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January, 2020

**We Invite  
We Welcome  
We Nurture  
We Serve**



## From the Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Quentin Wallace

### Lord, Direct Our Path

*Lead me, guide me along the way,  
For if you lead me I cannot stray.  
Lord let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.*

Doris Akers



*Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. (Psalm 119:133)*

After the activities around Advent and Christmas concluded, as a pastor I immediately began to reflect on how 2019 had gone, and for us it had been a year of increase just as God had promised. For example, we had an increase in membership; staff; attendance in both our outreach and fellowship events, such as First Fridays, our church summer picnic, the Christmas fellowship gatherings, and Cantata and Christmas Eve worship attendance to name a few. We as a church have done well serving God and community, and, as a result, we have several things to celebrate as a congregation.

As I began to seek the Lord's guidance for our mission in 2020 two things came to mind, both of which I have listed above; the chorus to a hymn by Doris Akers entitled "Lead Me Guide Me," and Psalm 119 verse 133.

Both Akers and the Psalm writer understand the need for God's guidance in all things. The psalmist in the passage above asks for two things; that God guide his steps, and that he not be over-powered by iniquity. He takes this approach because he understood that without God's guidance iniquity gains a foothold in our lives, and missteps are bound to occur.

My prayer for the New Year is that our steps as a church, from the local church to the church universal, be ordered by God in every decision and path we undertake. Let me use an analogy regarding our sense of sight to take this point further. Optimal vision is 20/20, so that we are able clearly perceive the world around us and to avoid stumbles. Because everyone doesn't have 20/20 vision, there are eye specialists available who are able to assist with our vision. And based on the severity of the vision problem, these professionals are able to determine what is needed to correct the vision and get it as close to 20/20 as possible.

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## Sidelights

### COVENANT'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision Statement: **Bringing Christ's Light into the Community and Beyond.**

Our Mission Statement: **We Invite, We Welcome, We Nurture, We Serve.**

Pastor Quentin's theme for 2019 is **Preparing for Increase.**

Please be in prayer for Covenant Church.

### EQUIPPING CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The West District of our Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will conduct "Equipping Church Leaders" workshops on Saturday, January 25, from 8:30-11:35 a.m. at Salem UMC, 140 N. Penn Ave in Manheim. These FREE workshops include all materials and refreshments. Registration Deadline is January 17. Workshops include:

**Finance**—Leading Toward Healthy Stewardship

**Lay Leader**—Basics and More

**Marketing**—Basics of Church Marketing [Google, Social Media, e-Mail, websites]

**Missions**—How to Start a Mission Movement

**Outreach/Evangelism**

**SPRC**—How to Manage church staff effectively

**Church Council; Trustees; Youth; Lay Leadership and Nominations**

Snow date will be February 1.

## Sidelights

### 2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Your church envelopes for 2020 are in the Gathering Area or in your mailbox. Please pick them up today. If you know a shut in that has a box on the table, please feel free to take their box and make a home delivery.

### COMMUNITY AID

Our Community Closet has a relationship with Community Aid on Columbia Ave. Any clothing that we cannot use is sent to Community Aid for their store. Additionally, they give us Community Aid gift cards to help supplement the giving from the congregation. Thank God for partnerships.

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

**HAVE YOU GOTTEN RID OF YOUR LANDLINE AND ONLY USE YOUR CELL PHONE?**

**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?**

Please contact the church office so we can update your e-mail, your cell phone number and/or your address. Stay "in the loop" at Covenant. Call 717-393-1561 Mon-Fri 8-1 or send an e-mail, [office@covenant-umc.com](mailto:office@covenant-umc.com).

### VISITATION

Our Care Team visits all members who are in the hospital. Please contact the church office if you or your loved one is admitted to the hospital so we can visit and pray with you during that stay. Special thank you to the Care Team for visiting our members in the hospital and nursing homes throughout the year.

## We Worship Together

**Sunday Services**      **9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Worship**  
**10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship**

### January 5, 2020—Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion

Preaching at both services is Pastor Wallace. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and Special Music by Bethany and Kyle Zeuch at 10:30.

### January 12, 2020—1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Wallace will preach. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30. The Bell Choir will provide special music at the 10:30 service.

### January 19, 2020—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Wallace will preach during both services. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30.

### January 26, 2020—3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Preaching at both services is Pastor Wallace. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the Chancel Choir at 10:30.

### February 2, 2020—4th Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion

Preaching at both services is Pastor Wallace. Music will be presented by the Praise Team at 9 and the

## January Volunteers

### January 5

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Ruth Neuman & Brenda Roth; 10:00 - Lori Brown & Tina Butler

Anchorite: Lois Neidermyer

### January 12

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Cindy & Bob Hean; 10:00 - Youth

Anchorite: Minister Brenda Wallace

### January 19

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mary Lou Hill; 10:00 - Sandy & Rev. Guy Carrigan

Anchorite: Denise Troop

### January 26

Lobby Greeters: 8:40 - Mee Schuler; 10:00 - Janice & Harold Ulmer

Anchorite: Ruth Neuman

### January Ushers

Glenn Miller, Head Usher

Tina Butler, Maryanne Miller, Merle Groff

# Here's To Good Health!



Brrrr! It's cold outside. My fingers and toes are cold and numb. If you have arthritis or some circulation problem, winter can be a hard time to keep warm when going out. Here are a few tips to help keep you warm and comfortable.

