

**Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger**  
**January/February 2018**

**Happy New Year!**

Dear Friends,

The new year is often a time of reflection on where we are and where we have been. The new year also helps us to determine where we want to go. It's worthwhile for us to pause and remember where we've been, to remember past success that can encourage us for future healthiness as a church. We need to continue to build upon the labors of those who came before us.

As we look to our past we can see time and again how the people of Sixth Avenue Church have stepped out in faith to go where God has called. They fanned the flames and got the fire going. We have experienced it and we must continue to pass it on. Indeed, we've been blessed to be a blessing.

So, where are we going? I believe God has great things in store for His church here at Sixth Avenue. In 2018 we will continue to pass on the flames of God's Spirit! In order to live into the mission that God has placed before us we must be willing to invest ourselves. We must invest by faithfully upholding our membership vows to support the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Perhaps you're wondering: "How can I help?"

**PRAY...** for your pastor, leaders, musicians, teachers, youth, children, community, and the other faithful servants in our congregation.

**PRESENCE...** be present in worship, come to Bible studies, come to committee and team meetings.

**GIFTS...** give the gift of your time, love, and money.

**SERVICE...** serve on a team or small group and help with community outreach ministries.

**WITNESS...** share the great things God has done in your life, and share the great things God is doing in and through our church.

When we work together to serve God and invest in the ministries we will pass on the spark of God's love! We will pass on the good news of Jesus Christ, we will continue the work that began here decades ago, and we will live into the future that God calls us toward. We have a bright future ahead of us - are you ready?

In 2018 we will grow in various ways. With growth often come change and growing pains. But we will persist and work together through whatever comes our way. Yes, we will face challenges, but challenges are really opportunities in disguise. Opportunities to make an eternal impact in the lives of others.

Are you ready? Are you excited? Let's Go!

Pastor Rick



WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS



Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Mary Jo Stratton upon her death of October 30, 2017.

### Welcome New Members

The following youth were received into the membership of Sixth Avenue UMC by a profession of faith on November 19, 2017:

Abby Tener  
512 Maud Ave.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Orion Thress  
505 Shasta Dr.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Colton Thress  
505 Shasta Dr.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Jalynn Wright  
102 Supman Ct.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Gracie Thress  
505 Shasta Dr.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Jenesa Wright  
102 Supman Ct.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

### Baptisms



On Sunday, November 26, 2017, Pastor Rick had the privilege of baptizing our youth by immersion at the YMCA. Those baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were: Abby Tener, Colton Thress, Gracie Thress, Orion Thress, Jalynn Wright, and Jenesa Wright. Thank you for the great turnout by family and members of Sixth Avenue UMC to celebrate with our awesome youth!

Once again the Heartwarmer's have completed another successful year, thanks to the help and support of the congregation.

We as a committee have worked together to help those less fortunate, all the time using the funds donated to us to the best of our ability, not only supplying food for the holidays during these difficult times, but preparing food for 7 families after a funeral, averaging 50-75 people, supplying items as needed for kitchen, and when asked work receptions.

Thanksgiving and Christmas combined we fed 64 families; 126 adults and 72 children.

Gifts were given to 13 church members residing in different nursing homes, 20 shut-in's who are unable to get out to attend church, and small gift cards to our Sunday school teachers.

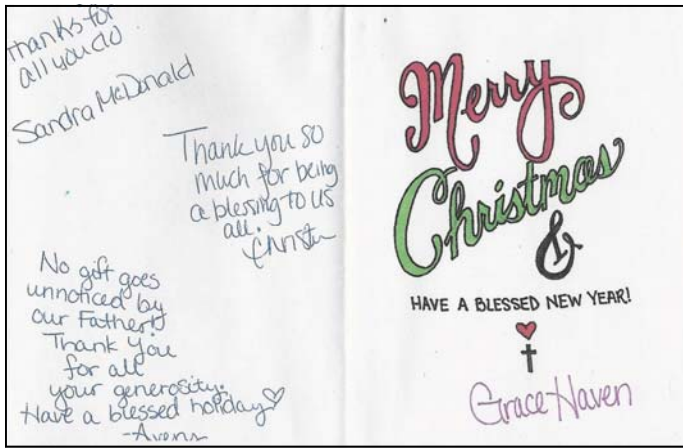
It takes a lot of planning and work and with the help of not only our committee, but all of the volunteers who gladly help wherever and whenever needed. You know who you are.

Once again I will say what a great feeling of love and gratitude when doing God's work.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Happy, and Healthy 2018!



