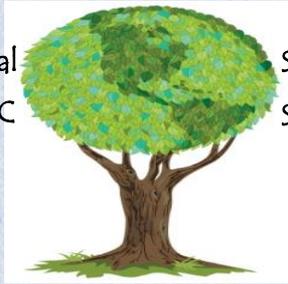


THE TRI-COUNTY PARISH CIRCUIT RIDER



Canton Ecumenical
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St. John's UMC
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JANUARY 2017 EDITION

Encouragement For the New Year

Leave your worries and fears in God's loving and capable hands.

By Carol Kuykendall

From Guideposts.com

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared." Exodus 23: 20 (NIV)

I sometimes think New Year's Day comes at the wrong time of year. I'm usually facing a bunch of tasks left over from the old year, like taking down the Christmas tree and putting away all the decorations, writing thank-you notes and dealing with decisions about what to do with the stack of Christmas cards. Throw them away? Save the ones with pictures? Check the addresses? Then there's the thought of trying to catch up with all the work I put off during the holidays. I'm behind before the New Year even starts.

"Who can think about new beginnings or inspirational goals in the midst of old concerns?" I asked my lawyer-husband Lynn as he came in the door after a quick trip to the office to complete a couple of year-end responsibilities.

"Let me show you a gift I just received," he said, pulling an attractively wrapped package out of his briefcase. On it was a card: "To Lynn: may this gift encourage you in the coming year." It was signed by a friend in his Bible study group. Lynn tore off the paper and lifted out a beautifully framed message, penned by a professional calligrapher. The message read:

**Lynn,
Trust Me, I have everything under control."**

Jesus.

He set the frame down amidst the clutter on the kitchen counter so I could see that simple message as I went about my tasks. Slowly those words began to change my frame of mind. If I needed something to help carry my old concerns into the New Year, I'd just found it... the determination to face each day's concerns, trusting in the worlds of this promise from the Source of all comfort and strength.

Father, each day in the new year, please help me remember that You are in control of everything.

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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as possible. (you can leave a message after office hours) Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to know as soon as possible when your family member is in the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt

Happy New Year! God Bless you in 2017!

Do these greetings still ring in your ears? Or has the day become the past, with nothing to look forward to, and no reason for celebration? Many people look forward to Friday, the end of the workweek. And some look forward to getting undone things finished because Saturday is here. Some people look forward to receiving God back into the center of their being on Sunday with worship, singing hymns, and learning of those whom need our prayers and help.

Does your faith stay built up to handle all of the mishaps, and joys, that can occur in the course of the day? Can you keep the celebration of each new day of the New Year? I must admit that I had a difficult time celebrating Advent this year. And I am not sure why it was. I did my best to keep the season fresh in my heart and soul, but it just didn't feel right. But I am keeping the spirit of Christmas! Many of you who are my Facebook friends have seen my posts concerning the Christmas season. This has been like a daily devotion for me helping me to keep the spirit alive. I pray that you haven't let the season die with the tree. I pray that in the process of cleaning up the house after visits from friends and family, that you haven't vacuumed the spirit of the holiday out of your lives as well.

God gives us every opportunity to call on God's love to refresh us. We just need to do the asking, and God will renew us over and over again! I know that it can be difficult to do. I tend to handle the "little" things, relying on God's strength for the big things. And I know this is a bad habit to get into. So may we all accept the challenge to live into the call that God has for us to rely on the Prince of Peace in every waking moment of every day, giving all to the Creator of all things!

When I feel down, I remember the promises of God to be with us, and love us, and forgive us for all of our shortfalls. My challenge is to give the same consideration to brothers and sisters in the faith, and to those who know nothing of God's ability to change lives. Sometimes what people see in me would not convince them of God's awesome power to create a new me, so I must work harder and more diligently to allow God to shine through me; and to show the light of Christ, complete with telling of the sacrifice made for all of us in the life, death, and especially the Resurrection.

Keeping the spirit of Advent in the preparations that we must do always, and the spirit of love that comes down at every Christmas; these are the hard things to do in January and through all of the months of the year. Look at how many times Jesus must have shook His head in wonder when Peter, the rock, would open his mouth. (I imagine it is the same look I get from Paula more times in a year than I can count) But I keep trying to live the life that Christ wants from me.

