

**"Throw Out the Old, Put on the New!"**

**2023**

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*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ....*

2 Corinthians 5.17-18

*...put on the Lord Jesus Christ....* Romans 13.14

I can hardly believe we are celebrating the beginning of another New Year! Another year has passed and another year lies ahead with many people making New Year's resolutions with the desire to have a better year ahead. There must be millions of different resolutions but the three most popular that turn up in different surveys are "exercising more (50%)," "losing weight (48%)," and "saving more money (44%)." These are all admirable aspirations but they require discipline and changing habits.

I don't make New Year's resolutions, however, I was quite surprised to learn that I share the same aspirations as many others. I generally enjoy riding my bike Monday through Friday mornings in Arlington Cemetery, but weather and schedule don't always cooperate; there's an ideal weight that I can't quite achieve for the sake of my health, for I simply enjoy eating too much; and we never seem to be able to save as much as we would like, and approaching retirement makes that an even greater concern.

These are all worthy goals for those who aspire to them, but as people who name the Name of Jesus we are new creations in Him, everything has become new! This is what has been worked in us by the power of the Word and Spirit. This is how our Father sees us: new creations in Christ Jesus!

BUT, we are called to *work out* what God has worked in (Philippians 2.12). As important as exercising, maintaining healthy weight, and appropriately saving money are, these important habits are eclipsed by the Holy Spirit's invitation to *put on the Lord Jesus Christ* (Romans 13.14).

We participate with God in the new life that is ours in Christ! It is just like receiving a new sweater for Christmas. It is a gift given with love, but won't be of any real value to us until we put it on! So it is with our salvation, its real value is known when we put it on, and until we do, we simply don't benefit from the gift. More importantly, when we put on Christ, the messenger becomes the message, and others benefit from the gift as well!

Let's remember, however, nothing we do earns our salvation; it is a free gift of *grace through faith* (Ephesians 2.8). I am the recipient of grace upon grace upon grace, and this is my motivation for putting on Jesus Christ, not any benefits that may come my way - which are, by far, many and as uncounted as the sand on the shore.

As we celebrate this New Year with all the change a New Year brings, let us throw out the old and put on the new to the honor, praise, and glory of Jesus Christ, Who alone is worthy!

In His love,  
Bud

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The gift of prayer enables us to join with one another in consecrating our world, our lives,

and our ministries to God.

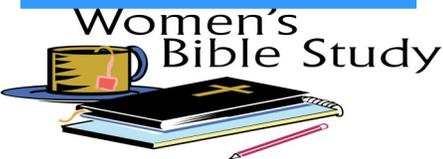
Please lift in prayer: Morgan, Norma Jean, Madonna, Stephen, Kurt, shut-ins, victims of hate crimes, the homeless, elderly, youth, the hungry, our nation, Presbytery of Philadelphia, General Assembly.



### MEN'S GROUP YOU ARE INVITED!

January 7 and 21  
February 4 and 18  
9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Newcomers are welcome. If you would like to attend, email or call Bud.



### Women's Bible Study

January 21 and February 18  
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

The Women's Study Group is reading the book; "Your Beautiful Purpose" by Susie Larson.

Join us if you can. If this is your first time, email the church @ ccc@rcn.com to get the Meeting ID.

### Church Mouse

January 13 and 14  
February 10 and 11  
9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.



2023 Per Capita  
**\$32.00 Per Member**  
Initial Offering—**\$9.00**



### Meet for Breakfast

Everyone is invited to  
Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

January 8th  
(date change due to the holiday)  
and

February 5  
8:00 a.m.

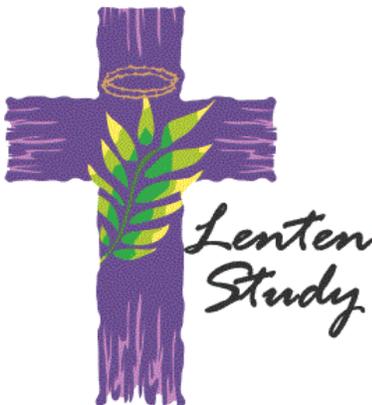
Make sure to invite family and friends!

### Session Meet on Zoom

Sunday, January 8 | 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 12 | 4:00 p.m.



Sunday  
January 15  
9:30 a.m.



### Lenten Series, 2023

**Every Wednesday**  
**beginning**  
**February 22 | 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom**



Come and celebrate with us at our

### EASTER SERVICES

*Palm Sunday*

April 2 | 9:30 a.m.

*Resurrection Sunday*

April 9 | 9:30 a.m.

