



# Messenger of Hope

*January 2025*

When it comes to gift-giving at Christmas, there aren't a lot of rules. You can pick something up down at the Tuttle Mall (or if you're really good, maybe John and Dottie will let you rummage through a closet – Tuttle Hall, anyone?) You can make a sweater out of some fun, chunky yarn. If you have a lot of coin, buy them a spot on the next Falcon 9 to see the stars. If your wallet is a little lighter – or you just want to – make them something from the heart. Our former Executive Presbyter writes a song each year to share with friends. In a similar vein, a friend of mine wrote a Christmas poem this year to give to friends and, with her permission, I wanted to share it with you. Enjoy, and Merry Christmas!

Move on over Santa,  
The spotlight isn't yours.  
The true meaning of Christmas  
Cannot be found in stores.  
It isn't in the North Pole  
- can't find it on a rack.  
The true meaning of Christmas  
Is not in Santa's sack.

It's not about the presents,  
Or time with family.  
The true meaning of Christmas  
Is not lights on a tree;  
So move on over, Santa,  
For Christ was born this day:  
The true meaning of Christmas  
There in the manger lays.

A little baby boy  
Was sent to save us all.  
The true meaning of Christmas  
Won't be found at the mall,  
But rather in a stable,  
Where Mary bore her son,  
The true meaning of Christmas  
Had only just begun

The babe was fully God,  
But also fully man,  
The true meaning of Christmas  
All part of His great plan.  
To save the world from sin,  
His Son to take our place,  
The true meaning of Christmas,  
Of God's mercy and grace.

Christ Jesus, God's own son,  
So innocent and pure,  
The true meaning of Christmas,  
So much he would endure.  
Still many do forget,  
The sacrifice he made,  
The true meaning of Christmas,  
Was beaten and betrayed.

Born Savior of this world,  
For us he lived and died,  
The true meaning of Christmas,  
On the cross and crucified.  
So move on over, Santa,  
This day you shall not heist!  
The true meaning of Christmas  
Is found in Jesus Christ.

*~Pastor Ben*

# HPC Information

HPC Attendance			
Date	In Person	Online	Total
12/29/24	35	8	43
12/24/24	59	8	67
12/22/24	34	8	42
12/15/24	32	11	43
12/8/24	32	6	38
12/5/24	107	21	128
12/1/24	37	6	43
11/24/24	36	6	42
11/17/24	34	11	45
11/10/24	24	9	33
11/3/24	34	6	40



**Above:** 2024 Elders Andy Forsythe, Tony Ganson, Betsy Shoffstall, Matt Zarnosky, Scott Risner & Dave Yanchik

**Above:** HPC Service Attendance Average: December 42, November 40. 12/5 was the Christmas Concert (128) and 12/24 was the Christmas Eve Candlelight service (67).

**Right:** Income was higher than expenses in November. Thank you!!

3 Month Financial Report			
	September, 2024	October, 2024	November, 2024
General Fund	\$31,127.36	\$32,739.70	\$48,570.98
Income	\$9,729.87	\$11,742.00	\$25,405.00
Expense	\$13,773.91	\$10,133.17	\$9,577.08
Net	(\$4,044.04)	\$1,608.83	\$15,827.92



**Left:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



## December Session Minutes

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

**Property** – Organizing plans for snow removal.

**Mission/Outreach** – 11 shoe boxes for operation Christmas child.

**Finance/Personnel** – Audit to be completed in December. Need Pastor Ben's self evaluation.

**Fellowship** – December potluck went well. Next one is January 15.

**Worship** – Wrapping up Christmas concert items. Everyone had a wonderful time. (performers and attendees) Lay reader and greeter sheets are in the foyer.

**Christian Education** – working on some activities with youth.

Next session meeting January 21, 2025 7:00 PM.

## We are grateful for these blessings:

- Praise for Ellie for good news at her 2-year transplant checkup.
- Praise for Suzy's Birthday and Retirement.
- Praise for successful surgery for Terry E.
- Praise for Matt, Andy and JD in putting up the outside decorations.
- Praise for families getting together for the holidays.
- Praise for the Risner family in attendance today.
- Praise for meals for the veterans.
- Praise for Barb's new great grandson.
- Praise for Steve and Polly's new grandson.
- Praise for our Christmas concert reaching all the way to Alaska .
- Praise for a successful Sunday School session watching "The Chosen"
- Praise for Susan and Lennie house is completed.
- Praise for Bev and Mike's daughter, Amy, her chemo treatments are complete.
- Praise Ethan P graduated from BGSU.
- Praise for the Ben Logan Grandparents Day.

## Lord, hear our prayers for these trials we face:

- Prayers for Marilyn W and family.
- Prayers for friends of the Forsythe's.
- Prayers for Bob and Suzanne C.
- Prayers for Betty F.
- Prayers for Barry A.
- Prayers Lenny Y who is hospitalized.
- Prayers for Leonard who is still hospitalized.
- Prayers for Betty H who is improving at Logan Acres.
- Prayers for Lois W who is doing rehab from a fall.
- Prayers for our home bound members -Bernie G. at home, Betty H. at the Homestead and Lois W. at The Gables (Marysville).

Lois Williams (Room 606B)  
The Gables  
390 Gables Drive  
Marysville, OH 43040

Bernie Ganson  
4423 County Road 222  
Huntsville, OH 43324

Betty Hemphill (Room 106)  
Logan Acres Senior Community  
2745 County Road 91  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311

**They would love to receive cards from us!**



**Above:** Betty H, JD and Carolyn at Logan Acres.

# FACES WE LOVE



**Phil Forsythe:**  
'It's lots of fun  
to make  
people happy'



**Above Left:** Phil was featured in the Examiner.  
**Above:** Jean Ann & Aryn at the Christmas Concert.  
**Above Right:** Winter potluck in December.  
**Right:** Jeremy Liles at the concert.  
**Left:** Cam Tuttle inducted in ILHS Wall of Fame.



**Left:** Ellie's children Elizabeth and Alexander  
**Above:** Jean Ann at the Christmas concert.  
**Right:** Shannon Reames at the concert.  
**Below:** Mike Hall at the concert. **Below Left:** Keith & Donna at the Christmas concert.



# HPC HAPPENINGS JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> David Hemphill LeaDel Hurley	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Suzanne Coffman	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>10 am Worship</b>	<b>6</b> Dave Yanchik	<b>7</b> Kathy Allison	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bernie Ganson	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>10 am Worship</b>	<b>13</b> Susan Long	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>6 pm Winter Potluck</b> Choy Sanford Tony Ganson	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tom & Jan Nordquist	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>10 am Worship</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Greg Tuttle Sydney Sanford	<b>23</b> Ryan Braig	<b>24</b> Marlene Feldpausch	<b>25</b> Samantha Tuttle
<b>26</b> <b>10 am Worship</b>	<b>27</b> Becky Wallbrown	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Annie Braig	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# Thanks to those who serve us well!

## Helping with Worship in December:

Lay Readers: Betty Jane Davis, Tony Ganson, Matt Zarnosky

Pianist / Organist: Aryn Forsythe

Greeters/Ushers: Brown family



**Left:** Pastor Ben, Tony and Aryn at the Christmas Concert. **Above:** Our Huntsville Presbyterian Church performing at the Christmas Concert.



*Worshipping God,  
Loving Our Neighbors*

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*God Bless  
You!*