



The Highlander

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thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november

*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27th** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in December's newsletter!*

Many blessings to our PCOP family as together we celebrate Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christ the King Sunday!

Please see the note from the Board of Deacons on page 5 for information on ordering poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Please see the calendar on page 10 for information on days the office will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend

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!

****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.**

DATE	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg	Ben Fitzgerald-Fye
LITURGIST	Barbara Burkett	Kathi Cessna
**SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Donna Kengersky
FLOWERS	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 25 Christ the King Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson	Dennis Ferguson
LITURGIST	Debra Dinsmore	Kathy Dinsmore
**SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Deb Himes	Debby Elder
FLOWERS	Jennifer Gaston	Carole Haire
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

Since some of our supply ministers do not choose hymns, we would like to use YOUR favorites!

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If you have a hymn that you would like to sing in church or at a hymn sing, please let Nancy know. You can email her at npearce@hotmail.com or write the name and give it to her at church.

FINANCE & GENEROSITY

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

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to Current Fund
October 7	50	\$3,333.00	96.70%
October 14	42	\$3,060.50	87.40%
October 21	48	\$1,685.00	94.07%
October 28	50	\$1,705.00	96.77%
OCTOBER 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$9,783.90	\$128,684.68	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$10,258.64	\$94,209.89	
Excess or [Deficient]	[\$474.74]	\$34,474.79	

It Is the How and Why

Dear friends-in-faith,

Truly, all thanks should be given to God. The Lord has provided to us and we have received. We have been provided and now we must manage that of which we were provided. Thus, it is up to us to be certain the worldly resources we have are used wisely and in the Way the Lord has prescribed.

It is now time to demonstrate our desire to fulfill this obligation to God's Way. The Stewardship season is once again upon us. Kickoff is **Sunday, October 14th**. This Stewardship Campaign will run through to **Sunday, November 25th**.

Included [in the letter mailed out] you will find a red stewardship response slip for your use. This can be easily completed and mailed to myself, to the church office, or dropped in the offering plate on Sunday. Or, if you prefer, it can be dropped off at the office or my home. Also, if you wish, simply hand it to me at church or whenever our paths cross. Actually, any submission method including a phone call would be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

In Joy and Thanks,

Richard Fetterman
The Stewardship Committee

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
Annual
Stewardship
Campaign**

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



Please remember to contact the office if you have any changes in mailing address, email address, or phone number to ensure you are still receiving PCOP updates!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr
Betty Cessna	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Jacob Hielman	John Hughes	Martha Irvin
Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks	Kathy Kopp
Geraldine VanWhy	The Ward Family	The White Family

November 2	Linda Fetterman
November 3	Ben Fitzgerald-Fye Kassidy Graham
November 6	Barbara Hanley
November 8	Arlene Shields
November 9	Marjorie Brennan
November 11	John Hughes Ray Dinsmore Ray Dinsmore Jr.
November 12	Jay Elder Deborah Himes
November 14	Joel Anderson Madysen Ewing Richard Cessna
November 15	Kathy Henry
November 16	David Divelbiss
November 17	Sallye Barrett Jean Hughes
November 21	Lynz Bowers
November 26	Nick Suntheimier Nellie Weiss

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

In celebration of Reformation Day, a special selection of scones will be served as part of the after-worship Fellowship Coffee Hour

****Made by Donna Anderson****

SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18th
10:00 a.m.
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
will be:
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19th
7:00 p.m.
Lester Seminar Room

It's (almost) that time of year!

Order your poinsettias in honor or in memory of someone special to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve worship!

**Order slips will be available in the bulletin on the following Sundays:
November 4 ~ November 11 ~ November 18 ~ November 25**

**Please attach payment to your order slip with "Christmas poinsettias" noted.
Drop in the offering plate or mail to the church office.**

Only \$10 Each: Red, White, or Marble (pink with cream center)

**FINAL DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25**

A reminder from the Finances & Giving Committee:

If you are turning in a receipt for purchases you made for something here at PCOP (Community Meal, Sunday school, etc.) please attach a note or write somewhere on the receipt what the purchases were for.

Thank you!



Beautify the sanctuary with flowers

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

November 4, 25
December 2, 16, 30



MISSION & OUTREACH

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

Prayer Chain

Our email prayer chain is up and running and we are now accepting prayer requests. Simply email your request to:

pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com

If you don't have an email account, you can also call the church office.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. To sign up, simply send an email with your name to the same email address. You can also write down your name and email address and hand them to Rex Lettie at church.

Contact Rex Lettie, Mission Chair, with any questions.

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



December 4

5:00 P.M.

Turkey Divan

Christmas Salad

Stuffing

Apple-Cran Holiday Cake

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.
November 20th @ 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!



Men's Breakfast will NOT meet in November

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie
Men's Breakfast meets 4th Saturday of every month!
(unless otherwise noted)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

Saturday, November 17th

@ 11:45 A.M.

