

# PLANTED ROOTS



**NEW LIFE  
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*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation  
for your Life. Colossians 2:7*

February 2016

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 17 after the service. We discussed briefly some plans for the future. Since our renter has left the front office area, we will be making it into offices for Pastor Paul and Pauline. This is part of the bigger plan for the future use of the building. It will make Pauline easier to find for visitors during the week, and should be much more energy efficient too. The budget was discussed and approved with the comments that income should be included in the projections. Big thanks to Al for putting together a great slide presentation and to the Reach Ministry for providing the lunch after the meeting. Copies of the proposed budget are available on the welcome table.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Roy and crew are going to start the partition of the front office area soon. We too hope to rent out the back office area before long. Unfortunately, one of our furnaces started making noises during January and had to have some repair work done. The repairman serviced the other units, while he was here. We also had to have a couple lights fixed.

## GARDEN MINISTRY

We plan to build a garden around the big sign this spring. Donations will be gladly accepted. This is the garden that will be most visible to the public, so we make it as nice as possible. Suggestions welcome?

## **CAMP PROMOTION SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 7

Russ and Rebecca Kinney will be with us next Sunday to update us on Christian Harbor Youth Camp. Russ will be giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour and preaching during worship. Let makes sure to give them a warm welcome.



### **Facts about Groundhogs Day.**

- This tradition started in Europe as Candelmas Day. Germans who settled in Pennsylvania in the 1700s brought the custom to America.
- **Punxsutawney Phil – in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania**  
His full name is “Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary.”
- **February 2, 1886** – The Punxsutawney Spirit newspaper proclaims this date as Pennsylvania’s first official Groundhog Day celebration.
- **January 27, 2010** – The animal rights group PETA suggests using a robotic groundhog in place of Punxsutawney Phil.
- **February 2, 2010** – For the first time, fans are able to register for a text message alert of Phil’s prediction.

To find out more go to: [wnep.com/2016/01/27/take-our-groundhog-day-quiz/](http://wnep.com/2016/01/27/take-our-groundhog-day-quiz/)

## CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VARC

Varc is a place of employment for those with special needs can work. Some of the people work in the skills and enrichment department making crafts such as pictures, cards and flowers and so forth.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with the head coordinator and walk through the department and see what they all do.

I was greeted with handshakes, hugs and smiles from these fine men and women. Some were eagerly wanting to show me their artwork that they had created.

The photos shown here are some of their finished work.

Their art and craft supplies are running low and needing to be replenished.

I've sat up a collection box for donations. It was mentioned to me that they use just about anything for their crafts. So, if you would have items laying around the house that you don't need and think that VARC could use them please drop them off in the box. I will be taking in donations until Sunday, February 21 and will deliver the box sometime that week.

I thank you in advance for supporting this Mission. Pauline.



The flowers were made using coffee filters.

