

**ROUGH & READY RUMBLINGS
JANUARY 2023**

Salem Church of Rough & Ready
11 Church Road
Klingerstown, PA 17941
Church/Children's Church: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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INFORMATION FOR THE RUMBLINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SECRETARY BY THE 15TH

Special recognition and Thank you goes out to our Sunday School children and their teachers who made the Christmas Program a HUGE success!

The Flower Chart for 2023 has arrived. Please sign up to honor or remember someone before that special day is filled. The Offering Envelopes are also available at the church for you to pick up. If you are in need of a financial statement for 2022, please contact Jean Wehry.

Sunday, January 1st – First Sunday after Christmas – Installation of Officers. We will return to passing the offering plates like we did in the past.

Monday, January 2nd – Sunday School Meeting at 6 PM

Tuesday, January 3rd – Consistory Meeting at 7 PM

Wednesday, January 4th – Elders Planning Meeting at 7 PM

Sunday, January 8th – First Sunday after Epiphany - We will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Sunday, January 15th – Second Sunday after Epiphany. Year-end Reports Due.

Sunday, January 22nd – Third Sunday after Epiphany - Congregational Meeting. There will be a change in service times this Sunday. Sunday School will be at 9:15 and worship will be at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 29th – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Consistory members for 2023: Elders – Dean Dietrich, Mike Masser, Randy Wehry, and Dan Scheib.
Deacons – Matt Lucas, Andy Kuczala, Arlin Weikel, Brock Klinger, Dorothy Morgan, and Louise Rothermel.

Janitor for January is Dean Dietrich

Salem Church of Rough & Ready Consistory Meeting December 6, 2022

Treasurer's Report

- Current Fund: \$276,951.27
- Benevolence Fund: \$26,794.16
- Building Fund: \$8,909.92

- It should be noted that the current fund balance reflects a deposit paid to Residential Services for the air conditioning project as well as the congregation-approved tithe of \$18,000 to the mission fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- Replacement of stolen items. All communion serving items have been received. Still waiting on delivery of the AED.
- Church Security. Residential Services will be installing sensor-activated lighting in several exterior locations. At this time, we are not going to install additional motion detector lighting in the interior but will consider this at a later time. A motion to proceed with the install was made by Shannon, seconded by Randy, and was approved unanimously.
- WIFI. In addition to allowing us to enhance security, having WIFI is seen as being beneficial in other ways. Sunday School leaders would use it in their lessons to obtain appropriate content for Sunday School lessons. Presenters at the church such as missionaries have asked about availability in the past to add content to their presentations. We can use the WIFI to broadcast our Sunday morning services and drop the data plan on our phone. We would continue to use the same device to stream the services, but we would be doing this through WIFI rather than cell phone service. TDS will install WIFI including a commercial router/modem that should provide coverage within the entire building. Access would be password protected. The cost for the first 2 years will be approximately \$50 per month. This will save us money as we are currently paying \$30 per month for phone service and about \$50 per month for cell phone service which again can be dropped. A motion to move forward with WIFI was made by Brock, seconded by Arlin and was approved unanimously.
- Election of officers. We have a ballot of 2 deacons and 1 elder. Nominations will be opened from the floor for additional qualified candidates.
- Online Giving Options. Brock investigated several options for online giving. Many have monthly fees or take a small percentage of the gift as payment, typically 1.5%. We will not pursue options where we need to pay. LINK bank has Zelle which is a peer-to-peer way to send money. This is easy to set up and there is no charge. We can turn on the "Giving" feature on Facebook, but there are a number of pieces of documentation that must be provided to Facebook for them to enable this link. The way our Facebook pages are currently configured we are very closed to the outside with only approved people able to view most of the content, so at present giving through Facebook, when it is activated would only be available to approved users. We agreed to pursue both the Facebook and Zelle options. Brock will continue to investigate and gather requirements.

- Church Projects

- Handrail is installed
- The emergency light on the north side of the church is rusted and must be replaced. Dean will contact Peiffers to complete the replacement.
- Artificial Christmas Tree. Arlin will look for an appropriately sized, pre-lit Christmas tree for the sanctuary.
- Church finances
- We should consider the purchase of a CD or other secure investment that pays more than a simple savings or checking account.

