



January 2022

A Message from Pastor Jonathan:

Rise Up

Whether you are reading this before your Christmas celebrations or after, I hope you are having a blessed time of recognizing the coming of the Savior into the world! For many it is a busy season. If this is the case for you, be intentional about carving out space and time to consider the incredible gift that we have received. For others this season is filled with loneliness, sadness, or a reminder of loss. If you are in this situation, I pray God will speak to you his words that our hope is not for this world. We are blessed because we do not rely only on what we can see and what happens to us. We are living into the future that is to come, when Jesus will make everything right and heal every wound and hurt. Even when we don't feel joyful or happy, the hope we have in Christ will be fulfilled.

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skies!

One of my favorite lines of the song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" says, "Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies!" We are some of the people of the nations that are being called to rise up with joy! In that day representatives of every nation will praise Jesus and join the unending song. We will not be isolated with people only from the United States of America, but will be singing with believers who lived in Germany, Japan, and Brazil. We will be united with faithful followers of Christ from Venezuela, Afghanistan, and China. There will be no more animosity between people of different political ideologies or of warring ethnic groups. We will rise joyfully with all the nations!

We will be celebrating the triumph of the King of kings in that day! Jesus will defeat every enemy, and we get to be a part of his victory. We are a part of the winning team, not because of anything that we have done, but because God chose to show us his grace.

So many of the things we prioritize in this season will fade away. Presents and sales, worrying about decorations or dinner plans, hurrying and scurrying; all of that will be revealed to be unnecessary as we sit in presence of the glory of our King.

Whether you are lonely or rushing this season, let's view our lives in the light of eternity, being ready to rise joyfully with the nations!

In Christ,

Pastor Jonathan

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-Elisabeth Elliot

JANUARY

See enclosed calendar for full schedule. For latest updates, sign up for the CUMC Happenings email or check the [CUMC calendar](#).

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| Jan. 1 | New Year's Day;
Women's Walk @ Winfield Park |
| Jan. 2 | No Sunday School;
Taking down the greens |
| Jan. 3 | Upward practice begins this week |
| Jan. 5 | Bible Break (K-5th grade) |
| Jan. 8 | Safe Sanctuaries training |
| Jan. 10 | Admin. Team & Board Meetings;
Prayer Shawls |
| Jan. 15 | Men's Breakfast |
| Jan. 16 | Children's Ministry Meeting;
Worship Committee Meeting |
| Jan. 17 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Admin. Team/Board Meetings; Prayer Shawls |
| Jan. 18 | Food Bank Truck Delivery (<i>Tuesday</i>) |
| Jan. 19 | Food Bank Distribution |
| Jan. 21 | Bible Break (K-5th grade) |
| Jan. 22 | Upward Games Begin |
| Jan. 24 | COM Leaders Meeting |
| Jan. 27 | Book Club |





PRAISE BAND

The **Praise Band** will begin soon!

Calling all singers and musicians who love contemporary Christian music! We are looking for anyone with a talent to share. We are especially piano or keyboard players.

Practice times will be scheduled soon.

Please talk to Jeff James for more information, or contact the church office.



UPWARD PRAYERS

We are asking the members of our church to pray for the **Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Program** now and continue until it concludes on Sunday, March 13. In January anyone who would like to pray for the specific coaches, the children who are participating in the program, the leaders, and all those helping with devotions, concession stand, etc. are able to receive a weekly prayer list by emailing Jan Porter at weptl4ever@comcast.net. Please mark "Upward Prayer" in the subject line.



Come help us "un"decorate the church after the Christmas season.

Sunday, January 2 at Noon

As the saying goes...what goes up must come down. Please help us to "un"decorate our church home by taking down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work!

Questions: Please contact Sandy Ekas @ sandy.ekas@gmail.com

PRAYER ORNAMENT TREE



If you placed an ornament on this tree in the Welcome Center, please take another ornament off the tree by January 2. Please pray for the family or individual written on the back, and feel free to let them know.



