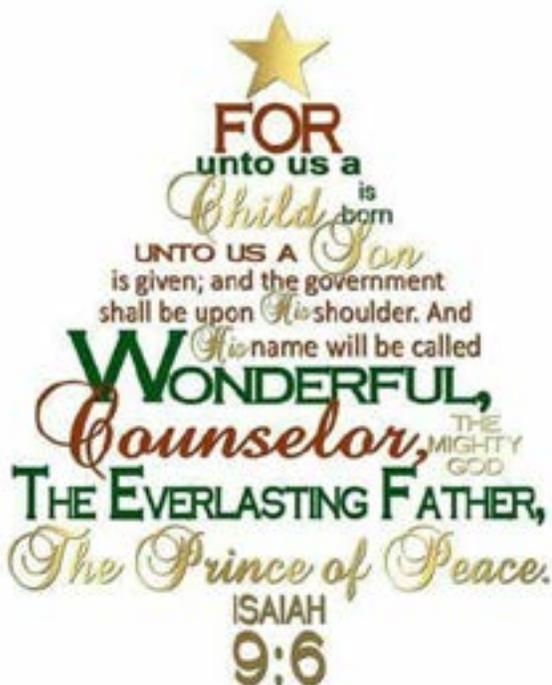


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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE’S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



MINISTER'S MUSINGS



“Thoughts on the ‘Real’ Christmas”

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” — Matthew 1.18-20

It is easy to romanticize the birth of Jesus when we celebrate Christmas. The celebration of Christmas in every age has many of the trappings of the current culture. Today we “celebrate” Christmas with “Christmas” carols playing on the radio before Thanksgiving, billboards and advertisements luring the consumer to buy their gifts at “such and such” store, “Christmas” lights hanging from homes and businesses, “Christmas” trees decorating them too, Santa Claus going from store to store before Christmas and house to house on Christmas Eve, egg nog and wassail imbibed only this time of year, etc., etc. What did the one whose birth we are supposedly celebrating know about any of these things?

Jesus would have to plead ignorance to most of what we consider the celebration of Christmas, though the same could likely be said of us with regard to our understanding of the meaning Christmas – not only for what really happened back then, but also the long tradition of why we celebrate it. Indeed, some in our culture are unaware that Christmas is even someone’s birthday. Many more do not know the word literally represents “Christ Mass” i.e., a “mass for/of Christ” – “mass,” of course, meaning “the Eucharist” (i.e., the Sacrament of Holy Communion), or perhaps a “worship service involving the Eucharist”. Until I looked it up just now, I didn’t even know that “mass” came from the Latin word, “mittere,” which means “dismiss” – “perhaps from the last words of the service, *Ite, missa est*”(trans.: “Go, it is the dismissal”).

Truth be told, we all likely have more than enough willingness to “sugar-coat” Christmas and ignore -without ill-intent- some of the confusing, and even harsher, elements of the birth story as recorded in the gospels. How often in this season do we stop to think what that original Christmas was like – i.e., what it was “really” like?

If we have stopped to think seriously about this, we understand that we can’t know with any certainty what it was “really” like. The gospel accounts do not tell the same story themselves. In fact, only two of the gospel writers felt telling the story was important enough to even include in their gospels. Mark and John make no mention of how Jesus was born, which is especially perplexing to we who make a bigger deal over Christmas in our society than we do about Easter. Matthew and Luke do recapitulate the birth narrative, but with strangely contrasting accounts.





Matthew speaks of the first shelter for Jesus being a house (2.11), whereas Luke reports it being a manger (2.7, 16). Matthew has “wise men” coming to see Jesus, while Luke reports “shepherds.” King Herod plays a pivotal role in Matthew, but is not mentioned in Luke’s account. Soon after the wise men left in Matthew’s version, Joseph and Mary fled with Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod’s wrath. But Luke makes no mention of a journey to Egypt nor any anxiety on Joseph and Mary’s part in hurrying to do anything. Instead of rushing to escape the slaughter of children in Bethlehem ordered by King Herod, Mary had time to treasure the words of the shepherds and ponder them in her heart, and they took the time (8 days later) to present Jesus in the Temple. They thus did not flee from

Herod in Luke’s account, but actually went to where Herod was (i.e., Jerusalem), and had Jesus circumcised -- presumably right under Herod’s nose.

