



The Highlander

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We look forward to seeing all of you throughout our 2019 journey!

*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY JANUARY 29th** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in February's newsletter!*



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 our children and youth participants who led the December 23rd Children’s Christmas Service & performed “Christmas: FAQ”:

Alex Brothers	Kaitlyn Cessna	Kellan Cessna	Riley Doverspike
Stevie Doverspike	Alyssa Elbel	Ben Fezell	Jackson Fezell
Madilyn Fye	Holly Hartman	Chase Jones	Colten Jones
Gage Jones	Kylie Jones	Gracyn London	Max Roberts
	Alyssa Stewart	Peyton Stewart	

And our Adult Helpers:

Kayla Brothers	Debra Dinsmore	Dana Hartman	Nancy Pearce
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DATE	JANUARY 6 Epiphany of the Lord	JANUARY 13 Baptism of the Lord
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg
LITURGIST	Dana Hartman	Bev Divelbiss
SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Debby Elder
FLOWERS	Kay Nesbitt	Lee Blose
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 27
PASTOR/LEADER	Alyson Wilson	Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg
LITURGIST	Pam Hogan	Donna Kengersky
SCREEN & SOUND		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Donna Kengersky	
FLOWERS	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes
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
December 2	70	\$4,492.00	83.75%
December 9	77	\$2,367.00	90.92%
December 16	72	\$1,949.00	87.99%
December 23	120	\$2,499.00	85.23%
December 24	111	\$14,500.74	12.48%
December 30	47		

DECEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$25,808.27	\$175,820.45	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$35,852.69	\$144,289.14	
Excess or [Deficient]	[\$10,044.42]	\$31,531.31	

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.

Please also call to check when you already have flowers scheduled if you're not sure!

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

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



*Now Available Outside the Memorial Parlor:
2019 Living Word calendars, Membership Directory &
Offering Envelopes*

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...



Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr
Betty Cessna	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
John Hughes	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 to join or to add a name to the PCOP Prayer Chain.*

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

From a "Thank You" letter received November 27, 2018:

'For your support... Thank you always with my heart.—Shakespeare'

'So very grateful for all the ways you've been there for me to help make things easier.'

In this season of Thanksgiving, I still remember your kindness and am grateful for it. A few months ago, my mom was life-flighted from Punxsy Hospital to UPMC-Presby at around 12:30 AM. Shortly before she left, someone in the ER gave me one of your Life Flight kits. I didn't have a chance to open it 'til around 4:30 AM but when I saw what was inside, I was overwhelmed. In the hours that followed, I used many of those items. It was as though an angel had packed that kit for me. I can't imagine how you knew what to include but you thought of everything. I especially appreciated the comfort cross and the verse from Isaiah 41:10. I couldn't believe my eyes when I found the \$10, which I used to buy coffee and some breakfast. My mom came home a few days later and is doing well. Your thoughtful gifts kept me going at a very stressful time. I have re-stocked the items in my kit and will keep it forever. May God richly bless all of you for providing comfort, hope, strength, and a reminder of God's presence at a time when it was sorely needed.

--Christine Fallat

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 JANUARY 27th
 10:00 a.m.
 Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
 will be:
MONDAY JANUARY 28th
 7:00 p.m.
 Lester Seminar Room

"Thank You!" to the outgoing Class of 2018:

Elders:

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

Deacons:

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

And "Welcome!" to the Class of 2021:

Elders:

Mrs. Barbara Burkett
Mrs. Deborah Elder
Mr. Nick Suntheimer

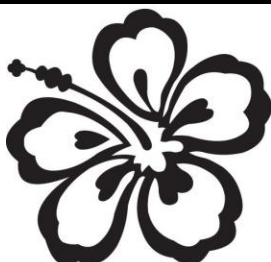
Deacons:

Ms. Debra Dinsmore
Mrs. Carole Haire
Mrs. Jennifer Gaston

Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign began October 14th and ran through November 25th. This year's theme was "It Is How and Why" and referenced our stewardship practices.

During this transitional period in our church, once again our congregation stepped forward. This year, we had 42 respondents who pledged a total of \$123,744.00.

