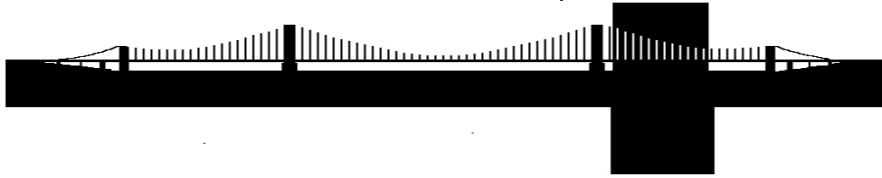


Building Bridges To God



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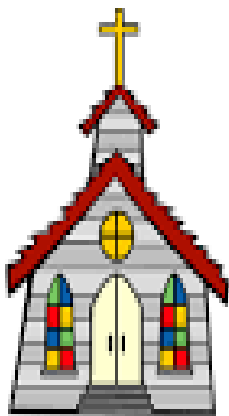
Through the Cross of Christ

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The Season of Epiphany



Arise, shine, for the Light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!
The Spirit of the Lord descends like a dove:
"You are my beloved Son; I am well pleased with you."
Nations will come to the Light,
And kings to the brightness of its dawn.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
And shall proclaim the greatness of the Lord.



CONGREGATIONAL
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25,
AFTER WORSHIP

Committee leaders, please have
your annual reports turned in
no later than January 11.



DO-OVERS?

JANUARY 2015

Do you believe in 'do-overs'?

Remember when you were a kid, and you got into a squabble with your siblings or the kids in the neighborhood over some game you were playing? After a fair amount of shouting (and shoving), one of you (the *peacemaker*) would say: "Let's do a 'do-over.'" And that's exactly what you did: you *did it over*, as if the first time didn't count.

Is a new year a kind of do over thing for grown-ups?

We're presented with a fresh, new calendar – 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days. Whatever came before is past; it can't be changed. Tomorrow hasn't yet arrived; no point in worrying about that! All that matters is today. What will you do with this day?

Some folks, given the opportunity to do a 'do-over,' will do much the same as they did the day before (or year before). Same mistakes, same blunders. Same regrets, same guilt.

Remember the 1993 movie, Groundhog Day, starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell? Murray plays Phil Connors, an arrogant and egocentric Pittsburgh TV weatherman who, during an assignment covering the annual Groundhog Day event in Punxsutawney, finds himself in a time loop, repeating the same day again and again. After indulging in egocentric behaviors and numerous suicide attempts, he begins to re-examine his life and priorities. I don't think I'm giving away any surprises here; in the end, his life finally changes, as he himself changes. New possibilities present themselves; he discovers a future that had been eluding him.

What might God have in store for you this New Year? What are God's intentions for you? More of the same, or something new?

Fortunately you don't have to wonder, or guess. St. Paul goes to the heart of the matter in his advice to the Christians living in Corinth (2 Corinthians 5:17-18):

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation..."

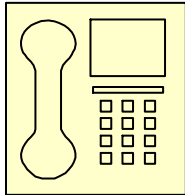
In your baptism, you were joined with Christ (see Romans 6), reconciled to God, and made new! Now each day need not be an endless 'time loop' of 'same-old, same old.' Forgiveness is the power that enables you to do something different, to *become* someone different! Forgiven. Freed. Made alive! This is the church's ministry; it's our reason for being here. As Paul writes, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation..." Let's make this our motto in the New Year!

+ *Pastor Rich*



Thanks to all who helped with the Drive Thru Living Nativity! The animals we had this year were amazing, *especially* the camels!! Thanks to all who contributed to our FUNdraisers and Camel Fund that allowed us to rent these beautiful animals this year.

We appreciate all the help and donations we received. We wouldn't be able to do this without all your help! Thanks again!



Carole Fletcher's
new phone #
419-359-0221



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

John and Irene Weygandt
2015 Perrysburg-Holland Rd.,
#108
Holland, OH 43528

Please
make
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Thanks to all who donated hats, gloves and mittens to the Mitten Tree. These will be boxed up and given to children from Head Start.



ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

3:00pm-4:30pm

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish

Emmaus Room

4201 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Toledo, Oh 43614

Title: MOVING FORWARD

Speaker: Rita Hoff, Parish Team Leader

Bereavement Support Group

The new year is filled with a range of emotions and will come with fears, hopes, and new beginnings. How do we move forward from here after the death of our loved one? There are changes we will need to make to move forward in our new life. Contact: Rita Hoff 419-724-4772 bereavement@toledostpats.org

(SAVE THE DATE)

Annual Leadership Retreat

February 7, 2015

9 am ~ 3 pm

577 Foundation

577 E. Front St.

Perrysburg, OH 43551





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  New Years Day Office Closed 8:30 AA (closed)	2 Office Closed	3
4 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship	5 8:30 AA (closed)	6 8:30 AA (open)	7 NO Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	8 8:30 AA (closed)	9	10 9:00 Lady Saints
11 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour Julie B. preaching	12 8:30 AA (closed)	13 7:00 Property 7:00 Hymn Selection meeting 8:30 AA (open)	14 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	15 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	16	17
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25 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Congregational Mtg. after worship	26 8:30 AA (closed)	27 7:00 W & M 8:30 AA (open)	28 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	29 8:30 AA (closed)	30	31 9:00 

