



The Highlander

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December 2019

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We ask you to join us for the Season of Advent this month, leading up to our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service!

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

Please check the back page for important information on rehearsal dates & times for the annual Children & Youth Christmas program on Sunday, December 22nd!
For more information, please contact Nancy Pearce

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!

Where the Promise Shines: A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Thank you to our volunteers!

December 1: Lee & Dee Blose

December 8: Rex & Laurie Lettie

December 15: William & Joyce Cooper

December 22: The Wachob Family

December 24: The Hughes Family

DATE	DECEMBER 1 1st Sunday of Advent	DECEMBER 8 2nd Sunday of Advent	DECEMBER 15 3rd Sunday of Advent
PASTOR/LEADER	Kathy Dinsmore	Debra Dinsmore	Rev. Dr. Don Wilson
LITURGIST*			Barbara Endress
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Donna Kengersky	Kayla Brothers
FLOWERS	Lee Blose	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett
DATE	DECEMBER 22 4th Sunday of Advent Children's Service	DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper	DECEMBER 29 Hymn Sing
PASTOR/LEADER	PCOP Children & Youth	Jef Dinsmore & Debra Dinsmore	Debra Dinsmore
LITURGIST*	Madilyn Fye		
NURSERY	N/A	N/A	N/A
FLOWERS		Poinsettias -- ALL	
USHERS	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie		J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young

*Liturgists will be scheduled on a month-to-month basis until otherwise noted

*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 General Fund
November 3	53	\$4,591.50	98.33%
November 10	48	\$1,968.00	88.41%
November 17	49	\$1,652.00	89.59%
November 24	60	\$2,376.00	89.02%

NOVEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2019 Total Budget
Receipts	<i>November 2019 Financial Health information was not provided for the December newsletter</i>		\$163,003.00
Expenses			
Excess or [Deficient]			

The **Christmas Joy special offering**, as part of the season of Advent, provides financial assistance to individuals and families who have dedicated their lives to the church, and supports leadership development and education for students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Donations received are split equally into two areas:

--**50%** goes to providing opportunities for leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

--**50%** is given back as part of the assistance program of the Board of Pensions for critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need.

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
Christmas Joy
Special Offering**

This year, the Christmas Joy special offering will be collected as part of the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, on December 22.**

More information about the Christmas Joy offering can be found in the two special bulletin inserts on December 8 and 15, or online at PresbyterianMission.org/ChristmasJoy

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



2020 Calendars, Membership Directory, and Offering Envelopes are available in the hallway outside the Memorial Parlor from December 15 to January 19.

Please be sure to pick up your materials!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Those Needing Our Prayers

Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr	Betty Cessna
Jane Crawford	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Martha Irvin	Dorothy Jenks	Kathy Kopp
The Ward Family	The Kevin Young Family	

December 11	Kerrin Roberts Maryl McGinley
December 16	Martha Irvin
December 19	Kathi Cessna
December 30	Harry "Butch" Philliber
December 31	Mildred "Cookie" White

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.

2019 Advent Devotional copies from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary are available on the cookie table inside the Memorial Parlor

2019

HOLLY TOUR
Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1-4 p.m.

VISIT THE HOMES OF:
JOHN & JOY BURKE
DAVE & KATHY NEAL
RANDY & JACQUE PERRY
IRA & CONNIE SUNDERLAND

AND THESE CHURCHES:
STS. PETER & PAUL BYZANTINE CHURCH
MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TRADE CITY
HOPEWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN FROSTBURG

TICKETS \$10 AVAILABLE AT THE WEATHER DISCOVERY CENTER, LASKA'S PIZZA & THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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 DECEMBER 8th
9:30 a.m.
Kitchen

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
will be:
SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th
7:00 p.m.
Lester Seminar Room

Deacons Salad Luncheon
Sunday December 8th following worship
in the Dining Room

Variety of Salads & Desserts ~ Punch ~ Rolls ~ Cookies

Come enjoy a time of fellowship with your church family!

