

# MCDONALD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## MCPRESBY NEWS

DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014

### ADVENT COMMUNION SERVICE & ECO PULPIT EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 1ST

There are currently four ECO churches in Washington County. They are Mingo Presbyterian Church, New Hope Church (Formerly Third Presbyterian), Paris Presbyterian Church, and McDonald Presbyterian. Our local group of churches and their pastors will be working together to encourage one another and to work together whenever possible to magnify the name of our Lord and Savior. On December 1<sup>st</sup> all of our churches will celebrate the Lord's Supper with a guest minister from one of our neighboring churches. We welcome the Rev. Dr. Tina Hossler from Paris Presbyterian Church to give a message and officiate our service of communion. Rev. Justin will be traveling to Mingo Presbyterian Church that day to meet their congregation and celebrate the Lord's Supper with them.



### GIFT OF MUSIC CONCERT~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 7:00P.M.

This year our Gift of Music concert will return stronger than ever. We are expecting over 40 singers from St. Alphonsus, First Baptist Church of McDonald, McDonald Bible Methodist, the MPC Choir and Bell Choir and others. This will be a grand celebration of the Birth of our Savior and of course there will be refreshments to follow. Everything will take place at Trinity Center with the program in the Sanctuary and refreshments following in the Fellowship Hall.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & DINNER~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND



"Just days before our Celebration of Christmas we will have a grand service of worship highlighting the gifts and work of our children and youth. This will be an intergenerational day where we will hear from our choirs and our students will be presenting material from their Advent Study of "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton. Our students have been busy working on art projects that will be available as Silent Auction items after worship to raise money to purchase goats for families in needy countries. One goat can be purchased, and delivered for just \$70.00 through Samaritan's Purse. Following the service our Church Life Committee is hosting a special Christmas Covered Dish Dinner at Calvary Fellowship Hall. **The church will supply the meat and rolls. We ask that if you have a last name beginning with A-G please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with H-Z please bring salad and vegetables.** We look forward to this special dinner to kick-off this blessed time of year.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Advent / Communion – Dec. 1st*
- *Thank Offering Dedication–Dec. 8th*
- *Gift of Music– Dec.15th*
- *Christmas Program & Dinner–Dec. 22nd*
- *Christmas Eve Services: 7:00pm & 11:00pm*
- *Prayer over McDonald– Dec. 31st*
- *Congregational Meeting –Jan. 19th*

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## PASTORS PAGE - REV. JUSTIN AMSLER

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you..." 1 Peter 1:3-4*



### A Season of New Birth

The Christmas Season is upon us and what a joy it is to transition from setting aside some time for family, friends, and our creator for our Thanksgiving holiday and then transitioning into our celebration of Christ's birth. We love the music and the decorations that surround the Christmas holiday because it draws us near to the Savior. We take some time to reflect on those wonderful birth narratives in the Gospels, recounting how the Savior of the world was not birthed into a royal palace surrounded by wealth and luxury but was scandalously born to an unwed mother in an impoverished community.

The account reminds us how God can take our humble circumstances and bring forth something great for the glory of his Name and his Kingdom. As the Scripture says: *"Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth."* (1 Cor. 1:26) Our Lord and Savior loves to rebuild and reform us into people who carry the very presence of God with us. He loves to see us come up from humble circumstances and become great for his kingdom. He loves to see his church revitalized and reenergized. He literally is a God of New Birth.

Sometimes I like to use the skeptical words of Nathaniel before he began to follow Jesus. He said: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Some may say to us: "Can anything good come from McDonald?" Or Midway, or Mercer, or name your favorite small town... The answer is a resounding yes! God brings forth amazing things from humble circumstances. That is just the way he is.

Maybe you are in a season of New Birth (I believe that we all are!). Perhaps God is calling you into a new responsibility or given you a new opportunity to live with impact through your family, a work opportunity, or a new relationship. Don't set aside what God has put in front of you. When he presents you with an open door don't turn your back on him. He will provide. He will give you opportunities to bless and be blessed. This holiday season cultivate a thankful heart and a readiness to be renewed and restored. It is our sinful nature that brings discouragement and hopelessness, it is the Spirit of God that brings confidence and hope in his promises and his Word. The Christmas season is ultimately about our response to the Savior's birth and how we will live our lives differently because he is born and He Lives!

