



Middletown Press

JANUARY 2017

Coming Events:

January

- 1/1 Souper Bowl Begins!
Runs until 2/5
- 1/7 Upward Games begin
- 1/15 Pancake Brunch
after worship
- 1/15 Swim Party
- 1/15 Aid for Friends Cook-In
- 1/21 B&P Workday at MPC
- 1/21 Youth Bowling
- 1/29 Youth Hoagie Sale
(order in advance)

Looking Ahead

Lock-In 2/24-25 7:30 PM -8 AM

IMPACT 3/24-26 Conference for
8th grade and High School
Ocean City, MD

Sundays

Sunday School 9 AM

Coffee Fellowship 10 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Youth Group 6:30 PM

Souper Bowl

For MPC every January is a time to bring in food to help stock local food closets—to reach out and help to care for those of our local community who are in need. We will have 5 weeks for collecting food in the narthex, beginning January 1 through February 5. Join us in this fun effort to make a difference in eliminating hunger in our local community.

Remember that boxes of cereal and pasta sauce will count double so we can continue our commitment to Chester East-side's food cupboard.

Sermons and Scripture

Contagion: Catching the
Faith and Passing It On

January

1 – “New Year, New Day!” -
Lamentations 3:22-23

8 – “How Can They?” –
Romans 10:13-15

15 – “Who Are They?” –
Luke 15:1-10

22 – “Why Should We Care?” –
Ephesians 2:8-9

29 – “What Can We Do?” –
Matthew 9:36-38

February

5 – “Why is it Such a Struggle?” –
John 8:39-47

12 – “How Then Shall We Live?” –
Ephesians 5:15-17

Aid for Friends

Keep gathering food for the Aid for Friends Cook-in on **Sunday**, January 15. We will need main courses to feed 10-12, frozen vegetables, canned fruit, cooked potatoes, rice and noodles, tea bags, and sandwich bags.

I want to thank everyone for their loyal support this year and endless meals that went to so many in need. For any information, call Carol Curtis at 610-566-7274

Family Pool Party

Come swim on Sunday, January 15 from 12:45-3 PM. Pizza will be provided and snacks. We swim for an hour and then we have a pizza party. The cost is \$5.00 for children and adults are free. Children 7 years old and under need to have an adult in the water.

Pick up a registration form and give it to Chriss by Friday, January 13. Please let Chriss know if you can help with snacks. We have a blast in the water, join us!

Thanks for the Cookies!

So many baked cookies this year we were able to fill all requests and give thank you cookies to Menta's Sunoco, Middletown Fire Company, EMTs and others. Thanks so much for making the Cookie Walk so successful!

Deacons Doings

At this month's deacons' meeting we will be holding a small reception welcoming our new deacons and honoring our deacons who have completed their terms of service.

Thank you for your generous support in 2016! Unlike the mission committee budget of the church that supports missionaries throughout the world and outside of our local area, the deacons, with your generous donations, are able to reach out to needs within our church family as well as to community organizations and special requests. We ask that you communicate with us should you know of someone's need, whether it be for transportation, visits, hospital supply items, emergency meals, etc. If you are able to volunteer your services in any way, we would appreciate hearing from you.

As you may be aware, the deacons help support Aid for Friends and we are extremely

grateful to Carol Curtis for her faithful service in directing this ministry. A warm thank you to Bob Curtis for his valued assistance and to all the volunteers who donate food and assemble the meals. If you would like to participate in the next Aid for Friends, please contact Carol Curtis.

The deacons wish our church family a healthy, happy New Year.

MCW Purses Given

We were able to put together 54 purses at the Advent Breakfast to give to women in crisis. Six purses with \$25 gift cards were given to Domestic Abuse, and 8 with \$25 gift cards were taken to Delaware City Inter-faith Hospitality Network.

Twelve purses went to Chester Community Action Agency of Delaware County. The remaining 28 purses were given to the Center Foundation in Media.

Thanks, ladies.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading 2016 is happening now! Season Eleven will be extra special and you should come see what makes this sports ministry so much fun.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make this program happen. If you would like to help, there are all kinds of things to do; just speak to League Director, Don Heilala. It is still possible for a child to join the league.

Please continue to support Upward with your prayers for God to be glorified in the gym, FOR

FUN, for children and adults to come to know Jesus, for safety for all, for lasting friendships, and for good weather!

You could help in so many ways large or small, one hour, one Saturday or one season. Would you like to be part of Season Eleven's excitement as children have fun, learn skills for sports and values for life?

For more information contact Don Heilala by email donheilala@aol.com or contact Chriss Benson at Middletown Presbyterian Church 610 565-4080 chris@middletown.org.

Youth Events

The Youth have several events scheduled for the following Saturdays:

1/21 - Bowling

2/11- Skyzone

3/11- Arnolds

A Lock-In is planned for 2/24-25 7:30PM-8 AM. Don't miss the fun.

IMPACT 3/24-26 Conference for 8th grade and High School
Cost \$175 (\$100 Deposit due on 2/12 and remaining \$75 due 3/19)
You don't want to miss out on this life changing event!

One Meal you don't have to cook!

MPC youth are again making hoagies! Please help support our kids by ordering 6" Turkey, Ham and American Cheese or Italian for \$5.00 each specially made for you to pick up on January 29 after worship.

Use the order form enclosed in the Press or pick one up in the Narthex or from any middle or high school student! All conditions will be available! Any questions contact Beth Shoemaker or Misti Love. Thanks for your support.

January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO Sunday school or Youth group today Souper Bowl begins today 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM The Worship Service	2 7:00 PM NA Group	3 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM NA Group 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Meeting	4 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study - this will be the last one until February 8th 7:30 PM Colonial Dancers	5 3:30 PM Good News Club 4:30 PM Trevoze Group 6:30 PM Hand Bell Practice 7:00 PM NA Group 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 6:00 PM Upward Cheerleading Practice 7:00 PM NA Group 7:30 PM Seeking 2 Serve Small Group	7 Upward Basketball/ Cheerleading
8 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM The Worship Service 3:00 PM Girl Scout Daisies 6:30 PM Youth Group	9 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM NA Group	10 9:30 AM Quilting 3:00 PM Children's Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Delco Cruisers 7:00 PM NA Group	11 7:30 PM Sticks 'n' Strings	12 3:30 PM Good News Club 4:30 PM Trevoze Group 6:30 PM Hand Bell Practice 7:00 PM NA Group 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting	13 6:00 PM Upward Cheerleading Practice 7:00 PM NA Group	14 Upward Basketball/ Cheerleading
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29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM The Worship Service 11:30 AM Youth Hoagie Sale - after the worship service 6:30 PM Youth Group	30 7:00 PM NA Group	31 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM NA Group 7:15 PM Lydia Circle		Prime Time will not meet January and February because of the often snowy weather. Our next program and lunch is Monday, March 20 at noon.	SOUPER BOWL Non-perishable food collection 1/1 to 2/5	

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up January 29

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<i>In case of an emergency or if you know of someone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-565-4080 during business hours or call the Pastor at 302-762-0851.</i>	

Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 AM
Youth Group 6:30 PM