

Congregational Business Meeting
Witness Commission
April 23, 2017

Treat or Treat Night was held on October 31st – approximately 70 treat bags were distributed.

Our church sponsored a district in “The Hunger Games” fundraiser held at Windber Rec Park on Sunday, November 13th. There was over \$4,000 raised to help the family of Derek Lenart. Derek is a junior at Windber Area High School who was struck by a motorcycle while riding his bicycle. Derek is expected to make a full recovery! Thank you for all of your prayers & support!

The Witness Commission reorganized on November 21, 2016. We would like to thank Gail Crum for her service & welcome Roy Shaffer as our new member. Roy joined current members, Gayle Denk, Lisa Lees, Carol Reed, and Missy Rogers.

During the month of December there were many opportunities to serve & give.

- On Saturday, December 10th we participated at the Salvation Army kettle drive at Randy’s Bilo in Windber.
- On December 16th we volunteered at the Galleria for the New Day Gift Wrapping booth.
- As always, we had our sock & mitten tree on display in the foyer & were able to donate many items to the Children’s Aide Home of Somerset County. The Aide Society’s residential program houses 24 children/youth & are very grateful for your generous donations.
- Because our church has been so blessed, we were able to afford additional outreach by sponsoring a local family in need for Christmas. We were able to provide heating assistance, gift cards for groceries, several devotional books, as well as gifts of clothing, shoes & toys for the children. This was a true blessing!
- We also were able to make a contribution to Emma Berkey, a member of Somerset Church of the Brethren, who is doing mission work for Youth Initiatives in Northern Ireland.
- Through our Christmas campaign, we also collected \$1,181 for the ministry of Samaritan’s Purse.

Thank you all for your service and generosity during the Christmas Season!

And I have been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard. You should remember the works of the Lord Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

During the month of February we held our annual tissue drive for the Church of the Brethren Home.

Blanket Sunday was held on February 5th and our congregation collected \$470 for Church World Services.

Our church provided & served the meal at the Windber Area Community Kitchen on February 17th.

On March 19th, \$440 was collected for “One Great Hour of Sharing”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Lees