



FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Grace Notes

Gathering & Growing Together Through Faith

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Isaiah 43:18-19: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Outreach of the Month: Hygiene Items for Veterans

Office Hours
MWF 9-12 noon

JANUARY 2026

Flohr's Church Information

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Carrie McDannell - Administrative and Outreach Coordinator

Marie Quesinberry-Choir Director **Stella Jarvis, Sexton**

The Congregation Council:

John Banaszek- President Wayne Haifley -Vice President

Bob Dwyer- Secretary

Bill Bucher, Liam Dwyer, & Eric McDannell

Bob Dwyer, Property Committee

Marie Quesinberry- Worship Committee

Janice Miller- Treasurer

Bruce Strausbaugh- Financial Secretary

Vacant Chairs: Learning Committee, Fellowship Committee, Support Committee, Service & Witness

Ponderings of The Pastor

By Pastor Gene Tucker

A recurring column, dealing with various and sundry topics

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

As I write this, the Christmas celebration will soon be here. Because the Christmas celebration is such a high point in our society and in the Church, it might be a little challenging to look beyond our Christmas observances to the season which will follow it in the Church's liturgical calendar. But as surely as the secular calendar will turn over into the year 2026, the Church Year will bring us to the Epiphany celebration.

Epiphany concludes the Christmastide season, which is twelve days long (as the well-known song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" reminds us). Epiphany, therefore, always falls on January 6th. (Yes, I know, the world around us began looking forward to, and celebrating, Christmas sometime in October, and it's a sure bet that many Christmas decorations will come down promptly on December 26th, but the Church is on a different timeframe.)

The Epiphany season's length is variable, because its length is determined by the date upon which Easter falls (that date can vary from as early as March 22nd, or as late as April 25th). Preceding the Easter celebration, we observe the season of Lent, which is forty days long (minus the Sundays in the Lenten season). So Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten season, also ends the Epiphany season. Working backward from Easter, we find that the Epiphany season can, therefore, have as few as four Sundays, or as many as nine.

The Church's calendar may be divided into two cycles, each one following a pattern, which is:

Preparation: Advent & Lent - Color: Blue (Advent)-or-Violet (Lent)

Celebration: Christmas & Easter - Color: White

Application: Epiphany & Pentecost – Color: Green

The word "Epiphany" means "appearing" or "manifestation". Following on this understanding, then, the season of Epiphany carries subtitle: "The Manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles".

The Epiphany season always begins by honoring and remembering the visit of the Magi (the Wise Men), to the Christ child. (Since I can't resist, it's worth remembering that the familiar carol "We Three Kings" isn't a Christmas carol, it's an Epiphany carol.) We don't know anything much about the identity of these visitors "from the east" (as Matthew tells us). We don't know how many Magi there were (although tradition says that there were three – perhaps because of the gifts of gold, incense and myrrh that were offered to the young Jesus). Nor do we know exactly when they came to Bethlehem. These days, the manger scenes that are a common part of our Christmas celebrations most often also include the Wise Men, but a careful reading of Matthew's Gospel account reveals that the visit of the Magi may have taken place sometime after Jesus' birth. Matthew uses the word "child" to describe Jesus (see Matthew 2:9). And then, a few verses later, Matthew uses the word "house" to describe where the Holy Family was (see Matthew 2:11). Furthermore, when King Herod found out that the Wise Men hadn't returned to report what they had found on their visit to the Holy Family, he ordered that all the boys in Bethlehem to be killed who were two years old and younger (an event we remember each year on December 28th). That tells us that, quite likely, Jesus was no longer a baby, and may have been as much as almost two years old.

Ponderings of The Pastor Continued

The visit of these foreign visitors from somewhere in the east marks the beginning of the realization that the wonderful gift of the coming of Jesus into the world isn't just for God's chosen people alone. That wonderful gift is meant for all people, in every place, and in every time.

Eventually, the gift of Jesus to God's chosen people, and to you and me (Gentiles) meant that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ isn't a God to be worshipped, loved and served by a specific ethnic or racial group. In the ancient world, this was somewhat of a radical idea, for each place, each grouping of human beings often had their own gods and goddesses. Think of the city of Ephesus and its goddess, Artemis (see Acts 18:23 – 27) as one example.

In the fulness of time, the gift of Jesus Christ, He who is the light of the world, was to make its way out into the Gentile world, and, in the fulness of time, to you and to me (Gentiles).