Our treasure is not in this place. Our treasure is in heaven, let us remember that as so many things pull for our time and our resources may we always seek to invest in things that have eternal value.

May the Grace of Jesus Christ be richly upon you this Christmas,

Pastor Justin

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



**Christmas Eve:** This year we will again have two services of worship on Christmas Eve. We will have our Family Candlelight Service at 7:00pm and we will have our Traditional Candlelight Service at 11:00pm. The services will take place at Calvary Center. On Sunday morning December 29th we will have our usual Sunday morning 10:45 a.m. worship.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—JANUARY 19TH

After worship on January 19th we will hold our annual congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers, reviewing the budget and approving Rev. Amsler's terms of call for 2014. We will also be approving changes and updates to our Congregational Bylaws. The meeting is not expected to be lengthy and should be concluded in about 20-25 minutes.

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## MYM NEWS

### MYM NEWS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Check MYM out on Facebook. You can also access this newsletter by going to [mcdonaldpres.org](http://mcdonaldpres.org) website.

Remember Jose! Please bring 25 cents or more to MYM so that we can sponsor our World Vision Friend. Purchase a Candy Bar or Wrist Band for \$1.00. *MYM challenge to youth*, Give 10% of any money you receive to Jose's Christmas money, Birthday Money or Allowance. Receive \$10.00 give a \$1.00 back to Jose.

**MYM Christmas Party December 18, 2013:** Each youth and adult volunteer (optional for adult volunteers) bring a \$5.00 or less wrapped gift for grab bag.

**MYM Late Nite Friday December 20, 2013:** 6 to 10 pm Trinity and Calvary Centers. We will Bake Cookies, Play Games, Watch a Movie and more. Bring a Friend.

***NO MYM December 25, 2013 ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS.***

***NO MYM January 1, 2014 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR.***

See you all back here on January 8, 2014 from 6 to 8 pm. Bring a Friend. You can still earn a free candy bar by bringing someone new to MYM.

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## THANK OFFERING DEDICATION ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Our Presbyterian Women will assist us in our service of worship on December 8th as we dedicate the offerings for this year's Thank Offering. It truly is a privilege to be able to participate in the great mission projects that have been selected for this year's mission giving.



## STUMP THE PASTOR RETURNS

We are again looking forward to another Advent Season where Pastor Justin will be leading the Small talk time each Sunday Morning. As in the past a child will be chosen to bring a secret item in a bag to present on Sunday Morning. Pastor Justin will then and there rely on the Holy Spirit to inspire him with a Children's sermon that uses that item as an object lesson for the Gospel and the Christmas Story. The tradition is a delight to the children and to the whole church. If your family receives the honor of a Stump the Preacher turn be creative in choosing an item for the bag!



## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE

Thank you to the many people who have already submitted a pledge card for the 2014 calendar year or will soon do so. While these pledge cards can guide us in setting our budget and our goals for 2014 they are best seen as a spiritual tool to help us make a decision about what amount we will be able to return to the Lord in faith this coming year. We should never be afraid to make a pledge because we may not be able to fulfill it. Only God himself knows our future. The pledge is simply our best estimate of what we will be able to give in the coming year and is an agreement between an individual or a family and God. Please be assured that all of our records are kept with proper confidentiality and care for your personal peace of mind and financial security. We are able to make our pledges freely knowing that our Lord is able to meet all of our needs.

## ECO ANNUAL DUES

One of the advantages of realigning our congregation with ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians is that they have made a commitment to keep a minimal national and regional structure which allows for lower operating costs on the denominational level. In the past, we were assessed about \$33.00 per member each year and we paid that assessment whether or not the individual was able to cover their own expenses. This amounted to about \$9,000.00 annually. The new assessment is not member based but is set at 1% of budget which for us is less than \$2,500.00 annually. Because of this change our Session was able to cut our annual dues by more than two thirds. The per member share this year will be only \$10.00. We will joyfully contribute this amount to the work of our new and growing denomination. As opportunities unfold we likely will also participate in denominational mission projects and church planting endeavors. We now have 96 churches who have officially entered into membership in the ECO and many, many more are in process. Please pray that God would move powerfully among us as we endeavor to "do church" differently and reach more people with the message of

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**December** - Together with all of the adult small groups and adult Sunday school classes we will be "Walking the Road to Bethlehem". We are about to begin "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton. Our children will begin lessons for this special time on November 24th. They will also begin practice for the Christmas program which will be held on December 22, 2013 during our 10:45 am worship service.



