



The Highlander

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Ordination & Installation of New Officers & the Annual Congregational & Corporation Meeting ~ January 14th ~

*Please stop in, call
or email the office
by **TUESDAY
JANUARY 30th**
with any
information,
announcements,
updates, etc. that
you would like to
see in February's
newsletter!*

*Please submit reports for the Congregational
Meeting to the office by
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH!*

*These include the following: Report of Membership,
Board of Deacons, Christian Education, Fellowship &
Discipleship Committee, Finance & Stewardship
Committee, Flight Bags, Homebound Communion,
Missions Ministry Committee, Nominating Committee,
Personnel Committee, Property Committee,
& Treasurer's Report*

THANK YOU to all our WORSHIP volunteers!

Have a question, or would you like to volunteer to help with some part of worship?
Contact either Chairperson Roberta Dinsmore or the office!

Thank you to everyone who so graciously put their time and talents to such creative uses this Christmas season. Even without a regular minister, there lovingly remained in our midst a strong sense of why Advent is celebrated with such passion and dedicated commitment.

Roberta Dinsmore, Worship Chair

DATE	JANUARY 7 - Baptism of the Lord	JANUARY 14
PASTOR/LEADER	Randy Stear	Ben Fitzgerald-Fye
LITURGIST	N/A	Bev Divelbiss
**SCREEN & SOUND	Nick Suntheimer	George Momyer
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY		Debby Elder
FLOWERS	Carole Haire	Melissa Polczynski
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	JANUARY 21 - Communion	JANUARY 28
PASTOR/LEADER	Don Wilson	Richard Fetterman
LITURGIST	Barbara Endress	Carole Haire
**SCREEN & SOUND	George Momyer	Nick Suntheimer
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Deb Himes	
FLOWERS	Greg Gaston	Pam Hogan
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

****We NEED more volunteers for screen and sound on Sundays!****
It's as simple as coming to worship and clicking a button on a laptop!
There is even an instruction sheet!
Please contact the office or ask a current screen volunteer
for more information.

FINANCE & GENEROSITY

Thank you for donating funds, time, and energy to PCOP!

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to Current Fund
December 3	59	\$3,910.00	99.23%
December 10	79	\$3,715.00	96.55%
December 17	90	\$1,917.00	94.00%
December 24 (morning)	71	\$3,269.00	82.35%
December 24 (evening)	94		
December 31	32	\$10,676.65	98.74%
NOVEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2017 Total Budget
Receipts	\$10,640.21	\$173,491.77	\$183,142.00
Expenses	\$12,019.69	\$179,073.83	
Excess or [Deficient]	[\$1,379.48]	[\$5,582.06]	
DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2017 Total Budget
Receipts	\$20,499.27	\$193,991.04	\$183,142.00
Expenses	\$13,562.51	\$192,636.34	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$6,936.76	\$1,354.70	

The floral arrangements that regularly grace our sanctuary on Sunday mornings are purchased by church members in honor or in memory of their loved ones. A schedule announcing open dates is published weekly in the bulletin. Flowers are purchased by the Board of Deacons from Steve's Florist and Greenhouse of Punxsy for \$25. The Deacons in turn "charge" those who choose to order the same \$25 amount. As the math indicates, the Deacons makes no additional money in the exchange. (In fact, we sometimes lose money if well-meaning members forget to pay.)

Those who participate are encouraged to take their flowers home following Sunday worship. Flowers left behind are delivered to homebound members or local nursing homes by Deacons.

If you would like to honor or remember someone, consider purchasing flowers in the urns or on the communion table. There are plenty of open dates available at any time of year! Contact Keri in the church office for more details.

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
The Board of
Deacons
Flower Fund**

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



**NOW AVAILABLE OUTSIDE
THE MEMORIAL PARLOR:**

2018 Membership Directory & Offering Envelopes
Living Word calendars courtesy of the Deeley Family

If you need to arrange pickup for your offering envelopes, please call the office!

Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Angie Barkley	DJ Bianco
Betty Brumbaugh	Pam Carr	Betty Cessna
Annabelle Divelbiss	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Jacob Hielman	John Hughes	Martha Irvin
Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks	Kathy Kopp
Guy & Gloria Lester	Geraldine VanWhy	The Ward Family
	The White Family	



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...**



January 5	Janice Hodgson
January 20	Doug Chambers
January 21	William Deeley
January 30	Keri Isenberg
January 31	George West

I want to take this time to thank my Church Family for all of the prayers that have been sent my way over the past several years. It seems if it wasn't one thing, it was another.

And I just want you to know that I appreciated it very much!

A praise report is that since my Doctor put me on a low carb diet this past May, I have lost over 65 pounds! I also received an early Thanksgiving gift from the Lung Center that I no longer needed oxygen therapy, and have ceased using portable oxygen!

GOD sure is GOOD, and you have all been my Angels with your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and emails.

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!

Joe Karetski

SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board) will be:

MONDAY JANUARY 22nd
7:00 p.m.
Lester Seminar Room

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:

SUNDAY JANUARY 28th
9:30 a.m.
Memorial Parlor

Members of the Unicameral Board

Class of 2018

Mr. Richard Fetterman
Mr. Keith Hughes
Mr. George West

Class of 2019

Mrs. Roberta Dinsmore
Mrs. Janey London
Mr. Rick Nesbitt

Class of 2020

Mr. William Cooper
Mrs. Dana Hartman
Mr. Rex Lettie

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2018

Mrs. Jennifer Gaston
Mrs. Carole Haire
Ms. Melissa Polczynski

Class of 2019

Mr. Greg Gaston
Mrs. Pam Hogan
Mrs. Kay Nesbitt

Class of 2020

Mr. Lee Blose
Mrs. Kathi Cessna
Mrs. Jean Hughes

And "Thank You!" to the outgoing Class of 2017

Elders

Mr. Douglas Chambers
Mrs. Donna Kengersky
Ms. Susan Wydra

Deacons

Mr. Richard Cessna
Ms. Debra Dinsmore
Mr. Sean Fitzgerald-Fye



Beautiful the sanctuary with flowers

Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:

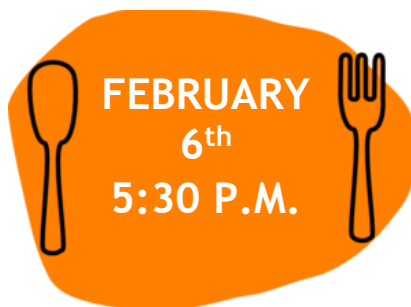
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 18, 25



MISSION & OUTREACH

A "Choose Your Own Adventure" to get more involved at PCOP!

*Volunteers are always
welcome to help at the next
First Tuesday
Community Meal!*



Hearty Beef Stew

Butter Biscuits

Valentine Strawberry Crème Pie

Recipes and sign-up sheets for food, kitchen help, serving, and clean-up are located on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor

**Crosstown Ministries Food Pantry
Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church
203 Woodland Ave.
January 15th @ 5:30 P.M.**

Volunteers are always needed throughout the month to:
donate food, unload the food truck, prepare boxes for the distribution,
and distribute the boxes to those who need them

Please contact Pastor Clint Phillips @ (814) 938-8160 for more information

FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!



**Saturday, January 27th
@ 8 A.M.**

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, January 20th
@ 11:45 A.M.**

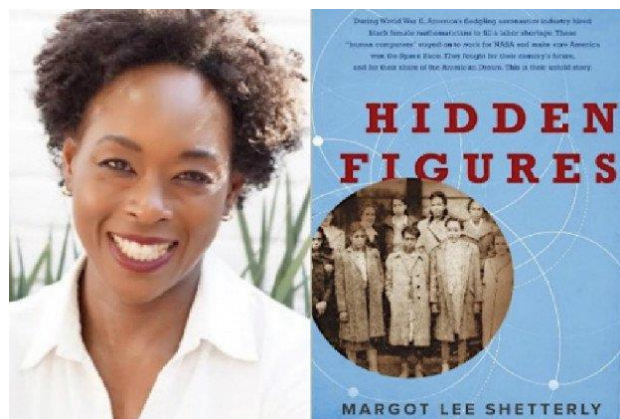
**Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant
(no reservations!)**

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper
Saturday Friends Out meets 3rd Saturday of every month!