As this article is meant to be based on prayer for us as a congregation and of course for us as Christians, I would like to share what an opportunity we have to set goals or give thoughts to how we would like to "make a move" in the new calendar year. Yes, it is an opportunity. Perception is everything. We have the opportunity to perceive that a new calendar year gives us the ability to look at who we are and where we are in our journey on this earth and in our Christian life and hone or sharpen what makes up our character. In reality, we have that opportunity every day, but the New Year allows us to perceive that as a special time to look back and then look forward.

Yes, we could ignore this challenge and think that nothing will change, or we can seize the opportunity to take the time to see what is good about how we are living our lives just as it is, and what could be better --- and then pray about that. Are we too busy? Are we procrastinating? Is our relationship with God as close as it should be? Are we as thankful as we should be? Are we using our resources including the people in our lives, the music we listen to, His Word that we read and the sermons we hear each week to confirm what God is trying to tell us? Your list will look different than everyone else's even though it will have similar trails. What is important is that you view it looking back over the past year, learning from life's lessons, and looking ahead, wanting to do better than we have done. As a small business owner for over forty years, I've learned that if I don't look back and see what's happened over the past year (which I do at income tax time when I look at income and expenses), then disaster can happen because I wasn't aware of problems I would have caught had I looked at the state of our affairs. The same holds true in our Christian life. Where have we slid back, what needs attention? Should we join a Sunday School class and learn together more of God's Word? Nothing will change if we don't make an effort to be a part of that change.

Life is fragile. God tells us in His Word to ask Him to teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. In numbering them, that allows us to see the importance of planning and prioritizing. If we don't, then everything gets dumped into a day and nothing has any priority. That means some things that should have been prioritized didn't get done and others that weren't that important moved ahead.

Father, we are striving to learn to number our days, knowing we need Your wisdom. We strive to do better in the coming year to present a better witness for you, to allow Your image to be what others see and not our own, to have fewer regrets and apologies because we are succeeding in doing better. Give us the wisdom in these times when there are so many choices that the "best" choice gets more difficult to discern; give us the courage to do the hard things that come our way that make us wish someone else could be us for a day; give us the strength to be there for one another so that no one feels alone as they face the challenges in their lives and letting them know that they are not being judged for having the same sins and weaknesses we have, just called by different names. Continue to amaze us with putting just the right person in our path at just the right time to make things work, and providing for us when we didn't see any provisions ahead. We thank you, Lord. Thank you for the miracles that we see and even the ones that we overlook and may never catch sight of.

In your precious name and believing in You and your Word. Amen.

As always, the door is always open to the chapel room beside the library on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to join us as we discuss where we have been over the past week, the burdens we are laying down before the Lord, and the hope that He has for each and every one of us.

Cheryl Swift

Come join Cheryl Swift, Judy Fish, and others in our Prayer Chapel (West Wing) for a time of prayer every Tuesday 6:00 pm.

Thank You Notes and More ...

Food Bank Senior Gift Bags



A huge thanks to everyone who donated snacks and helped sort, pack and distribute the Food Bank Christmas gifts. We packed 100 bags and had some leftover snacks! Zion provided gifts for 25 children as well.

Also, we are in need of smaller sized gift bags for next year. So watch for after Christmas sales for gift bags. Please leave them in the wooden collection box. Thanks in advance!

Sarah Smith



Christmas Concert—Thursday, December 16

Thank you to the Knoch High Jazz Ensemble & Saxophone Quartet. Mr. Hayden and his group put on an excellent concert! I continue to receive many accolades on their behalf. Also, thank you to all our cookie bakers for the delicious cookies, our sound crew - Lori Kennedy & Rich James, Dan Spencer for setting up the tables and chairs, Jack O'Brien for keeping us safe, Paula Duke for filling in for Pastor Jonathan, our congregation for showing up, and a special thanks for Michelle Moser & Kate Lindsey for all of their heartwarming decorations and time to work with me to set up. And, of course, Kayla who did whatever her mom asked!