Why, we may wonder, is Jesus surrounded by royalty (viz., the wise men who come to praise him, and Herod who wants to kill him) in Matthew’s account and by peasants and commoners (viz., the shepherds) in Luke’s account? Are they merely telling different parts of the same story, or are they telling the story in a way that will best serve their motives and theology in telling it? Are either telling the “true” story? Or, as was common in a time when historical accuracy was subverted to things like the “inspirability” and “meaningfulness” of a story, were they “creating” a story that would better speak to the “reality” of people living in that day or perhaps “adapting” details to an actual story in order to add to the purpose of who they perceived Jesus to be and how he related to their long history and tradition?

role. The angels speak to Joseph in Matthew’s account, but to Mary in Luke’s. Joseph calls the shots in Matthew; whereas, in Luke, Mary appears to be an independent woman in whom does not need the permission of her fiancé to make her own decisions. More independence was given to women in educated elements of society, whereas peasant women had their lives more controlled by others than their wealthier counterparts. Interestingly, however, Matthew -coming from a more humble background- wants to portray Jesus as having royalty and power in his ancestry (and therefore someone to look up to, honor, and praise), whereas Luke -a physician- portrays Jesus as arising from humble, if not despicable (given that he had no known father, which was the worst lot in society – especially for a boy), beginnings to become one who is admired by all classes of people. He is “above” no one, and yet points us all to be more than we are – having himself started at the absolute lowest rung of the social ladder and yet climbed to the spiritual high rung.

So what really went on? We can’t know for sure. We have tried to synthesize the varying accounts so that they all make sense, and so we can have a coherent and even “romantic” view of Jesus’ birth, but doing so takes away from the reality that we really do not know for sure what happened and that the “reality” we have substituted is likely much less harsh than it actually was as experienced by Mary and Joseph.

Can you imagine the familial and public pressure on them? In the passage quoted above from Matthew, we see that Joseph was quite anxious about Mary’s pregnancy, and would have ended his relationship with her had it not been for a dream. Historians tells us that Joseph could have legally had her stoned to death for being engaged to him and carrying a child that was not his own. If we read between the lines, we can only imagine what choices he may have been considering. Given the social mores of ancient Israel, Joseph may be seen as an extraordinarily open-minded and caring man to not only not make a fuss about Mary’s pregnancy, but to -having already made up his mind to dismiss her- reconsider and decide to marry her and accept her child as his own.



Interestingly, though, we see no anxiety at all in Joseph according to Luke's account; but rather Mary is the one who has trepidation over this pregnancy – until an angel speaks to her. I have a difficult time believing that her fears could have dissipated so quickly, even if assured by an angel. But at least in Luke's account, unlike Matthew's, she at least is mentioned as having been afraid.

One thing is clear from both accounts, however: someone (either Joseph or Mary) is very stressed and anxious.

How “silent” (especially if in an animal stable) and “holy” (especially if they couldn't even find room at an inn) did that night of Jesus' birth really seem to Jesus' parents? They were away from home, and having a baby in unfamiliar surroundings. No doctors or birthing assistants were reported as being present, and the cleanliness of their surroundings were questionable. But besides their physical environment, what about their emotional surroundings? Even though Joseph had resolved to marry Mary and be a father to Jesus, did he really trust her after this rather bizarre pregnancy? Was Mary worried that Joseph might change his mind after all and leave her; or, worse yet, make public that the child was not his? Whether it was shepherds or wise men that came to see Jesus, would this not have been more consternating than awe-inspiring for Mary and Joseph – especially given that they do not have the hindsight of knowing how Jesus' life would turn out?

Our experiences of Christmas are likely nothing like the experiences of those who were present at Jesus' birth. Over two millennia of telling and retelling the story have undoubtedly changed our perspective considerably from that of the original cast. But one thing remains consistent and true despite all of this passage of time and varying interpretations: that something beautiful happened on the day that a child named Jesus was born into this world – something so beautiful that we are still talking about it today.

May you have a meaningful and beautiful Christmas!

Pastor Bret

CONSISTORY CORNER



We are very happy to announce that Out of the Cold has a new chair person from Faith. Amanda Gerhart has volunteered her services. We are so blessed!

