

WELCOME VISITORS We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

A BUILDER OR A WRECKER?

As I watched them tear a building down
A gang of men in a busy town
With a ho-heave-ho, and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and the side wall fell

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
And the men you'd hire if you wanted to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed,
Just common labor is all I need."

"I can easily wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do."
And I thought to myself, as I went my way
Which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by rule and square?
Am I shaping my work to a well-made plan
Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks to town
Content with the labor of tearing down?
"O Lord let my life and my labors be
That which will build for eternity!"

-Author Unknown

It is a common temptation of Satan to make us give up the reading of the Word and prayer when our enjoyment is gone; as if it were of no use to read the Scriptures when we do not enjoy them, and as if it were no use to pray when we have no spirit of prayer. The truth is that in order to enjoy the Word, we ought to continue to read it, and the way to obtain a spirit of prayer is to continue praying. The less we read the Word of God, the less we desire to read it, and the less we pray, the less we desire to pray.

-George Muller

PEW PACKERS Please join us on Sunday evenings at 5:40.

SPECIAL NEEDS The elders are asking the congregation to help with a special need. Please give your check to one of the elders to fill this benevolence request.

ELDERS AND DEACONS There will be a meeting today, December 18 at **3:30 pm** for elders and deacons.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE Due to the holidays being on Sunday here are our worship hours for December 25 and January 1.
We will only have Worship from 11am-12noon.
(There will be children's classes during worship).
There will be no A.M. classes and NO evening services on those Sundays.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES On 12/21/16 and 12/ 28/16 as we have done in the past, for the Wednesday evenings before Christmas and New Year's we will have a devotional in the auditorium similar to what we just did before Thanksgiving. For the Wednesday before Christmas, we will have no beginning kid songs. We will have prayer requests and announcements as usual... then a devotional together. After the devotional has ended, the young kids will sing a few songs in a short program they are working on. For the Wednesday before New Year's we will meet in the auditorium and the kids will have their usual songs before the announcements and prayer. Then we will have a combined devotional to close out the evening. If you have questions, please see Nathan.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS With the holiday season the office hours will vary. I will be in the office on December 19 & 20 and the following week on December 27, 28 & 29. Bulletin information needs to be turned in early!
***Starting in **2017** Haley Gittus will be working as the office secretary.

FRUIT BASKETS Baskets are ready to be picked up and delivered. Sponsors to a widow please see that your widow receives her basket. If you are a widow or widower and are able to attend church please pick up your basket. If you live near someone who needs their basket delivered to them please help them out. *Thank you!!!*

NEW YEARS EVE The Ridgewood Church of Christ will be having their annual Midnight Watch on December 31 at 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker this year is Nate Wolfe. Flyer posted on the foyer bulletin board.

THANK YOU Words cannot express how much I appreciate all the words of encouragement, cards, phone calls, texts and especially the prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I go through my next surgical procedure and recovery. It is such a comfort knowing I can count on my Echo Meadows family for support. Love you all, In Christ, Claudia Spann

DIRECTORIES New address directories are in the foyer, please look for your name at the top right hand corner.

- Jacquie Sloan—Lutheran Village at Wolfe Creek

Prayers for those with illnesses, recovering from surgery and going through rehabilitation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR John Huntzinger, Charles Hyndman Sr., Anna Copass, Ruth Watson, Tony Ramos, Kay Hammond, Alma Schultz, Mary Henry, Norma Gonzalez, Carmen Wright, Mike Borysiak, Robert Dickey, Larry Hollstein, Jasper Lucas, Bertha Wells, Jim & Neva Hall, Terry Howell, Alton Tripp, and Jack Reynolds.

READING Dec. 18, Hebrews 6-9; Dec. 19, Hebrews 10-11; Dec. 20, Hebrews 12-13; Dec. 21, James 1-5; Dec. 22, 1 Peter 1-4; Dec. 23, 1 Peter 5 & 2 Peter 1-3; Dec. 24, 1 John 1-5.

RECORDS DEC. 11, 2016			
9:00	84	BUS	
10:00	177		
6:00			
Wed.	62		
Contribution		\$3,589.00	
Missions			
Total		\$3,589.00	
Weekly Budget		\$5,717.06	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study

DIRECTORY Please make this change in your directory: Ron and Kay Hammond (419) 855-3435.