**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014** will be the beginning of new lessons on "Rescue 911" by Group. We will be discussing the importance of Salvation.

### Christmas Art Show:

Our children will be displaying Art that will be on sale at the Christmas Program. The profits will be given to Samaritan's Purse for the "Give a Goat" project. Each goat costs \$70.00, how many can we give?



## ANGEL TREE

We would like to continue our new Christmas tradition of displaying a Christmas Tree decorated only with angels. This is a pencil tree (very slim) that will be placed in the Narthex as you enter the church. Last year many members purchased ornaments for this tree. If you would like to join us in this fun tradition, you may donate the ornament in the name of someone else. We will then lovingly adorn our tree with the ornaments each year as a tribute to all of our “angels” in our church family. If you would like to participate, please keep this in mind while you are out shopping!

Thanks so much, Linda Matchett and Michelle Unruh

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## SILVER SOULS ART ON DISPLAY

Last Christmas at the Silver Souls Christmas luncheon, an artist did a program consisting of drawing with chalk while Christmas music was playing. It was wonderful to see the picture come to life before our eyes. Since she donated this picture to our church, we have had it framed and it is sitting on an easel in the parlor for the Advent season. Many thanks to the efforts of Jim and Lynn Brockman for all their hard work in preserving this drawing. Please take a moment to look at it and perhaps reflect on a more serene time during this most holy of seasons.

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## SALVATION ARMY

To Our Friends,

It's that time of year again when we really need your help manning the Salvation Army Kettle at Giant Eagle in McDonald. Last year we were able to raise \$7,719.11 ~ all of which stays in the community!

We've helped many families with food, utility payments to forestall shut-offs, gasoline to get to the doctor's appointments, etc. Our Community is so generous. We just need to keep the kettle manned.

Thank you so much for your help one more time!

Happy Holidays,

Kathy

Kettle Drive Bell Ringing is in need of volunteers for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at McDonald Giant Eagle, from 8:00am to 8:00pm. The sign-up sheet for one hour shifts is on the information table. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lou Cooper.



## ECO WELCOME LETTER



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November 1, 2013

The Congregation  
McDonald Presbyterian Church  
119 Station St  
McDonald PA 15057-1135

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus! On behalf of our Synod Executive Council and staff I want to officially welcome you to ECO! We have been praying for you in your journey of discernment and transfer, and are thrilled that you found ECO to be a place where you feel you can best thrive in mission and ministry.

You join over 80 other congregations who have made the transition to ECO, and over 100 others who are on their way to becoming official ECO churches. We also have dozens of potential church plants on the map, including a pipeline of potential church planters waiting to be released into planting. It is certainly an exciting time for our denomination.

I know that the transition into ECO was not easy. You probably feel like you need to take a deep breath! I would encourage you, however, to not spend too long catching your breath, as there is a lot of work to be done for the Kingdom of God. As I tell all of our churches, transferring to ECO isn't the goal. As you know, our vision is to "baptize more than we bury" by 2018. This goal is going to take the full partnership and ministry of all of our congregations! You are an important part of that mission.

I hope to find an opportunity sometime to visit you face to face so that, as Paul said to the Romans, we would be mutually encouraged by one another's faith. Again, welcome to ECO and may God bless you deeply as you continue to faithfully serve Him!

In Christ,

Dana

Dana Allin

ECO Synod Executive

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



### \*\* OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE \*\*

**THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION OF MPC FOR MAKING O.C.C. AND OUR RELAY CENTER ANOTHER AMAZING SUCCESS!**

God's grace and the generosity of our congregation enabled us to provide 454 (and counting!) **gospel opportunities** this year!

Please continue to pray for all Operation Christmas Child volunteers and, most importantly, for the children who will receive a shoebox this year. May they come to know the love of our Savior because of our simple gifts!

Michelle Unruh and Jamie Wilson would like to publicly thank the following businesses who generously donated shoeboxes, filler items, gift cards or made cash donations (for shipping). This ministry was especially blessed by:

Aspen Dental

V. Lynne Cochran, DMD

Costco (N. Fayette)

Day Apollo (Moon Twp.)