But the idea that God, the creator of all that is, should be proclaimed and known to peoples everywhere was a valued part of the Old Testament tradition. To God's people in ancient times, God said, "I will give you as a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6).

We noted a bit ago that the Epiphany season is one of "application". How might we, in our time and place, working together as God's people at Flohr's Church, do our part to share the Good News of God in Christ, even as we have received the light of the Gospel from others who shared that wonderful gift with us at some point in our lives?

That task just might be one of our most important New Year's resolutions.

Happy New Year, one and all, and a Blessed Epiphany celebration and season.



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Prayer List

Those in need of healing and wholeness;
Valerie Williams
Doug Boden

Pray for those families mourning the
loss of a loved one:

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers:
Grace Kidwell, Eloise Topper,
Ruth Jeanne Bream, Geraldine Wetzel,
Miriam Musselman, Harry Coffelt and
Patsy Wagaman

Council

Meeting

January 13
7PM



Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 25th, 2026
After Worship Service

TO FURTHER DISCUSS
CHURCH SECURITY

Financial News

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of November 2025

	Nov 2025	YTD 2025
Income	\$11,135.27	\$198,257.14
Expenses	\$34,488.31	\$198,841.77
Excess (Shortfall)	-\$23,353.04	-\$584.63

Mission Funds Accounts: * Designated Funds

	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Memorial	\$5,070.80			\$5,070.80
Interest	\$689.60			\$689.60
Parsonage Rent	\$15,406.06	\$1,800.00		\$17,206.06
Improvement*	\$4,369.62	\$60.00		\$4,429.62
Chairlift Repairs*	\$1,873.96			\$1,873.96
Youth*	\$1,253.97			\$1,253.97
Helping Hands*	\$232.67			\$232.67
Music*	\$1,860.13			\$1,860.13
Prayer/Memorial Garden*	\$2,399.72			\$2,399.72
A/C Replacement - Church*	\$2,342.09			\$2,342.09
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$326.75			\$326.75
Totals	\$35,825.37	\$1,860.00		\$37,685.37

Attention Worship Assistants

One of the valuable ways in which we serve the Lord and serve the Lord's people here at Flohr's Church is by undertaking the role of Worship Assistants.

So many in the congregation have stepped forward to fill this ministry. Thank you!

May I encourage each one who serve to be prepared to come early before service? That way, we can get organized for the service, quiet ourselves before serving, and can be more effective ministers.

May I suggest coming about 30 minutes before service, or at a minimum 15 minutes beforehand?

Many Thanks!
Pastor Gene



January 2026 Lay Assistants

Worship Assistant:

- 4 Liam Dwyer
- 11 Bill Bucher
- 18 Tim Rehfield
- 25 Emma Rohrbach

Lectors:

- 4 Janice Miller
- 11 Todd Boden
- 18 Tim Rehfield
- 25 Kelly Haifley

Deacon:

- 4 Bob Dwyer
- 11 Bill Bucher
- 18 Wayne Haifley
- 25 Eric McDannell

Ushers:

*Dawn and Mike Six

*denotes Head Usher

Altar Guild:

Cheryl Black and Delores Deardorff

Financial Stewards:

Dave Nett & Helen Woerner

Flower Sponsors:

- 4 Marie Bollinger
- 11 Darrell & Helen Woerner
- 18 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach
- 25 Doris Youngblood

Bulletin Sponsors:

- 4 Marie Bollinger
- 11 Darrell & Helen Woerner
- 18 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach
- 25 Doris Youngblood

Sacraments for Communion Sponsor:

Darrell & Helen Woerner



January Birthdays

Happy Birthday



4th - Craig Hartley

5th - Harriet Loose

5th- Jennifer Keefer-Frankfort

7th - Jacob Slicker

8th -Lynn Woerner

9th - Doris Kane

14th - Carrie McDannell

19th - Doris Youngblood

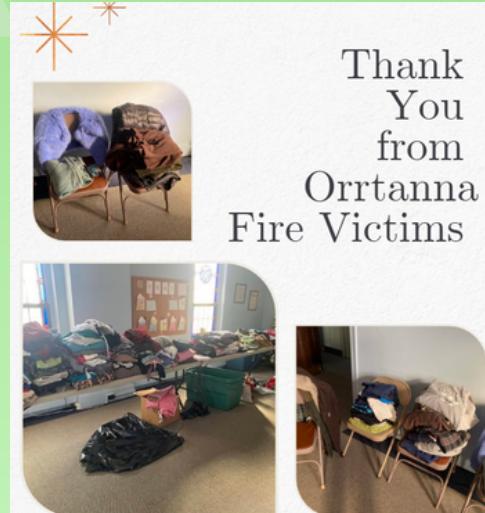
19th - Joseph Milesky

23rd - William Blake

26th - Steven Wentz

28th -Michael Wetzel

We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing lists of birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for helping to keep our lists current



Thank
You
from
Orrtanna
Fire Victims

Thank you!