So keep the love of life, and the spirit of renewal, alive in your life. When days get weary, sit down and phone a friend. Doesn't that usually help to make us forget about life's trials for just a little bit? Perhaps God has laid it upon your heart to call someone, or visit a person with whom you don't exactly have things in common. What a treat it will be for both of you.

Help to make 2017 a great year for yourself, for a friend, for your church, for a stranger, for an enemy, and for all the people of God everywhere! Show the smile that you reserve for close friends, or the end of a game that excited you. Many are waiting to see your glow. I know it is there, but more importantly, God does not want you to waste an opportunity to share joy, peace, hope, and faith.

We look forward to this New Year, do you?

Sharing the love of God,

Pastor Jerry

Minister's Musings

by Kathy Miller

Paul tells us in Romans 5: 1-5: “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance character, and character hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (NKJV)

As we begin another new year, we usually find a sense of hope that this year will bring more peace and less war, better health and less sickness, more life and less death, more love and less hatred. May Paul's words help us to remember from whence comes our help and our hope.

Joe and I wish each of you a HOPE-filled New Year.

Happy New Year – 2017 !!

Kathy





Parish News

Prayer Warriors Update

The Prayer Warriors are a small and dedicated group of people who come together each week to pray for the needs of our community. There are now members from each of our four churches! We have started a card ministry in conjunction with what we do each week. When we pray for a person or persons for awhile, then we send them a card if we are able, to let them know we are praying for them. If you have a prayer request for the group, contact Paula Schmidt or anyone in the group. As we have been saying all along, everyone is welcome to join the group. Praying out loud is not a requirement. It is also open to everyone, not just women. Come and check us out. We meet every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at CEP. Please note that during the winter months, if Canton Schools are closed, there will be no Prayer Warriors that day.

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!!

Last month at Pastor Jerry's graduation from "Preaching With Power" each person attending was given a can of Dansk Butter Cookies to take home. (YUM!) It seems that Middlesex UMC in Carlisle (where the class was held) was given many skids of cookies and they were more than willing to pass some of them along to the pastors to give to their communities. Pastor Jerry brought home 16 cases of 6 cans each for distribution and we are pleased to announce that all of the cookies that we brought home were distributed to grateful people! Cookies were given to our shut-ins as well as the Canton Food Pantry. What a wonderful way to show God's love to people during the Christmas Season!

Speaking of Pastor Jerry's graduation, here are the participants, and some others who attended the event, including Bishop Park and his wife!



Shoebox Update

Not too long ago I received an e-mail from Samaritan's Purse telling me that the two shoe boxes Pastor Jerry and I filled had been sent to Ukraine and Kenya! Did anyone else use the special labels to track their boxes? If so, send me an e-mail so we can report it here! How exciting to actually know where your box has been sent! Did anyone send a letter and picture in their box?

Open House 2016

About 65 people attended this year's open house at the Parsonage. Of course there was food and fellowship and prizes!! This year's extra contest was to count all the poinsettias scattered around the house! The winners of this contest this year were Casey Clegg, Samantha Benson, Megan Eagleberger, and Cailin and Liam Robertson. They all received a special treat!

Below are this year's door prize winners, who were selected randomly! Looking forward to next year's festivities!! (Third time's the charm, Carl!!)



Donna Stone



Jim Unruh



Donna Strout



Levi Vermilya



Susan Stull



Cindy Walton



Carl Sutton
2nd time winner!



Emma Blazer



Anna Mary Heller

Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

Sunday School at 10:00 AM. All are welcome ☺

Jan. 15- Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - The annual Baby Bottle Campaign begins. All proceeds benefit the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center's ministry to women in our community. The bottles have slots in them to collect "pocket change" until March 20. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Party - Carol Miller led us in some fun games. We had lots of fun with our gift exchange and sampling yummy food. Thank you to all that helped! (See pictures below)

As we begin 2017....The New Year.....let's remember that it is a bright and shining beginning. I think the most important New Year's Resolutions for each of us are to put God first in our lives and love our neighbor as ourself.

Wishing everyone many blessings in the New Year!



