

# *The Contact*

The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
December, 2024

## **“I Survived Gettysburg”**

T-shirts are on order with “I Survived Gettysburg “ for all those that went on the Super Senior trip to Gettysburg. Not really, but we should. Phew, what a trip. We started out 45 minutes late, partly due to fog, partly bus issues. We arrived in Gettysburg about 11:30 and went straight to the visitors center with a brief overview from Pastor Jim. We spent about an hour there before departing to Dobbin House Restaurant. Everyone had a great meal here and we left around 2:30 and started our tour of Gettysburg with Pastor Jim giving us a lot of details about the area and monuments. The Tressler gang even found out about a long lost relative and was able to get a picture with the 6 Tresslers in attendance in front of the monument with his name on it. We toured the Union side and even had time to tour a bit of the Confederate side of the battlefield. We would like to Thank Pastor Jim for all his hard work and knowledge he passed onto us!! We started home around 6 and the intent was to go straight home. But our bus had other plans. Right before we got to Cumberland, Maryland, our bus driver said “oh, that’s not good”. Ended up we were losing antifreeze and it was spraying out the back of the bus. But, God took care of us and only 2 miles up the road was a Loves truck stop. So we all deboarded the bus. Now we did have a mechanic and a retired bus driver on board, but they decided to pass on fixing this big boy. We all went in for supper, which was either McDonalds or Subway, and that was good, because now it was about 8:30. We waited over 2 hours for a new bus. We were on our way home by 10:50. The Sleepy Super Seniors and friends arrived back at the Fellowship Center around midnight. This trip will not be forgotten anytime too soon!!

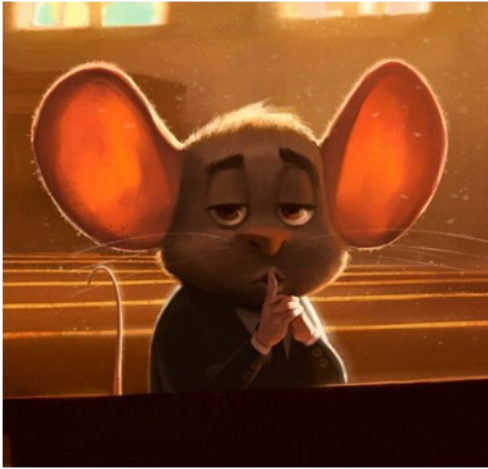
## **SUPER SENIOR FINAL UPDATE FOR 2024**

The Super Seniors held a bake sale on Election Day at the Upper Turkeyfoot Election Building, and it was a huge success. With help from many people who made lots of goodies, and the generosity of so many on that day, we raised \$1188.00. We were able to make a donation to both Emily Lemmon and Jeff Romesberg. It was a wonderfully warm day, so warm that on November 5th, no coats were needed. We were sold out by 11:30, and we heard that people that came later were sad that there was no more baked goods. We would like to thank everyone that helped out, and also a big “Thank You” to Colleen Younkin for letting us set up the canopy on her lawn. God certainly blessed our day!!

On November 15th we had our last Super Senior event. It wasn’t what everyone hoped it would be. We had a wonderful dinner catered by Chuckwagon, but unfortunately our speaker did not show up. Mr. Freeburn felt terrible, he had it on his schedule for the wrong week. We hope to reschedule him for next spring and we will do a pot luck dinner prior to his presentation.

The Super Seniors sure had a busy year, and we would like to thank everyone for their participation. We will start up again in 2025 with our usual breakfast sometime in February or March. So stay tuned!! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

# Church Mouse



November! We are in the 3rd “BER” month and heading into the 4<sup>th</sup>. There has been some snow and we are definitely getting closer to Winter! This month we have gotten a nice amount of rain and snow. This has resulted in the streams coming back up to level and many persons’ springs coming back on line for supplying water. Thank you Lord!