Maria

Secret Sisters

Contact Sarah Smith if you have questions regarding Secret Sisters at 724-352-3827 or langmedic26@msn.com



GRIEF SHARE

The Winter/Spring Session of Grief Share will begin **Tuesday, February 22**. For those of you who are interested in attending, please see Karle or Marilyn Anderson or call the church office @ 724-352-2074.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalms 34: 18



Cabot UMC Food Bank

Cabot UMC has a wonderful Food Bank, run by a group of dedicated, kind, and welcoming volunteers. The volunteers take inventory, see what is needed, order, sort and distribute the food each month to community members in need. If you live in the area and are in need of assistance, please check to see if you are eligible based on the financial and geographic guidelines.

For more information about the CUMC Food Bank, please call the church office, 724-352-2074. If it's after regular office hours, please select the food bank extension and leave a voice mail for someone to get back to you.

Food is distributed on the third Wednesday of every month. We have 2 time slots – 10:00 am until noon and 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

We are requesting specific items each month to be donated in the grocery cart near the Food Bank door.

January:	Soup	July	Pasta & Salad Dressing
February:	Pasta & Pasta Sauce	August:	School Supplies
March:	Baking Supplies	September:	Cake Mix
April:	Canned Fruit & Cereal	October:	Canned Pumpkin/Sweet Potatoes/Cranberry Sauce
May:	Condiments	November:	Baking Supplies
June:	Paper Supplies	December:	Canned Fruit & Cereal



MEN'S BREAKFAST
3rd Saturday of the Month

January 15 @ 8:00 AM

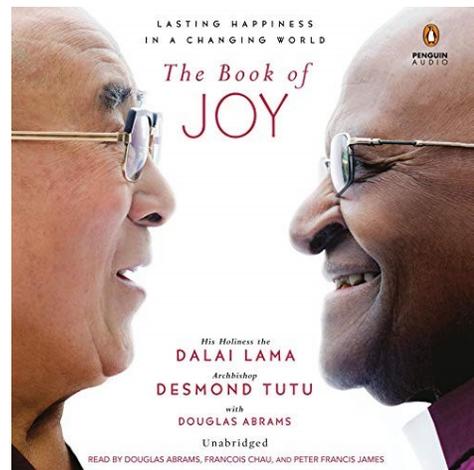
Kelley's Family Restaurant
130 W. Main Street, Saxonburg

Questions – Contact Rich James @
(724) 816-3974



Library@CabotUMC

Thank you for all who attended the library open house. Our January book discussion is **Thursday, January 27, at 6:00 pm - "The Book of Joy."**





THE ROCK YOUTH MINISTRY

THE LORD IS MY ROCK – PSALM 18:2

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT CANDY BARS AND BEEF STICKS. IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE HAVE NOW ADDED A DART BOARD WITH THE PROCEEDS TO OUR YOUTH (ROCK) ROOM. WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD OR REPLACE ITEMS IN OUR ROOM IN THE FUTURE.

Youth Winter 2022 Calendar

Wednesday, January 12	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 16	5:30 – 7:30 pm
Sunday, January 23	Outing – time and details to follow
Wednesday, January 26	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 30	5:30 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 2	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 6	5:30 – 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 13	5:30 – 7:30 pm
Friday, February 18	Retreat – Leaving around 2:30 pm
Sunday, February 20	Retreat-Returning around 3:00 pm
Sunday, February 27	5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 6	5:30 – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 16	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, March 20	5:30 – 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 27	Outing – time and details to follow
Wednesday, March 30	6:00 – 8:00 pm

Any questions about the Youth Ministry?
Contact: Paula Duke, Director
youth@cabotumc.com or 724-968-6001



There is still time to register!

