cary*)  
 Carole Hair (*relative of Sonya Cary*)  
 Keith Berry (*friend of Brenda Howard*)  
 Sally Kinard (*cousin of KD*)  
 Hunter Stocks (*friend of Billy & Lynne Rauton*)  
 Barry Webb (*uncle of Toshia Banks*)  
 Barbra Cross (*grandmother of Toshia Banks*)  
 Tommy Penick (*friend of Sonya Cary*)  
 Jason & Tammy Howard (*family of Brenda & Arthur Howard*)  
 Maudine Taylor (*sister-in-law of Lavonia Frick*)  
 Ann Herrington (*friend of Donice Frick*)  
 Bryan McLeod (*father of Kayce Shealy*)  
 Jacob Kneece (*nephew of Brenda Howard*)  
 Chad Smith (*cousin of Lynne Rauton*)  
 Mark Juergens (*GMS student*)  
 Billy Reeves (*nephew of Howdy & Judy Hays*)  
 Earl Oswald (*step-father of Diane Spradley*)  
 Tobie & Chester Plunkett (*in-laws of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Greg Smith (*friend of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Raymond Boozer (*father of Brenda Burkett*)  
 Aaron Reynolds (*in-law of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Luene Clyburn (*aunt of Walter Smith*)  
 Nina Rash (*sister of Virginia Nichols*)  
 Marie Stevens (*aunt of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Melissa Layton (*friend of Barbie Rodgers*)  
 Brant McCormick (*grandson of Mary Cook*)  
 Tim Sinnott (*friend of Nathan Shealy*)  
 Scott Adams (*friend of Pam Humphries*)  
 Kendall Adams (*friend of Pam Humphries*)  
 Richard Holter (*cousin of Pam Humphries*)  
 John Bedenbaugh (*father of Tracy Bedenbaugh*)  
 Kisharn Whitt (*friend of Brian Shealy*)  
 Josiah New (*Preschool family member*)  
 Barbara Reece (*friend of Diane Spradley*)  
 Gina Tuten (*cousin of Cricket Leaphart*)  
 Denise Hill (*sister of Rebecca Dasher*)  
 Edie & Kenny Boozer (*friends of the Frick family*)  
 Rose Marie Hall (*sister of Diane Spradley*)  
 Taylor Vandy (*niece of Virginia Nichols*)  
 Sarah Trani (*friend of Pastor Anderson*)

### ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers	Karl Smith
Ross Shealy	Capt. Will Cary

### WE REMEMBER:

Carolyn Price  
 John Prim (*brother-in-law of Susie Hendrix*)  
 Darren Spencer (*husband of Tami Spencer*)  
 Wayne Holley (*cousin of Rachel Young*)  
 Pastor Brett Collins (*Pastor, Holy Trinity, Little Mountain*)  
 Susan Stamper (*wife of Rev. Henry Stamper-First Baptist Church, Batesburg*)  
 Jeanette Anderson (*friend of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Samuel Schaffer (*cousin of Robin Taylor*)  
 Louise Derrick (*friend of Rebecca Dasher*)  
 Bobbie Smith  
 Benjy Watson

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Johnny &amp; Karla Powell Jr.</b>	<b>1/1</b>
<b>Monty &amp; Jackie Shealy</b>	<b>1/6</b>
<b>Jay &amp; Kim Hendrix</b>	<b>1/13</b>
<b>Steven &amp; Pam Humphries</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>Davis &amp; Pamela Taylor</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>Rhett &amp; Shanna Watson</b>	<b>1/29</b>

## Approved Council Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2021:

**Members present:** Brian Shealy, Gregory Dority, Ricky Frick, Todd Long, Brent Shealy, Connie Kramer, Pastor Mary Anderson, Gerrie Gresham, Pam Humphries, Chancie Frick, Jarrod Frick, Emily Barnes, Ross Cary, Wendy Epting, Kayce Shealy, Matt Shealy, Justin Trotter

**Member Absent:** Ashley Bouknight, Billy Rauton, Patricia Tiffner

**Call to Order** By Council President – Brian Shealy at 7:10 pm

**Devotion** – Pam Humphries – Christmas Devotion

**Prayer Concerns**

**Prior Meeting Minutes** - previously approved via email

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Mary Anderson submitted via email. Motion to approve the report submitted by Ricky Frick and 2nd by Gerrie Gresham. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – submitted via email-Brent Shealy – Brent asked to move \$6500 from the cemetery fund to the cemetery annuity. Also move \$6500 from Wittenberg checking to the Wittenberg annuity. Motion to approve the report submitted by Gregory Dority and 2nd by Ricky Frick. Motion Approved.

