

# HOLMES HERALD

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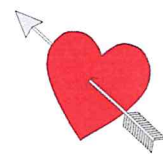
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*Please join us on  
Sunday mornings for...*

**February 2024**

**Adult Forum :** 9:15 AM  
**Children's Sunday School:** 10:30 AM  
**Traditional worship service:** 10:30 AM

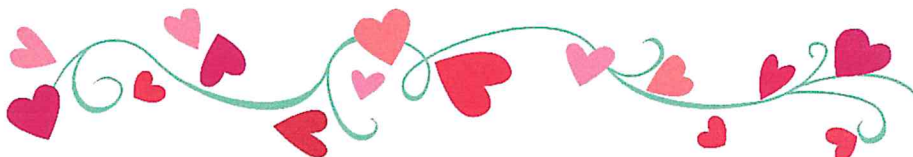


Following worship on February 4, 2024, all members are invited to attend the annual meetings of the congregation and the corporation. These are the informative meetings at which the officers and organizations report the stewardship of the leadership in 2023. The Nominating Committee and Auditor for 2024 are elected. We value your presence at this important meeting. YOU ARE HOLMES CHURCH!!!

## **Presbyterian Mission Support Fund**



During the month of February, members of Holmes Church are asked to make your Presbyterian Mission Support offering. Each member should use the blue envelope provided in your General Fund envelope box. The Philadelphia Presbytery, The Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly ask all churches to submit \$32 per member in order to support the administration of our Presbyterian mission program. Please place the blue envelopes in the offering plate.



## A Devotion from Dayspring on Loving One Another



What does God say about love? What is love, according to the Bible? We have been given an abundance of Bible verses about loving others, so we can assume it's important. John 13:34-35 TLB says, "And so I am giving a new commandment to you now—love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

We are commanded to love one another as Jesus does. There is not one person Jesus does not love and did not come to save - this includes everyone you lock eyes with, walk past on the street, hear about in the news, live next door to, stand behind in line at the grocery store, or sit next to in the waiting room. When we actively love those around us, putting their needs before our own, we are taking the same amazing love that Jesus has poured out to us and becoming a living, breathing, beautiful display for humanity.

You see, while many believe love is a just a nice, heart-warming feeling, as Christians, we are called for it to be more than that - we are called to take action. We can share God's love by noticing the unnoticed, loving the unlovely, or even by extending grace to those who are not so easy to be around.

When we look at how to love others, His Word offers plenty of insight. Romans 12:9-10,13-16 MSG, gives us great examples of love in action:

"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle... Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody."

Let's make it our prayer today to ask God to help us actively love others - to actively walk across the street to help our neighbors, to actively cook a warm meal for a friend in need, or to actively visit a nearby nursing home to love on the elderly. Let us ask Him to lead us to places where He wants us to shine His light and ask Him for the courage and strength to share His love with all who surround us in our daily lives. And, maybe when we do this, we will guide people to His beauty and they, too, will begin to actively love others and then, who knows how many lives will be impacted?

## Holy Week Services

Lent/Easter Services:

**Palm Sunday:** March 24th at 10:30am

**Maundy Thursday Dinner/Communion:** March 28th, Casserole Dinner at 6pm, Communion service at 7:30pm

**Good Friday:** March 29th at 1pm

**Easter Sunday:** March 31 at 10:30am



## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Looking ahead to brighter days! Spring Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10th. The spring time change means that we lose an hour of sleep because we turn our clocks forward an hour at bedtime on Saturday night. In order to be in worship on time on March 10th, make sure your clocks are changed when you retire on Saturday, March 9th.

## Open invitation

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
Let every soul be Jesus' guest;  
Ye need not be one left behind,  
For God hath bidden all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call;

The invitation is to all:

Come, all the world; come, sinner, thou!  
All things in Christ are ready now.

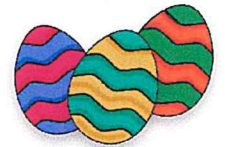
Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,  
Ye restless wanderers after rest,  
Ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,  
In Christ a hearty welcome find.

—Charles Wesley (18th century)



You were the answer to many prayers in January. How? By supporting the Deacons which allowed them to help those in need. The Deacons would like to thank those who continue to donate food items to the Blessings Box and Food Box programs. With your help, they were able to help 6 struggling individuals and families with food boxes last month and countless people through the blessing box. They also were able to supply a winter coat and essential winter outerwear for a local woman in need who walks/busses to work. She had no cold weather clothing and was in much need. Thank you for being the answer to so many prayers!

## Easter Egg Candy Collection



AN Easter Candy collection you say in February???????

YES, YES, YES is the answer. Easter is super early this year with Lent starting on Feb, 14th. So, we will be starting to take candy donations on Sunday, February 18th, The ANNUAL HOLMES COMMUNITY Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 2024 @ 11 AM. The large Easter Egg collection basket will be placed in the narthex for the donations. Please make sure all candy is wrapped.



## February Fellowship Hour

Our next Fellowship Hour will be held on February 18th after worship. Please join us for a light lunch & refreshments. We hope to see you there.

# YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2024

It is with grateful hearts that Holmes Church expresses their deepest appreciation to the following people for their commitment and willingness to lead us in the new year. We pray that God will bless their efforts giving them courage in their leadership, compassion in their service and wisdom in their decisions.

The following persons are your elected leaders for 2024. You are encouraged to contact them if you have a question, suggestion, or a concern about the church, or a particular need.

## **SESSION**

Becky Kalbach, Mark Kalbach, Angelo LoCastro, Bruce Moffatt, Ed Taylor, Elaine VanGeyten, Suzi Waldie, Bob White, Dyan White.

