



# *The United Methodist Town Crier*

## **Belvidere United Methodist Church**

219 Hardwick Street, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

**January 2024 Vol. LXXVII No. 1**

**The Reverend Janice McCrostie, Pastor**

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### **From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Church,

I cannot believe that another year has passed and that we are now in 2024! This past year seems to have flown by and what an absolutely blessing this church has been to the Belvidere Community. Just one look at our list of activities in November and December alone shows that we were moving and shaking to serve one another and our neighbors. It truly was a wonderful year and we thank you all for your participation in the life of this church. I'm thrilled to see what we have in store for the next twelve months, knowing that this church family abounds with love and kindness.

This time of year is also when some of us make resolutions for the coming year, seeking some sort of change in their life. I've never been one to make resolutions myself as I'm not great at keeping them, but this year I saw an example of something different I'm going to try and wanted to share it with you all too. Yes, it is still technically a promise you are making yourself to change something this coming year, but it's in a fun way... The idea is to do something small for yourself that makes you happy. You could set a goal to try a pasta shape that's new-to-you every month or be sure to snag a fruit you've never tried before whenever you see one. These are small opportunities for us to learn something, and possibly find a new favorite treat! It can be overwhelming to give ourselves homework on the first day of the year, but if it's in good fun – then is all good fun!

My prayer for us all in this new year is that we continue our good work as the hands and feet of Christ, in this community and the world. In the year and a half that I have been with BUMC, I've learned that caring for one another is foundational to who we are as a church, and I'm so excited to see where that beautiful commitment to Christ's teachings takes us in 2024!

May you have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Pastor Janice

January 2024

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As we welcome 2024, let us embrace  
the new things the Lord has in store,  
trusting in His guidance and  
provision even in unexpected places.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now  
it springs forth, do you not perceive  
it? I will make a way in the  
wilderness and rivers in the desert." -  
Isaiah 43:19



**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Belvidere United Methodist Church is an open door,  
open heart, open minded Christian  
community.

Our mission is to:

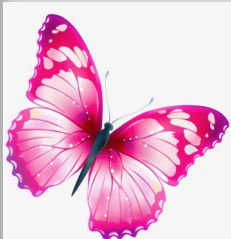
- \* Become true disciples of God;
- \* Share the love of God through ministry;
- \* Mature in Christian faith; and
- \* Serve the constantly changing needs of our community and the world.



## Because We Care

Please  
include these  
persons in  
your daily  
prayers

Hope gives  
you the  
will to  
fight.  
Healing  
gives you  
strength.



### Edith Ballard

#### Janet Cline

*Helen Grauso's daughter*

#### Ed, Carolynn, & Sarah Conley

*Carol Conley's son, daughter-in-law, & granddaughter*

#### Sean Conley

*Carol Conley's grandson*

#### Gary Diciak

*friend of Skip Detweiler*

#### Phyllis Downing & Family

*Carol Conley's sister*

#### Judy Farmer

*8 Coventry Circle  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### Matthew Germain

*Frank & Murnie Dragotta's son-in-law*

#### Ken & Paula Hilliard

*705 Oxford Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### JoAnn Holland

*62 Ridge Rd., Hackettstown 07840  
(Marilou's sister-in-law )*

#### Sharon Johnson

*Friend of Liz Burkat*

#### Robin & Tracy

*Barbara Loock's daughters*

#### Family & Friends of Connie Krueger

*112 Kensington Court  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### Dennis Lee

#### Bev Lommatzsch

*2 Rosewood Terrace  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### Olivia Leigh

#### Laura Levine

### Jody Liegel

#### Becky Long

*PO Box 279 Martins Creek PA 18063*

#### Don Loock

*7971 Little Creek Rd  
Bangor, PA 18013*

#### Paul Merring

#### Fran Oldehoff

*8 Cypress Lane  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### Dominick Puelo

#### Shirley Pulsinelli

#### Margie Riedel

*Adella & BJ Wauhopp's daughter*

#### Bonnie Riley & Family

*38 Green Street  
Oxford, NJ 07863*

#### Cindy Rufe

*Mike Benton's mother-in-law*

#### Randall Sandt

*718 Pahaquarry Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### Barbara Scillitoe