November the Consistory has been working feverishly to prepare for the annual meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th right after worship. Consistory will provide a luncheon. Please come support your church.

Among the items, Consistory will propose a behavioral covenant for the congregation's approval. A behavioral covenant is an important document in the life of healthy churches. It helps us be in right relationship with each other and with God. It is also a good selling point for our search for a settled pastor.

So, we hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting.

Faithfully submitted,
Tina Aumiller and Jaye Herrick



TRUSTEES UPDATE



These are the organizations & people who have benefited from your generously opening the doors of the church:

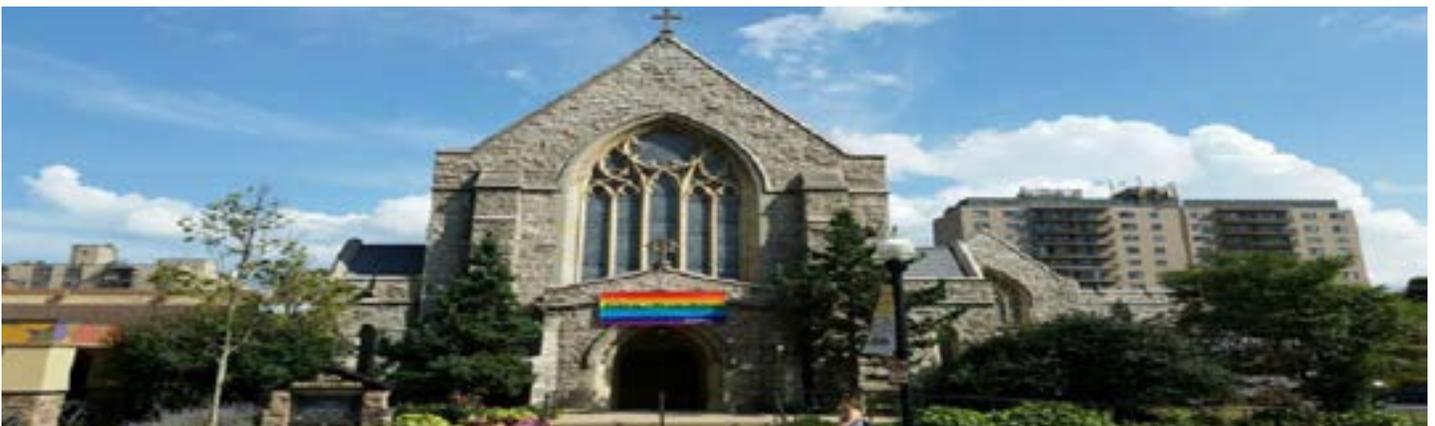
Autism Diagnostic Evaluations, Resources, and Services (ADERS)
Breast Cancer Awareness (Alpha Kappa Delta Phi)
Camp KESEM, for children with parents who have cancer
Community Connections
DACA Repeal Safe Place
Dear Hero
Easterly Parkway Elementary Tour (third year)
EPIS Center
Global Connections--Langhar Feast
Newtown UCC Youth Group--overnighted enroute to service project in Pittsburgh
Out Of The Cold Centre County -- also receiving the largest portion of giving!
Penn State Physician's Assistant/Nursing Class -- Suturing
Planned Parenthood Community Action Forums
Relay For Life
Student Red Cross Club
THON: Axis x2, HEAL, Apollo x2, Impact
Yoga classes--during June Farmer's Market, on the grounds out front

Events sponsored by Faith open to the community:

First Night Cafe
SERRV Christmas Sale
Strawberry Festival

The doors were also opened for one wedding this year.

We are thankful for such a caring and involved family of faith!



The Caring Network...

What is the Caring Network and what do the Caring Leaders do?

We are very fortunate to have a group of nine Caring Leaders (volunteers) who are friends and members at Faith Church. They are: Edna Bicehouse, Jane Childs, Jean Frank, Sue Doran, Rev. Ernie Hawk, June Irvin, Mary Jane Wild, and Jim and Sally Welsh.

Each Caring Leader has a list of people from the church with whom they keep in contact.

Our main question is: *"How do you want to be cared for?"*

Please let your Caring Leader know if you have a prayer request or if you need help or support in some way.