In-person and on Zoom



**"Transition: Honoring the Former, Embracing the New"  
(Applying Kingdom Principles)**

**February 24–25, 2023**



# PENDLE HILL

338 Plush Mill Road  
Wallingford, PA 19086

### A Moment for Morgan

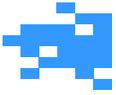
Morgan is blessed with an excellent tutor who comes to ChildWay every day and spends about an hour with him. She works with him on many topics (science, current events, reading and vocabulary, music (and more!). A bonus is that she is learning to use his switch and computer devices (hopefully they help him to communicate beyond "yes" and "no" with his eyes and finger). All the nurses report that she is wonderful and I love how she communicates with me weekly to report what she is doing. We are very grateful. This does mean that my FaceTime calls to Morgan are often unsuccessful as he is worn out from or asleep after his school sessions. I gladly sacrifice my calls for the benefit of the teaching!



Because of COVID, RSV and flu there will not be a Christmas party at ChildWay. If you wish to send Morgan a card, his address is:

Morgan Sidor  
ChildWay Pediatrics  
640 W. Main St.  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Thank you,  
*Morgan and Eloise*

**Trust God, Trust the Journey!**

November 16, 2022 at 1:47 a.m., Artemis 1 launched from pad 39B of the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. If you were within three miles of the launchpad at the moment the rockets ignited for liftoff, your heart would have exploded in your chest from the intensity of the blast as NASA learned from prior experience. The mission of Artemis 1 on the surface looks like a repeat of the early space programs of NASA. Yada, yada, yada...man on the moon, 1969, been there, done that!

In reality, NASA is building on past experience and knowledge. This unmanned rocket is the first step to establishing a gateway to space. The vision of NASA is to build a space station or space city on the moon that will be the landing and refueling site from which astronauts and scientists will be able to reach and explore deeper edges of outer space. Think, Star Trek meets Motel 6! For this great vision and effort, NASA can celebrate!

How does this relate to the church and us today! I'm glad you asked. Let's think about the familiar scripture Colossians 3: 1-4: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your<sup>al</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. NASA's vision for space is set on things above...that is to achieve something beyond its reach. We, in this community, are launching into a new era that we can't know or imagine the outcome. Like NASA we can plan, but the outcome we cannot be assured. Yet by setting our sights on things above, that is the certainty of our Creator, we can join with the God of Creation in his work to achieve things far greater than we can ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20-21). Because of this, we can celebrate.

There is something else to think about here. What we know about the unknown. NASA is building the future exploration upon the knowledge of past exploration. In 1969, man walked on the moon. I touched a piece of a moon rock at the space center in August. This is a certainty, a fact. We too know for a fact know that Jesus Christ walked on earth because of the canon of the Bible. It is a fact. We can celebrate the anticipated birth of the Christ child this Advent season because of the knowledge that God came to earth in human form. James Bryan Smith calls this faith. That is faith is the extension of knowledge based on knowledge. NASA acts on faith. The extension of knowledge based on knowledge. We too act on faith. The extension of knowledge based on knowledge. We look up and God reaches down. It's the relating that is the beautiful outcome. It's not the end game but the working together toward the outcome only that is ultimately known by God.

I imagine that God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit were leaping with joy when that Artemis 1 lifted off the launch pad into outer space. Such a desire to know the universe...to press to the edges of what is not humanly known. God wants us to live beyond our imaginations and celebrate it. I imagine that God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit are leaping with joy as you and I in the daily tasks learn and grow in knowledge and faith to discover where God is working and abiding with us and where others know the overflowing aroma of godness. We can celebrate that. One other thing that grasped my imagination! In order for Artemis 1 to launch into space, it required 2 million separate actions to come together. Two million separate actions! Think about it! This launch is a phenomenal accomplishment by many people doing many small tasks and calculations.