#### Eileen Smith

*Friend of Jan Lee*

#### Sharon Smith

#### Betty Slater

*Kathi Luton's sister*

#### Bev VanAlthuis

*34 Race Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823*

#### Cliff VanKirk

*Linda Benton's brother*

### Nancy Wassil & Family

*Barbara Loock's sister –in – law*

#### Peg Young

*Friend of Liz Burkat*

#### Olivia

*Friend of Barb Call*

#### Ashley Oettinger

*Rev. Janice's friend*

#### Brittany

*Granddaughter of Fran Oldehoff*

If you have a loved one,  
family or friend, who  
can be removed from  
the prayer list, please  
call the church office  
(908) 475-4065 or email  
[church@belvidereumc.org](mailto:church@belvidereumc.org)

## Please Mark Your Calendar

### LITURGISTS

Please check email for the verses.

Jan. 7 - communion	Linda Benton
Jan. 14	Nancy Brown
Jan.21	Marilou Tshudy
Jan. 23	Lois Hampshire

### Greeter Schedule

Jan. 7	Jim & Lisa McAleer
Jan. 14	Kathie Luton
Jan.21	Rose Haller
Jan. 23	Rob & Courtenay Haupin

### Children's Time

Jan. 7	Dean Tshudy
Jan. 14	Nancy Brown
Jan.21	Eli Spencer
Jan. 23	Linda Benton

## Dates to Remember

Each **Friday** (unless otherwise noted) 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry.

*Jan. 1 (Mon.) New Year's Day*  
*Jan. 2 (Tues.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 3 (Wed.) 5 PM Food Pantry*  
*Jan. 5 (Fri.) 6:30 PM Paint Night*  
*Jan. 5 (Fri.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 6 (Sat.) 10 AM AA Support Group*

**Jan. 7 (Sun.) 10 AM Worship Service / communion**  
*Jan. 9 (Tues.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 10 (Wed.) 5 PM Food Pantry*  
*Jan. 12 (Fri.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 13 (Sat.) 10 AM AA Support Group*

**Jan. 14 (Sun.) 10 AM Worship Service**  
*Jan. 16 (Tues.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 17 (Wed.) 5 PM Food Pantry*  
*Jan. 19 (Fri.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 20 (Sat.) 10 AM AA Support Group*

**Jan. 21 (Sun.) 10 AM Worship Service**  
*Jan. 23 (Tues.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 24 (Wed.) 5 PM Food Pantry*  
*Jan. 26 (Fri.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 27 (Sat.) 10 AM AA Support Group*

**Jan. 28 (Sun.) 10 AM Worship Service**  
*Jan. 30 (Tues.) 8 PM NA Support Group*  
*Jan. 31 (Wed.) 5 PM Food Pantry*



**January 7, 2024**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**January 14, 2024**

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

**January 21, 2024**

**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

**January 28, 2024**

**4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

**COMMUNITY BLEND ~**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Ladies Bible Study* resumes ~ Jan 4th at 9:00 a.m. and Jan 5th at noon. Both groups are studying “Abide” by Jen Wilkin, a close look at 1, 2, 3 John.

*Team Meetings* ~ Jan 6, 2024. Vision Team – 9 a.m. / Retreat Organizers 10 a.m. / Café Volunteers 11:15 a.m.

**Note:** *Café schedules are posted online. Volunteers, please check your dates and other event information.*

*Line Dancing* ~ Jan 27, 2024 – 10-11:30. Welcome men and women ages 8 to adult. Learn all the basic moves and groove like the pros. Instructor: Becky Rader.

**Aging Issues - March 2, 2024 - 9-Noon - Community Blend and The Chapel team up to present a workshop on the issues associated with aging; leaving a legacy, financial concerns, trusts, paperwork, etc. Presented by Nick Yzzi, CPA**



*"We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them."*

- Hillary DePiano



*"Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day."*

-Michael Josephson



**Giving: We thank you so much for continuing to support the mission and ministries of the church and ask that you continue to give as you are able.** You can continue to support BUMC online through our website (visit [www.belvidereumc.com](http://www.belvidereumc.com) and click the green "give" button on the home page of our website), through your online banking (designating the church as a payee), or by sending in your check to the church.