If you have any questions please call me at 814-777-0339 or email me at sandy99@onemain.com.

Thank you,

Sandy Miller -
Caring Coordinator

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Bob Ritzman, the family of June Brown, the family of Bill and Mary Jane Wild, the family of Jean Weller, Lisa B. (JoAnn's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Bunnie Hartswick, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew), the Snook family.



CHURCH SCHOOL



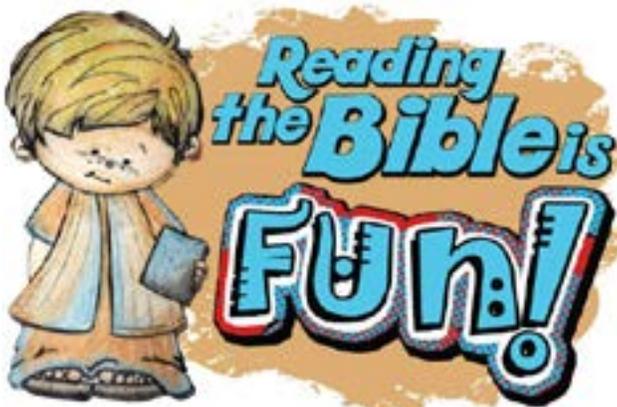
Church School Schedule --- December 2017 and January 2018

December 3, 2017	1st Sunday of Advent Practice for Program
December 10, 2017	2nd Sunday of Advent Church School Christmas Program -- "Angels We Have Heard on High"
December 17, 2017	3rd Sunday of Advent Christmas Lights Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11 and John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28. The lights of Christmas remind us of the one true light.
December 24, 2017	4th Sunday of Advent Luke 1: 26- 28, 30 - 38. Mary had a baby, the Lamb of God.
December 31, 2017	Parent Care Day
January 7, 2018	1st Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord Communion/Parent Care Day
January 14, 2018	2nd Sunday after Epiphany He Knows you by Name, John 1:43 - 51.
January 21, 2018	3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Answering the Call/ Fishing for People, Mark 1:14-20. Jesus calls us to follow him.
January 28, 2018	4th Sunday after Epiphany Is Jesus in Control of your life? Mark 1: 21 - 28.



Blessings!

Barb Chellman, *Church School Coordinator*
(bkcwminc@aol.com)



To volunteer or for more information about either Church School or Nursery, please contact:

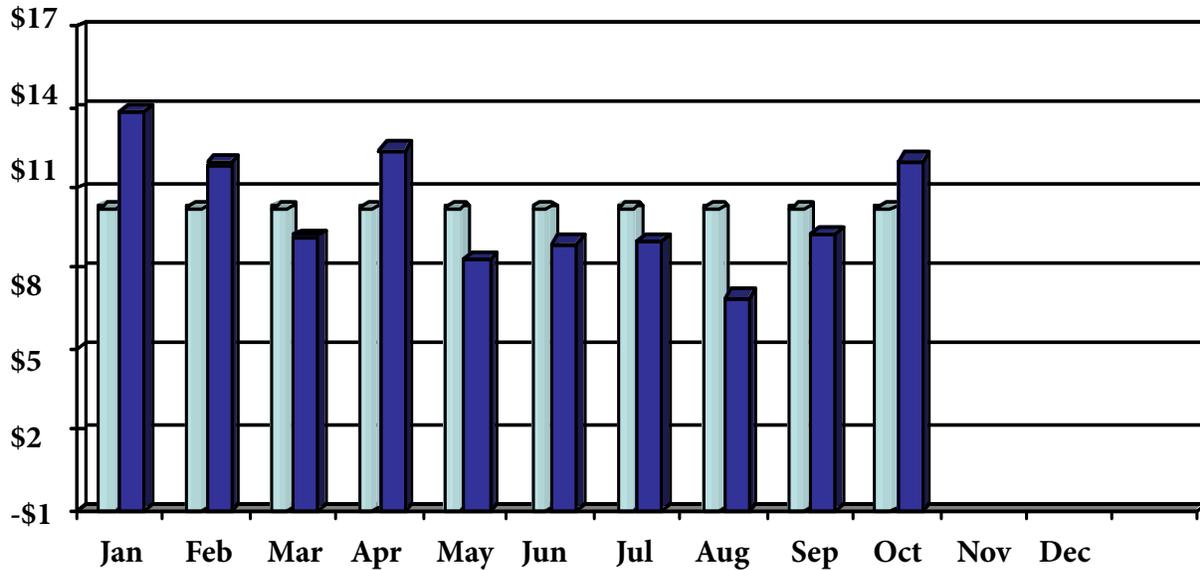
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Michelle Barnard: rmwcgrad@hotmail.com

