

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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Weekly News and Information

December 22, 2019

11:00 AM

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Pat & Paul Barren (by Kitty & Dick Trow),
Clay Cohen (by Bob Fryer), Eileen Collis (by Carole
Kleinert), Sharon Comrie (by Sue Wendt), Larry Cowell,
David Fryer, Thoren Griffin (Barbara Montague Graham),
Emerson & Alinah Haines (by Sue Wendt), Stephanie Kolb
(by Barbara Montague-Graham), Heather Johnson-McNutt
(by Sue Wendt), Pat Kunzle (by Jody Bontcuc), Rodney
Montague, Diana Montague-Griffin, Bill O'Keefe, Bess
Parmerter (by Barbara Montague-Graham), Gary Onufer
(by Sue Wendt), Maureen Panetta,
The Ryan & Gaeta families (by Sue Wendt),
Alice Sanseverino (by Kitty & Dick Trow),
Bob Tibbits (by Bob Fryer), Dick Trow,
Leslie Carroll (by Sandy Maben)

Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4 weeks

If you would like a name on the list, please complete a prayer request or notify the office

Remember our Shut Ins:

Margareta Alb, Jean Billitto, Elena Gatto,
Helen Lewis, George Monaghan, Pauline Scholl

LITURGIST: David Bani

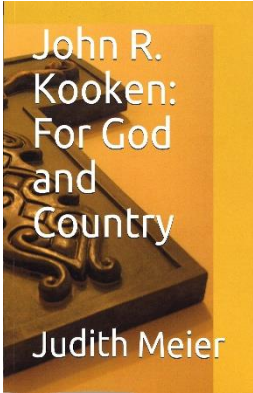
*BIRTHDAYS: (22) Carole Kleinert, Eleanor Morello;
(25) Carol Egeler, (26) Juliana Satterwhite;
(27) Jay Ernst; (28) Jozaline Kline*

ANNIVERSARIES: (22) Emeric & Stela Suto

OUR MISSION PROJECT

*Please support our mission to those in need.
Help fill our comma with your donations of canned food or
dry goods.*

******Please, no glass jars or bottles******



***John R. Kookan:
For God and Country***

A book written by Reverend Judith Meier on the Founding Pastor of the Reformed Church of the Ascension. Jay is selling copies at \$10 each and the proceeds will go to the Church's Organ Fund. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

Please consider joining our Choir or signing up as a Liturgist! If you are interested in either one of these ministries, please call the church office.



**New Women's AA Meeting
Mondays 12 PM – 1 PM
Closed Meeting
At Ascension UCC in the Chapel**

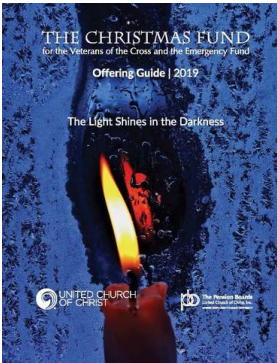
Please join us if you can.



Ascension is looking for a Property Committee Chairperson. If you are interested, please see Pastor Dwayne or one of the Consistory members.

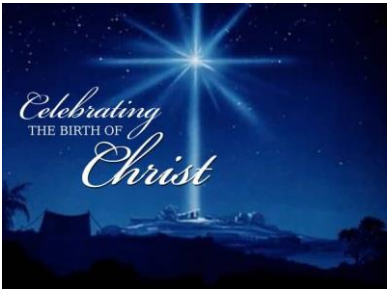
Christmas CAROLING

Sunday, December 22, 2019
Please join us **TODAY** after worship to spread some Christmas joy in our community!



Sunday, December 22, 2019
Christmas Fund Offering TODAY
For all the sacrifices that clergy and lay church workers have made in our congregations, over 100 years ago the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ created the **Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and**

the Emergency Fund, to help support them in retirement and during times of emergent need. **Please place your envelope in the offering plate, extras are in the Narthax.**



Christmas At Ascension UCC

**Please join us for Worship
on Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24th

7:00 PM

Children's Christmas Pageant

11:00 PM

Communion

**Join us for a traditional Christmas
candlelight service
with Holy Communion**

**All are welcome to join us in celebrating
the birth of Jesus!**



For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
City of David,
a Saviour, which
is Christ the Lord

Luke 2:11

Merry
Christmas

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Communitas

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464
484-949-8774

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**Christian
Education**

2020 Workshops

Facilitated by:
Betsy Majewski

Through-out the 2020 year, Betsy will be holding Christian Educational Workshops covering a variety of topics.

Workshops will be held for two hours on either Sunday afternoon or Saturday morning.

The first class will be held in the Reading area with future workshops being held around the Conference.

The first topic: ***One Room School House—Model for Sunday School***
2:00—4:00 pm @ Calvary UCC, 640 Centre Ave., Reading

Workshop detail: 'A current trend in today's church is lower attendance in children's Sunday morning Sunday School. Many churches do not have the number of children of varying ages to support traditional multiple age-group classes. These churches are moving towards a "one-room school house" model where a wide range of ages are grouped together. In this workshop we'll look at ways to do this and how it can be a successful model for teaching the stories of our faith.'

Register at: psecchristed0126.eventbrite.com

Additional classes and topics (more information will be forth coming):

Mar. 21: Children's Sermons

May 2: Let's Brainstorm

Sept. 19: Rotation Workshop Model—Using Multiple Intelligence
in Sunday School

Nov. 8: Inter-generational/All Generations (ages 3-93) Sunday School

Jesus is always showing up....

Merry (almost) Christmas! I hope you are enjoying a wonderful holiday season surrounded by the people you love and who love you. I hope every dream and expectation you have for this holiday season is becoming real.

But if you are far from home or feel distant from those who are very near, if there is more tension than cheer in the air, if you are exhausted, or feel a letdown, or if your life feels like an unlikely place for Jesus to show up—pay particular attention. Because Jesus is always showing up in unlikely places, including perhaps the most unlikely place of all— in this moment *of your life*. The incarnation of the Christ light is not only a historical moment in time, it is the essence of life as a spiritual being having a human experience.

The news of Jesus' birth is announced not in a palace or a temple, not where things are bright and beautiful, not to good people, or *the right* people. Shepherds, poor and smelly people, were the first to get the good news; and the first to share it. As surprising as this would have been at that time, in retrospect, it was entirely fitting. Jesus is forever showing up in the most unlikely places and associating with the most surprising people. And the message has not changed. God is always doing something good. Right now. In you and in me.

"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night... The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord."

This announcement changed the way we locate ourselves between here and the heavens. It's the announcement that changed the world. I hope it's the one that will change yours -- if it has not already.

With prayers for a changed world.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Bill

- Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister

**THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:15 AM – Confirmation Class

9:30 AM – Faith Formation

11:00 AM – Worship Service

2:00 PM – Boy Scouts Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

Monday – Church office open (8:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

12:00 PM – Women’s AA Meeting (Chapel)

Tuesday – Church office open (8:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

7:00 PM – Cub Scout Troop (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday – Church office closed

Thursday – Church office closed

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 PM – Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday – Church office closed

Saturday – Church office closed

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Thrift Shop Open

Sunday (12/29/19) – 1st Sunday After Christmas

The next communion will be on
Christmas Eve, December 24th
(Intinction)

Next week’s scripture lessons:

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23