Pictures courtesy of Jerry Schmidt

Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

The Canton Food Pantry item for January is canned Chicken Noodle Soup. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

Join us for our Monthly Dinner on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Our meal will feature Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut or Béarnaise sauce, Vegetable, Beverage, and Dessert. The price is still a bargain at \$6.00 per person. Take outs are available. Come enjoy food and fellowship with your friends and neighbors.

Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

It has been a busy time as the holidays came and passed this season. (Yes, I know that technically they're not over yet!) We thank you for all of your donations this year as we provided gifts for four children. I also thank all who provided names and/or photos to make the angel tree service very enjoyable again this year. The last thank you is to the youth for participating in and presenting a very nice program again this year.

The business meeting was held on December 8th. At this meeting, we completed the vitality paperwork for our church and gave it to Pastor Jerry to be sent to the District Office. The other main portion of the meeting was the missions we do during the month of December to several organizations. Some of these are missions we donate to monthly and others are donations we give one time per year. It's great that even with a small church we are able to do these things and give on a regular basis. If you're interested in knowing who we give to or have someone in mind, let us know or consider coming to our next meeting. It will be held in March. We do continue to give between meetings, so feel free to bring any needs to the attention of Maxine or someone else who attends the meetings regularly.

As many of you know, I am a person who often thinks in music. A word or phrase will trigger a song for me. There are weeks that the messages we hear make me think of a hymn or even a popular Christian song. This time of year, I often think of a song. It is often running through my head at home and I always think about it as our services during the Christmas season are ending or when I am leaving a family Christmas. It isn't a Christian song. It is called "Til the Season Comes 'Round Again" and was written by John Jarvis and Randy Goodrum. The song starts, "Come gather around at the table, In the spirit of family and friends, And we'll all join hands and remember this moment, Till The Season Comes 'Round Again". The Chorus goes, "One night, holy and bright, Shining with love from our hearts, By a warm fire, lets lift our hands high, And be thankful we're here, till this time next year". Later, in the song the verse says, "May the new year be blessed with good tidings, Till the next time I see you again, If we must say goodbye, let the spirit go with you, Till The Season Comes 'Round Again". Perhaps you're familiar with this song as it has been recorded by several artists. It just seems that this song has such a nice message to carry with us as the holiday season draws to an end. Have you made a New Year's resolution? I do not always make a resolution. I often feel like the chances of keeping a resolution aren't great, so why make one? I know, this is not the right attitude to have! After all, there are many areas in which I could stand to improve. Perhaps my resolution this year should be to do what this song says and to be sure to carry the spirit of Christmas with me through the whole year. That love and happiness that surrounds the season because of the birth of our Lord as well as the time spent with family is definitely hard to beat. If I do this, it would probably affect me in other areas where I could stand to show improvement. I often think about my parenting skills. I question if I am giving my children the guidance and example they need. Are they learning to live their life in a way that will guide them in the right direction as they get older? Are they learning to pray the way they should? Am I setting the example they need? I certainly have my moments! But then there are those times that I am able to see things through their eyes. There are those times that they give me a small peek into their mind and what they are doing or thinking. It is these moments that help me see that I am doing okay.

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If you were at our Christmas Eve service, you would probably say that the highlight of my day was when Link sang his song. If you had asked me at any moment that day up until dinner time, I would have told you that I knew that would be the highlight of my day. However, I had a surprise as we sat at the dinner table. As we sat there, something happened (I can't remember what) and Ronnie made a comment about praying. Link piped up and said, "I already prayed today. This morning". Ronnie and I were both a bit surprised. I said, "What did you pray for?". His response was, "That God be with us and keep us safe so we can have the best Christmas ever". While he can be very frustrating, it seems that we must be doing some things right. When the Bible tells us in Matthew 18:3, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." I think this may need to be my second resolution; to be minded more like a child. Think of the reactions children have. Think of how simply they are able to handle some situations and how they are able care about others. They don't judge others as quickly as we do. If you are willing to speak to my Lyle, he probably considers you his friend. If I do this, trying to see the world more like the way my children do, I may also find improvement in some of those areas of need without setting resolutions for each one. What do you think? Could it work? No matter what, making a promise to yourself is difficult to keep. Will you be setting a resolution this year? Jean spoke to the kids about this during story time. Since then, I've asked my children if they are setting a resolution. We didn't get any answers that were actually serious, so I am guessing they are not. However, if we all start our year by thinking of the spirit of Christmas at least one day per week and try to see the world through the eyes of a child once per week as well, would we see improvements in our life? I think I will try it and see what happens. I may need your help. Perhaps you could remind me once in a while that this is my goal. After all, change is hard. What are your goals for this year? At our meeting we did set some goals for our church for the year. We will need to share them with all of you so that we are able to work toward them as a congregation. We did this when we completed the vitality paper. There was a moment when we wanted to check the "We are not participating" box, but we didn't. We completed the paper and set realistic goals for this church. Hopefully we are able to see them through and see improvements because of them. Resolution or not, I hope this year is filled with joy, love, and health for all of you. Enjoy 2017!