October 2017

Faith United Church of Christ

Monthly Offerings: Budget vs. Actual

■ Budget ■ Actual
Thousands



October 2017

Total received = \$12,020 Total budgeted = \$10,239
 Budget to actual difference (Current Month) = + \$1,781

October - 2017 - Year-to-Date

Total received = \$102,397 Total budgeted = \$102,392
 Year-to-Date budget to actual difference = + \$5

*Thank you for your continued stewardship in providing financial support
 for the missions and ministries of Faith UCC*



FAITH HAPPENINGS

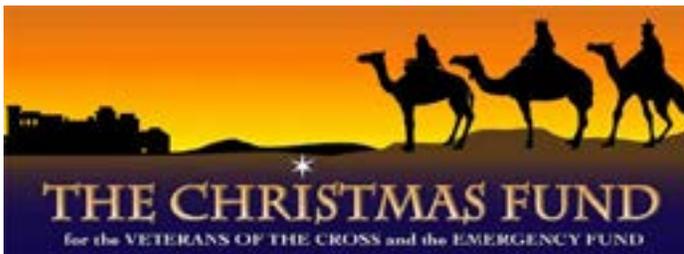


DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Christmas Fund(UCC)

Provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering is received annually on the Sunday before Christmas.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Christmas Fund" noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.



JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING

Centre County Women's Resource Center Services for women, men, and children who have experienced dating & domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Women's Resource Center" or "WRC" noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

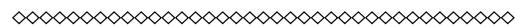
Learn more at:
<http://ccwrc.org/>



Special Offering Totals for 2017:

January - Women's Resource Center.....	\$255.00
February - Mid-Penn Legal Services.....	\$475.00
March - One Great Hour of Sharing*.....	\$550.00
April - Hoffman Homes for Youth.....	\$270.00
May - Hartman Center.....	\$345.00
June - Strengthen the Church*.....	\$300.00
July - Out of the Cold.....	\$675.00
August - Bethany Children's Home*.....	\$390.00
September - Park Forest Pre-School.....	\$320.00
October - Neighbors in Need*.....	\$340.00
November - Lancaster Seminary.....	\$000.00
December - Christmas Fund*.....	\$000.00
Hurricane Relief.....	\$200.00
TOTAL To Date.....	\$3460.00

* (UCC)



There will be no meeting in December.



We are planning a Ladies Lunch Out in January. Look for more details in the bulletin.

Faith United Church of Christ
(an Open and Affirming Congregation - OAA)

First Night CAFE

The First Night Cafe is sponsored by Faith United Church of Christ, 300 East College Avenue State College, PA.
Proceeds benefit the ministries of Faith United Church of Christ.

When: Sunday, December 31, 2017 Time: 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

In conjunction with First Night State College activities (www.firstnightstatecollege.com)

Where: Faith United Church of Christ, 300 East College Avenue, State College, PA
Ronsig Hall, lower level of church education building

Come enjoy a variety of homemade chili and cornbread, hot dogs, desserts, and beverages.
Donation: \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Use Calder Way entrance with stairs to Ronsig Hall, or wheelchair-accessible entrance on Locust Lane with elevator to Ronsig Hall.

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First Night Café

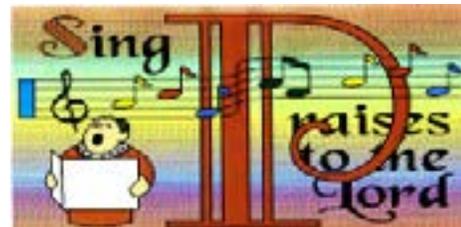
As part of the community First Night festivities, Faith will again offer warm food and fellowship on New Year's Eve at its renowned First Night Café!