The month has been a pretty good one with a few hiccups along the way. There was a Super Seniors gathering this month. The Chuckwagon catered the food and it was excellent. But, communication issue resulted in no NASA

presentations. I know that Larry

was a little embarrassed, but a very lovely evening was had by all! And then we got to help move stuff to the gym for OCC shoe box packing. Speaking of OCC shoe boxes we had a great Sunday speaker in Mindy Singo who came and talked about OCC box distributions in Paraguay. We also had our annual Veterans Day presentation on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. November also brought about a basket Auction/fundraiser for Jeff Romesburg that was very well attended and I believe made a good deal of money for the family.

Many of our hunters have been out and harvested deer during the archery season. And many more are looking forward to the beginning of deer gun season after Thanksgiving. Speaking of Thanksgiving there was a nice Thanksgiving Eve service on Wed evening the 27<sup>th</sup>.

PW & Beth took a few days away from the parsonage and went to see their oldest son and his family for Thanksgiving. This left me in charge of the parsonage and I scurried around and picked up all the crumbs I could find.

November also brought a few children’s ministry meetings as we look at how to structure things in a slightly different way.

On a sad note we lost a long time member and friend as Bob Tressler passed away. The good in the situation was that the family could all be together as Bob was brought home from the hospital on hospice. He passed the next day with family all around.

We are looking forward to the Advent season and thank you Janet O and PJ for putting together the Advent devotional. I looked through it and it seems like many of you Kingwood folks wrote very nice devotional thoughts. I always love the Advent/Christmas season because it brings lots of goodies for a little mousey to munch on. I am also looking forward to whatever Christmas cookies Beth and PW make this year.

Well, until next time.

As always, yours, The Church Mouse



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### DEC. BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Terry Ream  
 Dec 2 Marchelle Peck  
 Dec 6 Kendyll Younkin  
 Dec 9 Rose Tressler  
 Dec 12 Nina Phillippi  
 Charlotte Carrabotta  
 Dec 13 Ernest Pletcher  
 Dec 14 Alessaundra Vough  
 Dec 18 Jesse Moore  
 Dec 19 Ed Engleka  
 Elika Pletcher  
 Dec 17 Levi Ream  
 Dec 21 Sheryl Meyers  
 Adalyn Strelko  
 Dec 25 JESUS  
 Dec 26 Tom Brouger  
 Jim Snyder  
 Dec 27 Chloee Anderson  
 Dec 30 Jim Monticue  
 Dec 31 Don Houck  
 Louise Dumbauld

### DEC. ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 3 Hilton & Loretta Mitchell  
 Dec 21 Paul & Juanita Hall

### JAN. BIRTHDAYS

Jan 3 Dylan Shipley  
 Stephanie Stahl DePalmer  
 Jan 5 Loretta Mitchell  
 Lucas Shipley  
 Debby Tannehill  
 Jan 6 Jeff Peck  
 Jan 8 Kevin Hay  
 Stephen Walker  
 Andrew Webreck  
 Jan 10 Peggie Ream  
 Jan 11 Matt Meyers  
 Lauren Mitchell  
 Colleen Younkin  
 Jan 12 Karina Putman  
 Jan 14 Debra Colflesh  
 Jan 15 Lindsay Latuch  
 Jan 16 Emma Engleka  
 Jan 18 Diane Engleka  
 Jan 19 Kay Engleka  
 Jan 20 Jessica Walker  
 Jan 21 Kaitlyn Latuch  
 Jan 26 Andrew Weaver  
 Jan 27 Larry Vough  
 Jan 30 Logan Walker  
 Jan 31 Melissa Barry

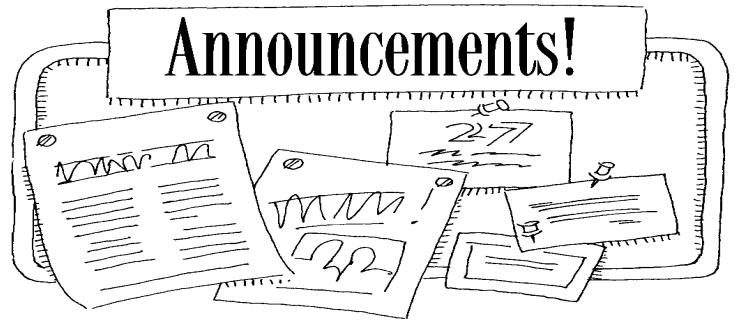
### JAN. ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 25 Cary & Cathy Phillippi





