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Our Vision

To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2021

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A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2021

Baptisms (4)

Natalia Bobe, Mary Ellen Walker, Adam Willis, Mason Willis

Births (1)

Ella-Rae Nia Holmes

Deaths (1)

Bud Britton

Marriages (1)

Nafeez Kleineweber to Anjelica Hicks

Graduations (8)

Sarah Bingham,
Matthew Hernandez,
Lucas Hutchinson,
Morgan Pearl, Sarah Pearl,
Corey Peoples, Mason Steward,
Jake VanderVennen

Placing Membership (2)

Tim and Ladeana Schmidt Zachary and Jackie Willis

MONTH BY MONTH ACTIVITES AND EVENTS

JANUARY

First Family Promise Host Week of the new year, coordinated by John Ashton. Families stay in housing, but our church members shop and bring them meals. First Craft Day of the new year, coordinated by Dottie Grillo.

FEBRUARY

Winterfest: chaperoned by many, teens involved. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. Craft day is held every month instead of every other month from now on. We reach our goal for the Matching Gift Challenge that was generously started in December 2020. \$10,000 is raised and matched by a generous member of our congregation, and given to our Capital Fund.

MARCH

Dan Cooper and Andy Mychajlowycz are appointed as elders. Annual Secret Sisters Revealing Party, coordinated by Dottie Grillo, held at the church building. All children's and teen Bible classes resume in person, along with new adult Bible classes for the Spring quarter. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo.

APRIL

Family Promise Host Week. Families continue to stay in housing, and our church members shop and bring them meals. Work and Worship Weekend, Ladies Retreat, and Junior and Senior High Retreat at Camp Manatawny. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. Refuge, coordinated by Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo.

MAY

College seniors graduate. A memorial service celebrating the life of Anita O'Hara is held at the building. Mother's Day blessing over children born since last Mother's Day (Ella-Rae Holmes, Noah Rodriguez, and Eliana Romeo-Mendez). Family Camp and Summer Camp Open House at Camp Manatawny.

JUNE

High school seniors graduate. Graduate celebration for grads, family, and church members is held at the church building in the FLC. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. "Welcome Back" barbecue is held at our building, hosted by our Elders. Refuge coordinated by Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo. We finally receive our permanent Certificate of Occupancy for our "new" building.

JULY

Mandy Mansdoerfer coordinates another successful blood drive. Dan Cooper retires from position of "preacher" after 36 years, and he and Katherine continue to lead and serve our church as elder and elder's wife. Family Promise Host Week. Families continue to stay in housing, and our church members shop and bring them meals. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. Refuge, coordinated by Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo.

AUGUST

A Celebration of Life is held for Ray Holmes at our church building, followed by a special tribute dance outside under the carport. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. The Coopers move into their new house. A Matching Gift Challenge for Haiti Relief raises funds and is matched up to \$1,000. Camp Sonshine at Camp Manatawny.

SEPTEMBER

Jay and Alice Schneider resume Sunday morning worship with residents at Parke Place during our Bible Class hour. Semi-surprise Retirement Celebration is held at Masso's to honor Dan and Katherine Cooper for 36 years of service and ministry to our congregation. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. Refuge, coordinated by Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo.

OCTOBER

Our last Family Promise Host Week for the year 2020. Trunk or Treat, along with prizes, bounce house, and hay ride takes place at our building, coordinated by Joey and Callie Peacher. A Secret Sister Brunch (food prepared by Andrea Olley) is held at our building in the FLC. Matching Gift Campaign for Ebenezer and Patience Korsah to assist after hurricane devastates Ghana. Pitman Road provides them with \$1,000 for emergency repairs and a \$3,000 water well, tank, piping, and water pump. Refuge, coordinated by Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo. Men's Retreat, Junior and Senior High Retreat, and Manatawny Run at Camp Manatawny.

NOVEMBER

Handmade Thanksgiving cards (made with love by Brittany Spaeth) are signed and sent out. Pack the Pulpit food collection provides 43 families with Thanksgiving dinner baskets. Tina Broyles coordinates annual collection of "shoeboxes" for Operation Christmas Child; 91 boxes are filled by members. Craft Day, coordinated by Dottie Grillo. Refuge, coordinated by Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo. Our members commit monthly to help settle an Afghan evacuee family in Philadelphia. The commitment begins January 2022 at \$500 a month for a year. The Pitman Road church family honors and thanks Tim and Melody Davis for all of the years that they have led and served our church and teens. We surprise them with a binder filled with love and appreciation (memories, notes, cards, and pictures).

DECEMBER

American Red Cross Blood Drive, coordinated by Mandy Mansdoerfer. Stephanie DeStefano hosts annual cookie exchange (which goes very well, but Donna Lazar is missed). Maggie Mansdoerfer coordinates, collects, and delivers items to Veteran's Haven Homeless Shelter in Hammonton. We close out 2021 with our second annual Pitman Road Christmas Show, hosted by Mike Broyles, including performances by many of our members.



HIAS AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Thanks to our generous members, we now have 50, plus two "extra", monthly supporters for rental assistance for our Afghan family! We still do not have details about our family's arrival date, but will keep you posted.

If you would still like to contribute, additional donations will be used for food and other necessities.

Questions? Contact Diana Hutchinson.





FAMILY PROMISE

Sunday, January 16 through Saturday, January 22

Thank you to all who signed up to help with our host week!

Please contact John Ashton, our coordinator, at **609-214-8522** or jashton834@comcast.net if you have any questions regarding drop-off procedures, the day or position you have, etc.



BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who helped make the last

blood drive possible, and a special thank you to Mandy Mansdoerfer for always setting up and coordinating these drives.

We are so thankful to announce that we exceeded our goal of 33 units, and obtained 39 units. Your generosity is so deeply appreciated!



WITH SYMPATHY

Ken Albone's mother, Lillian **Albone**, went on to her reward December 17, 2021. We send our love, prayers, and comfort to Ken, family, and friends during this difficult time.

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