Registration is online! You can register your child at

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW80835>

Cost

Registration cost for both Basketball and Cheerleading is \$100. Payments can now be made online as well with your registration. If you are not able to sign up online – please contact me directly to work something out.

Upcoming Dates

First practice starts on Monday, January 3

First game is on Saturday, January 22

Awards Celebration is on Sunday, March 13



Looking forward to seeing all of you this season!

Paula Duke
Upward Director
(724) 968-6001
upward@cabotumc.com

This is Us...In Love Women's Conference

JOIN THE "THIS IS US CONFERENCE" AS WE CELEBRATE BEING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS LOVE!

January 29th - 9:00 am—5:00 pm

This is us, ordinary women willing to serve an extraordinary God.

We will go through times when we feel lost, unloved, or lonely and we want to remind you that our Lord loves us and will never forsake us. He has brought us all together so that we can share the love of Christ and support each other at our yearly conference. Join us for bible-based speakers and breakout sessions as we explore God's love and it's impact on us and the world, Cost is only \$10 and includes lunch.

For more information and to order tickets go to <https://nhpcusa.com> and click on the events tab.

To see some of the past speakers, Check us out on Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/thisisusconference

Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church

1428 Broadview Boulevard

Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Safe Sanctuaries Training

For all those who work with children or vulnerable adults in our congregation, we are having our next Safe Sanctuaries training Saturday, January 8, 9:30-11:00 am. These procedures are essential, not only for the protection and safety of our youth, children, and vulnerable adults, but also for that of our volunteers and staff. Anyone who works closely with our children, youth, or vulnerable adults is required to attend a training session each year. If you did not attend our last one in September, then this one's for you! This includes those who work with children and youth Sunday School classes, Rock Youth Group, Bible Break, Upward basketball and cheerleading, along with any other roles as volunteer or staff that bring you into supervisory contact with those under 18 or who are vulnerable in other ways. Our training sessions this year will be held on:

Saturday, January 8, 9:30-11:00 am
Wednesday, September 7, 6:30-8:00 pm

Questions? Contact Pastor Jonathan at the church office or pastor@cabotumc.com.



For January we are accepting soap (preferably Ivory) washcloths, and plastic travel soap boxes.

Please remember when you are out and about after Christmas and come across sales and clearances to please remember to keep OCC in mind. Things to look for - toys, small stuffed animals, cars, jump ropes, balls, some clothing items such as socks, shirts, sweatpants, hats and gloves. Just watch for the good sales and stock up! The listing is across from the office on the bulletin board or go to the website directly -- <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

Please mark items OCC and place in the wooden bin in the Welcome Center. You can drop items off at any time (you don't need to wait for the appropriate month). Monetary donations can be made as well for Operation Christmas Child which can go towards either shipping costs or purchasing items needed to fill the shoeboxes.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas for this ministry please contact me. I am always excited to try something new and share my excitement with all of you and those beautiful children in our world!

Thank you so much!
Paula Scott
fellowship@cabotumc.com



@ the Kennedy's House

The Real God - How He Longs For You to See Him by Chip Ingram. Remaining classes for December and January are as follows: 1/7 & 1/14, 1/21, & 1/28.

Questions, contact Roger Kennedy at rpapasix@zoominternet.net.



Sunday Morning Classes:

Discussions about Family & Community – Paula Scott is leading. You are welcome to join at any time!.

A Rabbi's Interpretation of New Testament Scripture (New) —Join Randy Fertelmes for this 8-week study. Additional information is noted on the flyer in the Welcome Center. No books will be needed for this class, and it will take the place of Evan's class.

Questions: Contact Maria - program@cabotumc.com



Did you know you can give your tithes and financial offerings electronically on our website? Click on the "Give" button on our home page, cabotumc.com, where you can create an account and securely give. Also, you can directly mail in your offering to the church at 707 Winfield Rd, Cabot, Pa 16023, just mark your offering as to where you want it designated on your envelope. We thank you for your generosity towards God's church.