To Adams Electric , Steve
Redding & Bob Dwyer

For their assistance with
changing the steeple lights.



Volunteers to Visit

Pastor Gene is looking for volunteers who would like to join him in visiting our shut-ins. If you are interested in helping provide companionship and care during these visits, please see Pastor Gene for more information.



**BIBLE STUDY
&
FAITH EXPLORERS**

Bible Study and Faith Explorers Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 11th, after coffee hour. All are welcome!

A cartoon illustration of Jesus with a yellow halo and a brown beard, standing next to a window and a cross.

BREAKFAST ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED: GETTYSBURG AREA CLERGY MEETING FOR TUESDAY 1-20

DROP OFF BY 9AM ON 1-20



Bread Making Day

January 10th at 2PM

\$5 Per Person

Register & Pay by Jan 8th

Learn how to make 2-3 different types of bread and take home a sampling of your creations to share (or enjoy yourself!).

It's a great way to learn something new, spend time with friends, and fill the air with the warm aroma of freshly baked bread.

At Flohrs Church in McKnightstown, PA

Call (717)334-3992, Email Flohrschurch@gmail.com or sign up in the narthex

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JANUARY VETERANS HYGIENE ITEM DRIVE

In January we will be collecting the following hygiene items for Veterans and then the last Sunday of the Month having a potluck and working with our Sunday School Class to pack bags with the items inside.

ITEMS NEEDED:

GALLON OR JUMBO SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS

ALL OF THESE ITEMS CAN BE MENS OR WOMANS

DEODORANT SHAMPOO CONDITIONER
BODY WASH SOAP TOOTHBRUSHES
TOOTHPASTE

ITEMS WILL GO TO ROOTS FOR BOOTS
FOR HAND OUT AT THEIR FOOD
PANTRY EVENTS

PACKING AFTER CHURCH &
MEAL/FELLOWSHIP AT 10:45 ON
JANUARY 25th

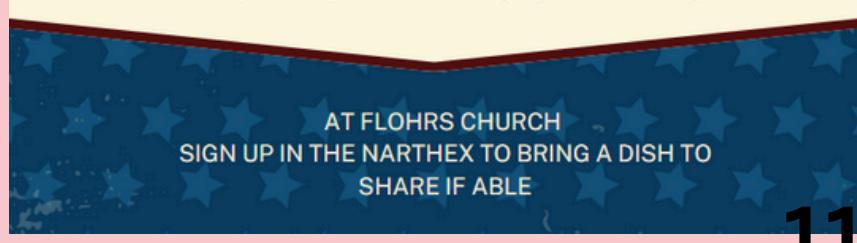


JOIN US FOR BRUNCH

To Pack Hygiene Bags for Veterans in need

After church please bring a dish to share if able and
then stay to help our Sunday School class to pack
hygiene bags for Veterans in need at Roots for Boots.

Sunday January 25th after Congregation Meeting



AT FLOHRS CHURCH
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO BRING A DISH TO
SHARE IF ABLE

HOT COCOA FELLOWSHIP HOUR

FOLLOWING CHURCH
SERVICE
SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH



There will be a non-cocoa option as well



Flohrs Evangelical Lutheran Church

BINGO *Night*

Start at
6PM

Tuesday January 13th
at Flohrs Church

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Fellowship Night Committee

First Planning Meeting

Tuesday January 20th at 6:30PM

THE FELLOWSHIP NIGHT COMMITTEE IS FORMING AND WE ARE INVITING VOLUNTEERS TO BE PART OF THE PLANNING TEAM. THIS COMMITTEE WILL HELP PRAYERFULLY PLAN AND COORDINATE OUR FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS, WHERE MEN'S, WOMEN'S, AND CHILDREN'S GROUPS MEET ON THE SAME EVENING AND SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER. IF YOU ENJOY SERVING, ORGANIZING, OR HELPING CREATE A WELCOMING AND CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL AGES, WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST PLANNING NIGHT.



