Middleburgh Reformed Church

News & Announcements

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Staying in Touch with Away Youth (SiTwAY)

We have four young people of our church family living away from home either in college or in the military. We would like to send a "care" package to each of them sometime in February. If you would like to participate in this effort, please see Leslie Hooper for names and details.

Congregational Meeting & Brunch, Join us to hear committee reports, elect Elders and Deacons, pray together, and eat together. March 9th after worship.

Church Directory Update

Contact information changed? Please pickup a form to update your information for the directory and give it to Leslie Hooper or leave it in the box on the table labeled "Update

Upcoming Sermons

<u>How-to-Life; Wisdom</u> 2/9 James 1:1-8: Wisdom from God-Generous 2/16 James 1:9-18: Living the Good Life 2/23 James 1:19-27: True Religion

3/2 the Transfiguration, Mark 9:2-13: True Sight My Information" by February 18th.

Essentials Class- if you are interested in the basics of Christianity, thinking about the basics again or making profession of faith to join the church, let Pastor Jeff know. meeting time flexible.

Operation Christmas Child

Follow Your Box Update

Last month we learned that some our our shoe box gifts had been sent to Ukraine. A more recent report informs us that others have gone to the Philippines. As well as sending much needed relief supplies and personnel to the Philippines, thousands of shoe boxes

gifts have been airlifted to the children by Samaritan's Purse. One 10-year-old boy who had received his gift while being treated in a field hospital said, "My only toys are now in this box." May those toys and the other gifts included in his box be reminders to him of his Heavenly Father's love.

2014 Packing Party

One way to celebrate all that God provides for us is by our support of OCC. During the month of February, we will collect new toothbrushes and donations to purchase toothbrushes. Please do not purchase toothpaste at this time. You might also find some small stuffed animals at bargain prices after Valentine's Day!

New Processing Center

Samaritan's Purse is hoping to open a new shoe box processing center in the Baltimore area in 2014. There will be volunteer opportunities for those who are over the age of 13! See Mary Lou if you are interested in knowing more about that step in the shoe box journey.

Bible Study- Tuesdays at 1 pm- we meet at the Spencer's house. We read and discuss the text for the coming Sunday's worship. And there is coffee.

NET Dinners are a way to serve. Some enjoy a hot meal that might be hard to get

otherwise. Some enjoy eating with company. Some enjoy the price. Some enjoy the activity. Some enjoy serving. The MRC coordinating committee includes Mary Lou Ryan, Karen Miller, Leslie Hooper and Ellie Spencer. Everyone is invited to get involved by providing food, supplies, serving, and/or setup. And of course- eating together is what it is all about. So, come and eat!

Consistory needs a **clerk for Consistory meetings**. The task involves attending the

meetings, taking minutes and typing them up. Contact Pastor Jeff if you are willing.

Consistory

Elders: Jim Spencer (VP), Sarah Bramer, Joan Youmans, *vacant* Deacons: Brian DeFeo, Leslie Hooper, Karen Miller, *vacant*

Pastor Jeff's email: j<u>effa.kelley@gmail.com</u>, home phone: 518-827-8785; cell phone: 518-860-7404 Every February Wednesday, 5-6:30 pm. 5th: Reformed Church 12th: Church Our Lady of the Valley Parish 19th: Middleburgh Methodist Church 26th: St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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