Many thanks to Cathie LaBar for taking over the selling of the Shop Rite gift cards on Sunday morning. If you are in need of any, please see Cathie during fellowship time. If you watch our service from home and are in the area, we have a volunteer who will bring them to your home. Please call the office to order.



Attention All BUMC Members, Friends & Family— Our annual trip to the PPL Center in Allentown, PA, to see the Lehigh Valley Phantom's hockey game is scheduled for President's Weekend on Saturday, February 17 at 7:05 PM. Group tickets are limited and are \$25 each. Please sign up in the fellowship hall ASAP. Payment is due by 1/14/24. Make checks payable to BUMC. Contact Debbie Perelli at 610 905-8409

BUMC's WINTER PAINT NIGHT will be held on Friday, January 5th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:00. Instructor, materials and lite refreshments are all included for only \$25. Sign-up downstairs or contact Debbie Perelli at 610 905-8409 by 1/3/24.

Hope you can joy us!



# Food Pantry Stats

Below you will see the number of community members served each month.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	171	207	209	374
February	141	233	202	301
March	125	240	211	303
April	110	251	202	277
May	124	246	301	286
June	115	199	256	286
July	167	219	308	333
August	137	206	297	342
September	157	211	286	401
October	197	232	311	342
November	188	163	331	296
December	152	233	356	



## PASTORAL VISITATIONS

If you would like a visit from Pastor Janice, please call the office at 908-475-4065. In case of emergency, or if the church office is closed, you may call 973-615-4804.

## Friends & Relatives Called to Serve Our Country



Maj. John Henry, U.S. Marines	Friend of the Grogan family
Lt Col Christopher O'Connor, U.S. Marines	Brother-in-law of Victoria & Kevin Call; Phil Bronico ; Jim & Tricia Bronico
Captain Neil Bucken, U.S. Marines , San Diego	Neighbor of the Harts
Mitchell Lango, U.S. Army	Neighbor of the Harts
SPC Phillip Hampton, US Army	ERF 14.4 ATTN: SPC Hampton, Phillip, B CO 2-5 Cav, Unit# 36250, APO AE. 09016-6250; Son of Bill & Theresa Hampton
Cooper Kornegay, US Army	627 5th Street Belvidere, NJ 07823
Michael Jago, US Army	
Tech Sgt Russell J. Stanley	433 Rt # 46 Belvidere, NJ 07823 ; son of Evelyn Stanley



## Average Budget

December budget	\$18,450
January budget	\$14,760



Many thanks to the following families and groups who hosted fellowship time over the past few weeks: Paula Hilliard, Jan Lee, Rose Haller, Robin Stokes, Laura Hazelton, and Debbie Perelli. Thank you again for your kindness and good food.

Updated information for the Belvidere Food Pantry.

**Current operating hours are:**

Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00pm and

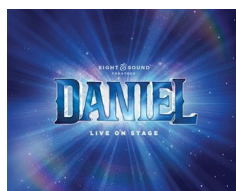
Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30am.

Current operating hours are: Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00pm and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30am. Donations can be dropped off beginning at 4:30 PM on Wednesdays and 9:00 AM on Fridays, up until closing. If one of these times isn't convenient for you, please call the church office at 908-475-4065 and we will be happy to arrange another time.\*

***Please do not leave donations on the parsonage porch or outside the church.***

The weather is getting colder and the pantry would greatly appreciate donations of soup, pork 'n beans, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and chili.

Thank you in advance!!



Easter week 2024 on Wednesday, the 3rd of April, there will be a bus trip to Sight and Sound to see Daniel.

Tickets include bus, show and trip to Kitchen Kettle. For more information please see flyer and sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. Any questions please see Kathie Luton .



You can find us on the web  
at:  
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Twitter: @BelvidereUMC





We offer our condolences to the families and friends of Elmer Howell who passed away recently. Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you through this time of sorrow.



We offer our condolences to the families and friends of Patrick Riley who passed away recently. Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you through this time of sorrow.



We offer our condolences to the families and friends of Connie Krueger who passed away December 28. Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you through this time of sorrow.



We offer our condolences to the families and friends of Dr. Grimes whose brother passed away recently. Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you through this time of sorrow.

