January 2021 Church Newsletter

St. John's Reformed Church 494 Evans City Rd. Butler, PA 16001



Bible readings plans are available in the back of the sanctuary. You may pick these up or contact the church office if you would like one to be mailed to you.

- Read through the Bible in 2 years bookmarks
- "Choose Your Own Adventure reading plan for kids/tweens

Consistory Meeting Update

December 2020 Consistory Meeting Highlights

New Business

- New dishwasher for parsonage
- Lifeline in Butler is permanently closed "Life Choices" will be looked into as an alternative

Old Business

- COVID protocols will be an ongoing discussion
- Year end statements and offering envelopes may be picked up or mailed
- Wesbanco bank is closing. Looking into Huntington once PPP Loan is resolved

The next Consistory meeting will be **Tuesday**, **January 19**th at **7:00 PM**

Waiting until God is Heard

We're often taught that prayer is speaking to God. And of course, that's part of it. It's good to pray for the well-being and needs of others — even Jesus prayed for his disciples. It's okay to pray for our own growth in faith and love. It's a wonderful, powerful thing, modeled especially by the Psalmists, to give God thanks and praise. And God welcomes our cries of pain and sorrow, offering the Spirit's help when words fail us (Romans 8:26).

But through the ages, many deeply faithful followers of Christ have practiced contemplative prayer, centering prayer and other forms of stillness before God. Danish theologian Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) expressed it this way: "To pray does not mean to listen to oneself speaking. Prayer involves becoming silent, and being silent, and waiting until God is heard."

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Items needed at the Evans City Food Cupboard for the year are:

January: Soap
February: Donor's choice
March: Canned Fruit/Baked Beans
April: Peanut Butter and Jelly
May: Dry Cereal
June: Canned/Bottled Juice
July: Canned Soup and Vegetables
August: Boxes of Jell-O and
Pudding

September: Pasta and Spaghetti

Sauce

October: Meals in a Can/Box November: No Items Collected December: Paper Products



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years office closed	2
3 Worship 10:30 AM	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 AM	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Bible Study 9:45 AM Worship 10:30 AM	18	19 Consistory 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23
24 Bible Study 9:45 AM Worship 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Bible Study 9:45 AM Worship 10:30 AM						