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Newsletter of the Huntington Church of the Brethren

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Maybe you're like me. When I reflect this time of year on the past year, I think of all the things I wanted to accomplish but did not. New Year's can be a bit depressing. The problem is I tend to selectively forget what all I did accomplish. Goals are great, but we can't give up because we haven't met all of our goals. Setting fewer goals or simpler goals that are easier to accomplish, isn't necessarily the best choice either. This is like the constant tension between grace and righteousness. Our lofty ambitious goal is righteousness. To do everything right, never make mistakes, or never sin. Grace is not looking at all your mistakes but looking at what you've done right. God never wants us to avoid righteousness or lower our goals. God just doesn't want us to dwell in our imperfection or quit trying because we aren't perfect.

Tim

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM Saturday, Jan. 2.

Book Swap: 10:00 AM-Noon Saturday, Jan. 2.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Deacon's Meeting: 9:00 AM Sunday, Jan. 10.

Ministry Team: 6:30 PM Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Women's Fellowship: 1:00 PM Tuesday, Jan. 12.

60+: Tuesday, Jan. 26. See Joann Sailors for details.

Building & Grounds: 6:30 PM Thursday, Jan. 28.

Attention, High School Youth: Each year (except National Youth Conference Years) the Church of the Brethren sponsors a Christian Citizenship Seminar. It provides high school aged students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue. The seminar is held in Washington DC and New York City. This year's theme is Proclaiming Freedom: The racial injustice of mass incarceration. The dates for the seminar this year are April 23-28.

Work Camps: There are a number of Brethren work camps that are held each summer in different parts of the country. There is a listing of what is available in the narthex. Most are for junior and senior high youth. Registration begins on January 7.

Council Meetings: Our council meetings this year are again being scheduled on the second Sunday of the second month of the quarter. So the next meeting will be Feb. 14.

Messenger: The Messenger is our church's monthly magazine (10 issues). Read about what other churches are doing, articles on spiritual growth, current events, movie and book reviews, what is happening in our denomination. See Reba if you are interested. She needs the list of subscribers by Sunday, January 10. Payment is later. One year's subscription is \$14.50, but if this is your first year it is half price.

Christmas Play: Thanks to the youth for another great presentation of the Christmas story.



Sister Church Sponsorship: Thanks to Kevin for setting up a website that helps inform about our sister church outreach. The sister church committee is working at setting up a way to donate online. The address is: <https://tismalove.wordpress.com/>

New Editor: It has been a pleasure to work with Harlie on the newsletter the last three years. Barb Wood will be taking over this responsibility starting with the February newsletter as she and Laura are going to pick up what I have been doing in the office. If you have an item you would like to see in the newsletter, please let Barb know, or better yet write up an article and give it to her. Thanks and best wishes to those two for their willingness to step up.

Dean Beery

Leadership: Several new leaders were called into positions at our fall council meeting. Andrew Wolfe will be replacing Dean Beery as Treasurer. Gloria Holley will be replacing Gerald and Erlene as Financial Secretary and Charlotte Elzey will replace Linda Hughes as Church Clerk. Andrew Wolfe will be a new member on Ministry Team, Tim Troyer will be our Annual Conference delegate and Angie Troyer will serve as district delegate and a deacon. Thanks to all who have served in these positions as well as on task teams, Sunday school teachers, worship helpers, etc. It takes many willing hands.

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