National Revival  
 Our Country  
 Allegheny Region Churches  
 Our Pastors & Spouses  
 Growing our Congregation  
 Christmas Services  
 Violence in our Nation  
 Violence in Haiti  
 People of Ukraine  
 Those dealing with severe weather issues & cleanup  
 Families who have lost loved ones  
     Betty Baumgardner  
     Dave Draper  
     Molly Jurik  
     Luanne Pritts  
     Dale Schrock  
     Robert Tressler  
 Those dealing with mental, emotional, spiritual & financial issues  
 Those hospitalized & having procedures  
 Those dealing with long-term illnesses  
 Shut-Ins  
 Those in nursing homes and care facilities  
 Schools  
 Teachers and Students  
 School Workers & Bus Drivers  
 College Students  
 Hospital Workers  
 Winebrenner Seminary  
 Brent & Julie Sleasman  
 Church Ministries  
 Camp Sonrise Mountain  
 Winter Retreats  
 Chatelas Church  
 Our Missionaries and Mission Fields  
 Military / Police / First Responders  
 CEF  
 Unspoken Needs



Come watch our youngsters perform **Mary, Mary, What Do You See?** and act out the birth of Jesus! The Children's Christmas Program will be held December 22nd, 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Center. Light refreshments will be offered afterward. If you are interested in making cookies for after the play, please sign up in the vestibule. Thanks in advance for your support of our most valuable resource----our youth!!

\$1,511.00 was mailed to Camp Sonrise Mountain for the envelopes that were completed for this fundraiser. There are still envelopes available in the vestibule if you wish to participate. Make checks payable to: Kingwood Church of God

There is a container for money gifts to the Romesberg Family in the vestibule. Please make checks payable to Kingwood Church of God. You can also mail gifts to:  
     Cheryl Pletcher  
     265 Faidley Rd.  
     Markleton, PA 15551

***A Note of Thanks...***  
*Thank you to all who submitted devotionals for our Advent Devotional Book. Also, thank you to Pastor Jim for organizing the texts and titles. And a Special Thank You to Janet Orawiec for getting it edited and printed. Thank you all.*

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

There's snow on the ground in Upper Turkeyfoot Township. The temperature is in the 20s! Christmas is almost here! I have some of my Christmas decorating done – just a bit more to do. I enjoy the lights of Christmas – especially in my home. I love the early mornings with the Christmas lights on. I'm thankful for the Church's Advent Devotional – each day shares a different perspective from someone in our church family. Special thanks to all the writers – I appreciate you. Remember to greet others with “*Merry Christmas*” – it puts a smile on many faces!

December and Christmas is REASON FOR EXTRA COOKIES!  
This is an old recipe – but makes a delicious cookie:

## ORANGE COOKIES

¾ Cup Butter  
1 Cup Sugar

2 Beaten Eggs  
¼ tsp. Salt

Beat all together until well combined – maybe four minutes on a higher speed in your mixer.

Dissolve ½ tsp. Baking Soda in ¾ Cup Orange Juice  
1 Tbsp. – Orange Zest  
2 ½ Cups Flour

Add the orange juice mixture & the orange zest – mix well  
Add the flour and mix until combined.

Drop onto a greased cookie sheet (or use parchment paper) – bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool.

### ***Icing:***

3 Tbsp. Butter  
Combine all and icing the cookies!

¼ Cup Orange Juice

2 Cups Powdered Sugar

*Jesus is the Greatest Gift of All!  
Born to set His people free.....*

# Global Reach Updates

**Please pray for all of the Global Reach areas of Ministry and our Brothers and Sisters in Christ Worldwide! Pray for their safety, provision, and opportunity to share the Love of Jesus.**

**Share the Blessing support:**

- 1. Bangladesh Mission hospitals - GR2705-  
medical instruments**
- 2. Construction of a church in Brazil: GR2729-  
Bahia church project**
- 3. Construction of an education Center in India:  
GR2724-Maldanga Ministry Center**

## *Helping Hands*

**Helping Hands Prayer Needs for December**

There is a copy of the Helping Hands Prayer Needs in the Vestibule under the Missions board. Please send a card to our dear friends in Christ.