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

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



The Home Stretch – Letter from Seminary Student & Elder Ben Fitzgerald-Fye

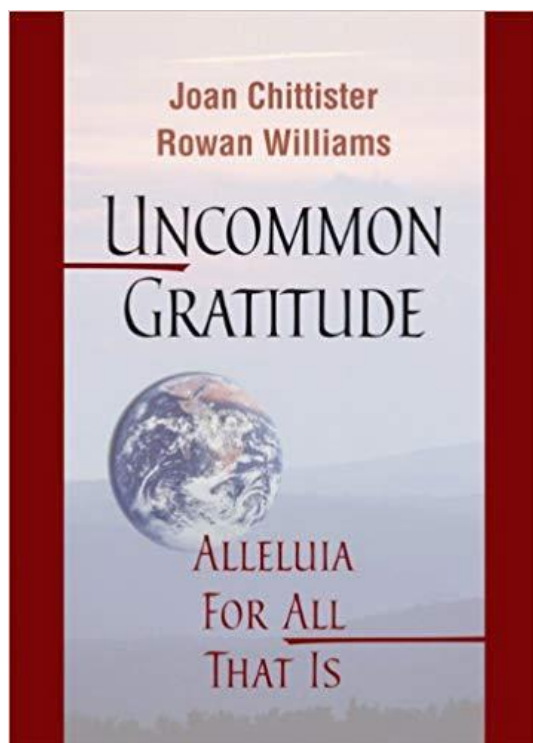
By the time you have received this newsletter, I will have registered for the final classes of my final semester in seminary. Can you believe we are reaching the end of a four-year journey? Soon, I will be wearing black robes and stoles, leading session meetings, and worrying about all the things minister-types worry about on a given day. But, before all of that, there are grades to get and books to read and another semester of work to do. As we approach this time, I am led to reflect on these four years in all of its complexity. Together, we have lost friends and people we love, we have watched young people grow up and venture out into the world, we have worshiped together, served food together, and we have watched PCOP change, grow, and adapt to its world and its circumstances.

Through internships and jobs and moving and busyness, I want you to know that whenever people ask me what church I go to I always answer, "The Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney." Whenever I refer to PCOP, I always say, "my home church." Heaven knows that I am no easy son of the church and heaven also knows that some of us haven't always seen eye-to-eye; and yet, it is from the roots of my home church that I have grown into the minister, the student, and the human being I am today. You, my PCOP family, have walked with me through unspeakable tragedy, through immense joy, and through the ups and downs of a seminary journey that is nearing its end.

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have one class left and one small independent study, I will have registered for my last of five ordination exams, and I will still have work to do...but, we are in the home stretch...Please know that I thank God for you every day and that I am truly thankful for the moral, financial, and emotional support you offer me. God's peace and God's presence be with you all! See you soon!

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



Join Tuesdays @ 10
in November
to read and discuss

*Uncommon Gratitude:
Alleluia for All That Is*

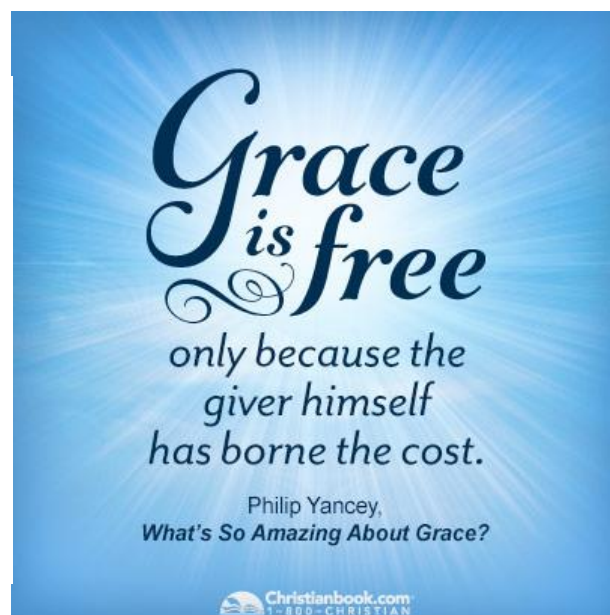
by Joan Chittister and
Rowan Williams

Adult Sunday School

What's So Amazing About Grace?
by Philip Yancey

Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
in the Lester Seminar Room

All are welcome to participate



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 Rex Lettie
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	Richard Fetterman, Keith Hughes, George West, Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie
Current Board of Deacons	Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire, Melissa Polczynski, Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes

NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups!</i></p> <p><i>Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i></p>				<p>1 All Saints' Day 7 P.M. Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 World Community Day</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time *Daylight savings time ends</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Election Day 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7 P.M. Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10 A.M. Tues @ 10</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7 P.M. Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's</p>
<p>18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 A.M. Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>19 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting</p>	<p>20 10 A.M. Tues @ 10</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day -- Office is CLOSED</p>	<p>23 Office is CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Christ the King Sunday</p>	<p>26 Office is CLOSED</p>	<p>27 Giving Tuesday December newsletter info deadline 10 A.M. Tues @ 10</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7 P.M. Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p>	

~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

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

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

During worship: A Time for Young Worshipers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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Congratulations to us!

As proactive members of the PCOP family,
all of us deserve a pat on our backs for keeping
the First Tuesday Community Meal initiative aloft.
November 6 begins another year.

Do you realize how many lives we have touched as we
enter our **5th year** of providing wholesome meals that
are free of charge to our Punxsutawney community? We
continue to serve approximately 150 meals each month!
That's a lot of happy folks!

We have been able to do this because **YOU** are willing
to answer the call to service to our hometown mission
by providing money, food, time and the work involved in
the prep, serving and clean up each month.

If you have not been physically present to witness the
joy in conversations and laughter among our diners then
you are missing out on receiving this amazing gift of
grace that we provide for one another and our
Punxsutawney neighbors.



--Donna Anderson