*So it's true, when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love."*

*E.A. Buchjaneri, Brushstrokes of a Gadfly*

*Thank You!*

~ Thanks to Linda Benton for the wonderful Angel program she presented in November. Thanks to all who brought covered dishes to our December get together.

~ Special Thanks to the Worship Committee for an excellent Christmas Cantata.

~ Thanks also to the Spaghetti Dinner Committee- lots of hard work went into this endeavor too, and all who attended enjoyed themselves.

~ Thanks to Wes & Robin Stokes for their donation of a commercial Kitchen Aid mixer to the church kitchen.

## Time Moves Quickly!

By Carol Conley

Christmas came into our lives in 2023 once again in unsettled times like the time Jesus was born in. So many generations have passed and we still have not learned to lean on Christ and become one in the spirit letting God's love shine through us.

We get so distracted by power and material things that we sometimes tend to lose sight of the true riches! Interactions with one and other and sharing our stories as our adventures in life are unique, helpful and insightful to others.

May you sense God's love and presence in your life renewed as we continue to strive for peace, renewed connection with families and friends allowing God's presence through the power of the Holy Spirit working in you, shedding the light in new in different ways as we enter into 2024.



### *Many thanks for making my Christmas special in 2023!*

I truly enjoyed the advent box I received, has been so special to me!

From the beautiful angel and messages on the envelopes! Realize the love &

Thoughts from the many that added their unique expressions of joy! Hopefully

I can share with you a picture of my tree reflecting this year's advent box as well as the one I received in 2020.

Also having the Carolers come, and the opportunity to share and sing with them was so special. I do miss being in church. Also many thanks for the Christmas cactus now blooming and the delicious cookies.

Many thanks to Pastor Janice, Hunter and so many others offering their special God given gifts that made the worship services so beautiful, fun and special in many ways!

*As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.*

# Thank You!

Special thanks go to all who helped decorate and make our sanctuary and church beautiful for Advent and Christmas.

- Wreaths - As always, special thanks to Bill Van Althuis for the beautiful wreaths that adorned our front doors. They are a festive welcome to all those who enter our church during the Christmas Season.

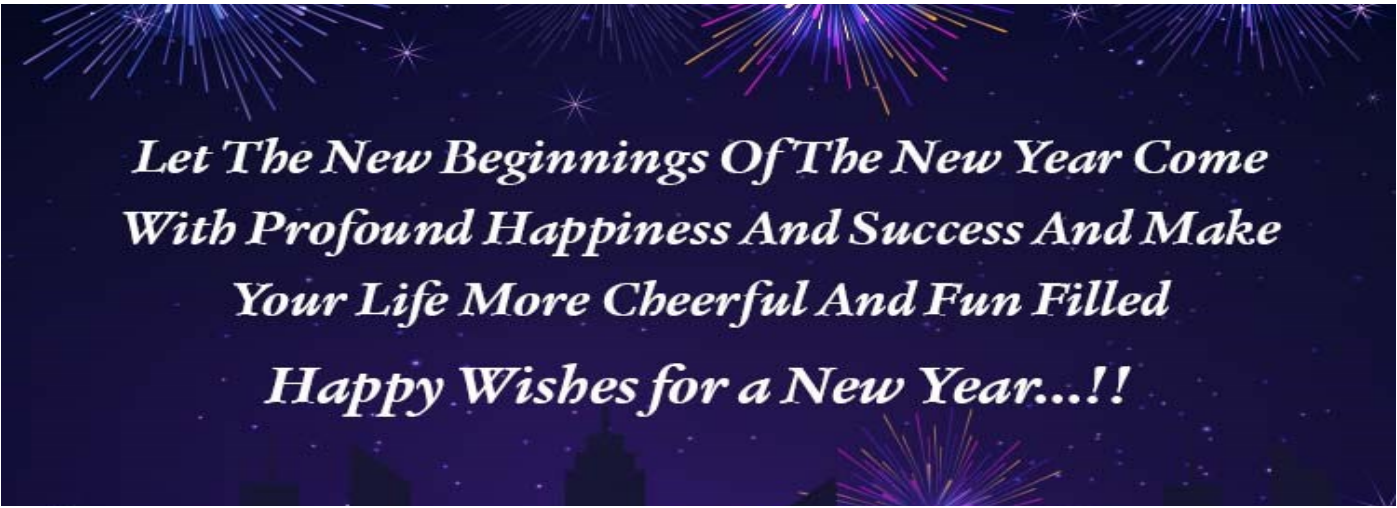
- Decorating of the Sanctuary – To all who helped with the decorating of the church sanctuary - Linda Benton, Marilou Tshudy, Joy Stout, Barbara Call, Lisa McAleer, Bill Hazelton, Ron Lommatzch, Pastor Janice and Dean Tshudy. Special thanks to Dean Tshudy who adapted an existing tree stand for the tree. Thanks to Lisa McAleer for the special treat of Dunkin Donuts!!

