

# Why You Have Hope for 2018

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, **do not hold back**; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. **Do not be afraid**; you will not be put to shame. **Do not fear** disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband—the Lord Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.” **--Isaiah 54:2-5**

Some day you will run out of time. But not yet! God has given you a new year. For some reason, perhaps unknown to us, our Lord has faith that good things will happen for you as part of his people. The prophet Isaiah spoke of making preparations for the blessing the Lord is going to send. His advice was not to wait for the blessing and then adjust, but to prepare in advance as an act of faith. This is why we have HOPE in the new year. This is why we pray and fast as 2018 dawns for the first time in human history. There will be struggles and trials, of course, but there will also be mighty blessings that will require you to “enlarge the territory” of your life. So get ready. Make your heart bigger. Move the furniture of your soul. Toss out the junk from your heart. Tilt your priorities.

Do something new to take many steps closer to God. The blessing is coming. Don't drop it. Be ready to receive it. It starts in your prayers and devotional time. He will show you the way.

*Mark*

## "January Month of Prayer & Fasting"

### Calendar is Posted!

Just put your anonymous check-mark on the day you will fast & pray for the church. **We have 2 Sundays that need to be covered.** This is how we start the New Year!

### Our Condolences to Margaret in the Passing of

Her Father: Richard Henkel, 82, died on Wednesday, January 3, at his home in Lancaster, PA. He had been on hospice care. Margaret has been caring for him every weekend for the past 3 months. The funeral will be held at **11 AM, Tuesday, January 9.** A **viewing** will be held from **10 to 11 AM** that same day at the church: St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 2935 Kingston Road, York, PA.

### Are You Out of High School and Not Quite 30?

If so please text Tiana Nuñez and let her know that you would like to be on her list to be notified of get-togethers and activities for that age group. **Even if** you are normally away at college please let her know.

Haircuts for Missions: January 13<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group: Friday, **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** at the building to go to Chic-Fil-A for dinner...7pm-9pm. Please bring \$.

"New Visions" Homeless Breakfast is coming up Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ. We always need volunteers. See Brenda Collier with any questions.

**Larry Needs a Nice "Used" Camera:** Larry DeSimone who has been so faithful in taking pictures at all our church events, is using an ancient digital camera with a bad battery. Most of us take pictures with our phones now, so... do you have a nicer used digital camera you could donate to the church to help our brother Larry?

**We Need SNOW Shovelers:** Chris Ceraso runs the Snow-blower but we need SHOVELERS. Please sign-up on the bulletin-board.

**Next Year's Monthly Volunteer List is Up!**  
Please sign-up to help in some way for a month.

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Carl Smith

**Welcome & Scripture:** Henry Duncan (Psalm 25:1-10)

**Opening Prayer:** Bret Goen

**Lord's Supper:** Larry, Jess Nitla, Tim Jones, Steve Lucas

**Scripture Before Message:** Gerry Hogan (Psalm 20:1-8)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Rick Boyle

**Greeters:** Scotty S., John C., Chris S., Lizzy C.

**Nursery Marguerite & Carmen** Next Week: **April & Fay**  
**Red: Cleaning Team** Jan. 10-13 Lillian Coordinates

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Minister

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

**Worship** ..... 110

**Bible Class**..... 64

**Wednesday** ..... 34

**Contribution**..... **\$1,861**

**Budget Goal** ..... **\$4,260**

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

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the new year... but  
in the ONE who makes

**all things NEW**



Join in our Prayer & Fasting