It takes many hands to bring this wonderful project to life, so starting Dec. 3 we'll be asking folks to sign up to supply foods and to volunteer as café workers.

Join the fun and support Faith ministries in the process!

For more information, contact any of the Café Committee members—

Lois Bair, Susan Brandse, Jane Childs, Brent Frank, June Irvin, Cherie Kinley, Theresa Shrift



December CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00 PM: 7th 14th

January CHOIR Rehearsals

Thursdays at 7:00 PM: 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th



Out of the Cold Centre County has already opened for the 2017-2018 cold weather season. Because of the open hearts and doors in Happy Valley, there are an increasing number of guests participating in the program.



Faith Church will be hosting OOTC3 from February 26 through March 11. The success of the program depends on the volunteers. Please give prayerful consideration to doing your part, especially regarding being an overnight host. Contact Amanda Gerhart with your questions.

JUST FOR



You're Invited To The
Penn Central Conference



CHRISTMAS



OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for fellowship, Christmas caroling,
music, crafts for kids, fun and even *a little shopping* as
we say farewell to
Rev. Dr. Laurene Beth Bowers.

Saturday, December 9

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

(Worship and farewell will begin at 1:00 PM)

Penn Central Conference Center
900 South Arlington Avenue – Room 227A
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717.652.1560

Visit www.pccucc.org



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FAITH HAPPENINGS CALENDAR



December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday	2
3	4	5	6	7	18	9
10	11	12 Trustees 7 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18 Consistory 5:30 PM	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Svc	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 New Year's Eve First Night Cafe	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 First Friday	6 Epiphany
7	8	9 Trustees 7 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 MKL, Jr Day Consistory 5:30 PM	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

If you have an event, or know of an event that should be listed, please contact the office.

Complete announcements are available on the church website:

<http://www.faithucc.info/news.html>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Bell Ringers

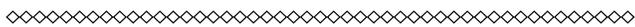
needed to benefit Interfaith Human Services on Friday, **December 15** at Meyer Dairy Store



Time slots available:

- noon - 1pm
- 4pm - 5pm
- 5pm - 6pm
- 6pm - 7pm

To volunteer, please phone Peggy Salamon at



CONVERSATIONS ON UNITY

– sponsored by the State College Baha'i Community
– **Thursday** evenings, 6:00-7:00 pm,

Webster's Bookstore & Café, 133 E. Beaver Ave.

ALL INVITED! Join us to read today's teachings about how to achieve World Unity.

Bring your own readings/inspirational writings to share. Add to our conversation!

More info: 814-349-5714 / bahaisofcentrecounty.com



35TH ANNUAL

LOVE
JUSTICE
SIMPLICITY
COMPASSION

Alternative Christmas Fair

University Baptist & Brethren Church

Sunday, December 3, 2017 • 11 am to 2 pm
411 South Burrowes Street, State College, PA

Meet volunteers and contribute to charities which you select in honor of friends and family.

Gift cards available, suitable for any holiday

Enjoy Soup/Sandwich Lunch (eat in or take out)

- Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund
- Bridge of Hope
- Center for Alternatives in Community Justice
- Centre County PAWS
- Centre LGBTQA Support Network
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine
- Centre Wildlife Care
- Centre Peace
- Church World Service
- ClearWater Conservancy
- Habitat for Humanity
- Heifer International
- Hope International Services
- House of Care
- Housing Transitions
- Interfaith Human Services
- Jana Marie Foundation
- Meals on Wheels
- Mid-State Literacy Council
- Out of the Cold
- Park Forest Preschool
- PA Interfaith Power & Light
- State College Food Bank
- Youth Service Bureau/Stepping Stone
- The Tides Program
- Women's Resource Center

Make a difference!