Donna Dickson - Chair  
Phyllis Flowers - Secretary/Treasurer  
Donna Ballmer, Ruth Bowland, Jerry Dickson, Jan Lentz, Mary Ann Polliard, Dottie Raymond, John & Lou Ellen Reef, Judy Wheatley, Judy Woods, and Norma Zumbro

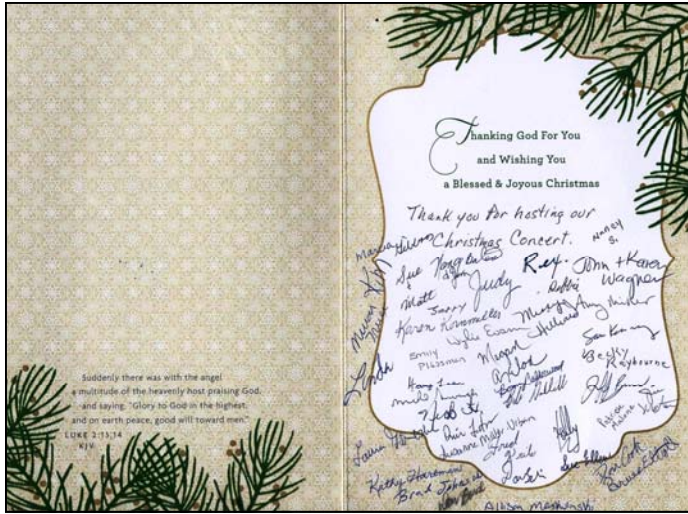


Merry Christmas &

HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



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December 06, 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

This month, many of us will exchange presents with family and friends as part of our Christmas celebrations. We are grateful that you have also chosen to give a gift to support the work of Samaritan's Purse. Your partnership helps us to bless people around the world with clean water, food, shelter, medical care, and other desperately needed aid. Most of all, your support equips us to share the Light of the Gospel with those who are living in darkness.

Please join us in prayer that hearts will be opened to the Good News of Jesus this Christmas season. **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined"** (Isaiah 9:2). May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
  
Franklin Graham

*"All we have come from God and we give it out of His hand."  
1 Chronicles 29:14b, Dutch Paraphrase*

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*Any books or materials you have ordered will be sent separately.*

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| <b>Samaritan's Purse®</b><br>INTERNATIONAL RELIEF<br>P.O. Box 3000<br>Boone, NC 28607 U.S.A.<br>(828) 262-1980 | \$377.51 | 013477 Operation Christmas Child | <b>THANK YOU</b><br>We gratefully acknowledge your contributions to this ministry.<br>YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULL EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. IF WE PROVIDED GOODS OR SERVICES TO YOU, THE NONDEDUCTIBLE PORTION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS SHOWN. |
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Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church  
1004 W 6th Avenue  
Lancaster, OH 43130-2459

Franklin Graham  
President

Dear Sixth Avenue Friends,  
Thank you so much for the card and kind thoughts. I am recovering nicely and getting stronger each week. We think of you often with warm sentiments.

*Thank You*

Again – Thank you!  
JoAnn Parrish

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and concerns. I am on the mend now!

Fred & Barb Beougher

Dear Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so very much for participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Through your generosity, children from over 100 countries worldwide will experience the love of Jesus Christ. Your gift will change lives!

**Thank You!!!**

Again, Thank you!  
In Him,  
OCC Volunteers

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. UMC,  
Thanks so much for your continued support of World Mission and the distribution of Solar Powered Audio Bibles to those who have no access to God's Word. Because of your generosity they will have access to God's Word for the very first time!

Thanks,  
Mike



It's 2018 and the Altar Flower Chart is posted. Please fill in the dates you want before they are taken. You can either write on the date on the calendar, which is located near the Pastor's office or you can call the office at 740-653-1196.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Janet and I were overwhelmed by the generosity of your cards, gift cards, baked goodies, and cash gift to us! I realize that for many of you it was a sacrifice. I'm so blessed and honored to serve you.

We appreciate the love, prayers, and support of our church family. May all of your days in the New Year be filled with the peace and joy of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Rick



**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!

Adult Bible Study is open to all folks interested in fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. New comers are welcome! The class meets before worship at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor, taught by Reverend Chuck Wheatley. During the winter session we will explore the Bible studying the book of Acts. Please join the group any Sunday you are available during the winter months. The curriculum presents the following:

|         |                    |                              |
|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Jan. 7  | A Changed Family   | Acts 16:22-34                |
| Jan. 14 | The Unknown Known  | Acts 14:22-34                |
| Jan. 21 | Value All**        | Acts 16:16-19; Ps. 139:13-16 |
| Jan. 28 | Incomplete Picture | Acts 18:24-28; 19:1-7        |
| Feb. 4  | Delivered          | Acts 20:22-35                |
| Feb. 11 | The Testimony      | Acts 22:3-8, 15-22           |
| Feb. 18 | Answering Critics  | Acts 26:19-29                |
| Feb. 25 | Always on Mission  | Acts 28:17-28                |

