

Christian Reporter

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

January 2023

I like a list of resolutions prepared by the Rev. Walter Schoedel. He calls them '7-UPS for the New Year.' No, this has nothing to do with the soft drink. These 7-UPS fall under the heading of attitudes and actions.

The first is WAKE UP—Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.

The second is DRESS-UP—Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.

The third is SHUT-UP—Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.

The fourth is STAND-UP—Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.

Five, LOOK-UP—Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior.

Six, REACH-UP—Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the Lord.

And finally, LIFT-UP—Be available to help those in need—serving, supporting, and sharing.

If you're going to make New Year's resolutions this year, let me suggest Rev. Schoedel's list.

On a personal note, thank you for your generous gift this Christmas. It is deeply appreciated.

Blessings, Cindy

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NEW YEAR
HAPPY

PASTOR: THE REVEREND DR.
CINDY McCLUNG

WORSHIP
WITH US



Sunday Morning Worship

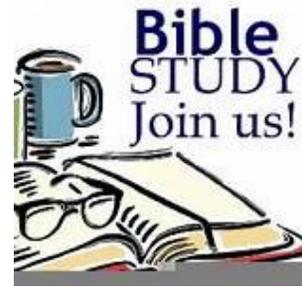
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PLEASE JOIN US!



January Worship Leaders & Elders

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>
1 - Verna McGinley	1 - Chuck Sargent
8 - Kathy Spray	8 - Verna McGinley
15 - Laurie Sargent	15 - Jocelyn Wagner
22 - Brad Montgomery	22 - Jeff Hawn
29 - Sally Myton	29 - Dan Wahl



Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on January 11, 2023

More information will follow

MISSION STATEMENT

**Serving Christ!
Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love**



Boyfriend Trouble

A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings.

Later, the girl's mom says, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy."

"Oh, please, Mom!" says the daughter. "If he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"



VISION STATEMENT

God's vision for Mt. Lebanon Christian Church (DOC) is that we be a Christ-centered church; growing in faith through prayer, worship, and Bible study; growing in service through outreach; growing in love through Fellowship.

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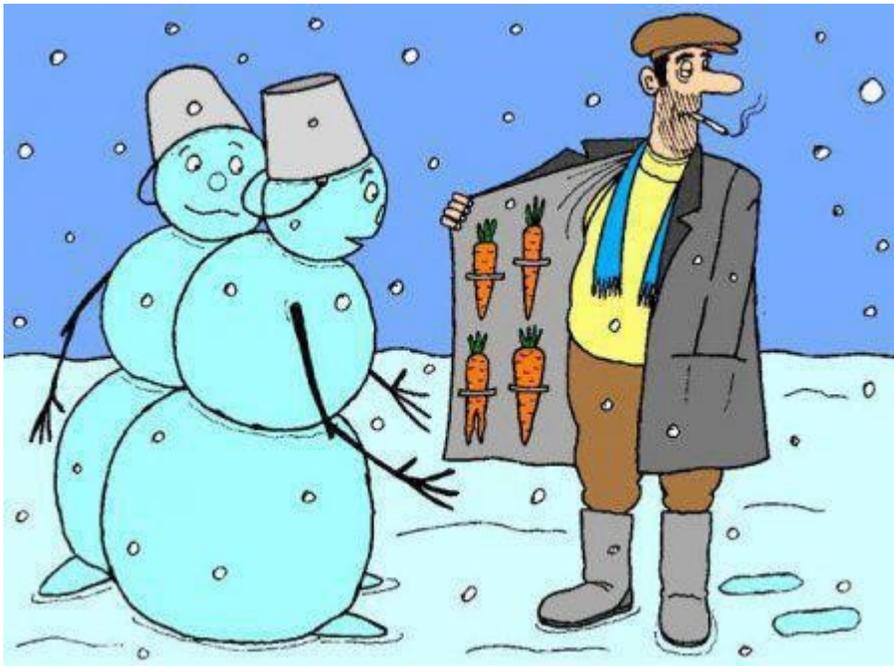
"Every Member Is A Minister"

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Services in-Person, via Facebook Live or Free Conference Call

We will continue to film the Facebook Live services on Sunday even though we are meeting in person now. We will also continue to use "Free Conference Call" using phone number 425-436-6348 and access code 284262#. Remember, you can view past services on our Facebook Live page by clicking here, pick Video and select what you want to watch. (or enter this <https://www.facebook.com/MtLebanonCC/>)



Get Your Newsletter Online

Anyone who wants to receive their Newsletter online just needs to let the secretary know.

