

Apostolic Christian Church – Bluffton Country
Sunday Announcements – January 14, 2018

- **Prayers for Sam and Janelle Steffen** - Thank you so much for your past and continued prayers on their behalf. Sam is at home. The doctors have again given him days to live. They are at peace. His pain is controlled. When he is awake he is alert and joking around. They are open to the home coming and they are open to a miracle. Either way they continue to praise the name of the Lord.
- **I wish to thank everyone** who remembered me with Christmas Cards and the pictures I receive that I keep for a whole year to look at. I want to thank everyone who wished me good wishes for another year, for the gifts of love you send, and most of all for your prayers and encouraging words to carry on in my old age. I wish I could thank you all separately, but it would be impossible. I am very blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. May God bless you all and for all the visits I get which I enjoy very much. May God bless you all richly. Josephine Schwartz
- **Thank you** - Dear church family, thank you so much for the prayers, cards and kind words for our mom, Barb Pfister. She is continuing to make good progress since her stroke and is living at Christian Care. Barb's Family
- **Thank you** - To my church family, thank you for all your words of kindness, prayers, cards, and the gifts I received this past Christmas. I greatly appreciate it and love all of you. In Christian Love, Sally Schwartz
- **Convert** – Marianna Topp (Bro. Chip/ Sis. Angie) made a beginning in repentance. We rejoice with her family!
- **ACTIVE** will be held this Wednesday, January 17th for all 6th-8th graders at 7:30 at the Fellowship Hall. Additional ACTIVE dates are January 31st, February 14th & 28th. For questions contact Jesse and Janelle Frauhiger, 273-3173.
- **HarvestCall Projects** – Ladies, do you desire intergenerational fellowship? Would you be willing to help with needs in our community and other countries? Then please consider attending HCP this Thursday, January 18 in the basement of the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 2pm. Please come for all or part of the day. (If all day, pack a sack lunch; coffee/tea are provided.) If you are a young mother with children, consider trading Thursday mornings with another young mother and help each other with babysitting so you both can have fellowship with older women one day a month. We could use sewers, quilters (experienced and novices), those to knot comforters, and non-sewers. Contact is Becky Gerber.
- **The Combined Choir** will practice this Thursday evening at Bluffton North beginning at 7pm.
- **We are hosting a church wide "baby shower"** the month of January for The Hope Clinic so we can bless those moms who chose life for their child! Totes will be placed at the main entrances. Items needed: Diapers (size 4,5,6), wipes, diaper bags, new baby equipment (cribs, mattresses, high chairs, strollers, car seats etc.), bottles, cups, toys, pacifiers, formula, books, blankets, clothes (NB-2T), and maternity clothes (new or gently used, all sizes). Please no baby powder or oil at this time. Contact Stacy Maller with any questions or to drop off items.
- **The CVE Mexico Collection** is today and next Sunday. Thank you for your support!
- **Work as Worship** is this Saturday, Jan. 20th (9:00-1:00) at the Fellowship Hall. Please join us to learn more about living the Gospel in your workplace. This presentation will be valuable to those in all stages of work. From moms raising future workers, to those contemplating entering the workforce, to those who are in the middle of their careers, to those near the ends of their professional careers and who are contemplating the next phase. Everyone is invited! Babysitting is provided. Lunch is also provided for all attendees (including children). Registration/coffee begins at 8:30 with the event starting promptly at 9:00 AM. **For planning purposes, please pre-register online at www.work-as-worship-2018.eventbrite.com or on the sign-up list at the downstairs bulletin board.** Questions can be directed to Adam & Ashley Neuenschwander, Graig & Corinne Stettner, Jerry & Kathy Rauch, Mike & Shari Fiechter or Rachel Rauch.
- **MCC meat canning** will be held at the First Mennonite church in Berne on January 26th and 27th. There is a need for approx. 30 volunteers on the canner and in the kitchen. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the back. Please contact Kurt Fiechter for details.
- **The 7th thru 12th grade Sunday School/Graduate Ski trip** is Saturday, January 27th. We will be going to Mad River Ski Resort in Ohio. Please turn in your permission slips as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Brent and Allison Kaehr at 565-3314 or (260)307-6078.
- **There will be a Sunday School teachers meeting** Jan. 28 at 2 pm in the downstairs Sunday School rooms.
- **Finding Freedom** - Biblical Leadership. We as men are all leaders in some degree, whether we choose it or not. It's our choice what kind of influence we will have. Through scripture, we are called to be leaders of integrity in all aspects of life. Whether you're single, married, have a family, work a blue-collar job, are CEO, teach Sunday school, lead a Bible study, mentor others, or quietly lead your own life as an example to others, intentional and Biblical leadership is critical. Join us for an evening to be challenged, encouraged, and focused on what our calling is as Christian men. It will be held on Friday, February 2nd at 6:00 at the Fellowship Hall. Recommended donation of \$10 for the meal.

Serving lunch today: John & Trudy Eisenmann and Eric & Marcia Steffen
Local Missionaries to pray for this week: Aaron & Bobbie Howley