



# The Lone Pine Christian Church Link

*'Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ'*

## MINISTRY HOURS:

**Sunday Worship:** 10:25 am

Adult Sunday School: 9 am

SUP Ministry: Wed 5 pm

Office: Wed & Fri 9-3 pm

Pastor: Tue Wed Thurs 10-5pm

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## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor: John H. Owen**  
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**Secretary: Katie Krocsko**

**Treasurer: Denise Verner**

**Pianist: Cindy Bailey**

**Custodian: Barry Verner**

## PASTORAL CALL TEAM

Pastor John

assisted by the Elders

Call John or Office

## COMMUNION for SHUT – INS

Pastor John

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## FACILITY RENTAL

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## **Best Gifts: Hope – Peace – Joy - Love**

Ready set go. Write a letter – an annual report, meet the deadline, make it informative, made it inspiring, make it funny - ugh - so I put fingers to keyboard. My mind dances in memories of 2016 and four years' of ministry at Lone Pine. From new faces to familiar friends, from polite handshakes to heart felt hugs, from tip toeing suggestions to respectful debate. The journey is a joyous one filled with hope for 2017 and beyond. My peace of mind and soul is a testimony to the love God is pouring out on me and this congregation – faithful followers of Jesus the Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise God. Amen

It's the third week of Advent, traditional Christmas music fills my office and my soul, a white out (no not the Penn State type) is blanketing the beautiful Lone Pine grounds. Soon my wife Jan will arrive, then we will attend the Thomas Campbell Apartments Christmas party. It's a joy and honor to serve on this Board of Directors with Richard and Janice, and other Disciple members and ministers from First Christian and Fairhill Manor.

I perused my 2016 calendar and the first name on the January page was Bill. Bill Foflygen was a former minister, an Elder and Bible teacher here at Lone Pine. A friend, a mentor, a comrade in Christ. Bill loved God and God loved Bill. He lived life full of joy, a gift from God for his body was a wreck. Up to his last day of life on earth he lived hope in Jesus' promise - **"I am going to prepare a place for you ... I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."** John 14:2-3. At the funeral service peace prevailed. Bill taught me many things about being a pastor. I miss Bill.



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Then I noticed the back of a Sunday bulletin sitting on my desk, it reads;

*Lone Pine Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) exists to:*

**Lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**By: Seeking the *Truth* of Jesus Christ.**

**Walking in *Faith* with the Holy Spirit.**

**Worshipping the Heavenly Father in *Love*.**



I'm at peace with the way our ministries are fulfilling this obligation. Scripture focused teaching is my sermon style and bases for subject matter bible studies for our adult Sunday school class and SUP family ministry classes. Jesus challenges us through scripture to live life as followers of Him in this culture rather than allow the culture to define what it means to be Christian. I stand on the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in us on our walk together toward faithfulness.

Many times in our informal conversation in the pavilion after SUP, and the regular stream of young adults that stop by my office to talk, and the most recently created group – He-Men for Christ – men's bible study prayer group. (take no notice of the Little Rascals picture on the next page) We are being challenged by the Word of God to *walk the walk* in our marriage and as fathers and as Men of Christ. Pray for us.

My hope and prayer is that the seeds we are planting and watering and fertilizing each week will produce holy fruit. That our love of God will grow each and every day so the gift of peace from Jesus will explode into a life of joyous worship. Worship, an expression of our responsive love of God.

Amen







# 2016 Year in Review

*Lone Pine has been blessed to Celebrate 175 years of telling the same story of Jesus!*

*We have experienced weddings, funerals, births and so much more together this year! The ladies of the church continued many traditions such as Easter baskets and Christmas boxes for those who needed a little extra during the holidays, Care packages for our college students and military, making lap blankets for those in the hospital and donating some to a wonderful charity, making phone calls and sending cards! The children in our church seem to be an ever expanding joy! Our Wednesday night family ministry grows every week! The cry's and giggles during church remind us of the bright future ahead!*

*Our church board has been working together smoothly as our new board chairmen, Jason, looks to our long time board chair, Richard, for guidance and wisdom as he leads our board in doing God's work to the best of our ability!*

*Our big project for 2017 is the addition of a handicap accessible ramp at the front of the church. We are working to make it aesthetically pleasing, so that it does not take away from the beauty of our church building, while making it much easier for everyone to enter! We have also started a building fund to help get some other projects going in the next year! Please pray for our church to thrive in the coming year and for years to come!*



# Ministry & Outreach...



We have a van that is available to pick up some of our members that need a ride on Sunday morning... call Mary Jo Ford if you need a ride!

