

THE CUP



CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

'Join us for a drink of Living Water'

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

From the Pastor's Desk...

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Cup Church family and friends,

A new calendar for the kitchen bulletin board, and (traditionally) a new opportunity to consider ways to improve our lives. As followers of Jesus Christ, January gives us a reason (in case we need one) to evaluate how we are exercising our faith. Like any sport, activity, or interest, faith requires some sustained practice or attention if we are to grow. If we claim to call Jesus 'Lord', then our relationship with Him and his people is the most important aspect of our lives; the spring from which we experience and process everything else. With that in mind, I'd like to share some personal reflection questions for the new year that I found by a pastor named Don Whitney. It's unrealistic to think you or I would comprehensively address every question on this list, but I hope you will seriously tackle at least a couple of these.

What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?

What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?

What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?

In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?

What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?

What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?

For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?

What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?

What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?

What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years?

In eternity?

This month we complete the series we began in the Fall on Hebrews, going back to what are most likely the most famous chapters in the sermon/letter, #10-11. The focus is on faith, and faith practiced in the midst of challenging circumstances. It begins, *'Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see . . . without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.'* (11:1, 6)

May 2017 be the year that we earnestly seek the Lord together! I am excited about the possibilities for us as a congregation and individually as we seek His face.

Cordially,

Pastor Scott



THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

PRAY!

Elder, John Brieck, will be heading a new ministry this year on Prayer. The hope is to bring a fresher look into the church on the prayer stance in our community. We will be encouraging members to pray for each other as well as our neighborhoods. He will be asking for volunteers to help him in this journey.

A Christmas 'Thank You'

Once again, your congregational Christmas gift to me and Kristina was an overwhelming demonstration of generosity. We are thankful to be with you, and are daily grateful for the goodness God demonstrates to us in so many ways, one of them being our family of faith. Thank you! May the Lord continue to be gracious to each of you into the New Year.

Much love,

Scott and Kristina Graham



SHINE RESUMES

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18th at 3:30pm
Family Dinner following at 6:00pm

FEBRUARY 12TH—SHINE SUNDAY



TRUSTEES SOUP FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 26TH

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

(TO BENEFIT LIGHT BULB FUND)



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Officer Installation – Sun. January 15th during Worship

**(Leadership Retreat – Sat. January 14th
from 8:30am-Noon)**

**Annual Congregational Meeting
following Worship – January 22nd**

**Pastor Scott will be out of the office
January 22-24 at the EPC Pastor's Retreat
at Seneca Hills Bible Camp**

Sweet CUP Family,

My heart is overfilled with the Love you have shared with my family and I this year! Thank you for your support and most of all thank you for your service! We wanted to also thank you for your Christmas gift. It is very humbling to be able to work hand and hand with such wonderful God Serving people. I look forward to where 2017 takes us!
Blessings, Joel Cuniff and Family

Weekly Meetings...

Monday 1:00pm Bible Study (TBA)

6:00pm Monday Night Small Group @ the Manse

Tuesday 3:00pm Youth Small Groups (Girls @ the Manse, Guys in Youth Room)

Second Wednesday 1:00pm Game Day (January 11th & February 8th)

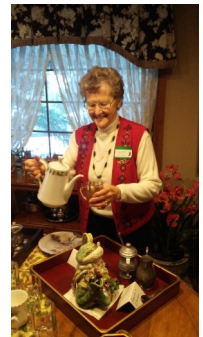
Thursday Morning Woman's Small Group 9:00am

3rd Thursday at noon Lunch Bunch (Jan. 19th at 19th Hole & Feb. 16th at Yolanda's)

Friday Small Group 7:00pm @ the Hughes'

Saturday Morning Men's Group 7:30am @ Eat n' Park

*Thank you to Judy Bixler for hosting the Christmas Tea in her home.
The ladies had a wonderful time.*



Christmas Cantata—December 17th



We had a remarkable December! We had the family bluegrass band Echo Valley for a benefit concert to support the Fintonia, Sierra Leone church building project (raising \$1,732!), our Shine Christmas musical, 'Sheep in Heavenly Peace', multiple baptisms on December 11, a wonderful Christmas Cantata with a well-represented adult choir, a jolly group of carolers who visited area assisted living homes and shut-ins, and of course our lovely Christmas Eve candlelight service, with a string trio providing prelude music. God bless us every one!

Echo Valley benefit concert for Fintonia



*Baptism of
Carter
Cline,
Bryce Kane
& Grayson
Munzek*

Cast of 'Sheep in Heavenly Peace'



JANUARY/FEBRUARY Calendar

January 3	6:00pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
January 8	Youth Soup Fundraiser for EPC Retreat following Worship
January 10	5:30pm Trustees Work Night
January 11	1:00pm Game Day 7:00pm SHINE Parents Mtg.
January 14	8:30am Officer's Training
January 16	6:00pm Monday Night Small Group @the Manse Begins (child care available)
January 17	7:00pm SESSION
January 18	3:30pm 'SHINE' Resumes
January 19	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch (19th Hole)
January 20	Winter Jam
January 22	Congregational Meeting following Worship
February 7	6:00pm DEACONS 7:00pm WORSHIP 7:30pm TRUSTEES
February 8	1:00pm Game Day
February 16	12:00pm Noon Lunch Bunch (Yolanda's)
February 21	7:00pm SESSION
February 24-26	EPC Youth Retreat
February 26	Trustees Soup Fundraiser
Every Monday	1:00pm Adult Bible Study (TBA) 6:00pm Monday Night Small Group @The Manse
Every Tuesday	3:00pm Youth Small Groups (Girls @ Manse, Guys in Youth Room on 2nd & 4th weeks)
Every Wednesday	3:30pm "SHINE" After School program followed by Family Dinner @6pm
Every Thursday	9:00am Women's Small Group 7:00pm Choir Practice/8:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Grief Share (through Jan.)
Every Friday	7:00pm Small Group @ the Hughes'
Every Saturday	7:30am Men's Breakfast@ Eat-n-Park
Every Sunday	7:00pm Crosscurrent

Happy New Beginnings CUP Family and Friends,

What a whirlwind the past few months have been. I honestly can not even believe it is 2017. A new fresh year is upon us with many memories and footprints to make.

Over the past month Crosscurrent Youth were busy preparing their hearts and minds for the coming of Christ through devotion and fun youth activities. We were able to share laughs and good times! We are now looking into 2017 with excitement as we prepare ourselves for the upcoming Youth EPC Retreat in February. We are currently fundraising for that along with our upcoming Summer mission trip. Thank you for supporting us financially and spiritually! Our Youth Rock and they are so grateful to have such a support behind them. So thank you from all of us!

Our Fall Shine session ended with a bang!! Registration has already begun for our Spring session and we can't wait to get started on January 18th. If you are looking for ways to help we would love to see where we could plug you in! See me for details!

We have moved into the Manse. Thank you all who have helped in so many ways!! We are getting settled however, we might need a few days and we still have stuff to move in but we are here!! We look forward to opening our doors for a visit soon!

Please continue to keep both our Children and Youth as well as our community in prayer! It's a privilege and an honor to work with them all!

Happy NEW YEAR!

Your sister in Christ,
Joel Cuniff
CUP Children and
Director