Overflowing with God's blessings our hearts and hands reach out to the world.



January Penny Offering (1/15 & 1/16) – 3rd weekend

Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center

Providing free medical and dental services in Butler to those who have no insurance and are unable to pay for services elsewhere.

NOVEMBER PENNY OFFERING RESULTS



**La Croix New Testament Mission in
Haiti**

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Thank you to all who contributed. You are making a difference!

*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



Prayer Squares are a smaller, more portable version of a prayer shawl. They can be kept with you at all times in your pocket, purse, or backpack. They can be a reminder to stop and pray for someone or some situation. If you or a family member is in need of a prayer square, there is a basket of them on the table in the Welcome Center. Feel free to take as many as you need. Also, if you or someone you know is in need of a **Prayer Shawl**, please take one from the gray cupboard in the Red Room. There is a notebook in which to record the shawl taken and to whom it is going. There are also bags and tissue paper if you wish to use them. If you would like one of the Prayer Shawl members to help you, please ask. The Prayer Shawl group meets twice a month – the 2nd Monday @ 7:00 pm and the 3rd Monday @ 10 am. Thank you.

Edie Comstock (eacbmc@comcast.net)



God bless you on your birthdays and anniversaries! Please let us know if you would like to add your birthday or anniversary.

January Birthdays

Tanner Vogt	Jan. 2
Cody Smith	Jan. 4
Jen McGee	Jan. 6
Nettie Woolslayer	Jan. 6
Sheran Laidlaw	Jan. 9
Al Porter	Jan. 9
Gary Wissinger	Jan. 13
Marlyn Mendicino	Jan. 14
Steve Nowak	Jan. 15
Rodney Scott	Jan. 17
Miranda Hack	Jan. 18
Nathan Dovey	Jan. 23
Ruth Fertelmes	Jan. 24
Edie Comstock	Jan. 27
Lori Kennedy	Jan. 29
Barb Briggs	Jan. 31
Carrie Rodgers	Jan. 31



PASTORAL CARE – MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

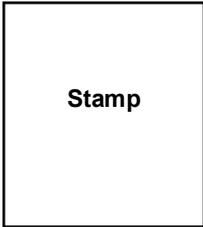
If you need medical equipment, please call Elaine Hinderliter at 724-352-1936 to make arrangements. Also, if you have borrowed medical equipment and no longer are using it, can you please return it to the church and inform someone so others will have use of it? We also have an electric scooter to give to anyone who can use it. The batteries are dead and will have to be replaced.

Children's Ministry Director Position

Our church is hiring a part-time Children's Ministry Director (16 hours per week). The primary role of this position is to introduce children to Jesus and help them to follow him, through age-appropriate learning and opportunities for children birth through 5th grade. The ideal candidate will have a growing personal relationship with Christ, a love for children, and a passion to teach, serve and equip them on their spiritual journey. He or she will be able to build, equip, encourage, and lead a volunteer team, demonstrating strong interpersonal skills. The position also requires good organizational/administrative skills with the ability to be flexible. Experience and/or training in early-childhood education, elementary education, or providing childcare is preferred. Contact office@cabotumc.com or 724-352-2074 for more information or to apply.



Cabot United Methodist Church
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Cabot, Pennsylvania 16023



DATED MATERIAL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday	6:00 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School—all ages
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service

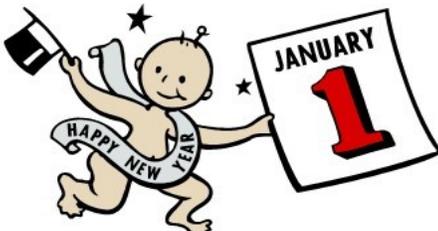
Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
724-352-2074	cabotumc.com
office@cabotumc.com	

JANUARY 1

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the new has come.

II Corinthians 5:17



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