724-267-3354

Elders and Pastor John are visiting our shut-ins every month, also visiting those in the hospital as needed... if you know of somebody who would enjoy a visit or home communion, please call the church or Pastor John. Also we are always looking for others in the church who would like to go with Pastor John or a couple Elders to visit some of the shut ins, some of the youth have joined them and found it to be a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon!



## Operation Christmas Child



Like last year, we are now collecting items for the shoeboxes all year long. We have a suggested item each month. In January we will collect toothbrushes & floss, February will be combs, brushes and hair accessories, March will be small bibles and bible stories for all ages. This worked very well last year!

We were able to pack 68 boxes for children around the world!

The church also continues to support our college kids and military with care packages. We sent out 17 in November! We also packed 15 boxes of food to provide an extra bit of help to local families during the holidays!



## Ministries that our congregation supports outside the church include:

**The City Mission**— <http://www.citymission.org/>

City Mission was born of faith. In the midst of World War II, The Reverend Burt McCausland held City Mission's first chapel service in a modest storeroom on South Main Street in Washington, Pennsylvania. He acted in faith, with no way of knowing that in the year 2016, the mission he founded would be celebrating seventy-five years of providing hope for the homeless of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

**Chestnut Mountain Ranch**— <https://www.chestnutmountainranch.org/home>

Chestnut Mountain Ranch provides a Christ-centered school and home for boys in crisis and in need of hope and healing. Partnering with their families, we pursue family restoration and reunification. The educational program is geared to help children develop spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially.

**Dale Taggarts Mission to the Navajo's**—Flagstaff-Mission-to-The-Navajos on Facebook

Dale Taggart grew up right here in Lone Pine and was called to be a missionary to the Navajo's in Arizona. Her son and his wife are also following in her footsteps, starting and working with churches on the reservation

# Leaders in Worship...

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### January:

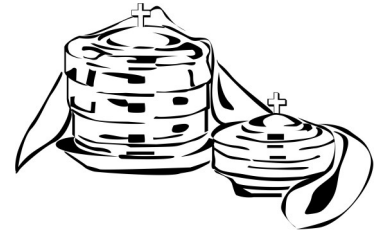
Worley McClellan  
Bonnie Comstock  
Nathen Gaddis

### February:

Jason Corey  
Katie Krocsko  
Ireland Gaddis

### March:

Josh Locy  
Christina Gentile  
Jonathan Krocsko



	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	WORSHIP LEADER	ELDERS
Jan 1	John Owen	Christina Lloyd	Joy Gensler	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
Jan 8	Baptism Day	Ireland Gaddis	Katie Krocsko	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
Jan 15	Ireland Gaddis	Milana Nick	Dana Smith	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
Jan 22	Dana Smith	Barb Proctor	Arthur Keys	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
Jan 29	Joy Gensler	Christina Lloyd	Wayne Montgomery	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
Feb 5	Ireland Gaddis	Ireland Gaddis	Larry Ankrom	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
Feb 12	Dana Smith	Milana Nick	Jax Stock	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
Feb 19	Janice Briggs	Barb Proctor	Mary Jo Ford	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
Feb 26	John Owen	Christina Lloyd	Tres Mowl	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
Mar 5	Ireland Gaddis	Ireland Gaddis	Jonathan Krocsko	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
Mar 12	Dana Smith	Milana Nick	Fran Rasel	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
Mar 19	Joy Gensler	Barb Proctor	Bonnie Shaffer	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
Mar 26	Janice Brigge	Christina Lloyd	Richard Comstock	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson

# Events & Celebrations...



Every Thursday at 3:30pm

The men of the church get together for **Men's Fellowship**

All men are invited to attend and discuss biblical topics from a male perspective and mentor our youth.



We are starting to plan for VBS... we will have a meeting after church January 15 to decide on the dates. We need leaders for all ages, if you can help, please talk to Katie! Even if you are not ready to lead, we always need helpers!