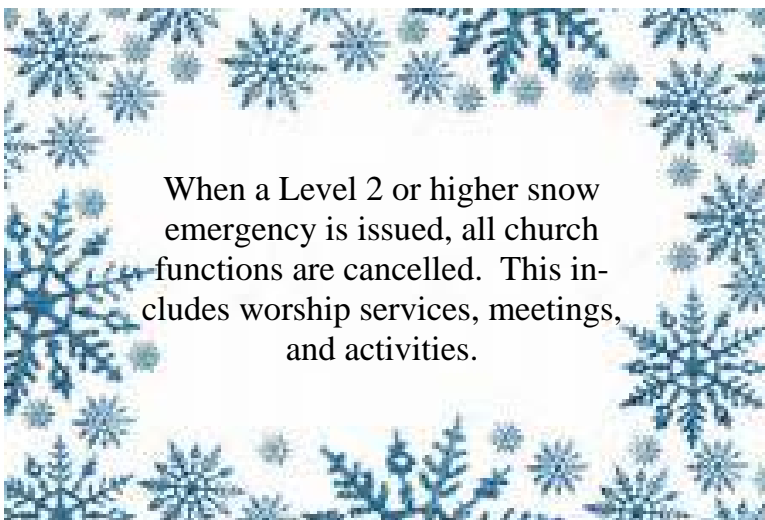
Dear Sixth Ave. UMC family,

We, the staff, would like to thank each and every one of you that blessed us with cards, candy, gifts, and cash gifts. We hope all of you have a very safe and happy New Year!



Again thank you and God bless,

David, Jackie, Jodi, and Lee Ann



When a Level 2 or higher snow emergency is issued, all church functions are cancelled. This includes worship services, meetings, and activities.





# Happy Anniversary



## ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Edmond and Dollie Spangler | January 1  |
| Max and Mary Thomas        | January 18 |
| Carl and Sharon Mathias    | January 27 |

## ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Kevin and Mary Groves       | February 3  |
| Keith and Sondra Kern       | February 9  |
| Bruce and Karen Baughman    | February 14 |
| E.J. and Kim Gurile, III    | February 14 |
| Howard and Dottie Raymond   | February 22 |
| Charles and Margaret Imhoff | February 23 |
| Shawn and Cassie Andrews    | February 25 |

# Happy Birthdays!



## Birthdays—January

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Barbara Beougher    | January 1  |
| Patricia Disbennet  | January 1  |
| Fred Beougher       | January 2  |
| Wm. Thomas Woltz    | January 3  |
| David Straten       | January 5  |
| Fred North          | January 9  |
| Tae'lyn Wallis      | January 10 |
| Marge Agosta        | January 11 |
| James Gillespie     | January 12 |
| Stephanie Rader     | January 12 |
| Michael Stalder     | January 12 |
| Phyllis Flowers     | January 13 |
| Rev. John Glick     | January 15 |
| Carol Davis         | January 18 |
| Joan Dowd           | January 19 |
| Krista Spangler     | January 19 |
| Christina Fetherolf | January 23 |
| Mark Johnson        | January 23 |
| Tim Schaffer        | January 25 |
| Doris Shauger       | January 25 |
| Lou Ellen Reef      | January 25 |
| Sonya Chaffin       | January 26 |
| Angela Trogus       | January 27 |
| Sharon Funkhouser   | January 30 |
| Judy Wood           | January 30 |
| Vicki Miller        | January 31 |



## Birthdays - February

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Stephen Parker     | February 1  |
| Mona Boetcher      | February 2  |
| Stephanie Brunney  | February 2  |
| Arthur Lowell Hite | February 2  |
| Becky Tener        | February 4  |
| Kathryn Wagner     | February 6  |
| Drew Winegardner   | February 6  |
| Don Taylor         | February 7  |
| Sondra Kern        | February 10 |
| Robert Trogus      | February 10 |
| Jerry Zumbro       | February 10 |
| Kathryn Taylor     | February 12 |
| Jackie Howard      | February 13 |
| Dee Wright         | February 13 |
| Dan Ansel          | February 15 |
| Kathy Starner      | February 15 |
| Joan Drake         | February 17 |
| Susan Fernow       | February 18 |
| Dorothy North      | February 18 |
| Shirley Pickering  | February 18 |
| Scott Rader        | February 18 |
| Vonda Strawn       | February 18 |
| Lloyd Helber       | February 21 |
| Dotty Jassogne     | February 21 |
| Margaret Imhoff    | February 22 |
| Marilyn Smith      | February 22 |
| Dollie Spangler    | February 24 |
| Karen Baughman     | February 25 |
| Juanita Thomas     | February 27 |
| Aleese Spangler    | February 28 |



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