

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week Beginning January 28, 2018

SUNDAY MORNING Worship is held at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES:

Following morning worship, help yourself to coffee and snacks in the gathering room on your way to a Sunday School class!

Our Sunday School Class for Special needs Adults continues.

For more information: Contact Nicole Lonsinger at 942-3055.



Monday: 9:30-11:30 in the Church Basement: The RISE Women's Ministry group will continue their work on making sleeping mats for the homeless. Bring your scissors--bring your friends. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY: The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet in the church basement at 9:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. The Children's BLAST group will meet in the church basement at 6:00 p.m. The Men's Promise Keeper Group will meet in the Annex at 6:30 p.m. The Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study will meet in the Gathering Room at 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal will meet in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.



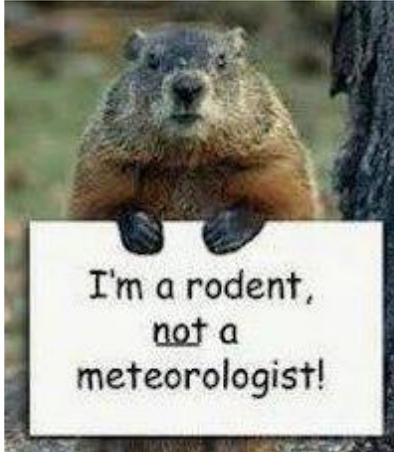
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: WE ARE A "SAFE SANCTUARY" CONGREGATION. ALL WHO WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS HAVE PASSED CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND HAVE BEEN SCREENED FOR ANY HISTORY OF CHILD ABUSE. POLICIES ARE IN PLACE TO GUARD AGAINST ALL FORMS OF PREDATORY BEHAVIOR AMONG US.





Tip for the Week:

Don't be like Punxsutawney Phil, who almost always wakes up grouchy and usually spreads bad news. Instead, be a harbinger of spring and speak words of encouragement and cheer to those around you. They'll feel better and so will you!



We do regular musical outreaches to several (9) area nursing homes. To be a part of this ministry and be Blessed, See BJ or Daniel. Call BJ at 946:4110.



Pray for our young people in the military:
**Kaylan Barger, Matthew Gensamer, Dakota Gunsallus,
 Zach Hornberger, Jean Bridget Loomis, Austin Noble,
 Morgan Shatzberger,**



Email: neelyjon@gmail.com. Fourthstcog@yahoo.com. **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

Find us on our Church page and on our **BLAST** page on Facebook.



If you are interested in a Bus trip to see "Jesus" at Sight and Sound on April 6th, see information on the Ushers' table in the Gathering Room, or contact Betty Jane Neely

@ 946-4110.

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The 2018 Women's Conference at the Hanover Church of God will be held March 9th & 10th. This year's conference is entitled "Moving Through the Valley," and features Marie Monville as the special guest speaker. See brochures on the Ushers' Table in the Gathering Room.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Bill Brown, Esther Chesney, Debbie Darnell, Gordon Darnell, Mike Detwiler, Dave Duke, Archie Keller, Bob & John Kelly, Vic Kovaloski, Dave Minehart, Bud Mitchell, Jean Nedimyer, Jim Poirrier, Ray Ramstad, Sr., Heather Sollenberger, Jim Stotler, John Vance, Jim Way, Ken & Audrey Woomer, & Ken Zitsch. Pray for the unsaved by name. Pray for the end of abortion on demand. Pray for the purveyors of terror to be captured by Christ. Pray for our wounded veterans. Pray for World Missions and for our missionaries by name. Pray for persecuted & imprisoned believers and refugees around the world. Pray for our local, state & political leaders. Pray for our nation's police officers and those who govern their procedures. Pray for our outreach into our community. Pray for Spiritual Revival in our church, local community, nation, and in our world! Pray for the victims of recent Hurricanes and forest fires. Pray for a solution to the opioid epidemic in our local community and in our nation.

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Our Mission is to Love God and Care for People:

We strive to be a place of healing and a people of joy, dedicated to bringing others into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them become active members of His family. It's all about His love!

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Our next Community Love Feast at Simpson Temple will be held on February 10th. Continue praying for this outreach.

See Sign-up Sheet in the Gathering Room.

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**Interaction with Today's Message
Unclogging Spiritual Pipes**

Mark 11:12-14; 20-33

**Introduction: Today's message invites us to examine the condition of
our spiritual connection with God. Is the channel clear or clogged?
If clogged, how do we open it and keep it open?**

Questions for Exploring:

- 1) What is your experience with clogged or frozen pipes--in your home, body, or in your spiritual life? Explain.**
- 2) What might seem strange about Jesus *cursing* a fig tree? Explain.**
- 3) According to today's message, what is Jesus teaching His disciples (and us) by cursing the fig tree? See Mark 11:21-24.**
- 4) What does the Bible have to say about what believers should expect from praying?**
- 5) According to James 1:6-7, what is one major reason our prayers go unanswered?**
- 6) How can praying together help unclog our spiritual pipes and make our prayers more effective?**
- 7) According to Romans 10:17, where does faith come from?**
- 8) How do our relationships with one another effect our effectiveness in prayer?**
- 9) Why will "control freaks" find prayer frustrating?**
- 10) What is God asking you to do through this message? What is He**

asking you to do in order for you to pray more effectively?