Pictures courtesy of Jerry & Paula Schmidt



Link on Christmas Eve



Jake, Susan, and Joanna Shedden
Christmas Program 2016

St. John's News

By Andrea Sutton

The Open House was enjoyed by many at the home of our minister Jerry and his lovely wife Paula. Yum yum! Got the season off to the right start.

Can't believe Christmas is passed already. The Adult Sunday School class had a party at Kelley's. Food delicious, fellowship great, and remembering Jesus at this time wonderful.

The worship services were great with the Christmas Band. Many talented musicians in our midst. Thank you for using your God given talents.

Some of our members went to see the live nativity in Nauvoo. Even though it was cold, it was inspiring. Our Christmas Eve service was well attended. The reading of the Scripture was read while Kathy Miller depicted Mary. Now we are looking forward to the New Year. Let this year be the one our church grows in numbers and in more spirit for the Lord. God bless all, especially those who are ill or sorrowing. Looking forward to Valentine's Day. Stay warm!!





It's Just Another New Year

*By Martha Noebel
From cbn.com*



While listening to the radio I heard Barry Manilow sing a song I had not heard before. It was “It’s Just Another New Year’s Eve.” Immediately my spirit questioned that statement. You see in just a few days it will be New Year’s Day. Perhaps there are many people who look at each year as “just another year.” Not me.

It is good to look back at the previous year to see many experiences, good and bad, we have faced. We must believe they are stepping stones in our lives that help us grow. Certainly, it is important for us to learn from our past and to incorporate the wisdom we have obtained to help us in the future. No matter the situation, the Lord is with us. He will lead and guide us as we seek Him.

Isaiah 58:11 (NIV) teaches us: “The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”

Now, as we look into the New Year we can look with fresh eyes filled with faith, trust, and hope. Psalm 39:7 (NIV) states: “*But now LORD what do I look for? My hope is in You.*” Also, the Word says in Psalm 25:5 (NIV): “*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*”

Barry Manilow may feel that New Year’s is just another day or each New Year is the same as the previous one, but our thoughts should be of expectation for what the Lord has for us. Whether it is a need for a better job, increase in finances, healing in our bodies, salvation of loved ones, a new home or car, or whatever your need may be.

I remember as a single parent having great needs to care for myself and my son. I did have a job and a car, but I was living with my parents. There weren't the finances to afford a house of my own to raise my son. One time, as I was crying out to the Lord for help, I heard His words to me, "Who have you blessed lately?" This was a clear message for me to give to others even with my lack so I too could be blessed. It's a kingdom principle to give and it will be given to you. “Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38 (NIV))

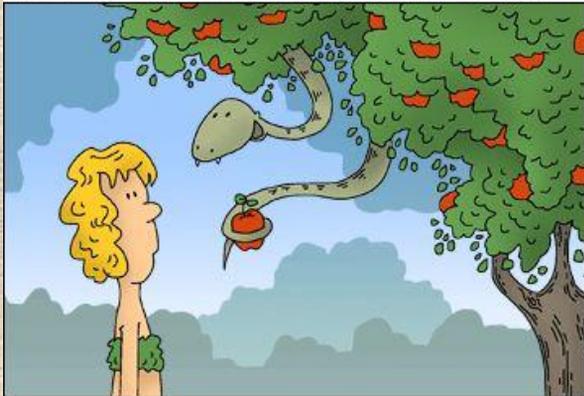
Our lives will be full of blessing in the New Year if we trust God, share His love with those around us, and walk into each new day with great confidence of God’s faithfulness.