**Financial Secretary Report**- submitted via email-Connie Kramer- Connie passed out a teller schedule and we will start rotating turns every 6 weeks starting on January, 2, 2022 being tellers. If your turn falls on the first Sunday lunch you will count after lunch. Report Approved by Matt Shealy and 2nd by Gregory. Motion approved.”

**President's Report** – Call Committee Update: A meeting with the primary candidate, Call Committee, and council will be held on Sunday, December 19th @12:30. The primary candidate and final compensation package will need to be approved by Council and recommended to the congregation. Brian will send out an email with the compensation package and biography of the candidate. If approved, Council will present the candidate to the congregation tentatively Sunday, January 9th, 2022. We will try to set up a meet and greet for the congregation on January 7th or 8th. Discussion on Goal 1 - Implementation of Master Site Plan: Billy Rauton submitted a proposal via email for civil engineering services, architectural design and plans, plumbing and HVAC engineering, and electrical engineering for the food pantry and associated site development with a total cost of \$18,500. Stewardship & Finance recommends this to be funded from our Vision 20+20 funds. A motion was made by Matt Shealy and 2nd by Gerrie Gresham. Motion approved. Discussion on Hare Bequest: A copy of the most recent Hare Bequest spreadsheet was attached. The Hare Bequest will be tabled until January 2022. .

**Committee Reports**

A/V&T - Brian Shealy – Social media report via email

Cemetery – Gregory Dority – No report

Christian Education – No report

Endowment - Brian Shealy – No report.

Evangelism/Christian Care – Patricia Tiffner via text Evangelism committee will be doing Christmas packets for preschool staff and kids.

Mutual Ministry –No Report

Parish Life – Ricky Frick –No report

Preschool – Chancie Frick – No report

Property – No report .

Social Ministry – Emily Barnes – Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen report submitted via email

Stewardship & Finance – Gerrie Gresham -No report

Strategic Planning –Matt Shealy – No report

Worship & Music – Pam Humphries – submitted via email Pastor Earl Shaffer will be with us on January 2nd, 2022 while Pastor Anderson is on vacation. Christmas eve services will be at 5:30, 7:30, and 10:30 on Dec 24th. January 9th we will recognize new and ones going off council at the end of the 8:30 am service and the beginning of the 11:00 am.

Youth –Todd Long –No report

Other New Business – Todd Long- Charlie Robinette, Brandon Cumbee, and Jason Sanders submitted a request to Council via letter and would like permission to use a metal detector on the Caughman Street property. They would like to come on a Saturday. If they find anything with value to the church they will return it to us. Staff Christmas gifts will include a \$100 check and our landscaping and cleaning crew will receive a card and snack tray. Council will provide the preschool staff breakfast on December 20th @ 8:00.

**New elected council officers for 2022**

**President:** Gerrie Gresham

**Vice President:** Todd Long

**Secretary:** Chancie Frick

**Treasurer:** Brent Shealy

**Financial Secretary:** Connie Kramer

Old Business – None

Motion to adjourn by Gregory Dority, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricky Frick Motion approved. Closed with Lords' Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chancie Frick



**WITTENBERG SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPER**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**  
**6:00PM**  
**SPONSORED BY THE LECTIONARY CLASS**

**Who is invited:** All Adult Sunday School classes, all Sunday School Teachers and any adult members not currently attending Sunday School.

**When and Where:** Saturday, January 8, 2022 - 6:00PM at Gregg Long's shop at his house: 2550 Horne Rd. Leesville (Horne Road is off of Caney Branch Rd which is off of Windmill Rd. in Leesville)

**What:** The purpose of the evening will be to provide a fellowship time for our members as well as a devotional and to support a ministry cause. The supper menu will include prime rib, chicken, baked potato, salad, and dessert. Each class is asked to bring several dessert dishes. The rest of the meal will be provided and there is no charge.

Please call Brent Shealy or Greg Long with the number attending in your classes and other invited members/guests by Monday, January 3. Greg's cell is 803-920-0922. Brent's cell is 803-429-5198.

Any money donations you would like to bring will be collected and given to **The Christian Ministry Center** on Highway 391, which is sponsored by the Ridge Baptist Association.

