

Announcements for the Week of December 31, 2017

In our thoughts and prayers: In our thoughts and prayers: **Bob Gilbert, Rev. Dr. Bill Herzog, John Harrison Hoffman, Donald Hubbard, Sr., Kathryn Kepner, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Bob Miller, Joann Motter, Diane Nicodemus, Ashlee (Black) Pyne, Tom Smith, , Mary Timmins, Mckenna Voss, Teeyara Jo Weiant and Pete Wilson.** (Please notify the church office when a name can be removed from the prayer list).

Check out the children's corner in the Gathering Area. When young children become a bit rambunctious during worship, parents are invited to take them to the children's corner for some quiet play and so parents can continue to see/hear the worship service.

TODAY: Pork & Kraut Dinner following the 10:30a service
6:30p-12:30a MDANA New Year's Eve Party

THIS WEEK:

<u>Monday</u>	Closed
<u>Tuesday</u>	8:45a Building Staff
<u>Wednesday</u>	7p Choir
<u>Thursday</u>	6p-8p Girl Scouts
<u>Friday</u>	10a Coffee with Friends
<u>Saturday</u>	9a Called 2 Care 10a Rainbow Talk

Thank you very much for the generous and unexpected Christmas gift from the congregation that was presented to me last Sunday. It was quite a surprise. I promise you that it will be put to good use. Blessings to all this Christmas season. Pastor George

"Christmas Fund" – Christmas is the yearly time to remember our faithful clergy and families over the years. The Pension Board of the UCC is able to monetarily assist those retired clergy families who often received little or no pension as they served in the ministry. In times past this used to be called "The Veterans of the Cross" offering. There are "PURPLE" envelopes in the pews and Gathering Area for you to respond to this need. These gifts will be forwarded to the UCC office. Thank you!

Annual Christmas Gift to our Church – Your gift is a statement of faith and is greatly appreciated in the work of our church and it is a "thank you" to all the blessings we receive. Envelopes are located in the pews and also available in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

The Jan/Feb/March Devotionals are available on the table in the Gathering Area.

January Newsletter is available on the table in the Gathering Area.

2017 Annual Report is available in the Gathering Area. (Look for the bright yellow booklet).

2018 Calendars are available from Peters Funeral Home. Please help yourself, grab a couple for family and friends. The pictures are beautiful!

The Flower Chart for 2018 is posted in the Gathering Area. Altar Flowers are \$25 and the Centerpieces are \$30. Please sign-up if you are interested in sponsoring flowers. Thank you!

Newsletter Sponsors needed! If you are interested please call Deb to see what months are available. Cost is \$50.

There are several sign ups in the Gathering Area today:

We are now asking for you to volunteer to provide two dozen cookies for **Cookies for our Neighbors** for months January through June 2018.

Gettysburg CARES homeless shelter is being hosted by Trinity from February 5th through the 18th. We need volunteer hosts to welcome those seeking shelter (from 7:30 to 9:00 pm) for each night. We must notify Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S the names of our volunteers by January 21st, so please sign-up now.

C.A.R.E.S. Training – December 18th and January 22nd 6:40p – St. James in the Library. Please let Deb know to sign you up.

The **church advertisement** in the Gettysburg Times appears once a month at a cost of approximately \$70.00 per month. If you would like to be a co-sponsor of the advertisement (at a cost of \$35.00) for a month, please sign up.

Trinity's **Spaghetti Dinner for Diapers** is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th (snow date of February 3rd). We need volunteers to help with meal preparation, serving, as well as clean up. You can sign up to help either part of the day or for the entire event

Blankets for Sale – A few beautiful colors are still available. See the list in the Gathering Area. **Blankets are \$20.** Contact Suzy Miller if you are interested in purchasing a blanket or two. Proceeds go to the Bazaar Coffers. Blankets are made by Suzy's friends. Thank you!

The Housing Authority graciously allows us to park in their lot for quick stops or short time periods to the church during the week-days. **Please park only in the "VISITOR" marked spaces.** Do not park in the spaces that have numbers as they are privately rented. Thank you.

Serving Today:

Organists: **Audrey Blackstone**

Altar Care: **Cynthia Blevins, Karen Kendlehart, Jane Malone, Roberta Weiant**

Greeters: **Juene McGlaughlin and Suzanne Miller**

Lay Reader: 8:15a **Roberta Weiant** 10:30a **Julie Strickland**

Ushers: 8:15a **Thomas & Roberta Weiant**

10:30a **Steve & Janet Sheely**

Acolyte: 8:15a **Prestyn Weiant**

10:30a **Jackson Hilbert**

Attendance December 24th: 8:15a - 31

10:30a - 70

Christmas Eve: 8p - 137

Christmas Day: 9a - 26

Financial Report – December 25th:

Envelope Offering needed: \$177,580

Envelope Offering received: \$179,407.58

Property Fund needed: \$24,544

Property Fund received: \$96,850

IRS Rules state that all monetary contributions for 2017 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31st to qualify as a 2017 contribution on your church giving statement.