## **DEACONS**

Charlotte Merker, Leeann McCullough, Sue Mulhern, Debbie Oliver, Helen Pilgrene, Eileen Stevens, Amanda Taylor and Peg Walter.

## **TRUSTEES**

Joe Lucas, Lisa Taylor, John VanGeyten, David Struck, Bob Vincent.

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Responsible for ministry to sick and needy and benevolence (mission) giving.

President	Leeann McCullough
Vice President	Helen Pilgrene
Secretary	Leeann McCullough
Treasurer	Amanda Taylor
Flowers	Debbie Oliver
Cards	Sue Mulhern
Special Missions	Peggy Walter
General Missions	Charlotte Merker
Communion	Eileen Stevens
Teas	All
Blessing Box/Food Boxes	Helen Pilgrene

## **SESSION'S MINISTRY TEAMS**

In our Presbyterian Church, government of the local congregation generally rests in the Session--the Elders elected by the members of the church.

*For information regarding the following ministry team members, please see any Session member*

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **FINANCE**

### **WORSHIP**

### **COMMUNITY/OUTREACH**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Trustees and Officers of the corporation of Holmes Church for 2024 are:

President	Not filled yet
Vice President	Not filled yet
Secretary	Lisa Taylor
Treasurer	Angelo LoCastro





Job 12:7-10

"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you;

and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind."

Slinky (the Holmes Church kitty/ neighborhood kitty) passed away this Spring. Friends, members, and I had been worried because we hadn't seen him at church, where he always loved to hang out. It wasn't until I spoke with his dad and found out the bad news.

Slinky...was a beloved little kitty...by the Art of Growing kids, the Homes Youth Group, and members/friends of Holmes Church. We greatly miss his kisses, licks, greeting us across the parking lot, playing with us outside when we had youth group, or just running around in the church because he wanted companionship.

It's amazing and wonderful that God created animals that we can form bonds and friendships with. Slinky 's love was like no other and we thank God that he choose Holmes Church and its people to be his friends.

In Christian Love,  
Becky Kalbach

## Holmes Presbyterian Church 117th Anniversary (1907-2024)

Early in the 20th century, on February 18, 1907, Holmes Presbyterian Church was organized with 21 charter members. So, in 2024, we are grateful that we can celebrate our 117th anniversary. Please join us in worship as we thank God for allowing us another year of ministry in Holmes.

## LENTEN COMMUNION



It is hard to believe but we will soon start our Easter preparations by observing Lent. The Lenten season which starts with Ash Wednesday, February 14th, is a time for spiritual growth, and reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice for us. What does his life, death, burial and resurrection mean to us and the rest of the world? It is a tradition at Holmes Church to observe the beginning of Lent with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will observe this on Sunday, February 18th. Please join us in this privilege as we gather together as a church family in reflection and gratitude for the gift we've been given.

Fred Foellner has a new address. Please mark this in your directory:

Fred Foellner

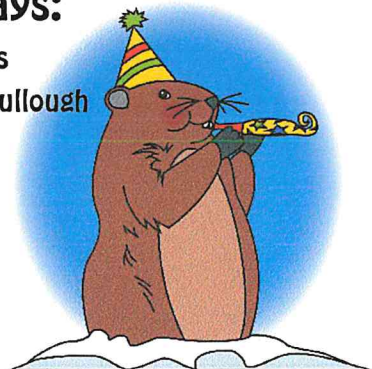
Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Bldg #8, First Floor

340 Middletown Road

Media, PA 19063

### February Birthdays:

- 9 Eileen Stevens
- 15 Brandon McCullough
- 24 Monica Ferry



# YOUTH NEWS

January saw a few new faces joining our youth meetings for which we are thankful. We also ventured out and went ice-skating for an afternoon. The youth seemed to like ice-skating, even though very few of us are proficient at it, but a good time was had by all. We followed ice-skating with dinner. Our next adventure you may ask? Good old-fashioned rollerskating. I guess rollerskating is a thing again! Maybe some of us "novice" ice skaters will have a bit more success this time.

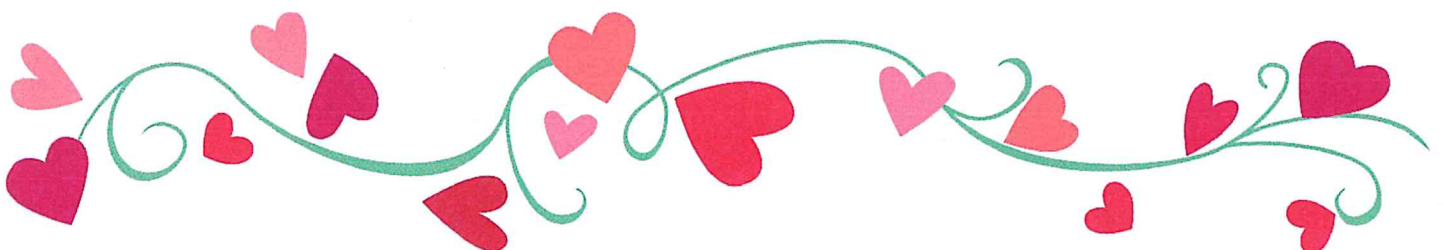
We look forward to our annual soup luncheon which will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, from 11:30 to 1:30. More information will be forthcoming about kinds of soups and prices. Announcements about the soup luncheon will be made in church, so stay tuned.

Bible lessons in this new year have been about using our "tongues" for uplifting and righteous speech - rather than for negative, critical, and gossip-filled speech. The Bible has much to say about our tongues and the damage that can be caused.

Please pray for the continued growth of our Youth Group. These are difficult and confusing times for our young people, who often wonder what kind of world they will inherit after they graduate. We must always remember to train them up to withstand the slings and arrows of the enemy.

In Christ,

Mark and Becky



# FEBRUARY

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