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## PACE Newsletter 1/21/2026

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### PACE NEWSLETTER

January 21, 2026

**NOTE: CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR ANY CLOSINGS THAT MAY OCCUR DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

#### SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

**Romans 15:13** — May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

#### QUOTE

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."* — John Steinbeck

#### UPCOMING LESSON

This Sunday, Jan. 25, Greg Ellis will present the third and final session on The Wesley Challenge, "21 Days to A More Authentic Faith." This week's questions are: Do I thank God that I am not like others? - Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am? In other words, am I a hypocrite? Do I confidentially pass on to others what was told to me in confidence? - Am I Jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful? - Am I honest in my actions and words, or do I exaggerate? - Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward, or disregard? - When did I last speak to someone about my faith?

#### CONCERNS: Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

**Barbara Mizer:** Has had some health issues and is "taking it one day at a time."

**Frank Durkin** is continuing to recover and still faces some issues.

**Bill Bush:** His friend, Daryl Willbanks, broke his hip in three places. Bill took him a prayer shawl and he was very appreciative.

#### Also be mindful of those with ongoing concerns:

**Marvin Petsel's** cousin Dorothy with leukemia; **Barb Petsel's** cousin Joe with cancer; **Joci James** on palliative care; **Gerald Haygood** with extended hospice; **Duane McGrath**, continued rehab; **Clyde Rupert**, ongoing health issues; **David Mather**, brother Martin with prostate cancer; **Jim Alexander**, sister Carol Long with ongoing medical issues; **Janet and Skip Bilhartz**, brother-in-law David Merrick undergoing chemo.

#### JOYS

**Rosie Hasenyager** was in the hospital for two days due to high blood pressure but she was back in class and thanked everyone for their calls and visits. She also expressed great appreciation and joy for the caring hospital staff.

**Rita Ward**, sister Mara is doing much better these days and living a mostly normal life for now.

#### THANKS

**Barb Petsel** thanked everyone who helped with the Journey of Hope dinner. It was a big success.

**Ellie Connolly** thanked everyone for the prayers, cards and food during her recovery. "Our hearts are really full."

**January Birthdays:** 3 — Janet Bilhartz; 6 — Marilyn Knetzger; 12 — Lorraine Lewis; 12 — Sharon Emiliano; 16 — Skip Bilhartz.

### **CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to man the cart and give closing prayers on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the classroom. Another way to sign up is to use the PACE website Signups page by clicking [here](#).

### **CLASS ROSTER**

Please contact Bill Hartman if you have any changes or updates for the class roster.

**Special Note:** *If you have a concern, a joy, or an announcement you would like to submit for the weekly newsletter, please email it to Rita by 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. [rita@cumc.com](mailto:rita@cumc.com) or [rnward@yahoo.com](mailto:rnward@yahoo.com).*

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