2nd Annual
Penn State Habitat for Humanity
Gingerbread House Build
& Christmas Festival

*Food and
drinks!*



*Trophy for the
winning house!*

Sunday, December 3rd from 4-6 PM

Location: Grace Lutheran Church

205 S Garner St, State College, PA 16801

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycntpvye>

\$30 REGISTRATION FEE (\$35 DAY OF)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



FLOWERS

DEC 3
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 ZECHARIAH MEYER
3 JIM McDEVITT
4 MARCIA HEGEMAN
7 WAYNE BICEHOUSE
JEAN COLE
8 VIRGINIA BIBER
MIRA COBLE
KAI HOLLIS
MEEGHAN HOLLIS
14 LOIS BAIR
MELISSA COBLE
22 TERRI KRABILL
MARY McDEVITT
23 CATHY ARBOGAST
27 EILEEN PFAFF
TOM FOUNTAINE
30 NICK VERTA

ACOLYTE

DEC 3
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEC 3
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COMMUNION TEAM

DEC 3

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

DEC 3
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LITURGIST

DEC 3
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NURSERY

DEC 3
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31

SUNDAY TRUSTEES

DEC 3
10 TOM DAUBERT
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31

USHERS

DEC 3
10 TOM DAUBERT
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31



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

19 JOHN & CYNDI VINCENTI
22 TOM & TAMRA FOUNTAINE
27 BOB & ANN GRAVES
31 BRENT FRANK & STEVEN ROMIG

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 JOHN VINCENTI
 6 WILLIAM HAMMOND
 10 SAMUEL PELLETIER (CHILD)
 11 BOB BIBER
 SUE CROMWELL
 12 HEATHER SMITH
 22 BOB GRAVES
 23 MICHAELE YEARICK
 30 ANNA BAIR
 MEGAN (SHIRK) ARVIN
 31 ETHAN FRANK



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

22 WAYNE & MICHAELE YEARICK



ACOLYTE

JAN 7
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JAN 7
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COMMUNION TEAM

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Blanks indicate openings.



WORSHIP CALENDAR



December 3 1st Sunday Of Advent (Year B)

Js 64:1-9
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Co 1:3-9
Mk 13:24-37

Holy Communion

Where Are You, God?

December 10 2nd Sunday Of Advent

Js 40:1-11
Ps 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Pe 3:8-15a
Mk 1:1-8

Messengers of Hope

Human Rights Day

December 17 3rd Sunday Of Advent

Is 61:1-4, 8-11
Ps 126 OR Lk 1:47-55
1 Th 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Shouts of Joy

December 24 4th Sunday Of Advent Christmas Eve

2 Sa 7:1-11, 16	Is 62:6-12
Lk 1:47-55 OR	Ps 97
Ps 89:1-4, 19-26	Ti 3:4-7
Ro 16:25-27	Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20
Lk 1:26-28	

Birthing a Promise

December 25 Christmas

Is 9:2-7
Ps 96
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-4 (15-20)

December 31 1st After Christmas New Year's Eve

Is 61:10-62:3	Ec 3:1-13
Ps 148	Ps 8
La 4:4-7	Re 21:1-6a
Lk 2:22-40	Mt 25:31-46

Long Awaited Gift

Watch Night, New Year's Eve

January 1 New Year's Day

Ec 3:1-13
Ps 8
Re 21:1-6a
Mt 25:31-46

January 6 Epiphany

Is 60:1-63
Ps 72:1-7, 10-14
Ep 3:1-12
Mt 2:1-12

Three Kings' Day

January 7 Baptism of Christ 1st Sunday After Epiphany

Ge 1:1-5
Ps 29
Ac 19:1-7
Mk 1:4-11

Holy Communion

Defining Moments

January 14 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

1 Sa 3:1-10, (11-10)
Ps 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Co 6:12-20
Jn 1:43-51

Known and Loved

January 21 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Jo 3:1-5, 10
Ps 62:5-12
1 Co 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Follow Me

Ecumenical Sunday

January 28 4th Sunday After Epiphany

Dt 18:15-20
Ps 111
1 Co 8:1-13
Mk 1:21-28

Power To Do

Health and Human Services Sunday

These are the standard weekly texts which may or may not be used on a particular Sunday for worship. If you would like to know what texts are being used, go to the church website on Friday evening or Saturday to check the [online bulletin](http://www.faithucc.info/bulletins.html).

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Faith United Church of Christ
300 East College Avenue
State College, PA 16801

Faith Works!

WORSHIP: 10:45 AM

We welcome children!

During the service, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) and Church School for children and youth ages 4+ years (except on Communion Sundays). **Holy Communion is celebrated monthly -- usually every first Sunday.**

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