# Youth News

November and December have been busy months! November allowed the youth group to take part in collecting plastic bags for benches in the Somerset community. Thank you to everyone who was a part of donating the plastic bags. There is a card on the community bulleting board by the mailboxes to say "thank you" from the community group spearheading the bench initiative.

Another part of November was helping with Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Our students and their friends helped to pack over 200 boxes in an evening. They also helped with other details and "chores" that were needed. Our students have big hearts and found ways to laugh and enjoy all the time spent serving others.

December finds another service project and our annual Christmas party. Students will go shopping to support families in our community on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun event and chance to serve. December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a fun evening with our yearly contest of who can create the best gingerbread house. Last year's winners will need to defend their title. In Sunday School we are also looking at word studies for the month of December that line up with Advent.

We pray that you are enjoying the blessings of family and friends this holiday season and we wish you a very merry Christmas!

Karey and Jake Vough



# Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME \_\_\_\_\_
2. NEAGLO \_\_\_\_\_
3. NRMEDAG \_\_\_\_\_
4. ODEKSNY \_\_\_\_\_
5. AMGYR \_\_\_\_\_
6. OHESJIP \_\_\_\_\_
7. EFJUSS \_\_\_\_\_
8. ITEENMSW \_\_\_\_\_
9. SPHHDSREEO \_\_\_\_\_
10. EMCFAL \_\_\_\_\_
11. TLSRA \_\_\_\_\_
12. CSSNUEO \_\_\_\_\_
13. HEVSPE \_\_\_\_\_
14. ENIN \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 1    2    3    4            5    6    7    8  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 9    10            11    12    13    14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love

# Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel's Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

be    baby    that    today  
 do    been    this    afraid  
 all    born    town    Christ  
 for    find    will    cloths  
 has    good    bring    manger  
 joy    Lord    David    people  
 not    news    great    Savior  
 you    sign    lying    wrapped

" \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
 24    26    1A            5            3A    8    13    18  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
 4    27    16    9A    1A    2D    7            15  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_  
 12            28            23            20            22    1D  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; he is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_." Luke 2:10-11, NIV  
 3D            8            19            10

Answer: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, NIV.



# KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

## November 4th, 2024

Devotions: Gerald Dumbauld Scripture from the book of Mark and an article from June of 2012, “This world of turmoil need’s Gods help.”

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Floor Waxing – Furniture is moved and waxing can now be done in the Art Room and Youth Room
- Church Directory – is in the Pre Plan Stage
- Sanctuary Projector and Screen – a smart 98” tv will be purchased for the front of the sanctuary
- Church Parking Lot – Estimates received and will be reviewed and decision will be made at a future date
- Church Basement Renovations – meeting coming up shortly.
- Disposal of Items in the Youth Room – Completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Recommendation of 2025 Budget to Congregational Meeting, Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried to approve the 2025 Budget.
- 2025 Church Officer Ballot – Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried to approve Church Officer Ballot
- Pastor Retention- Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried to retain all 3 pastors
- Office of Treasurer- Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion carried to retain Cheryl Pletcher.
- Church Security – Table all discussions until a future meeting

### **Fellowship Usage:**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Walk Fit          | 13          |
| Midweek           | 4           |
| Council Mtg       | 1           |
| Pickleball        | 4           |
| Retirement Dinner | 1 plus prep |
| Buckwheat Dinner  | 1 plus prep |
| Rally Day         | 1 plus prep |

Total 25

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**Church Staff**

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James Monticue, Visitation Pastor  
Carey Beth King, Secretary

**Church Website**

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**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Midweek Services @ FC on  
Wednesdays

