

Welcome to New Life ...

Merry Christmas!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

9:15am - Self-Serve Café Open

Join us for free coffee off the Main Lobby!

10:00am - Morning Service & Nursery Available (age 0-3) *No Kids Church

Family Room open: A live stream of the service & a play area for children is available for families in Room 9

Kid-friendly activities (word finds, books, & coloring pages) are available at the back of the sanctuary

6:00pm - Evening Candlelight Service

*The candlelight portion of the service will take place in the gym with Christmas treats to follow!

Moms A private room for nursing mothers is located off the Main Lobby in Room 2

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Faithful Janitor

Luke 2

Rev. Joel Everhart

THIS WEEK ...

WED, DECEMBER 27

No Service, or Kids & Youth Programs



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are no longer accepting holiday cards. Please stop by the Christmas mailboxes in the Main Lobby & pick up your family's Christmas cards by January 1. **Merry Christmas!**



NEED ONE LAST GIFT? PURCHASE AN ORNAMENT TO BLESS ORPHANS

Orphans are at high risk for trafficking, abuse, & starvation. *Ornaments 4 Orphans* sells fair trade ornaments crafted in impoverished areas, & returns the proceeds to support orphans in those areas.

Purchase an ornament in the Main Lobby to give the gift of hope to orphans worldwide - the perfect gift!

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE OFF OF YOUR PLATE DURING 40 DAYS OF FASTING?

From January 3 to February 12 our church will spend time fasting & focusing on prayer. Be intentional about talking to others in the church about your fast & encourage others on their fast too!

Share what you're "taking off your plate" during the 40 Days, & tape it up in the Main Lobby so we can encourage each other!

THANKS FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING DONATIONS OF TURKEY GRAVY!

Steven's Legacy wishes to thank everyone who gave gravy *in memory of Candy Gebhart* for Thanksgiving meals to our neighbors in need. Our goal was 500 turkey gravies you donated 610! **Thank you!**

WE'D LOVE TO PRAY WITH YOU

Join us for a time of Prayer & Worship on Sunday, **January 7 at 6pm**. Consider taking an extra flyer to invite along loved ones who might need prayer for physical ailments or tough life situations.

THE GATHERING - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET IN JAN OR FEB

12/31: New Year's Eve (no 6pm service)
1/2, 9, 16, 23: Open Volleyball (6:30pm)
1/3: '40 Days of Fasting' Begins
1/5: Worship Team Practice (7pm)
1/6: Marriage Sunday School Class Dinner (5pm)
1/7: Worship & Prayer Service (6pm)



Please send van/room reservation requests to **calendar@nla.today**



**The View
From My Window**
WITH PASTOR JOEL

For a while I worked as a janitor for Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, MO. I had already graduated from college but was awaiting my first pastorate. I cleaned workspaces, restrooms, waxed & buffed floors, disposed of the trash, etc. One of the workers' favorite pastimes in my section was to throw used milk cartons & empty pop cans up on top of the fluorescent lights. Getting them down required requisitioning a ladder, then moving it from area to area to retrieve that day's catch. The janitorial staff was forbidden to leave notes for the workers ... our job was to clean; not to question why.

Ever since those days I've been cognizant of the fact that someone has to clean up whatever mess I leave behind. As a janitor I learned to take all such indignities in stride: there's no use fuming over what I cannot control. But as a consumer I try to cut down on the mess I leave behind in deference to the person coming behind me with a broom or mop. "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble," James 4:6.

- Pastor Joel

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