Pastor Mary will have a brief devotional and everyone is responsible for the fellowship!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU AND ENCOURAGE INVITING ANY POTENTIAL NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS!!**

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# WLPP

## Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

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December had us walking through Candy Land in the preschool! We made lollipops, candy ornaments and gingerbread houses. We read stories and made crafts with the Nativity story. The children had a week of Christmas fashion wear. They enjoyed a candy cane day, holiday headwear, Christmas socks, and Christmas shirt day. On the 17<sup>th</sup> they had a Christmas party with a special lunch and lots of special sweet treats! We had a full house while school was out and enjoyed games and Christmas crafts. And at the end of the month, we had a PJ and Movie Day as we geared back up for the New Year holiday! January has started off with Polar animals and we are using them in our crafts, math, science, and finger play activities. The last of the month we will be going over nurse rhymes. The "Itsy Bitsy Spider", "Jack be Nimble", "Humpty Dumpty", and "Hickory Dickory Dock" are just a few we will be reviewing.

We have enjoyed many special times with Pastor Anderson this December. I was so proud of the attendance from the preschool for the St. Nicholas celebration. The children loved learning about the Advent wreath and St. Lucy. They also liked the stories of Baby Jesus and of course all the singing! The children have been making sure the blessing box is full for those who are in need. We are still receiving donations for the food pantry! Our younger preschool class collected mittens and the older preschool class collected toys for the children who visit us. Those items were given to our soup kitchen to distribute.

The preschool has been blessed with so many gifts this Christmas season. We would like to thank the Preschool Board for a lovely dinner at Angelo's and their gifts. The board has supported us in many different forms this past year and it has been a blessing to all of us! Also, we would like to thank the Church Council for a wonderful breakfast as well as the Evangelism Committee for their beautiful gifts and the cookies and candy for the preschool kids and afterschool kids. Having Wittenberg's love and support means so much to the staff and our kids. Thank you all for your help in preparing these children for the future. Your generosity has impacted the lives of these children and what a wonderful way to show God's love!

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. **Psalm 96: 1-3***

Cricket Leaphart  
Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool



# January 2022

**EARLY SERVICE—8:30 A.M. + SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:50 A.M. + WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship 	<b>27</b> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation- <b>canceled</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>29</b> Choir Practice – <b>Canceled</b> Pastor Anderson-vacation Becky—vacation	<b>30</b> Pastor Anderson-vacation Becky—vacation	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry <b>CLOSED</b> Pastor Anderson-vacation Becky—vacation 	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry <b>CLOSED</b> Pastor Anderson-vacation Becky—vacation 
<b>2</b> <b>Festival of Epiphany</b> Pastor Earl Schafer, Supply <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Drive Through Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> First Sunday 	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation- <b>canceled</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Circle L Pastor Anderson-vacation Becky—vacation	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting Becky—vacation	<b>5</b> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Circle at Hebrews Cafe <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>6 Epiphany</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM-12:30 PM</b> Girl Scout CPR Training <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open <b>6:00 PM</b> Sunday School Supper at the home of Gregg Long
<b>9 Installation of New Council and Recognition of Retiring Council</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Drive Through Communion <b>12:00 PM</b> KICS <b>12:00 PM</b> Youth –Lunch & Bowling with Faith & Mt. Hebron <b>3:00-5:00 PM</b> Junior and Senior Confirmation at WLC <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>12</b> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Circle IV <b>10:00 AM</b> Records and Archives Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>13</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open
<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship/Noisy Offering <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Noisy Offering <b>12:00 PM</b> Drive Through Communion	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Dorcas Quilters <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Committee Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>LCY Winter Retreat at Camp Kinard-Grades 9-10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	<b>22</b> LCY Winter Retreat at Camp Kinard-Grades 9-10 <b>9:00 AM</b> Council Retreat <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open <b>10:30 AM</b> Soup Kitchen/Youth Volunteers 
<b>23</b> LCY Winter Retreat at Camp Kinard-Grades 9-10 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Drive Through Communion	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation <b>7:00 PM</b> Lutheran Men	<b>25</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open
<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:10 AM</b> Last Sunday Breakfast <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Drive Through Communion	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation	<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open

*Please check our calendar on the WLC website <http://www.wittenbergleesville.org/> for the latest information.*

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-Request a recorded copy of the worship service via DVD disc from

the church office. A limited number of portable DVD players are

available on loan if needed.

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