These responses and the offerings pledged demonstrate our abiding commitment to God, our world and our church. On behalf of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, we appreciate your commitment and thank you for your continued faithful stewardship. --Richard Fetterman



Beautify the sanctuary with flowers

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

January 6, 13, 20
 February 3, 10, 24



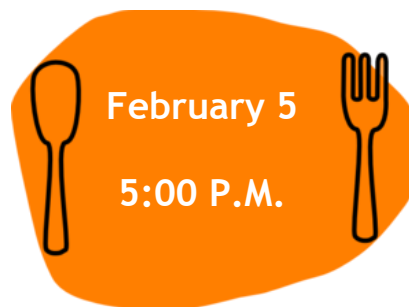
MISSION & OUTREACH

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!*



Chicken Noodle Casserole

Glazed Fruit Salad

Bread and Butter

*Chocolate Lover's
Decadent 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.
January 21st @ 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 26th
@ 8 A.M.

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

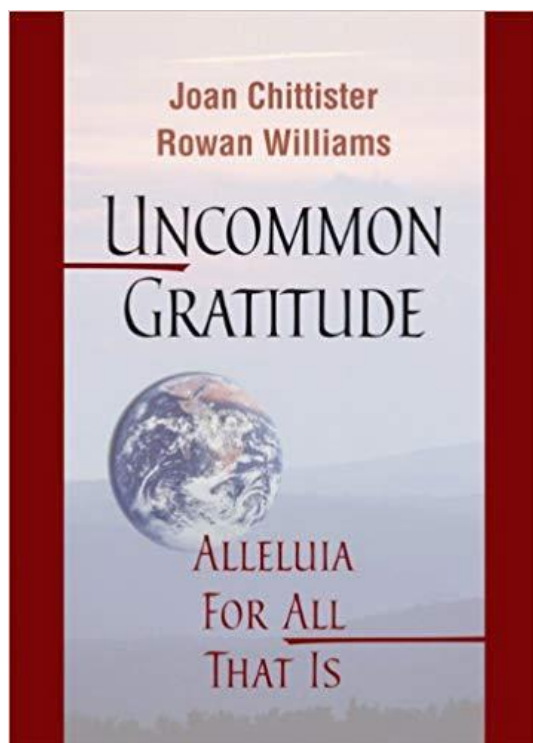
Saturday, January 19th
@ 11:45 A.M.
Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant
(no reservations!)

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



YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



Join Tuesdays @ 10
in January
to read and discuss

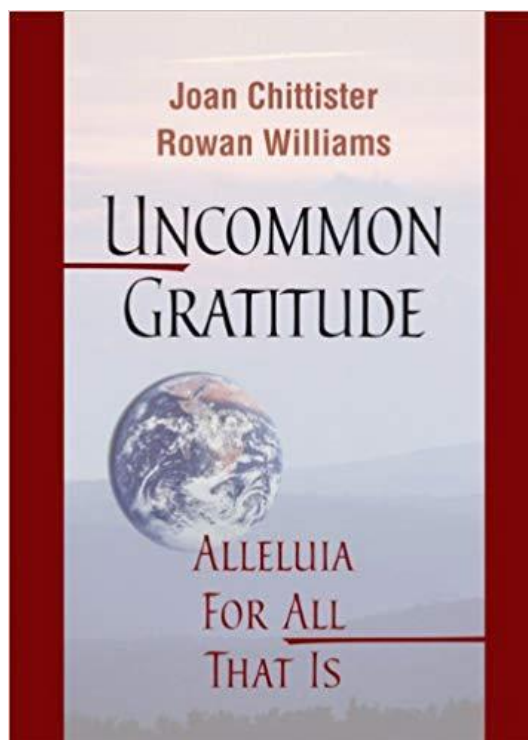
*Uncommon Gratitude:
Alleluia for All That Is*

by Joan Chittister and
Rowan Williams

Adult Sunday School
will resume on January 6 with

*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—
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—Janey London
Finances & Giving	Finance/Stewardship Chair
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, Carole Haire, Jennifer Gaston

JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day - Office is CLOSED	2 January newsletter info deadline	3	4	5
6 Epiphany of the Lord	7	8 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal	9	10 6 P.M. Choir Dinner @ Punxsy Pizza	11	12
13 Baptism of the Lord	14	15 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	16	17 7 P.M. Choir Practice	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	19 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
20 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	22 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	23	24 7 P.M. Choir Practice	25	26 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
27 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 10 A.M. Deacons Meeting	28 7 P.M. Session Meeting	29 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 February newsletter info deadline	30	31 7 P.M. Choir Practice	Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!	

~ 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!*