

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December Focus Prayer for the Church:**

For a heart that shares the joy of Christmas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018

☺ **PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW** ☺

Worship Attendance, Early Service – 28, Late Service – 59, Total: 87

Christian Education Attendance: 40

Giving Last Week: \$3772.25- Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage is \$2,048.75.

Received in November for Building Fund \$1,202.36 – 11 payments to go.

**Stewardship 2018 is Heart Work”!** Stewardship is Heart Work! CONGRATULATIONS! WE HAVE DONE IT! We made our November payment this week so we are now back on track! With the commitment of 42 GreenLight 100’s, “catch up” contributions of approximately \$7,620 and our ever faithful Secret Santas, we are back on track with just December conference payment to go. Thanks to all for your due diligence in meeting this expense, Finance will be working this month to ensure that we can make our last commitment. Heartfelt thanks from your Financial Secretary. Our next challenge is to get more estimate cards. We have 21 so far and should have about 10 more. Thanks in advance for making this estimate to the Church Budget!

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**PRAYER MINISTRY**

**Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition**

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Harrison Long, Tina Abel,

**Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery** Kruna Kovach; Caitlyn Ferris (cancer), wife of Mark Ferris, Jr.; Benita Adams; Harrison Groman; Ruth Peterman; Ronald Hopson; Janet Long (healing); Walter Shultz; Russell Bush (knees); Joanne Meitzler, family and friends struggling with addiction; physical and emotional well-being.

**Other prayer needs:** Military personnel; employment concerns of members; prayers for Jennifer (Hasselhan) and Doug Rowley on the loss of their young son, Jack, and for their other son Drew, who lost his brother. Prayers for Ron Brien and family on the passing of his wife, Victoria. Prayers for the family of Donald Pick who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of Tami McMillan who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of John Doyle who recently passed away. Prayers for Christine Ferris who lost her father, John G. Trisch, Jr. Prayers for Jeff Wynn on the loss of his mother Barbara. Prayers for the family of Arlene Van Ripper who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Hall who passed

**January Leadership Training and Planning Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9:30 am to noon. All Committee members and Bethel members, especially new members are urged to attend. This year’s theme is – **Our Future– Where Is God Leading Us?**

**Bethel Christian Preschool** – Registration is open for the 2018/2019 school year.  
**Wawa Hoagie Coupons** - are being sold for \$4 each for a shorti hoagie that normally costs \$4.39. They make great gifts and a fast family meal. Get your coupons from Joyce Schutt or Barb Hanlon. The proceeds benefit the Bethel Christian Preschool.

away, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for Kim Nagy on the loss of her father Henry Leroy King who passed away Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Lunch & Movie – Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Today's movie is *Joseph*. Lunch will be Chicken ala King over buttermilk waffles with spinach elegante and a surprise dessert. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am followed by the movie.

**Gifts for Project Outreach** – Please place UNWRAPPED gifts for Boy or Girl ages 0-14 under the tree outside of Fellowship Hall. Please bring gifts no later than December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Contact Becky Bishop at 610-636-3171.

**Guy's and Gal's** next dinner will be Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at Cutillo's Restaurant. We will meet there at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Sanctuary corridor.

**Tour of Italy Dinner** – January 19<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 to 6:30 PM - \$12.00 Adult/\$6.00 kids. Our first fundraiser for the General Fund in January. Let's get a great start on our expenses. Great stocking stuffers for your family! Pick up some dinner tickets for your mailpersons, trash persons, etc. and of course, your Financial Secretary as a Christmas gift of gratitude and thanks. There will also be vets to sponsor. Please see Jean Domin for your tickets.

Dana Robinson is recovery at home. Her home address is 1509 Aspen Way, Pottstown, Pa 19464

Virginia Collins's new phone number and mailing address:

Phone # 239- 450- 7728  
1128 Hilltop Dr. Naples, Florida.

### Shepherds' Play

Performance by Members and Friends of The Christian Community, December 22, 2018, 11 am at Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St, Phoenixville, PA 19460 – Free for Children, \$5 for Adults (Get your tickets directly from Colonial Theatre)

#### The Oberufer Shepherds' Play

One of a cycle of three plays, the Shepherds' Play is a medieval Nativity play performed annually in many places and languages around the world. Partly in music and verse, with humorous camaraderie and profound reverence, it brings joy to performers and audiences, young and old. With a message that goes beyond cultural or historical specifics, it speaks of 'That Holy

Thing which shall be born of thee...' as the Angel in the play says. Michael Miller writes in Renewal magazine: "What 'Holy Thing' is this? It is nothing other than that love which is able to 'enter all the hearts of all the earth.' In other words, that love which can only enter the world through the human heart..." The play promises 'A right good evening, the best of cheer!'

### Christmas Cantata

**St. Vincent United Church of Christ  
137 Ridge Road, Phoenixville**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**This year's program, written by Tom Fettke is entitled**

### "An Evening in December"

How can we adequately tell the story of our transcendent God becoming a human being . . . becoming the poorest of the poor and the weakest of the weak . . . in order to give us His boundless, everlasting life? It should be celebrated with unbridled joy and with deep, quiet reflection. It should be sung with great power and with heartfelt tenderness and exalt our magnificent God with boldness and with childlike humility. Such a retelling, such a celebration is our prayer for An Evening in December. May it give you a new glimpse of "Emmanuel, God with Us," and fill your heart with a new song of thankfulness and praise.

Please join us for an uplifting time of celebrating our Saviors birth.

Refreshments will be served in our Social Hall downstairs afterward.

The **Coventry Community Chorus Holiday Concert** directed by George D. Myers and accompanied by Jim Tay will be hosted at St. James United Church, 321 South Limerick Road, Limerick, Pa on December 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:30 pm. Join us after the concert for refreshments!

### U.M.W. Fall Bazaar Report

\$1,277.65 – Attic  
4,150.60 – Kitchen  
525.75 – Bake  
270.00 – Table Rent  
\$6,224.00 – Total  
-1,874.65 – Expenses  
\$4,349.35 – Profit

### National Community Homeless Memorial Service

**Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> - 7 PM at Christ Episcopal Church  
316 High St., Pottstown, PA 19464**

Join us as we remember and honor those who have died this past year within our homeless community: those living on the streets, in the shelters, formerly homeless and others who serve their homeless neighbors. We also gather to reflect on how we as a community respond to our loss together.

All are welcome

*Also, please join us for a light dinner in the Fellowship Hall  
Following the service*

**Electronic giving at Bethel** is up and running through Vanco. Contact Jean Domin via email [jadomin3@gmail.com](mailto:jadomin3@gmail.com) for the link to the application and instructions.