## Encourage Circulation

Wiggle or massage your fingers and toes. Move your arms in a windmill circle or shake your arms and legs.

## Wear Mittens

Mittens offer more warmth than do gloves. Look for a pair that's insulated with wool or fleece.

## Double Up

Wear two pairs of socks. For the layer closest to your skin, look for a moisture-wicking fabric. On top, choose a wool or wool-blend sock.

## Soak Hands and Feet

Soak your hands and feet in **warm water**, not hot. Or try holding cold hands under running warm water.

## Exercise Regularly

Regular physical activity helps increase blood flow to the body's tissues.

## Don't Smoke

Smoking narrows the blood vessels, which can restrict circulation.

If these tips don't help, please contact your health care provider. If at any time your fingers or toes feel numb or painful, or turn white or blue, contact your health care provider.

A healthy and happy new year to you all!

Cindy Smith

Wellness Coach

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In some cases, the defect may be corrected by simply prescribing medicine, glasses, contact lenses, or surgery. In order to seek assistance concerning our sight, we must first identify a problem and then seek to get it corrected. For perfect spiritual vision we must check in regularly with the word of God and the Holy Spirit.

In the Christmas letter sent to our membership, I highlighted the need for our congregation to have "attractive practices." This means that we must create ministries and model behaviors that will attract younger adults, youth, and children to become members of Covenant church and join us in ministry. However, this is not something we are able to accomplish on our own, but can only be done under the direction and guidance of God. Please join the church leadership as we pray on this issue until Church Council meets on January 28, 2020.

This is our prayer: *Heavenly Father, Creator of all things. We thank you for the increases in 2019 and give you all the credit for every spiritual blessing. Lord, our faithful congregation is growing older, and we need younger disciples to assist us in building the kingdom of God in this community and beyond. Lord, we understand that it is your desire for the church to grow and to be a multigenerational worship center for all regardless of race or ethnicity. Therefore, we ask that you prepare our hearts to invite all persons, welcome all persons, nurture all persons, and serve all persons with the understanding that we are fulfilling the mission you called us to when we accepted Christ as savior. Amen.*

I thank God in advance for clear spiritual vision in 2020 so we may have clear paths to God's will. Happy New Year!

## Sidelights

### GIFTS GIVEN

In honor of Covenant's 135th anniversary:

A gift to the church in memory/honor of **Doris and Bob Schafer** from Sandy Leonard.

A gift to the church from Karen Campbell.

Gifts in memory of Susan B Dettinger Lefever; Evelyn L. Dettinger Reber; and Sabina Sue L. Barr, presented by Linda L. Barr.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Our Wednesday prayer group meets each Wednesday at 10:15 AM in the Chapel Library. You have an open invitation to join any Wednesday. No one that attends will need to lead prayer. We look forward to seeing you there.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers to adorn the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$28 for either the centerpiece or the two vases. See the church secretary on Sunday mornings to place your In Memory or In Honor of flowers.



## Sidelights

### GROCERY CARDS

Support our Outreach Team and Outreach Ministries by purchasing a grocery card at the table in the lobby. Cards can be purchased on the first and third Sunday of each month. By using the card, a percentage of your purchase price returns to the church.

**Please note:** In the past we used to have John Herr's grocery cards: however, they did not sell as well as Giant and Stauffers, and were discontinued. If you have an interest in John Herr's grocery cards, please let the church office know or talk to Dick Galen.

### CALLING ALL WOMEN AND TEENAGE GIRLS

Join United Methodist Women on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., for our annual Winter Breakfast. Enjoy good food, good fellowship, as we reveal and exchange 2020 prayer partners. The game show "America Says" will be presented as "Covenant Says."

### COMMUNITY CLOSET

Our next Community Closet will be Saturday January 4, 2020. Donations of coats, linens, blankets and other clothing for winter are appreciated.

### CHURCH COUNCIL RESCHEDULED

Church Council date has been changed from January 14th to Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m. All chairpersons are required to attend or send a representative. All members of Covenant are welcome to attend any church council meeting.



**COVENANT CHURCH is Bringing Christ's Light into the Community and Beyond AND Preparing for Increase in 2019.**

## Covenant Members in Business

### Aunt Sandy's Attic

Sandy Leonard  
Antiques, Collectibles, Books, Art, etc.  
545 W. Market Street, Marietta, PA 17547  
717-426-5091

### Conestoga Innovations Promotional Products

(for all your advertising needs)  
Wanda Snyder, 1.800.759.8885 or  
sales@conestoga-innovations.com

### CTC Lollipop Company

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Tues.-Fri. 11am-7pm; Sat. 9am-2pm

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www.DonDaleDesigns.com

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Glasses, Contacts, and Exams  
Lancaster & Willow Street

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### Willard Hypnosis Center

Roger J. Willard  
3304 Main Street, Conestoga PA 17516  
717.872.7561 or willardhypnosis.com

# January 2020

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