Lamentations 3: 23 (NLT) “Great is His faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.”

You Gotta Laugh!



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REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?



"I'm serious about keeping my New Year's resolutions. In the past, my resolutions went in one year and out the other."

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



He must become greater, and I must become less. **John 3:30**



"Well, yes, I am happy, but I could be happier."



News From the Susquehanna Conference



DISTRICT CHURCHES EFFECTED BY RECENT FLOODING

Some of our churches in North Central Pennsylvania have suffered flood damage from the rains in October. You can help Avis, Warrensville, Hoffman, Wallis Run, Ulysses and Milesburg by sending your checks with Advance #8225.

Please mail to: Susquehanna Conference Finance Office, Attn: Ann Watts
303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-3179

If you or a team from your church or place of business wish to help with the cleanup efforts, please contact the district office at 570-323-7452. Help will be needed for churches and individuals that suffered damage in the recent flooding.

GIRLS GATHERING FOR GOD 2017

February 3 & 4 Girls Gathering for God: for girls grades 7-12, at Baughman-Memorial UMC, 228 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA. Registration of \$ 25, due **January 19**, to Donna Ream, 20 Hillery Ct, Apt. A-21, York, PA 17402
donnamream@comcast.net.

HUMAN SEXUALITY SUMMIT

All laity are invited to the table conversation around the topic of human sexuality and our United Methodist denomination. Bishop Jeremiah Park will be joining us for these conversations which will be facilitated by Rev. Larry Leland, Rev. Beth Jones, and members of the Human Sexuality summit group. All are welcome but you are asked to please register ahead of time with the office in the district where the event will be held.

Saturday, February 25, 2017

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Faith UMC, Montoursville (Williamsport District)

700 Fairview Dr., Montoursville, PA 17754

Registration: jjohnston@susumc.org or [570-323-7452](tel:570-323-7452)

Sunday, February 26, 2017

2:30 to 5 p.m.

Shavertown UMC (Scranton Wilkes-Barre District)

163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708

Registration: jwallace@susumc.org or [570-344-8313](tel:570-344-8313)

Sunday, March 5, 2017

2:30 to 5 p.m.

Harrisburg District (Location TBA)

Registration: lhaagen@susumc.org or [717-766-8124](tel:717-766-8124)

Gratitude

By Bobby Schuller

From houropower.org

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” ~ Colossians 3: 15

There is a way to completely just open up heaven in your life, to completely experience everything that heaven has to offer, and it’s one word: gratitude. Regular practices of gratitude are proved, both biblically and scientifically, to completely fill your heart with happiness and joy.

In heaven there is no lack or insufficiency: nobody’s hungry, dying, crying, or bored. In heaven, people are overwhelmed with joy, and that feeling is available to you right now. The way to completely open up your heart to the amazing things that heaven has to offer is to be a grateful, thankful person.

Go out of your way to thank people and thank God. Think about the tremendously great things that you have in your life today, in spite of all the things that you’re missing.

Prayer: Thank you God, for all the blessings. Help me practice gratitude so I can receive the joy of heaven.

Reflection: Tell someone you’re grateful for them this week, and catch a glimpse of heaven.

Stop Worrying

Submitted by Suzi Fisher

Read Luke 12:1 through 13:35

Carol’s mother, Amanda, was a worrier, especially when it came to her health. Even though Amanda was a Christian, she still struggled to let go of her worries. Carol bought her mother a plaque that stated how faith can overcome fear. She hung it in a prominent place in Amanda’s living room. Carol thought if her mother saw the encouraging words every day, she might be able to let go of her worry. But Amanda continued to fret.

However, that’s not what God wants. Jesus put it this way:

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?” (Luke 12:25).

Jesus made it plain that worry will not help. Instead of worrying, Jesus advised His listeners that their basic needs would be met if they would seek God’s Kingdom.

If you are worried about something today, switch your focus from your problem to your God and seek Him.

Prayer Suggestion: Prince of Peace, please calm my anxieties and help me overcome the temptation to worry.

