



# The Highlander

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**THE ANNUAL**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
*will be held on*  
**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**following worship!**

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*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in March's newsletter!*

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If you were a committee chairperson in 2018 for Session or the Board of Deacons, you must submit your annual report to the office by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>!

*Please keep an eye on your mailboxes for upcoming information about 2019 Per Capita apportionment!*

## **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!



*The Season of Lent*  
begins this year with  
Ash Wednesday on March 6!

If you would like to volunteer for any Lenten activities or special worship services, please contact the office to find out how!

DATE	FEBRUARY 3 Souper Bowl of Caring	FEBRUARY 10
PASTOR/LEADER	PCOP Youth Group	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg
LITURGIST	Janey London	Flo West
SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Debby Elder
FLOWERS	Debra Dinsmore	Jennifer Gaston
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 24
PASTOR/LEADER	Randy Stear	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg
LITURGIST	Lee Blose	Barbara Burkett
SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY		
FLOWERS	Carole Haire	Greg Gaston
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](mailto: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
January 6	53	\$1,450.00	98.28%
January 13	43	\$5,192.00	94.59%
January 20	18	\$1,483.00	89.68%
January 27	33	\$1,570.00	98.41%
JANUARY 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2019 Total Budget
Receipts	\$9,695.61	\$9,695.61	\$163,003.00
Expenses	\$9,254.49	\$9,254.49	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$441.12	\$441.12	



### CHANGE THE GAME

More than 29 years ago, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world—as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Every dollar donated goes to Crosstown Food Pantry, our 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice. Souper Bowl of Caring donations will be specially received on Sunday, February 3, during our Youth Group-led worship service.

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**Monthly Giving  
Spotlight:  
Souper Bowl of  
Caring**

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# MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



## Directory Update!

David & Beverly Divelbiss  
126 Mulligan Drive  
Punxsutawney PA 15767



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



- |             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| February 2  | Donna Anderson              |
| February 3  | Laura Craig<br>John Hodgson |
| February 7  | Robert Barrett              |
| February 18 | Max Roberts                 |
| February 20 | Loni Studebaker             |
| February 24 | Richard Nesbitt             |
| February 27 | Flo West                    |

### Those Needing Our Prayers

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

Please contact the **office** to add a name to the newsletter/bulletin "Needing Our Prayers" list. Please contact **Rex Lettie** at [pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com](mailto:pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com) to join or to add a name to the PCOP Prayer Chain.



*There are still several boxes of 2019 offering envelopes and new directories and Living Word calendars available! Please contact the office if you need to arrange pickup of any materials.*



# 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 FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**  
9:45 a.m.  
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)  
will be:  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*Following the Annual Congregational Meeting*  
Lester Seminar Room

### *From "Thank You" notes received in January 2019:*

**Thank you for the care package. We used it in July.  
I'm a little slow at thanking.  
Take care, Mike (Michael Huth)**

**Thank You! Words cannot convey our deep appreciation for the thoughtful care package we received from you on the day John Jerry was life flighted via emergency helicopter to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. God was with us and gave us the strength to get through this difficult time. Your prayers and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.  
Pauline & Jerry Hallman**



*Beautify the sanctuary with flowers*  
Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:  
February 3, 10, 24  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31





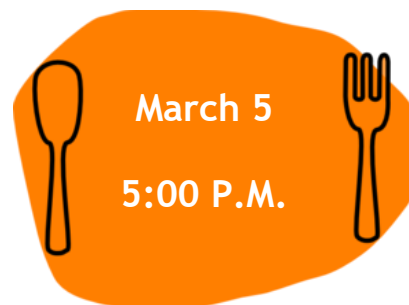
## MISSION & OUTREACH

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

### A Message & Request for the First Tuesday Community Meals from Donna Anderson:

1. Winter is here and sometimes that tends to encourage hibernation. If that happens to you, please keep in mind that the Community Meals must go on...but, not without you...your donation of time, money, and recipe preparation. If you are unable to personally check out the bulletin board and sign up, please call Keri and ask her to mail you the recipe(s) of the month. Your participation is appreciated more than you know!
2. Keep in mind that twice a year we have the Goodwill clothing collection that provides financial support to our First Tuesday Community Meal mission. As you clear out your closets, bag up your unwanted wearable items and bring them into the church. These items are stored then until the next drive. Suggestion: ask your family, friends and neighbors to donate their unwanted items to you to bring into church. Every little bit helps!