Book Club

**Tuesday, January 30th
@ 7 P.M.**



***Hidden Figures: The American Dream and
the Untold Story of the Black Women
Who Helped Win the Space Race*
by Margot Lee Shetterly**

Questions? Ask Debby Elder

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How to love God, share the gospel, and live as Disciples of Christ



A DVD and Discussion based exploration of an open and broad-minded mature faith

Offered two days a week in the Lester Seminar Room:
Tuesdays @ 10 a.m. ~ Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.

Children's In-worship Sunday School Following "A Time for Young Worshippers"

January 7	TBD
January 14	TBD
January 21	TBD
January 28	TBD

VOLUNTEER to be a Sunday School Teacher!

Help lead our kids in
faith and fun!

Interested? Ask Janey London

Thank You! to our children and youth participants who led the December 17th Children's Christmas Service & performed "Listen to Christmas":

Alex Brothers
Stevie Doverspike
Madilyn Fye
Colten Jones
Mackenzie Reiter

Kaitlyn Cessna
Alyssa Elbel
Jacinda Gigliotti
Gage Jones
Remington Reiter

Kellan Cessna
Benjamin Fezell
Holly Hartman
Kylie Jones
Maxwell Roberts

Riley Doverspike
Jackson Fezell
Chase Jones
Gracy London

And our adult helpers:

Nancy Pearce

Nicole Williams

Debra Dinsmore

Dana Hartman

WHO DO I CONTACT?

“I have a question about . . .”

Schedules, quarterly financial statement, newsletter, ordering flowers, bulletin information, ordering church supplies, using church facilities, etc. <i>And anything else!</i>	Keri in PCOP office
Hospitalizations, Emergencies, Member Care	Keri in PCOP Office Board of Deacons
Worship information, pulpit supply	Worship Committee Chair Roberta Dinsmore
Baptisms & Weddings	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Funerals & Memorial Services	Keri in PCOP Office Funeral Director
Mission Opportunities	Mission Chair Donna Kengersky
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—Janey London
Finances & Giving	Finance Chair Richard Fetterman
New Members (Joining PCOP)	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Choir & Music	Music Director Nancy Pearce
First Tuesday Community Meal	Donna Anderson
Current Members of Session	Doug Chambers, Donna Kengersky, Richard Fetterman, Keith Hughes, George West, Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt
Current Board of Deacons	Richard Cessna, Debra Dinsmore, Sean Fitzgerald-Fye, Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire, Melissa Polczynski, Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office is closed	2 Jan. Newsletter info deadline 5:30 P.M. Community Meal	3	4 6 P.M. Choir Dinner @ Anchor Inn	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord
7 Baptism of the Lord	8	9 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 6 P.M. PTAG Auditions	10 Deadline for reports for Congregational Meeting 6 P.M. PTAG Auditions	11 7 P.M. Choir	12	13
14 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany Ordination & Installation of New Officers & Congregational Meeting	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	16 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	17	18 7 P.M. Choir	19	20 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
21 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany w/Communion	22 7 P.M. Session Meeting	23 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	24	25 7 P.M. Choir	26	27 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
28 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 A.M. Board of Deacons Meeting	29	30 Feb. Newsletter info deadline 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 7 P.M. Book Club	31			

~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

9:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School in Lester Seminar Room

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

Youth Sunday School following "A Time for Young Worshipers"

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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Kirk Ferguson, trombonist with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee WI, and Keith Ferguson, organist at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Trade City) and here at PCOP have finished the recordings for their CD!

The CD is in production now and we will keep you updated as to when it is available for purchase!



Scan this code with your smartphone for online giving this season!