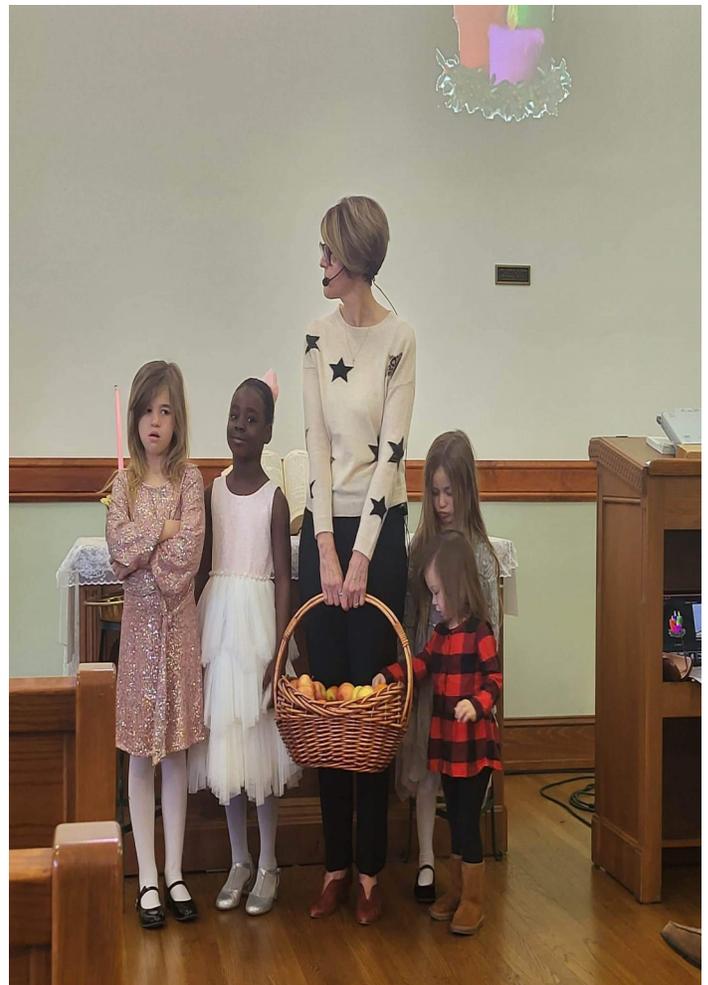
For us in the church, and even the universal church, we have a calling to lift the Cross of Christ so that the world can understand God's divine love and good purpose for all people. What an amazing call. That's our call today, it will be our call tomorrow, and into the future. We are purposed to do what we do every day in Christ, abiding in Christ. The Christ Jesus who walked on this earth invites us to consecrate ourselves to abide in the eternal heavenly space with the Trinity. Today, we are consecrating ourselves to that future. The ultimate outcome will be God's to know. We are invited to join Him on the journey.



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Twenty some years ago, Bud, Holton, and I attended a revitalization conference in Los Angeles. The theme of the conference was "Trust God, Trust the journey". Well, here we are. Yada, yada, yada, been there, done that! But no, it's not an old theme but a continuing call to move forward in faith, to grasp the divine magnitude of that calling. Let's celebrate that. Chawezi Mwantembe shared the many ways Christ's Community Church is fulfilling its vision "To Know Christ and Make Him Known" through the five great ends of the church worship, ministry, mission, fellowship, and discipleship. She highlighted the volunteers who serve in areas of property maintenance, finance, worship and music leadership, technology, children's ministry, and missions asking those individuals to stand. Etta Saylee, Kayla Kaufield, Phoebe Johnson, and Laura Price gave fruit (of the spirit) to each person as a token of appreciation. And fruit was also given to all those who attended worship. The service closed with the consecration pledges for the coming new year.

*Debbie Engell*





**To know Christ and make Him known!**

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**Sunday worship**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Worship Service**

**In-Person and Zoom**

**JANUARY**

2—Stephenie Saylee  
8—Bud Dryden

14—Veronica Hernandez

27—Holton Falk

31—Lynne West

**FEBRUARY**

4—Chris Stephano

7—Allison Kerr

13—Bob Kerr

18—Etta Saylee

24—Eloise Smyrl



**January/February**

**Weekly/Monthly Meetings**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.,	Informal Worship Virtual Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.,	Al-Anon in the Parlor
	7:00 p.m.,	NA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.,	NA in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	7:00 p.m.,	NA in Fellowship Hall
Friday	7:00 p.m.,	Cub Scouts

**January**

January 1, Sunday

Happy New Year!

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

January 2, Monday

New Year's Day Holiday—Office Closed

January 3, Tuesday

Bud Returns from Vacation

January 7, Saturday

9:00 a.m., Men's Group Meet in Parlor

January 8, Sunday

8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

4:00 p.m., Session Meet

January 13 and 14

9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse

January 15, Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

Ordination Service

*January Birthday Celebration*

January 16, Monday

MLK, Jr. Holiday—Office Closed

January 21, Saturday

9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study on

Zoom

9:00 a.m., Men's Group Meet on Zoom

January 22, Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

January 29, Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

**February**

February 4, Saturday

9:00 a.m., Men's Group Meet in Parlor

February 5, Sunday

8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

*Annual Congregational Meeting*

February 10 and 11

9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Church Mouse

February 12, Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

4:00 p.m., Session Meet

February 15, Wednesday

March/April Viewpoints Deadline

February 18, Saturday

9:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study on

Zoom

9:00 a.m., Men's Group Meet on Zoom

February 19, Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

*February Birthday Celebration*

February 20, Monday

President's Day Holiday—Office Closed

February 22, Wednesday

7:00 p.m., Lenten Series Begin

February 24 and 25

Women's Retreat

February 26, Sunday

9:30 a.m., Worship Service

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