Delta USA, Inc.

Dollar General Corp. (Imperial)

First Commonwealth Bank (McDonald)

Giant Eagle (McDonald and Settler's Ridge)

R. Lancione, DDS

Lowe's (N. Fayette and Scott Twp.)

Northwest Savings Bank (McDonald)

Pediatric Dentistry South

Sam's Club (N. Fayette)

Shop 'N Save (Imperial)

The Home Depot (Bridgeville, N. Fayette, and Washington)

Walmart (N. Fayette, Scott Twp., Weirton)

**Thank you to all the individuals, families, and groups who helped to prepare for the packing party and/or volunteered at the Relay Center last month.**

**Your service is sincerely appreciated!**





## 2014 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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### DONATION SCHEDULE



Our efforts in 2013 paid off! We packed 381 shoeboxes at our packing party on November 3rd. Here's to another successful year—with God's help and yours!

Keep an eye out for good deals throughout the year!

Items to look for year-round: plastic shoeboxes, bandanas, pencils, flip flops.

<b>January :</b>	Small Toy and Stuffed Animals
<b>February:</b>	Bars of Soap
<b>March:</b>	Washcloths
<b>April:</b>	Toothpaste
<b>May:</b>	Coloring Books and Crayons
<b>June:</b>	Flip Flops (\$1.00 at Dollar General, all year)
<b>July:</b>	Gum, Hard Candy (no chocolate) and Combs
<b>August &amp; September:</b>	School Supplies ~ pencils, small notebooks, pencil sharpeners, erasers, crayons, markers, colored pencils
<b>October:</b>	TBD

**Sunday November 2, 2014 Packing Party!**

## FOOD BANK DRIVE

*Note from Ed Nalesnick;* I'd like to thank you all for your generosity. Our monetary collection for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> was \$241.50. Our total contribution was \$1,040.89. Combined with our yearly budgeted amount, our grand total is \$1,640.89. This will enable us to purchase 164 gift cards at \$10 each to be distributed by the food bank according to the size of the family.

The community response to the food bank's serious shortfalls has been amazingly generous. Because of this generosity, our contribution will be used to replenish their shelves for the December distribution date — just in time for Christmas.

"Lord, I thank you that you want us to apply Your Word in our lives and that You keep us from being greedy with the generous hearts you have given us." Proverbs 14:31 says, "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but whoever is kind to the poor honors Him."





## SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—DECEMBER

### Small Talk—Stump the Pastor

December 1st	Jim McDowell
December 8th	Pastor Justin
December 15th	Pastor Justin
December 22nd	Pastor Justin
December 24th (Family 7:00pm)	Pastor Justin
December 24th (11:00 p.m.)	None Needed
December 29th	Chuck Smith

### Nursery

December 1st	Julie McCloud
December 8th	Sydney Bair
December 15th	Volunteer Needed
December 22nd	Julie McCloud
December 24th (Christmas Eve)	None Needed
December 29th	Volunteer Needed

### Greeters

December 1st	Janet Crawford
December 8th	John & Suzanne Casey
December 15th	Betty Ryan
December 22nd	Gerry Ross
December 24th (Christmas Eve)	Volunteers Needed
December 29th	Vicki Zyra

### Hospitality

December 1st	Greg Gilbert
December 8th	Katie McDowell
December 15th	Betty Ryan
December 22nd	None Needed
December 24th (Christmas Eve)	None Needed
December 29th	Vicki Zyra

### Lay Leader

December 1st	Linda Matchett
December 8th	Debbie McGinnis
December 15th	Tom Maxwell
December 22nd	Dana Martin
December 24th (Christmas Eve)	None Needed
December 29th	Sandi Albertini

### Children's Church

December 1st	Michelle Unruh/Jillian Panizza
December 8th	Kari Bair
December 15th	Betty Ryan
December 22nd	Sarah Amsler
December 24th	None
December 29th	Chad & Mary Bennett

### Acolytes

December 1st	Samantha Berthold/Luke Gladden
December 8th	Hailey & Sydney Bair
December 15th	Kaitlyn & Dylan Eger
December 22nd	Volunteers Needed
December 24th	(Family 7:00) Volunteers Needed
December 24th	(11:00pm) Katie & Alex Nemec
December 29th	Evan Tidd & DJ Slovic



## CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULES



<b>Monday, December 2nd</b> <i>At Trinity Center</i>	Community Choir	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 3rd</b> <i>At Trinity Center</i>	Bell Choir Adult Choir	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, December 12th</b> <i>At Trinity Center</i>	Bell Choir Adult & Bell Choirs	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, December 15th</b>	Practice after Church for Adult Choir	
<b>Thursday, December 19th</b>	Kids Choir Bell Choir Adult Choir	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, January 2nd</b>	Bell Choir Adult Choir	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, January 9th</b>	Kids Choir Adult Choir	6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, January 16th</b>	Bell & Adult Choirs	6:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, January 23rd</b>	Kids Choir Adult Choir	6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, January 30th</b>	Bell Choir Adult Choir	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

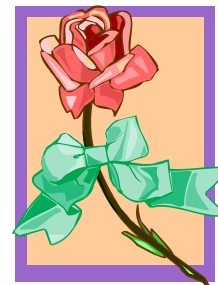
## OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Year To Date Expected Income	\$188,561.70
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$168,056.16
Year to Date Budgeted Expense	\$165,200.35



**December Anniversaries:**

Terri and Duane Cole	12/05
Greg and Sue Gilbert	12/28

**December Birthdays:**

Jane Baker	12/01	Logan Errett	12/02
Blake McElhaney	12/02	Christian Nation	12/07
Cathy Krenn	12/09	Sandi Albertini	12/10
Jeff Keslar	12/10	Julia McCloud	12/10
Karen Cooper	12/11	Randy Lauff	12/12
Jim Schafer	12/13	Laurain Lacotte	12/17
Noelle Bair	12/22	Duane Cole	12/23
Luke Gladden	12/25	Carole Masquelier	12/25
Emily Muggar	12/25	Matthew Muggar	12/25
Nolan Vance	12/25	Dave Hanczar	12/29
Brad Unruh	12/29	Terri Cole	12/31
Wayne Masquelier	12/31	Carolyn Libert	12/31

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**FEEDING THE FLOCK COOKBOOKS**

If you are looking for a great holiday gift for the friend or family member that has everything ~ why not purchase a McDonald Presbyterian Church, Feeding the Flock Cookbook. There are only a limited amount of cookbooks still available, cost is \$8.00. Contact Karen Richard at (724)926-8561 if you are interested in purchasing one.

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**PRAYER OVER MCDONALD**

Pray Over McDonald with Sandi Albertini on December 31, 2013 from 10:00 PM to 12:00 AM Midnight. At Trinity Sanctuary. If you cannot join her, pray where ever you are at Midnight on January 1, 2014 to usher in a New Year for all. Please contact Sandi Albertini if you plan on attending. (724) 926-9137.

**January Anniversaries:**

Diane and Jay Nation	01/10
Bill and Marie Schottenheimer	01/19

**January Birthdays:**

Bob Klimas	01/02
Patty Sember	01/02
Kamden Ware	01/02
Naomi Brockman	01/02
Kristy Bennett	01/03
Mary Hawes	01/05
Robert Cooper	01/12
Helen Catrain	01/14
Jeffrey Ware, Jr.	01/14
Shirl Krenn	01/16
Hannah Fay Descutner	01/20
Roger McElhane	01/25
Luke Errett	01/27
Becky Gladden	01/31



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**LIVING NATIVITY DISPLAY**

Saturday, December 7th at 6:00-7:30pm,  
Luksis Parking Lot/Boro Bldg.  
Christmas Caroling/Special Music  
Free Hot Chocolate

Sponsored By:  
Canonsburg/Houston Ministerial Association

### CARELIST

Mrs. Donna Bennett	Mr. Clarence Brockman
Mrs. Naomi Brockman	Mrs. Dolores Chambola (Ida Galicic's sister)
Mrs. Sylvia Cimarrolli	Mrs. Margie DeFaveri
Miss Julie Hanczar	Hanczar Family
Mrs. Dorothy Irwin	Mrs. Kat Rickenback (Friend of Lin Nalesnick)
Mrs. Roberta Langer	Mrs. Dorothy Laughlin
Mrs. Jo McDowell	Mrs. Jane McRae
Mrs. Dorothy Roths	Mr. Chuck Smith, Sr.
Mrs. Connie Walker	Mr. John Walker

### Assisted Living / Rehabilitation

Mrs. Naomi Brockman, **McMurray Hills Manor**, 249 West McMurray Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Mrs. Connie Walker, **Helen Purcell Home, Health Care Unit**, 1854 Norwood Boulevard, Zanesville, OH 43701

Miss Mary Ann Johnen, **Presbyterian Senior Care, South Minster Place, Apartment 336**, 880 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301 Telephone: 724/250-4951

Mrs. Jo McDowell, **Golden Living Center of South Hills, Room 203 D**, 201 Village Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317.