The advantages are:

- You get your Newsletter as soon as it is approved, not 3 or 4 days later
- Your Newsletter is in full color
- The Church saves money on ink, paper and postage
- Your Newsletter will not come torn and tattered from the mail

If you want to try it let Joyce know by calling the church, email, churchoffice@mtlebocc.org, or leave a note on her desk. If you decide that you don't like it, contact Joyce again and you will be put back on the mailing list.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Please contact The Elders for any prayer concerns or even just to talk. The Elders pray for those in our congregation who need prayers from those on our prayer lists and those mentioned during our , worship services. If you are in need of prayer and would like to be included in our private prayer list please contact the church office.

Church Members

Mary Crist	Chuck Bieri
Hawn Family	Joanne Houston
Bill Green	Ray Dubiel
Audrey Houke	
Karen Newman	
Mary Nicholson	
Geri Offenbach	
Chuck Sargent - knee surgery recovery	
The Scott Family - death of Ralph's niece	
Ed Pajak	
Duane Ready	

Friends and family

Matt - Dan Wahl's Nephew - recovery
 Joanne - Bill Green's daughter
 Patrick Holstead - liver transplant recovery
 Katy Creenan - cancer
 Bob Conroy Sr. - stroke recovery
 Ann Peden - cancer
 Kathleen Miller - kidney concerns
 Maggie Goodwin - back surgery recovery
 Rick Fleischauer - brain injury - nephew of Jane McCarty
 Leo Schober - healing
 Hugh Pollon - Father of Bonnie Philippon
 Richard Sykes
 All those affected by winter storms
 Ed Totin - Father of Anne Totin
 Peace in the Ukraine

Also, please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound. Helen Butler, Connie McCarty, Ruth Schmidetter, Lee Scott and Betty Rothermel.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Chris Wagner
5 - Duane Wolff
6 - Geri Offenbach
9 - Patty Wolff
10 - Ed Persinger
20 - Horst Riddler
Mary Jane Webb
John Crist
25 - Barbara Dillon
29 - Walter Ozanick

January Outreach
Pittsburgh Women's Shelter

These items are needed to help women and children escaping domestic abuse. Please bring items to the table in the back of the church.

Gift cards are always our most pressing need. Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Giant Eagle, and VISA gift cards.

POC Hair Care (Full-sized)
Diapers (Size Newborn – size 7)
Kids Conditioner
Kids Toothbrushes
Body Lotion (Full-sized)
Mouthwash (8 oz bottles)
Shaving Cream (Full-sized)

Brushes
Hair Accessories
Fitted Sheets
Flat Sheets
Pillow Cases
Air Mattresses
Pull Ups
Baby Wipes
Baby Bottles
Pacifiers

Kids Shampoo (Full-sized)
Kids Toothpaste (Full-sized)
Shampoo (Full-sized)
Conditioner (Full-sized)
Body Wash (Full-sized)
Bar Soap (Full-sized)
Tampons
Menstrual Pads
Deodorant (Full-sized)
Razors
Toothpaste (Full-sized)
Toothbrushes
Combs
Bath Poufs
Wash Cloths

Thank You



I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls and cards for my knee surgery. My recovery is going well and your prayers are appreciated.

Chuck Sargent

Thank You

Thank you to all for the cards and prayers while I was laid up with the flu.

Your concern is appreciated so much.

Chuck Bieri



Reminder

Board meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm on zoom. All church members are invited. Join us as we discuss church plans for the coming months. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the Odd months of the year. (Jan, March, May, July, September, November)



What is a Doxology?

