



The Good News

LYONSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"A Home for The Spiritual Journey"

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Lyonsville,
In the Church, Christmas begins on December 25 and lasts for 12 days, ending on January 6. But for most of us, I imagine Christmas already seems behind us as we face a new year.

As Christmas comes to a close and we look to 2019, I'd like to share a poem called "The Work of Christmas" with you. This is written by [Howard Thurman](#), a prominent Black author, educator, and theologian of the 20th century:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

As we discern God's calling to us today, we enter 2019 with a full agenda: the work of Christmas. May the joy of this season be not a passing moment but the fuel for the mission God has given us.

In God's Love,
Pastor Sean

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Join Us

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at [Willow Hills Restaurant](#), next to Walgreens at Joliet Rd. and Willow Springs Rd. in Indian Head Park. All men are welcome to join us for this chance to eat and talk! For more information contact Byron Loehman.

WOMEN'S BABY BOOMER BUNCH (WBBB) will meet for breakfast at [Willow Hills Restaurant](#) at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5. They will also meet Saturday, February 2. All boomers and their friends are invited. Contact Judy Birmingham for more information.



Thank you to those who participated in the Manna fundraiser in December. It's appreciated and is making a difference – we made **\$201.97** for Lyonsville Church. The next deadline is June 2019. We look forward to your continued participation in this important fundraiser for our Church, and thanks again for your order!

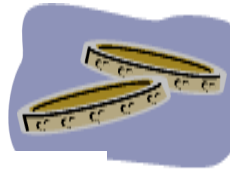
Happy Birthday (click here for birthday wishes)

Morgan Mills	1/19	Glenda Weaver	1/29
Marjie Snyder	1/27	Carol Kruse	1/30
Ryan Ferguson	1/26	George Haigh	1/31
Evan Stanley	1/28		



Gary Cihak	2/06	Joseph Wierdak	2/14
Jorja Hegner	2/08	Catherine Salvatori	2/18
Don Pondelick	2/12	Kaila Baker	2/20
Bill Wallace	2/12	Natalie Mikat-Stevens	2/23
Dee Wallace	2/13	Renee Richel	2/23
Mark Richel	2/14		

Happy Anniversary



There are no anniversaries this month, or in February.

Please contact the church office if any information is missing or incorrect.

Remember in Your Prayers

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| Marvin Davis | Beth Smidt |
| Jamie Hankus | Dee Wallace |
| Chuck Helms | |
| Kathy Loehman | |
| Marion Randolph | |



Mark Your Calendars

Annual Reports will be due January 6.



Help us undecorated the church Saturday, January 12. 10:00am.



MEETING NOTICE! Annual Meeting—January 27. After worship.

Worship Opportunities

1/6/2019 Matthew 2:1-23	Epiphany	Flight to Egypt
1/13/2019 Matthew 3:1-17	Epiphany 1	Jesus and John the Baptist
1/20/2019 Matthew 4:1-17	Epiphany 2	Temptation in the Wilderness
1/27/2019 Matthew 5:1-20	Epiphany 3	Sermon on the Mount
2/3/2019 Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34]	Epiphany 4	The Lord's Prayer
2/10/2019 Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29	Epiphany 5	Built on the Rock
2/17/2019 Matthew 13:24-45	Epiphany 6	Faith Like a Mustard Seed
2/24/2019 Matthew 14:13-33	Epiphany 7	Feeding of the 5,000

News from The Pews

LAY READERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED. The Worship and Spiritual Growth Ministry Board is asking for volunteers to offer their services as either a Lay Reader or Communion Server. If you have never done either of these before, please *give it a try!* If you can help or have questions, contact Wilma Mrazek. Thank you to those who already help in these areas on a regular basis!



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Do you forget to bring a check or cash to give on Sunday mornings? No worries! **You can now give to the church using a bank account or credit card.** Simply go to lyonsvillechurch.org/donate to make a one-time donation, or sign up to make a recurring donation.

Recurring donations provide convenience for you and much-needed consistency for church finances. Sign up today!

Pastor Sean will be on vacation from December 25 to January 2. He will then travel for the first class of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative in Arizona. He will return to the office on January 10. When he is out, please contact the office with any pastoral care needs, or after hours contact Nayna Byers or Doug Adams. As always, an area pastor is on call if an urgent pastoral care need arises.

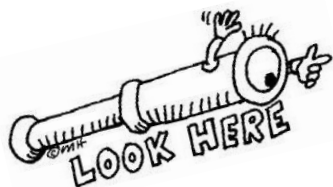
Our Website

Our website has an update. There is now a new tab at the top called [Community Life](#). From there you can view our calendar or go to the Member's Area. The Member's area will provide you with a list of people to contact if you have any questions or concerns, and our phone directory. You'll need a password to access the directory, which you can get from the church office.

Do you want to join the Lyonsville **Prayer Chain**? Want to ask for prayers? Email Nayna Byers, Chair of Pastoral Care. Prayer Chain requests can also be made through the office.

The church office will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day, and again on January 21 for Martin Luther King Day.

News From Your Mission Board



LYONSVILLE FOOD PANTRY

Beginning in January 2019 the food pantry will only be open on the last Sunday of the month, which will be January 27. The hours will be 11:45—12:30pm. We would like to have two or three people there to help assist our guests/visitors during this time. If you would like to help, please sign up in the book during fellowship hour.



GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please come join us to help volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) on Saturday, January 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. We also go every Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information go to www.chicagosfoodbank.org or see/call Cindi Fiandaca or Judy Birmingham to sign up. The depository would like all volunteers to register in advance. Please use this [Registration Link](#).

New Hats/Scarves/Gloves/Socks for the Lyonsville Food Pantry

During the winter months, we plan to collect new hats, scarves, gloves and socks (for all ages). Please bring your donation (either home made or store bought) to church any Sunday and either give it to a member of the Mission Board or leave it in the bin at the top of the stairs going into the fellowship hall. Thank you.



GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

On Communion Sundays, donations are invited to the Good Samaritan Fund, which is used to provide assistance locally to persons in need. You may use the white offering envelopes in the pews, and indicate that the gift is for the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Contact Lyonsville

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