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New Basel Newsletter

DECEMBER 2020

Let the Party Begin!

The guests are all present. The house is fully decorated. And the gifts are wrapped and displayed neatly in a corner of the room. Today is the celebration of a landmark birthday.

One question: is the honoree present? Did you invite Jesus Christ to His own party? Or, did you just assume that He knew He was supposed to attend? Sometimes we throw a party and once it is in full swing, we realize someone important is not there. We ask the question, "Where is _____ tonight." In hindsight, we may realize that we didn't really tell the missing person how badly we wanted them to attend.

Today's celebration is the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There has never been, nor will ever be, a more important birthday than that. Of all our friends and family, He is the one we should most want to be present. It is His party, honoring Him. Have you told him, lately, how much you love Him? Have you told Him how much you wanted Him to be part of your life? Did you send Him an invitation or just hope He shows up on His own?

It is not too late. He's outside the door, standing in the cold, waiting to be invited inside – inside your heart. He is carrying with Him gifts for you. They are the best gifts you will ever receive. They are the gifts of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. It's His party and yet *He* is the giver of gifts.

But, you've got to want Him in your house, and in your heart. Some people's invitations are more of a formality, with little meaning. "Stop by when you are in the area." Or, "we've got to get together sometime." Rarely does "sometime" come, because it is really not said with total sincerity.

It's not too late to invite Jesus into your life, even though the party has already started. You can pause the festivities and make a statement to all those in attendance. Call attention at your family gathering to the reason for the season and the purpose of today's celebration. Your testimony may inspire others. Let the inspiration begin with you and be the catalyst that helps others more fully understand what Christmas is all about.

Happy Birthday, Jesus! We want You to be part of our lives.

Taken from Christianfaithstories.org

Merry
CHRISTMAS

New Basel Church Council Council Minutes
Monday November 9th, 2020

Called to order at 7:00pm by President Mitch Cromwell

Present:

Elders: Peggy Meuli, Nicole Shrack, Pam O’Neal

Deacons: Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson, Mitch Cromwell

Trustees: Dwight Kamm, Austin Murphy, Chris Bethe

Vice President Peggy Meuli opened with prayer

Peggy Meuli moved we approved the minutes, Pam O’Neal seconded the motion

Communications:

White Memorial Camp Newsletter

Village Manor Newsletter

Salina Rescue Mission Newsletter

Evangelical United Church of Christ Newsletter

Lila (Sybert) Watson- thinking of our church and a monetary donation

Reports:

Committee Reports:

Jessica Murphy- presented a search committee report. The committee is currently working on our church profile. At this time, the church committee is going to set up a few profiles on LinkedIn and Facebook to get our ad out. They do not have any guidance from a denomination.

Sunday School Committee- Jessica also reported on behalf of Sunday School Committee on the Christmas events for New Basel. Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday November 29th. They will go off previous ceremonies as we do not currently have a Women’s Fellowship, which usually leads the Hanging of the Greens. The committee is also planning a Christmas Eve service and will start to work with the children during Sunday School times.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

Pam O’Neal gave the Financial Secretary’s report for October

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for October

M/S/C Chris Bethe moved to approve the October Financial Secretary and Treasurer’s reports. Francis Anderson seconded the motion.

Elders-

34 took communion on Sunday November 1st. We need worship leaders to help with services in December. Council members can talk to Peggy Meuli to select a Sunday.

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

Chris Bethe: the ceiling on the front porch of the parsonage needs repaired. Chris will get estimates from Jeff Mein and a time frame of when it can be fixed.

Old Business:

Church Computer is fixed by New Century in Abilene. The service was done before an estimate was given. Because of that, Marion and Dwight Kamm are going to pay for a maintenance fee and will donate that service to the New Basel Church. This will allow him to fix the computer remotely if needed.

New Business:

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented. Peggy Meuli moved we pay the bills. Pam O'Neal seconded the motion.

Marion Kamm, our Church Secretary, attended the council meeting to ask a few questions. Marion is taking care of the mail and putting the bulletin together. She is donating her time and not charging the church. She is keeping track of her hours and miles so our church knows what it takes to be the church secretary.

Nominating Committee- Chris Bethe has agreed to be on the nominating committee and Pam will talk to a few church members. If you feel you would like to be on the committee let a council member know. Duties would be to find 2 potential council members - 1 Trustee and 1 Elder. If you feel like serving on Church Council, please let a council member know.