## January

- 1—Silver for SUP Sunday—remember to bring your spare change or dollars to help support our Wednesday night ministry
- 19—CWF @ 11am
- 25—SUP fun night
- 29—Fellowship after church... stay and catch up with your church family

## February

- 5—Silver for SUP Sunday—remember to bring your spare change or dollars to help support our Wednesday night ministry
- 16—CWF @11am
- 19—Soup and Salad Luncheon to benefit the Week of Compassion
- 22—SUP fun night
- 26— Fellowship after church... stay and catch up with your church family

## March

- 1—Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm (dinner at 6pm)
- 5—Silver for SUP Sunday—remember to bring your spare change or dollars to help support our Wednesday night ministry
- 16—CWF @11am
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# CWF—CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The women of the church meet each month for lunch on the 3rd Thursday. Everyone is welcome to bring a side to share! This time is used to plan church events, to sign cards that are mailed to members and friends each month, and to have some fellowship.

Roll call is each person sharing a bible verse with a different word each month.

January 19 —11am— the word is Grace

February 16 —11am— the word is Heart

March 16 —11am— the word is Peace

The CWF would like to thank everyone who donated time, food or money for the annual Ham and Turkey dinner last fall. This is the biggest fundraiser for the CWF and thanks to all those who helped and came to eat, there was a profit of \$2477.13

This is such a blessing and will be used throughout the year on various outreach projects!



Sunday October 30 was Youth Sunday. The young people of the church led every aspect of the worship service! The congregation was moved by the testimony given by one of our young adults about how hard he has been battling with Satan. His path to being a Christian has some switchbacks when he let the devil on his shoulder influence his decisions, but he was assured by several people that this is a normal part of growing in your faith. When it seems like everything is smooth sailing and you are on the right track, something will always come along to try to derail your faith. It is such an amazing experience to be in a mixed age group that can have such candid conversations and hold each other up when we are weak! Our church family is there for anyone who needs reassured in their faith and the youth were reminded of this during the reception after the service! Thank God for Lone Pine Christian Church!





Our Wednesday night ministry is going GREAT!!!

We have been blessed by volunteers and children that make each week better and better!!!

YOU are invited to join us this week!

## Our Wednesday Night Ministry

We have been so blessed by the fellowship that happens each week in Lone Pine! We average 50 to 60 men, women, and children each week! We provide some fun and crafts before dinner and bible study classes for all ages after dinner as well as fun nights each month to strengthen those relationships which God has allowed to grow! You are encouraged to join us any Wednesday for dinner, class and/or fellowship!

In October, a group of over 50 spent the evening at the Springhouse and enjoyed a hayride, picked a pumpkin, got lost in the corn maze, and had a relaxing dinner with our church family. In November we had a Thanksgiving Feast and in December we went Christmas Caroling on hay wagons and Bowling at the Alpine! Our January Fun Night is January 25th and we will go to Fired Up. February 22, we will have a game night, possible with another church. March 22, we will have an Easter Party. Our end of the year picnic will be a bit earlier this year as many of our youth are involved in Spring sports, so mark your calendars for a bonfire and fishing as long as the weather allows on April 19!







## Treasure Commitment Card

We thank you for your generous acceptance of Christian stewardship and pray that you may find the level of giving that is right for you as you progress in your journey of faith and commitment. Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

Please complete this commitment card and bring it to worship on Sunday. If you are unable to be at worship, you may bring it the following Sunday or mail it in. You may change your commitment at any time by notifying the church office. If you have any questions about this card, please call the church.

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Name (please print) _____	_____ Yes!!! I will help support the church in the coming year
Address _____	
City / State / Zip _____	Choose one:
Email _____	\$ _____ Weekly
Home phone _____	\$ _____ Monthly
	\$ _____
Name _____	Date _____

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

A stewardship program is the best way to have an estimated income for building our budget for the next year. Our budget is still a bit short for 2017, please consider helping support our church

**19 families have committed to supporting the church in 2017**

**They pledged a total of \$58,280**

You can still mail in your commitment card... If you lost yours, feel free to use the one on the top of this page! Remember, this is not a contract and there are no consequences if something happens and you are not able to give what you had hoped. You will receive a quarterly statement so that you can see how you are doing, but our prayer is that if you make a commitment, God will help you meet or exceed it! Of those who made commitments last year, 80% have been able to meet or exceed them! Please remember to keep Lone Pine Christian Church in your prayers!



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*Worship with us @ 10:25am Sunday SUP with us @ 5:00pm on Wednesday*

*Welcome our newest members!*



Join us  
Sunday  
January 8  
As they are  
Baptized

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God." Romans 15:7*