Quicklook: Luke 12:22–31

Italian Chicken Soup

Recipe Courtesy of Ree Drummond

Ingredients:

Kosher Salt and Freshly Ground Black Pepper

1 pound ditalini pasta (a very short macaroni-like pasta)

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 fryer chicken, cut into pieces

8 cups low-sodium chicken broth

2 green bell peppers, diced

2 stalks celery, diced

2 fresh jalapenos, diced

1 medium onion, diced

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

One 28 oz. can diced tomatoes

2 cups heavy cream

Parmesan shavings, for serving

Crusty Italian bread, for serving



Directions:

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and add salt. Cook the pasta in the boiling water according to the package directions; do not overcook. Drain and rinse in cold water to cool. Toss in 1 tablespoon olive oil and set aside.

Put the chicken pieces in a large pot or Dutch oven and cover in the chicken broth. Bring to a boil, lower to a simmer and cook, covered, for 45 to 50 minutes.

Remove the chicken pieces from the pot, shred the meat and set aside. Discard the bones and the skin. Skim the fat from the stock, then strain the stock and set aside.

In a new pot, add the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil and sauté the bell peppers, celery, jalapenos, onion, and oregano over medium heat until the vegetables are tender and golden brown, about 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes with their liquid and the reserved chicken stock and shredded chicken. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Add the cooked pasta and cream and stir to combine. Turn off the heat.

Serve with lots of Parmesan on the top – the more the better – and crusty Italian bread is good too.

Tri- County Parish Events - January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Epiphany Sunday 	2 <i>Katie Rathbun</i> <i>Barbara Boyd</i>	3 <i>Beverly Wright</i>	4 Prayer Warriors 11 am St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Katrina Dean Sharrow</i>	5 Twelfth Night <i>Jill Ward</i>	6	7
8 The Baptism of the Lord <i>Bertha Mae Bagley</i>	9	10	11 Prayer Warriors 11 am St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	12 TCP Ad. Council Mtg. 7pm at St. John's <i>Susan Shedden</i>	13	14 <i>Bob Strozyk, Sr.</i> <i>Brenda Holland</i>
15	16 Bishop's Retreat Martin Luther King Jr, Day <i>Roger Hickok</i>	17 Bishop's Retreat <i>Marsha Krause</i> <i>Evie Doud</i> <i>Marcia Wilson</i> <i>John Deljonavan</i> <i>Jaylee Ward</i>	18 Bishop's Retreat Prayer Warriors 11 am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	19	20	21
22	23 Bishop's Retreat Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Martin Luther King Day <i>Carol Miller</i>	24 Bishop's Retreat <i>Mike Hall</i>	25 Prayer Warriors 11 am Bishop's Retreat St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	26 <i>Ken & Phyllis Quail</i>	27	28
29	30	31	1 Prayer Warriors 11 am St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	2	3	4

All events are subject to change.
Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Tri-County Parish
January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Canton Ecumenical

- 2- Katie Rathbun
- 3- Beverly Wright
- 4- Katrina Dean Sharrow
- 17- Marsha Krause

Anniversaries:

None

St. John's

- 14- Bob Strozyk, Sr.
- 16- Roger Hickok
- 17- Evie Doud, Marcia Wilson,
John Deljonavan

Anniversaries:

None

Ward

- 2- Barbara Boyd
- 5- Jill Ward
- 12- Susan Shedden
- 14- Brenda Holland
- 17- Jaylee Ward
- 24- Mike Hall

Anniversaries:

None

Shunk

- 8- Bertha Mae Bagley
- 23- Carol Miller

Anniversaries:

- 26- Ken & Phyllis Quail



**If you have corrections or additions to this list,
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can keep this list as accurate as possible.**

Lectionary January 2017

January 1: (Epiphany Sunday)

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Psalms 72: 1 – 7, 10 – 14

Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

Matthew 2: 1 – 12

January 8 (The Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42: 1 – 9

Psalms 29

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Matthew 3: 13 – 17

January 15: (The 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany)

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7

Psalms 40: 1 – 11

1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9

John 1: 29 – 42

January 22: (The 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany)

Isaiah 9: 1 – 4

Psalms 27: 1, 4 – 9

1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18

Matthew 4: 12 – 23

January 29: (The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany)

Micah 6: 1 – 8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31

Matthew 5: 1 – 12



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