A doxology is an expression of praise to God, especially, a short hymn sung as part of a Christian worship service. The word DOXOLOGY comes from the Greek DOXA, (Glory, splendor, grandeur) and logos, (word or speaking). Most doxologies are short hymns of praise to God in various Christian worship services. Many times they are added to the end of canticles, psalms, and hymns. The *Glory Patri*, so named for its first two words in Latin, is commonly used as a doxology by The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. It is called the "Lesser Doxology," thus distinguished from the "Great doxology," Glory in Excelsis Deo, and is often called simply "the Doxology" or Gloria Patri." The Latin text of the Lesser Doxology is...

"Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui, Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Literally translated, it means Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. As well as praising God, this doxology is also a short declaration of faith of the Holy Trinity.

Another commonly heard doxology is "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW," written in 1674 by Thomas Ken, a priest in the Church of England. The familiar words are – Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Although the word Doxology is not found in the Bible, the themes expressed in doxologies are certainly scriptural. Praising God for His blessings (Ephesians 1:3), ascribing to Him all glory (Romans 11:36) and affirming the Trinity (Matthew 28:19) have always been integral parts of true Christian worship.



Look to the heavens for more than stars tonight.



LET'S START AT THE VERY BEGINNING



Did you know that the "Forbidden Fruit" of the Garden of Eden was not an apple?

Nowhere in the story of Genesis is an apple mentioned; it's called simply "the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil". (*Genesis 2:17*)

Why then did the idea of the forbidden fruit enter popular imaginations as an apple?

It stems (forgive the pun) from a medieval pun in Latin. Malum is the word for "apple" and it's and it's also the word for "bad" or "evil". Manuscript illuminators illustrated Geniuses with pictures of an apple tree, or with Eve eating an apple, all in the spirit of wordplay. In the same spirit, but much later, we named the projection of the thyroid cartilage at the front of the neck "Adam's Apple." This is more prominent in men than in women; so folklore said that when Adam accepted the apple from Eve, it got stuck in his throat. The body has a wisdom that the mind does not does not is what this folk story seems to say.

The name "Adam": for, instances, makes a pun with the Hebrew word for "earth", the dust that Adam's body was formed from.

What about the business of God forming Eve from Adam's rib (see Genesis 2.22)?

In the ancient Sumerian Language "rib" and "Life" are the same word. Adam named the woman "Eve" (*see Genesis 3:20*), a form of the Hebrew word for "life", with recognition that she will be the "Mother of all the living." The connection between "rib" and "Eve" was already in the culture that shaped the story.

So why did our first parents suddenly realize they were naked after they had sinned (see Genesis 3:7)? What was that all about?

Again, all is related to a pun in Hebrew. The work for "Naked" is wordplay with the "cunning" of the serpent (*see Genesis 3:1*) Man and woman became aware of their nakedness (their vulnerability and shame) because of the "cunning" of the serpent.

And what about that serpent, is there more to him too?

In Canaan, the serpent was associated with the fertility cults, a constant source of temptation for the chosen people. Besides telling the story of the all in rich and multifaceted language, the author of Genesis emphasizes that we're never to get involved with idolatry, that cunning "serpent" that seduces us.

Puns are serious business in the Hebrew language!

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Sun

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Sat

1  11:00 am United Service	2	3 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	4	5 7:00 Program Team	6	7
8 9:30 am Caya 11:00 Worship Traditional Service	9	10 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	11 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	12 7:00 pm Elder's Mtg	13	14
15 9:30 am Caya 11:00 Worship Traditional Service	16  Martin Luther King Day 7:00 Trustees Mtg.	17 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group 7:00 Board Mtg.	18 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Caya 11:00 Worship Traditional Service	23	24 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	25  Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Caya 11:00 Worship Traditional Service	30	31 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	<div style="background-color: orange; padding: 10px; border: 2px solid blue; display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Enjoy the Day! Compliments of God</p> </div>  </div>			