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



*Hole-in-One Bake*

*Chunky Applesauce*

*Bread and Butter*

*Ice Cream Sundae Bar*

*\*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.  
February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 8 A.M.**

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

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

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### *Saturday Friends Out*

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
@ 11:45 A.M.**

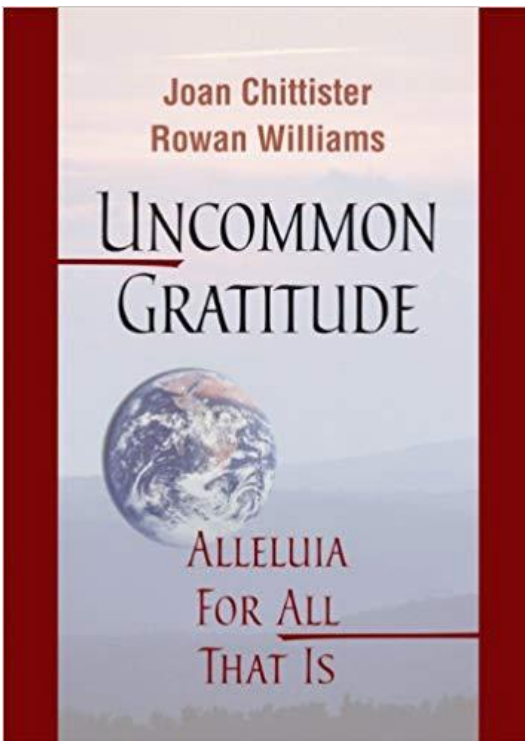
**Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant  
(no reservations!)**

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper  
Saturday Friends Out meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month!



# YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



Join Tuesdays @ 10  
in February  
to read and discuss

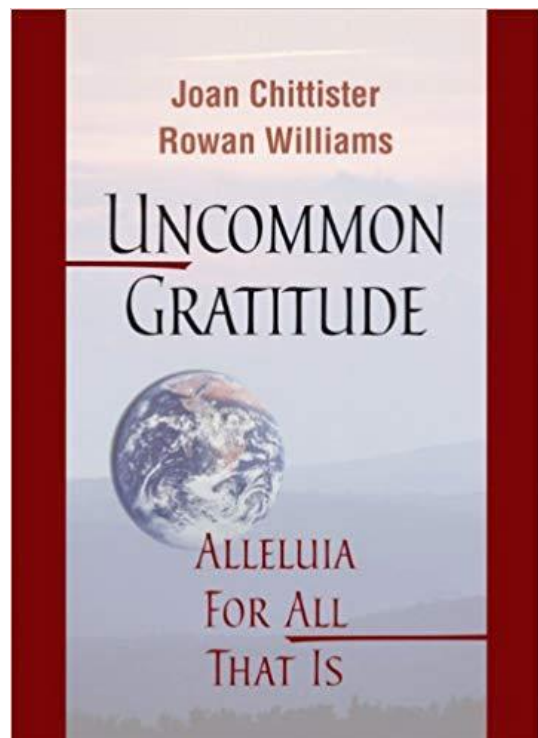
*Uncommon Gratitude:  
Alleluia for All That Is*

by Joan Chittister and  
Rowan Williams

## Adult Sunday School

*Uncommon Gratitude:  
Alleluia for All That Is*  
by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams

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
PCOP Property & Grounds, maintenance requests	Property Co-Chairs Dana Hartman & William Cooper
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 & Fellowship Opportunities	Mission & Outreach Chair—Rex Lettie Fellowship Chair—Barbara Burkett
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—
Finances & Giving	Finance/Stewardship Chair Nick Suntheimer
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	Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie, Barbara Burkett, Deborah Elder, Nick Suntheimer
Current Board of Deacons	Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes, Debra Dinsmore, Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire

# FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i></p>					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Souper Bowl of Caring	4	5 10 A.M. Tues @ 10  5 P.M. Community Meal	6	7	8	9
10 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Day of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness	11	12 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
17 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:45 A.M. Deacons Meeting <i>after worship:</i> Annual Congregational Meeting & Session Meeting	18 President's Day  5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	19 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	20	21	22	23 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
24 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	25	26 10 A.M. Tues @ 10  March newsletter info deadline	27	28		

## ~ 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 Worshippers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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*As we enter 2019 and the typically harshest months of winter, please contact the office and/or Property Committee Chair Dana Hartman if you notice any issues with the heat, water pipes, etc. so we may get issues or damage taken care of promptly.  
Thank you!*