Mrs. Hilda Balog, **Providence Point Health Care Center**, 200 Adams Avenue, **Room 139-Memory Support Unit** Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

Mrs. Bea Cerezo, **Country Meadows of South Hills, #4**, 3570 Washington Pike, Room 414, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Mrs. Dorothy Roths, **Golden Living Center of South Hills**, 201 Village Drive, **Room 308**, Canonsburg, PA 15317. 412/344-9860.

Mrs. Dorothy Laughlin, **Molinaro Manor**, 100 Rose Court Oakdale, PA 15071 724/693-8325

### DON'T FORGET THE MEN & WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

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LEONARD WOOD, MO 65473 ② (placed on back of the envelope)



NOTE OF THANKS FROM JON SEMBER: I wish to thank Rev. Justin Amsler and the many people of McDonald Presbyterian Church for their prayers and support during my recent surgery. The cards, food and prayers were all greatly appreciated.

# DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Advent Begins Communion Sunday School- 9:30am Worship -10:45am	<b>2</b> Community Choir Practice 7:00pm Trinity	<b>3</b> Garden Club Trustees Mtg.-7:30pm Trinity Library Boy Scouts Choir Practice-Trinity BC-6:00,AC-7:30	<b>4</b> MYM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship -10:45 am  Service Fair	<b>9</b> Ladies Bible Study- 12:00-2:00pm  Session Mtg.- 7:00 pm Trinity Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> Silver Souls Lunch - 11:30am  Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> MYM	<b>12</b> Choir Practice- Trinity BC-6:00pm BC&AC-7:30pm	<b>13</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.  Coffee House Worship Practice- 7:00pmTrinity	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday School - 9:30am Worship 10:45am Adult Choir Practice after service Gift of Music - 7:00pm,Trinity	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> MYM	<b>19</b> Choir Practice- KC-6:00pm, BC-6:45pm, AC-7:30pm Pre-School Christmas Program - 6:00-8:00pm	<b>20</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.  MYM Late Night 6:00-10:00pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday School 9:30am  Worship &.Children's Program -10:45am Dinner following	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closed  Christmas Eve Family Service 7:00pm  Candlelight Service 11:00pm	<b>25</b> Office Closed Merry Christmas 	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> No Sunday School Worship 10:45am  Coffee House Worship 6:00pm Trinity	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Years Eve				

## Abbreviation Key—Choir

BC: Bell Choir; KC: Kids Choir; AC: Adult Choir



# JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Office Closed Happy New Year 	<b>2</b> Choir Practice - BC-6:00pm AC-7:30pm	<b>3</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Sunday School - 9:30am  Worship - 10:45am	<b>6</b> Calendar Planning Meeting-4:00pm	<b>7</b> Boy Scouts - Calvary Center Garden Club Trustees Mtg. Trinity Ctr. Library 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> Staffing Meeting- 10:00am  MYM	<b>9</b> Choir Practice - KC-6:45pm AC- 7:30pm	<b>10</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.  Year End Reports Due	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Sunday School - 9:30am  Worship - 10:45am	<b>13</b> Worship Plan- ning Mtg-8:30am Ladies Bible Study -12-2pm Session Mtg. 7:00 Trinity Ctr.	<b>14</b> Boy Scouts Calvary Center  Auditors Meeting	<b>15</b> MYM	<b>16</b> Lioness' 7:00 p.m.  Choir Practice – BC & AC 6:00pm	<b>17</b> AA's Trinity Ctr.	<b>18</b>
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## Abbreviation Key—Choir

BC: Bell Choir; KC: Kids Choir; AC: Adult Choir

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THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE  
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THEREFORE THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED  
HOLY—THE SON OF GOD.  
LUKE 1:35