- Poinsettias – Murnie Dragotta & Linda Benton for arranging the poinsettias on the altar.

Outdoor Nativity Set - Linda & John Benton – for displaying the nativity set in the stable made by Stephen Benton, Dean Tshudy – for hanging the star and setting up the spotlight, and Joy Stout – for donating the beautiful nativity set to be displayed every year.

Also, an additional thank you to all who made items for the Advent Boxes and/or helped to assemble them for distribution. We have received numerous comments from the recipients of the Advent Boxes and how much they enjoy and look forward to them every year. All of your time, creativity, and effort is very much appreciated!!

The Worship Committee



*Let The New Beginnings Of The New Year Come  
With Profound Happiness And Success And Make  
Your Life More Cheerful And Fun Filled  
Happy Wishes for a New Year...!!*



Your birthday is the beginning of your own personal new year. Your first birthday was a beginning, and each new birthday is a chance to begin again, to start over, to take a new grip on life.

— Wilfred Peterson



- 3 Colleen Howell
- 4 Hannah Yeley
- 7 Alice Bechok  
Steven Mooney, Jr.  
Jonathan Williams
- 8 Jeffrey Williams  
Abby Bronico
- 9 James Cooper
- 10 Shaun Daley
- 13 Bev Lommatzsch
- 16 Carol Sutton
- 18 Kristin Cole
- 23 Victor Simone
- 24 Grace Stapp  
Jean Sampson
- 26 Ken Durr
- 28 Nancy Cole
- 29 Bridget Tiedemann
- 30 Jenna Kovalsky  
Linda Ritchie
- 31 Madeleine Call  
Courtenay Haupin

## Church Membership Anniversaries

- 36 Years Jamie Kovalsky
- 31 Years Harriet Daley  
Michael Daley
- 30 Years James Cooper  
Sharon Cooper
- 11 Years Deborah McDermott

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Bill & Nancy Leeds  
January 4, 1974*

*Apologies to Kathie Luton for missing her birthday in the December issue. Her birthday was December 15. Happy belated birthday.*

*Dear Church members,  
If we are missing your birthday and/or anniversary in our issues ,  
please contact me so I can add them. You can email to  
jdb3283@embarqmail.com.*

*Thanks, Liz Burkat*





# **CLOTHING DRIVE**

to benefit the  
Missions of the United Methodist Church

Drop off through the end of 2023

**Drop off location**

**United Methodist Church**

**219 Hardwick St, Belvidere, NJ 07823**

*In plastic bags: Clean, wearable clothing, coats, shoes, boots, belts, purses, backpacks, suitcases, towels, linens, blankets, curtains, suits, gowns, stuffed toys & small clean toys, bikes, Car seats (only together with base) and strollers,*

*Donations are not shredded!*

*Donation receipts available*







## **CHRISTMAS 2023**

In loving memory of our Moms, given by Bev and Ron Lommatzsch

In loving memory of our parents, given by John and Sandra Knerr

In honor of our son and daughter, given by John and Sandra Knerr

In honor of our grandchildren, given by John and Sandra Knerr

In loving memory of my husband, Rich Harvey given by Judy Harvey

In memory of our loving parents, Fred & Betty Whitley and Helen & Don Brown, given by Nancy Brown