Rev. Paul Doriani and his wife Linda would welcome cards and well-wishes as they are dealing with some health issues, minor surgeries, and a recent car accident with a deer

Cards may be sent to:
1596 Daughertys Run Road, Linden PA 17744



Beautifully the sanctuary with flowers
Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:
December 1, 15, 29
January 5, 12, 19



MISSION & OUTREACH

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

We are pleased to announce that PCOP has been awarded a **\$2,985 grant from the A.R. Hibbs Family Memorial Fund**, which is managed by Kiskiminetas Presbytery. These funds are to be used to purchase a one-year supply of materials—such as take-out containers, napkins, paper plates, and cups—and to defray the cost of some of the main entrée food items for the First Tuesday Community Meal. We appreciate this source of support from Presbytery.

For more information, please contact Rex Lettie

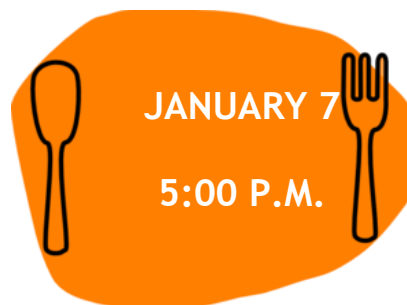
I first want to thank everyone for their continued support with financial donations, food preparations and help in the kitchen on the day of prepping and serving the First Tuesday Community Meals.

I want to remind everyone that the collection of wearable clothing/accessories will be an ongoing project and donations are being stored in the upstairs room off the front stairway. This is used as an ongoing financial support for our meals.

Next, I'd like to remind everyone that although winter is upon us, the need for their support for the community meal is a constant. Recipes and work sign-ups will continue to be posted each month.

Your participation is not only essential for our continue success but is more appreciated than I can express! Hugs to all!! Donna A.

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



Baked Spaghetti with Meatballs

Tossed Garden Salad

Bread & Butter

Cherry Bubble Bars

****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.
December 16th @ 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, December 21st
@ 8 A.M.**

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

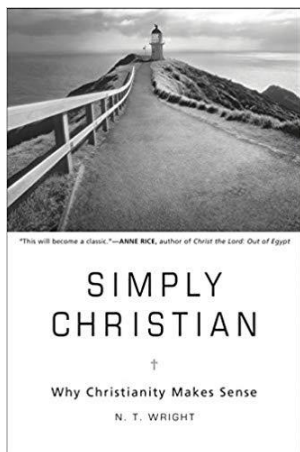
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, December 21st
@ 11:45 A.M.**

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

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



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

The Adult Sunday School Class is continuing the video series study entitled "Simply Christian" by N.T. Wright. All are welcome.

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 Committee 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	Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes, Debra Dinsmore, Carole Haire

DECEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1 st Sunday of Advent	2	3 5 P.M. Community Meal	4	5	6	7
8 2 nd Sunday of Advent Deacons Salad Luncheon	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 3 rd Sunday of Advent Congregational Meeting Session Meeting	16 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	17	18	19	20	21 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
22 4 th Sunday of Advent & Children's Christmas Service Christmas Joy Offering	23	24 Office is CLOSED 8 P.M. Christmas Eve w/ Communion	25 Office is CLOSED – Christmas Day	26 Office is CLOSED	27	28
29 1 st Sunday after Christmas	30 January newsletter info deadline	31 Office is CLOSED – New Year's Eve	January 1 Office is CLOSED – New Year's Day	January 2 Office is CLOSED	January 3	
<i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i>						

~ 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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The children and youth of the church will present their annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 22nd

All children and youth are invited and welcome to participate
Rehearsals* will be on the following Sundays from 9:45-10:30 AM:
December 1st ~ December 8th ~ December 15th ~ December 22nd

Everyone is welcome to participate even if they cannot attend all rehearsals.
We look forward to beginning rehearsal on December 1st!

*If necessary, there will be rehearsal on Saturday December 21st @ 10 AM