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

READER

Jan. 4 Jim Burkhardt
Jan. 11 Rick McCann
Jan. 18 Sue Merkel
Jan. 25 Bob Krueger

GREETERS

LaVerne Bussdieker
Rick & Becky McCann
Roger & Lynda Myers
Cheryl Sopher

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Jan. 4 Jim & Diana Burkhardt
Jan. 11 Ted & Julie Beitelschees
Jan. 18 Norm & Sue Merkel
Jan. 25 Mary Lou Houle & Bob Krueger

ALTAR

JANUARY Mary Lou Houle

COUNTERS

Jan. 4 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Bussdieker
Jan. 11 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
Jan. 18 Sue Merkel & Pat Toepfer
Jan. 25 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey

OFFERING

Jan. 4 Judy Reber
Jan. 11 Julie Beitelschees
Jan. 18 Norm Merkel
Jan. 25 Chris Stockmaster

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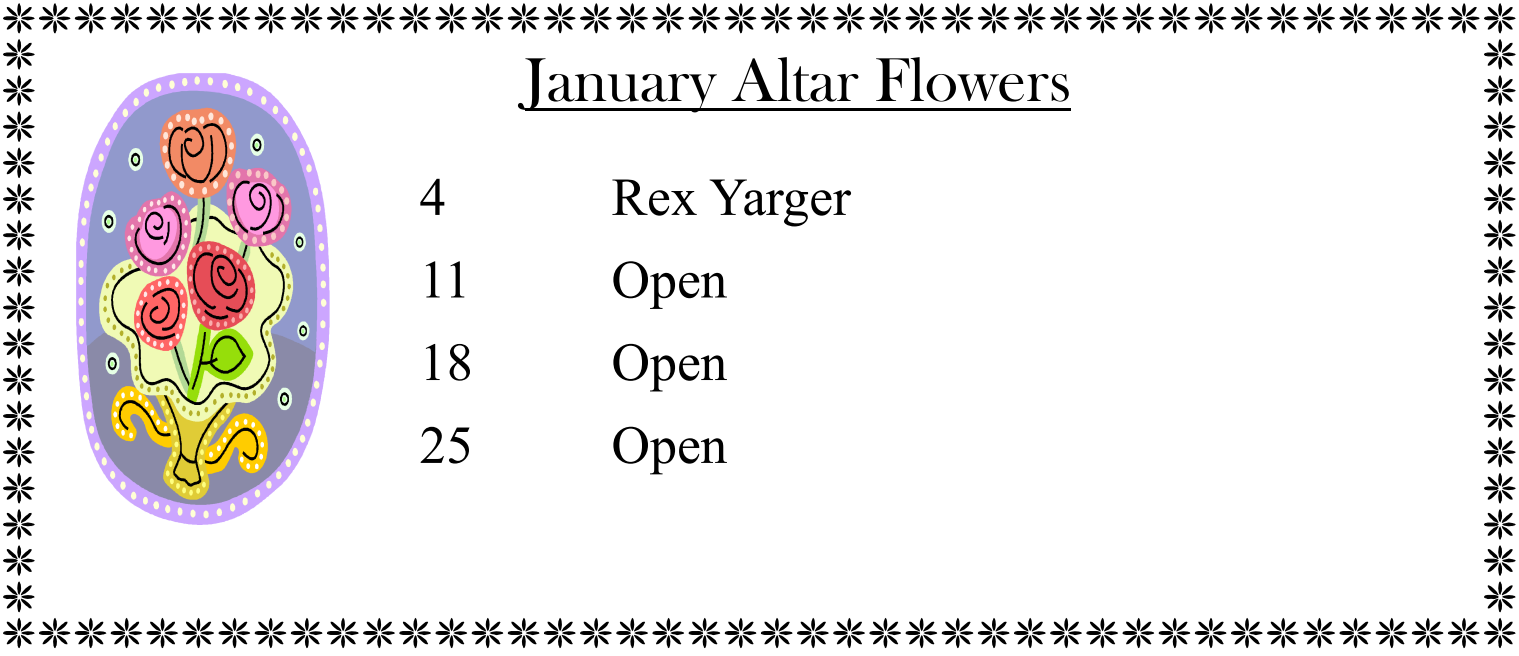
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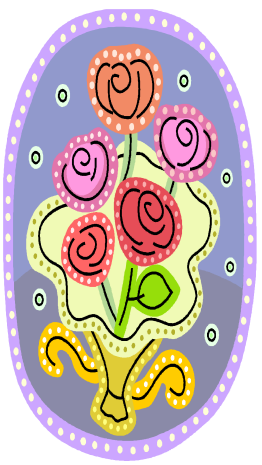
1/12 Chris & Donnajean Stockmaster ~ 41 yrs

1/21 Pastor Rich & Sue ~ 20 yrs

If we've missed your Birthday or Anniversary this month, please notify the office so we can correct our records.



January Altar Flowers



4	Rex Yarger
11	Open
18	Open
25	Open

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