



## ***The Open Door - January 2025***

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***"Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture"***

### **Elections for 2025**

Reminder:

Communion is now being served using  
gluten-free bread only.



We will be serving breakfast on Sunday,  
January 5th, from 8:30-10:00 AM.

The Youth Service will resume again on  
Fridays at 7:00 PM beginning on January 10th.

Articles for the February *Open Door* are due by  
Thursday, January 16th.

Please e-mail them directly to the church office,  
[bshklch@ptd.net](mailto:bshklch@ptd.net), or leave them in the church  
office mailbox in the narthex.

We are looking for a volunteer  
Sunday School teacher for ages 8 to 14.  
If you are able to help, please see Bob Craver  
([churchvp@ptd.net](mailto:churchvp@ptd.net); 570-460-3094).

At our recent annual congregational meeting, we  
elected Elders and Deacons and also answered  
questions regarding the budget for 2025.  
The correct copies of the 2025 budget are now  
in the narthex.

Theresa Taylor and Pete Newman ran unopposed  
for the two positions open for two-year terms as  
Elders.

Juanita Rivera, Yvonne Rodriguez and Diane Jiorle  
(who has previously served as a Deacon) ran  
unopposed for the three positions open for  
two-year terms as Deacons.

They will be installed on Sunday, January 26,  
2025.

The Book of Church Order of the Reformed  
Church in America requires that we mention that  
if anyone knows of a Scriptural reason they  
shouldn't be installed and continue to serve,  
please contact Elder Bob Craver  
([churchvp@ptd.net](mailto:churchvp@ptd.net); 570-460-3094).

**If you have a mid-week prayer request for  
our e-mail prayer team please e-mail  
Jen Schoonover, [schooent@ptd.net](mailto:schooent@ptd.net) or  
call/text her at 570-534-5752.**

Very happy birthday wishes to:



Sebastian - January 5  
Lydia Mozon - January 11  
Leah Hull - January 18  
Eleazar Delacruz

### Notes from the Deacons:

Here is a little information about the American Legion Newman Smith Post 514 which we help support with a yearly donation. It is located on Milford Rd. in Bushkill.

The Legion supports local veterans and takes toiletry packs to the VA a few times a year. They give five scholarships to our local kids, support the BYA baseball team, and gives cancer patients and their families items they need. They give Christmas gifts to under-privileged families, and house a senior program for lunch two times a week.

The Legion is more than just a place for people to join and sit around and visit each other, however, that is also an option if that's what you like to do.

**The *Our Daily Bread* devotional is always available in the narthex -- feel free to take a copy and some extras for your family or friends.**

### Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

11/01/24 to 11/30/24	1/01/24 to 11/30/24
Income 7,616.49	Income 125,796.38
Expenses <u>16,699.79</u>	Expenses <u>166,211.15</u>
<b>(\$ 9,083.30)</b>	<b>(\$ 40,414.77)</b>

The offering envelopes are in the Narthex. If you were not assigned an envelope in 2024 and would like envelopes for 2025, please contact me at (570) 588-6095. Also, let me know if you no longer wish to receive your assigned envelopes. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, you should contact the Church office, 570-588-6773.

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves. It is the gift of God." **Ephesians 2:8**

Blessings to you all,  
MaryAnn

If you'd like to be on our mailing list to receive the *Open Door*, any other mailings and weather-related updates, please e-mail, [bshklch@ptd.net](mailto:bshklch@ptd.net) or call the church office, 570-588-6773.

Work will begin sometime this winter on replacing our fire suppression system. A few pews might have to be moved on the sides resulting in us sitting in the middle pews for a couple of services and there is also the possibility we have to worship in Rottenberg Hall for a week or two.

We will keep you updated as much as possible and we appreciate your patience as we work through this huge job.