Christmas Eve Service- will happen as normal, the service will be different than years past. Sunday School committee has several ideas for the kids. 2020 rules will be followed. Social Distancing and masks (as they are attending Sunday School). Please let Judy Barten know if you plan to have your child or children participate in the service.

Parsonage-Peggy Meuli addressed council with a possible Parsonage renter for a short period of time. Chester Strobel's grandkids bought a house in Abilene but is not ready till the middle of December. They are needing a house to live in at the time. They will sign a contract and pay rent and whatever utilities we require. Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Communion- Peggy talked to council about a different way to take communion. It is a Communion cup and wafer set. Both elements will sit on the back table on day of communion you will grab them as you walk in and use them during the communion ceremony. These are available on Amazon. Pam O'Neal will order them for the next time we do communion.

Upcoming Events:

Church Improvement Fund offering November 22

Monday November 23rd Echo Articles Due

Council Monday December 14th 7pm

Farm Sale- March

No Other Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

Not once does the Bible say:

"Worry about it"

"Stress over it"

"Figure it out"

But over and over it says

TRUST GOD!



Eunice Pryor
Elaine Bethe
Carol Rutz
Joe Foltz
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Wanda Murphy
Dwight Meuli

Kelly Schrader
Sandy Reiff
Don Reiff
Tammy Anderson
Judy Lauer
Suzie Barten
New Basel Search Committee
Pastor Bill and Carolyn Graves

Reminder.....the following annual reports are due ASAP. Please submit reports by e-mail if possible to newbasel@tctelco.net or to the Church Office.

Worship Committee, Peggy Meuli

Memorial Committee, Randy Barten

Nominating Committee

Church Financial Secretary, Pam O'Neal

Church Treasurer, Holly Bethe

Church School Treasurer, Peggy Meuli

Women's Fellowship Treasurer, Peggy Meuli

Women's Fellowship, Jane Haney

Cares & Concerns

Committee, Jane Haney

**Christian Education Committee /
Sunday School**, Judy Barten

Enterprise Estates

Advisory Council, Francis Anderson

Hospitality Committee, Holly Bethe

Music Committee

Trustee's Report, Austin Murphy

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, John Meuli

Records Committee

Jane Haney and Peggy Meuli

Scholarship Committee, Jessica Murphy

Search Committee, Jessica Murphy and Sara Hunnicutt



“Twelve Days of Christmas”

Day 1: “The partridge in a pear tree” is **Jesus Christ**

Day 2: “Two turtle doves” are the Old and New Testaments

Day 3: “Three French Hens” stand for Faith, Hope, and Charity

Day 4: “Four Calling Birds” are the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark Luke, and John

Day 5: “Five Golden Rings” recall the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

Day 6: “Six Geese A-Laying” stand for the six days of creation

Day 7: “Seven Swans Are Swimming” represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy

Day 8: “Eight Maids A-Milking” are the eight Beatitudes

Day 9: “Nine Ladies Dancing” are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control

Day 10: “Ten Lords Are Leaping” are the Ten Commandments

Day 11: “Eleven Pipers Piping” stand for the eleven faithful Disciples

Day 12: “Twelve Drummers Drumming” symbolizes the twelve points in the Apostle’s Creed.

DECEMBER



7th Casey Barten
 Lyndy Tischhauser
 14th Cindy Hoffman
 17th Molly Hunnicutt

21st Kabreyan Anderson
 25th Terry Reiff
 29th Parker O'Neal

Thank you to Jessica Murphy, who will live stream Church Service to the New Basel Facebook page during the month of December.
(this is subject to change depending on Covid protocols)



Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for December

Greeters:

Acolytes:

6 th	Janet & Kenny Chamberlin	Larissa Cromwell
13 th	Ed & Jan McAdams	Bo Rothchild
20 th	Francis & Clema Anderson	Austin Smiley
24 th	Mark & Holly Bethe	Riley Hunnicutt
27 th	Austin & Jessica Murphy	Scarlett Murphy

December Usher: Dwight Kamm

Thank you to Gary Foltz for being the November Usher

Worship Leaders

December 6th.....Pam O'Neal
 Reverend Bob Park

December 13th.....Peggy Meuli
 Britan Stipes

December 20th.....Chris Bethe
 Reverend Bob Park

December 24th & 27th..... TBD



**There will be no Sunday School December 27th or January 3rd.