Flohhs Lutheran Church

**Pizza & Sub Fundraiser
for our Fellowship
Evening Projects**



**ORDERS & MONEY DUE
SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH**

Please help us raise funds for our new fellowship evening to help it kick off in March of 2026.

Order forms available in the Narthex or from Carrie.

Delivery will be Friday 2/6

14" FAMOUS HOAGIES

MADE ON 14" FRESHLY BAKED ITALIAN ROLL



PEPPERED HAM, CAPICOLA HAM,
GENOA SALAMI, PEPPERONI,
PROVOLONE CHEESE, MILD PEPPER RINGS,
MARIANNA'S OWN ITALIAN DRESSING



COOKED SALAMI, HAM,
ROLONA, AMERICAN CHEESE,
MARIANNA'S OWN ITALIAN DRESSING



VIRGINIA BAKED HAM, SWISS CHEESE,
PICKLES, MUSTARD SAUCE,
MARIANNA'S OWN ITALIAN DRESSING



COOKED SLICED BACON, IMPORTED HAM,
VIRGINIA BAKED HAM, AMERICAN CHEESE,
PICKLES, MARIANNA'S OWN
SWEET & SASSY MAYO



ROAST BEEF, PROVOLONE CHEESE,
PICKLES, MUSTARD SAUCE,
MARIANNA'S OWN ITALIAN DRESSING



SMOKED HAM, CHEDDAR CHEESE,
MILD PEPPER RINGS, MARIANNA'S OWN
SWEET & SASSY MAYO



ROASTED TURKEY BREAST, PROVOLONE CHEESE,
PICKLES, MAYONNAISE,
MARIANNA'S OWN ITALIAN DRESSING



PROVOLONE, AMERICAN,
AND SWISS CHEESE,
MILD PEPPER RINGS, PICKLES,
MARIANNA'S OWN ITALIAN DRESSING

All hoagies include: Lettuce, Tomato, and Onions, except Ham Club (No Onions). For complete nutritional and allergen information, visit our website at mariannasfundraisers.com

\$10 Each
for
Subs or Pizzas



Subs & Pizza
will be here
the Friday
before
Superbowl!
Delivery:
Friday 2/6

12" DELICIOUS PIZZAS

MADE ON MARIANNA'S OWN FRESHLY BAKED CRUST



DEGLROSIO ORIGINAL PIZZA SAUCE,
SHREDDED MOZZARELLA &
PROVOLONE CHEESE, PEPPERONI



SHREDDED MOZZARELLA &
PROVOLONE CHEESE,
OLIVE OR BLEND, TOMATOES, ONIONS,
MILD PEPPER RINGS, GREEN PEPPERS, HERBS, SPICES



DEGLROSIO ORIGINAL PIZZA SAUCE,
SHREDDED MOZZARELLA &
PROVOLONE CHEESE



DEGLROSIO ORIGINAL PIZZA SAUCE,
SHREDDED MOZZARELLA &
PROVOLONE CHEESE, PEPPERONI,
BACON, SAUSAGE

Marianna's
FUNDRAISERS

NOW 20% MORE MEAT & CHEESE ON OUR HOAGIES

Bigger is Better! More Meat + More Cheese = More Marianna's!

You asked and we listened. Now each of our 14" delicious Marianna's hoagies come with 20% more meat and cheese (excluding Three Cheese hoagie). It's the same great hoagie, now with more of the finest-quality meats and cheeses.

Since 1981, Marianna's Fundraisers has helped thousands of groups such as churches, non-profit organizations, clubs, bands, schools, and sports groups raise funds for a variety of worthy causes. We pride ourselves in helping make your community better, one pizza and hoagie at a time. Marianna's is *"The Fundraiser That Sells Itself!"*

Member Directory Update



Full Name _____ DOB _____ Contact Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

When did you join Flohrs? _____

Marital Status _____

Spouse's Name and Anniversary _____

Names and Ages of Children _____

How would you prefer to receive the monthly newsletter? Printed copy by mail Email

Spouse's Name and Anniversary _____

Do you consent to photos/videos being used for church purposes? YES NO

Emergency Contact Info

Name/Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

Thank you for taking the time to update your directory information.

Your help ensures that we can stay connected as a congregation and care for one another more faithfully.

Once you've completed the form, please place it in the collection box in the narthex or mail it back to the church office. We are grateful for your time and for being an important part of our church family.

THANK YOU!