In memory of my beloved husband, Harry, given by Nancy Brown

In loving memory of our son, Harry E. Brown, Jr., given by Nancy Brown

In loving memory of our brother, Don (Denny) Brown, given by Nancy Brown

In honor of our daughters and “sons – Heather & Ken Durr and Beth and Michael Viglianco, given by Nancy Brown

In honor of our grandchildren, Ben, Andres and Maddie Durr and Sarah and Sam Viglianco, given by Nancy Brown

In honor of my dear friend, Connie Krueger, given by Nancy Brown

In loving memory of Jay and Irene Young, given The LaBar Family

In loving memory of Reba and Quintus LaBar, given The LaBar Family

In honor of my parents, Bob and Judy Farmer on their 68th Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Day, given by Donna and Bryan Paradise

In loving memory of our parents, Ralph & Mabel Dent, given by Terry & Barbara Call

In loving memory of our parents, Spencer & Lois Call, given by Terry & Barbara Call

In honor of our family, Kevin, Victoria, Madeline & Sean Call, given by Terry & Barbara Call

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents, ET & Bettilou Holland and Jean Tshudy, given by Dean, Marilou, Jenna and Joelle Tshudy

In honor of our dad and grandpa, Don Tshudy, given by Dean, Marilou, Jenna and Joelle Tshudy

In loving memory of family, given by Bob & Judy Farmer

In honor of our children, Michael & Sherry, Sharon & Jaime, and Stephen, given by John & Linda Benton

In loving memory of Charles & Grace Hopkins, given by Paul & Joy Stout

In loving memory of Lester & Betty Stout, given by Paul & Joy Stout

In loving memory of John & Louise Kovalsky given by The Kovalsky Family

In loving memory of Ed and Dorothy Kovar, given by The Kovalsky Family -

In memory of our loving mother, mother-in-law and grandma, given by The Lloyd Family

In loving memory of "Poppy Trouble", given by The Lloyd Family

In memory of her parents, Thomas & Marian Cawley, and his parents, Joseph & Eleanor Dragotta, given by Murnie & Frank Dragotta



*Thank You!*

You will never know how much my church family has meant to me this past year. Visits, cards, emails, phone calls, etc. To start each day in December opening an envelope. What a beautiful way to begin.

The advent box is very special. Communion once a month, carolers in my home. What else could you ask for? Everyone is so busy and has their own things to deal with. But I want to thank all of you for making this shut in's year more bearable.

Love, prayers, and blessings to each one of you. No people better than the ones at BUMC.

Fran Oldehoff

Lehigh Valley Phantoms  
Saturday, February 17



Winter Paint Night  
Friday, January 5, 6:30-8:30

Contact Debbie Perelli at 610 905-8409 with any questions.



The United Presbyterian Church is holding a Pet CPR & First Aid class on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 12:30 PM or from 1:30 PM. Training is geared towards pet parents, pet care professionals, and animal rescue volunteers. \$60 per person, includes handbook, certificate and emergency muzzle. To register, visit [www.pawsnclaws911.com](http://www.pawsnclaws911.com) and click register online. Questions call Tom Rinelli (631) 721-8129.

### Just an FYI -

WASHINGTON, DC — the United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take **effect Jan. 21, 2024**. The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

U.S. Postal Service Proposes New Prices for 2024

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 ounce)	66 cents	68 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	63 cents	64 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents
International Postcards	\$1.50	\$1.55
International Letter (1 ounce)	\$1.50	\$1.55

There will be no change to the additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products including Certified Mail, Post Office Box rental fees, money order fees and the cost to purchase insurance when mailing an item.

Community Blend  
Café

Register @ [Communityblend.org](http://Communityblend.org)  
908. 758. 5787



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*Are you ready to move and groove?*



## **Line Dancing with Becky**

***Saturday - January 27, 2024***

***10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.***

***Grab your boots and get ready for Becky's step-by-step instruction.  
Learn all the basic moves.***

***Dress comfy: Jeans and boots or sneakers and sweats.***

***Water available or bring your own.***

***Instructor: Becky Rader – Men and women, ages 8 - 100***

***Register at the CB table or: [Communityblend.org/events](http://Communityblend.org/events)***

***Welcome all! Enjoy a cup of coffee before class begins.  
Café opens at 9:00.***