New Business

- Disbursement of Mission Funds
 - ABWE will receive \$5,000 in support of Katie Madera and - YWAM will receive \$5,000 in support of John Ryder. Mike will talk to Shirley Kline about disbursing those funds on a quarterly basis.
 - Disbursement of Benevolence Funds
 - Northern Dauphin Christian School: \$1,500.00
 - Evangelical Association: \$1,500.00
 - Child Evangelism \$1,500.00
 - Woody Wolfe \$1,500.00. Woody ministers to children in hospitals and also donates generators to those in need.
 - Way Truth Life radio 107.1 \$1,500.00
 - WPGM radio Danville 96.7 \$1,500.00
 - Shepard's Table \$1,500.00
 - China Outreach Ministries \$1,500.00
 - AGAPE \$1,500.00
 - WPCR radio 91.5 or 92.3 \$1,500.00
 - Klingerstown Fire Company \$1,500.00
 - Pitman Fire Company \$1,500.00
 - Pitman Ambulance \$1,500.00
 - Elijah's Bowl \$1,500.00
 - God's Chuckwagon \$1,500.00
 - Fellowship of Christian Farmers \$1,500.00
 - Helping Harrisburg Homeless North \$1,500.00
 - Others that were suggested anonymously will be considered for next year including CEF of Northumberland County.
 - We continue to support Haven Ministries through Advent and Lenten Offerings as well as food donations.
 - Christmas Caroling has typically been done the first Thursday of the month and then again the following Thursday. For the time being we will keep this schedule. We will also have baskets prepared so that we can distribute during the caroling to those in need. In the future we will also call ahead to make sure people are going to be home before we visit.
- The pastor provided a detailed activity report for the month of November.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FROM November

Current Fund Income: \$7115.51
Current Fund Expenses: \$41,580.60
End of Month Balance: \$276,951.27

<u>Date</u>	<u>Children's Church Leader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
January 1st	Tina Novinger	Ethan Lenker
January 8th	Maddy Klinger	Marian Heim
January 15th	Carol Kerstetter	Lexi Leshner
January 22 nd	Tricia Morrison	Bailey Novinger
January 29 th	Laura Smith	Lucas Scheib

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 1st
January 8th
January 15th
January 22nd In Honor of Christian Purcell’s First Birthday
January 29th In Honor of Pat Dietz’s Birthday

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Joy Lenker	18	Mark Fetterolf
	Darcy Klinger	20	Dan Scheib
2	Nancy Rothermel	21	Peyton Poletti
	Susan Klinger		Lyle Leshner
3	Nancy Masser	22	Kirk Reed
6	Lori Brown	23	Christian J Purcell
7	Lainey Strohecker	24	Tammy Klinger
9	Hunter Harner	25	Marilyn Headdings
10	Maggie Raulston	26	Ronald Maurer
	Haley Dietrich		Carl Krissinger
12	Jim Novinger	27	Patricia Dietz
13	Benjamin Wehry	30	Eric Long
15	Diane Maurer		Melissa Lenker
17			
	Willard Haas		Blake Harner

1	Adam & Meghan Laudenslager
4	Brian & Amber Fetterolf
12	Marvin & Brenda Tobias
23	Jim & Patricia Dietz
25	Roger & Sandra Shaver

PASTOR’S PAGE

2023!



Happy New Year!

The end of the holiday season has come upon us as we begin the new year of 2023. For many of us it seems as if we celebrated the previous New Year only a few months ago, certainly not a whole year ago! As I think of this past year, it certainly brought forth some major challenges for all of us. The drought we experienced this summer, coupled with the insane price increase in all things related to farming has certainly been difficult for our farmers, as well as those in AG related businesses. The rising prices due to inflation and other economic difficulties have been hitting all of us hard financially. Along with all of this, a

number of people we know and love have been afflicted with a serious health issue of one kind or another. And now, as we face the new year of 2023, we see no relief in sight.

There are times when a person can get pretty discouraged as they look at everything, and they may say to themselves, "What's the use?" It is at times like this that we need to change where we are looking. Instead of looking around and seeing all the things that cause stress to us, we ought to be looking to God, and his Word for a divine perspective on the affairs that affect our lives. Psalm 16:6 was on my mind as I began this article. It says, "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, surely I have a delightful inheritance." The psalmist, David, looked at his life and realized how good he had it, despite all the problems he had to deal with. The seventh and eighth verse of Psalm 16 gives the reason for his attitude: "I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." We see in these verses that instead of stressing over the difficulties at hand, David praised God for the counsel God gives, as we meditate on his word. He further bolsters his positive outlook by stating that the Lord is always with him, and his confidence is found in Almighty God. We, too, may claim these verses as our own testimony, because our God is the same today as he was to David.

Remembering that he loves and cares for us more than we ever could know, and keeping that truth in mind, goes a long way to a relaxed and peaceful spirit. May I suggest that you, dear reader, read Psalm 16, and meditate on the encouragement offered in this uplifting Psalm.

A courageous and biblically bold way to live, not just in the new year, but every day of our lives, is found in Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." When God our Father tells us not to fear because he is with us, then we can say as the writer of Hebrews said, "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear" (Hebrews 13:6). This is just one of over 365 verses in the Bible telling us to "Fear not". God certainly wants us to live confidently every day of our lives.

My hope for all of us, as we begin the new year, is that we faithfully walk with God, spend time with him in his Word, and live fearlessly for him in the days ahead. Remember, he has promised to never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). Trust him, he will take care of you better than you can take care of yourself.

May God bless you all in the days ahead!

Pastor Mark

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