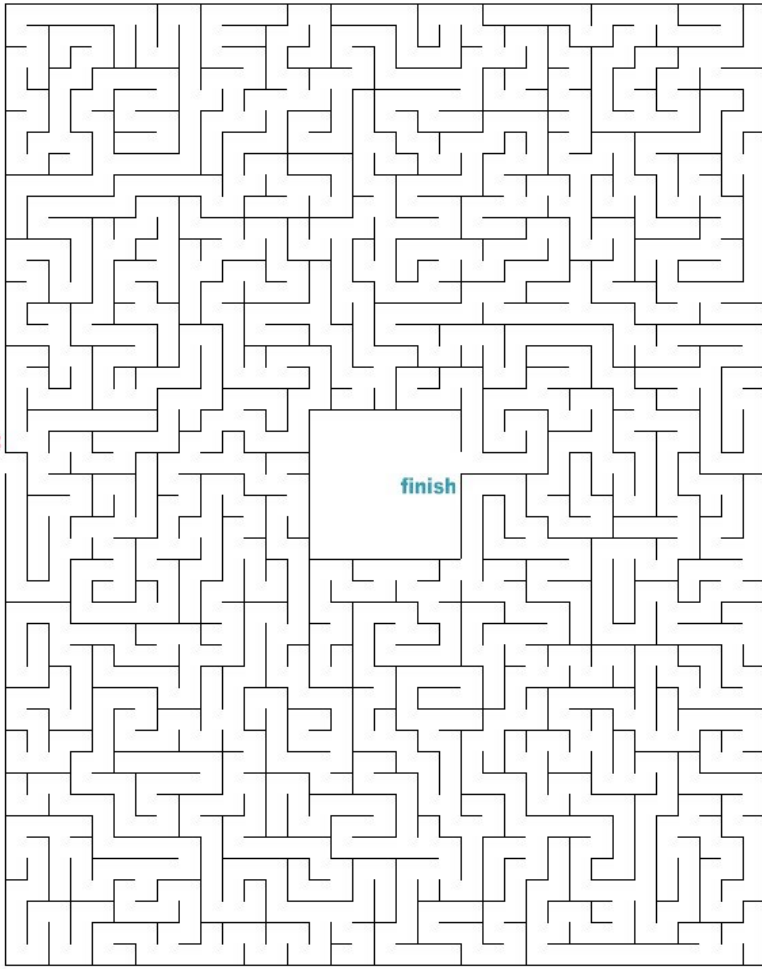


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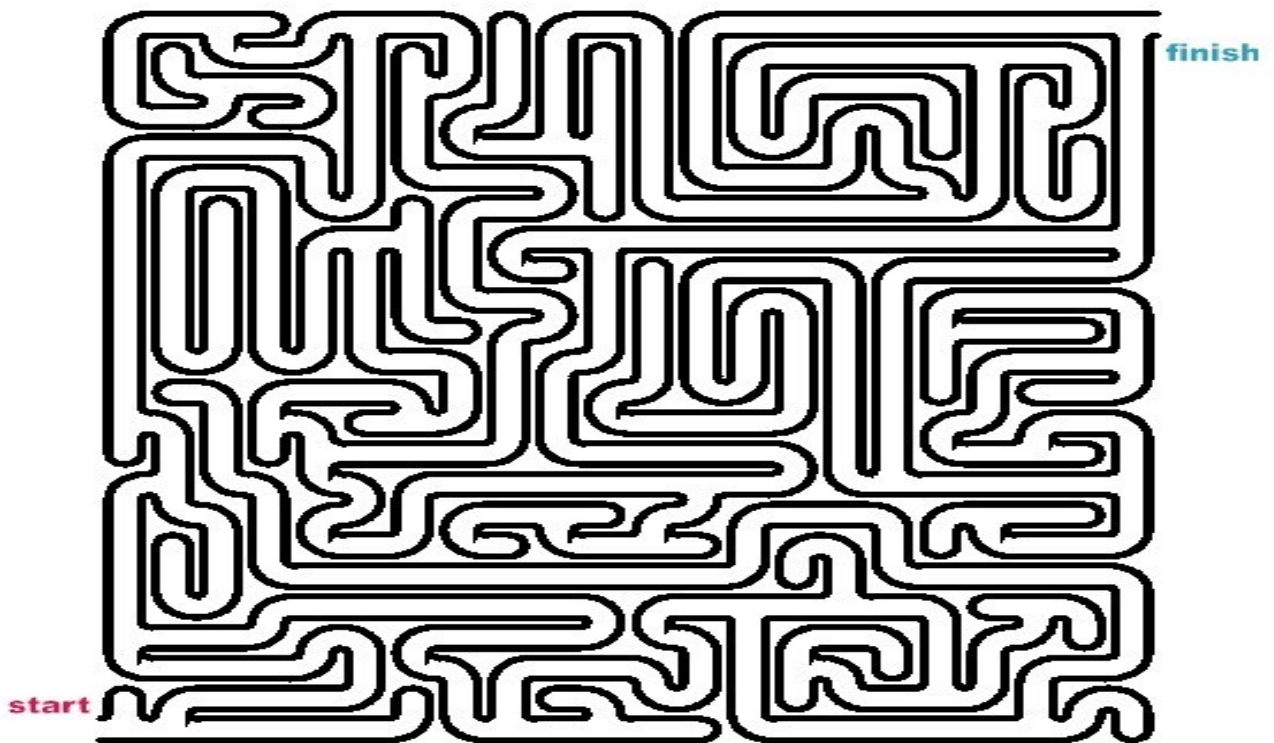
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## Groundhog Day

CLOUD  
 HIBERNATE  
 SHADOW  
 SUNNY  
 GROUNDHOG  
 PREDICT  
 SPRING  
 WINTER  
 FEBRUARY  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 SIX  
 WEEKS



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



## LOOKING AHEAD.....

### Fitness for New Life

Held on Monday's and Wednesday's @ 6:30 p.m.

### Movie Night

Friday, February 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

### Sweets for Your Sweets

Sunday, February 14 before Bible Study

### Iron Man Connect Group

~ Paul Roberts

Saturday, February 20 @ 8:00 a.m.

### Women of the Word Connect Group

~ Susan Roberts

Friday, February 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## PURCHASE A KWIK TRIP GAS & GIFT CARDS TODAY!

See Pauline Hauge or Carole Hopper

## THANK YOU

Dear Carole & Friends,

Hello to you today! A very kind thank you for your donation and a very Happy New Year to you!

Very Sincerely,

Bethel Butikk Food Pantry.

*(New Life collected a total of \$119 from the offering on Christmas Eves Service and gave it to Bethel Butikk Food Pantry)*

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

February lessons will be as follows:

February 7: Jesus Heals the Sick

February 14: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

February 21: Jesus Walks on Water

February 28: Jesus Raises Lazarus

## KWIK TRIP MOOLA CAP AND BAG TOPS

Please continue to bring in your Kwik Trip milk and juice caps or labels to the church. We ask that you clean them before dropping them off. The youth group will get the proceeds from all that we turn in. Questions contact Carol. Thank you!

## LEAP YEAR FACTS

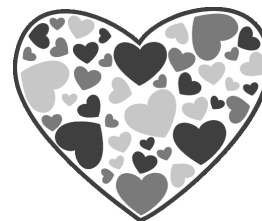
- A person born on February 29<sup>th</sup> can be called a "leapling" or a 'leaper'.
  - The chance of being born on leap day is about 1 in 1,461.
- Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> isn't the only extra time added to the calendar. In 2008 an extra second was added to the end of the year.  
Website [http://www.hearldscotland.com/news/13048665.29\\_facts\\_about\\_February\\_29/](http://www.hearldscotland.com/news/13048665.29_facts_about_February_29/)
- The town of Anthony, Texas, organizes a leap year festival. It proudly calls itself the leap year capital of the world and leap year "babies", or leaplings, around the world come to its parade.  
Website:<http://www.examiner.com/article/leap-year-trivia-and-fun-facts-leap-day-february-29>

## SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETS

Sunday, February 14, 2016

There will be sweets to enjoy before bible study.

Please see sign-up sheet in foyer.



## New Life Vision Statement

**Our vision** ... is to become a community of believers who **look like Christ**, seeking to **change lives** within the church, across the street and around the world.



New Life Christian Church

## Sunday Services/ Activities

**Adult Discipleship** 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School** 9:00 a.m.

▪For all ages

**Morning Worship** 10:00 a.m.