

Christ Presbyterian Church

Connections

December 2018



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Mission Statement
Proclaiming Christ,
Loving and Serving Others,
Learning and Growing Together.

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CPC ANGEL TREE: CPC will host an angel tree to benefit several Christian Churches United (CCU) missions. The items placed on this tree will include needs primarily from Project A.S.K and Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven (SHSH), however any need from CCU's missions will be accepted. Project A.S.K. and SHSH work directly with children and individuals in need, many of these individuals lacking the basics. Christmas is a time to show and receive love, these gifts are a way to show them that they are loved. Thank you for this opportunity. Donations will be collected **each Sunday until December 16th**. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to ProjetASK@ccuhbg.org.

Current Happenings

DATES TO REMEMBER: ALL ARE WELCOME !

12/2: Communion & First Sunday in Advent
12/3: January Newsletter Information Deadline
12/9: **Deacon Potluck Brunch—ALL ARE WELCOME!**
12/16, 23,30/18 & 1/6/19: One Service at 9:30 AM only
12/16: Lessons & Carols Service; Cookies & Cocoa;
Cedar Cliff Chamber Singers Concert (3 PM)
12/20: Quiet Day & Longest Night Service [see page 13]
12/24: Christmas Eve Worship Services (6 PM & 9 PM)
12/25-27: The Church Office is Closed for Christmas
12/30: Carol Sing during Worship & Noisy Sunday

1/1/19: The Church Office is Closed for New Year's Day
1/6: Communion, Epiphany, Ordination/Installation of
Church Officers

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DEADLINE: Please email (cpc@christchurchcamphill.org) your information to the church office by **December 3rd (earlier than usual due to the holiday)** for the next newsletter. Thank you.

BUDGET UPDATE: CPC finances thru 10/31/2018

Income: \$ 289,712; Expenses: \$ 290,831; Deficit \$ 1119

If you would like information regarding automating your contributions, making contributions from your IRA RMD, donating appreciated stock or have any other financial questions, please feel free to contact Tom Waite at 717-763-1764 or tom_waite@comcast.net.

December Birthdays

Jean	Lehman	12/4
Deb	Leverntz	12/4
Bohdi	Backer	12/5
April	Danley	12/6
Jo	Dieffenbach	12/6
James	Peckham	12/6
Libby	Dietz	12/7
Ashley	Hoagland	12/9
Richard	Thompson	12/11
Megan	Adamire	12/11

Jeffrey	Toran	12/14
Andrew	Masson	12/15
Joan	Klingler	12/15
Enid	Savidge	12/16
Joyce	Gifford	12/17
Holly	Murray	12/20
Robert	Shindler	12/23
Sara	Frailey	12/28
Sharyn	Denham	12/28
Danielle	Guldner-Staton	12/30

COME ONE, COME ALL, COME HUNGRY! The deacons invite you to celebrate the Christmas season with a Potluck Brunch on **December 9th** from 9:15-10:45 AM in Fellowship Hall. Nobody leaves hungry. Signup sheets for food will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

COOKIES & COCOA: In lieu of donuts, please join us after worship on **December 16th** for a Christmas cookies and a hot chocolate bar. Bakers, feel free to bring a few dozen of your signature cookies to swap and share after a service of lessons and carols.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, calls and support. It's a blessing to have such a caring church family. ~ John "Hoppy" Hopkins

FROM ANDY HOKE ~ LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

I'm looking forward to my first Lessons and Carols service with you! The choir has begun working on music for this special day, but it is not too late to join us. While the bulk of our music rehearsal happens on Thursday nights, we like to employ a very inclusive policy for participation in choir. Some are able to work on music on their own and get rehearsal notes from other members. Let me know if you'd like to be considered for creative choir membership or if you'd like to participate in music in some way without being in an ensemble. There will be one service at 9:30 AM and there will be music for both adults and children. Join us!

As always, you can reach me with your ideas by phone at 717-737-0051, X-115, email: andy@christchurchcamphill.org or in person. Many ideas from members of this congregation have already been implemented and I look forward to continued service at this wonderful church!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: At the stated meeting on November 12, 2018, the session:

- Heard an update on stewardship,
- Discussed a preliminary budget for 2019,
- And continued praying for members of the congregation.

The next stated meeting will be held on December 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM.



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from your CPC Staff and
CPC Preschool Teachers and Families
Pastor Ellen, Eli, Andy & Cathy and
Lisa, Sharon, Tiffany & Donna*

Pastor's Note

“But as for me, I will look to the Lord,
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.”
~ Micah 7:7

Dear Friends,

With a suddenness that never fails to surprise me, the holidays are here once again. Many of get ready for Christmas by baking, wrapping presents, decorating, and mailing Christmas cards. In the church, we also get ready by observing the season of Advent. Throughout the fall we have walked with the people of Israel from the flood to Abraham and Sarah's call to give birth to the nations. We have escaped from slavery and wandered in the desert with Moses. We have confessed with David, wondered what it is to be wise with Solomon, met sainthood in a slave girl from Naaman's household, and been reminded of God's call to be kind and just as we walk in humility with God. With Isaiah we begin to hear a people longing for a savior who will bring peace. This longing lasts for generations. At long last, in Jesus we meet that Savior.

During Advent this year we will prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth by reflecting on how that long-ago longing speaks to our longing for peace, our longing for salvation here and now. And we will wait, trusting that the God of our salvation is coming.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ellen

How can I begin to thank you for the surprise 50th birthday celebration on November 11? I was so touched by the singing, the balloons, the hugs, the cards, and of course the cake. I cannot say it enough, I am deeply grateful to be in ministry with you. ~ Pastor Ellen

PLEDGE ENVELOPES: Beginning on **December 2nd**, pledge envelopes will be available to be picked up outside the church office. If you requested envelopes for 2019, please plan to pick them up. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we will make arrangements to get them to you before January 1.

DECEMBER 2018

Please see the CPC website for the most current list of church activities.

Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Communion Servers & Liturgists

8:30 Date	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u> (Captains: Nina & Dave Duke 717-774-6663)
2	Micah & Kyle York	Joyce & Ken Weller, Pam & Jim Ramsey
9	open	Jan & Ed Jackson, Micah & Kyle York
2	Communion Servers:	Ken Weller, George Irvin, open
Liturgists ~ See This Week @ CPC for available slots		

11 Date	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u> (Captain: Kathy Gaither 717-761-4656)
2	Coral & Bill Witmer	Susan & Phil Durgin, Doris Owens, Tracey & Joe Calhoun, open
9	Kathy Gaither	Peggie & Stan Colestock, Deb & Jim Davis, Mary Jo & William Young
2	Communion Servers:	Brigid Grode, Laurel Click, Diane Myers, Wayne Perry, open
Liturgists ~ See This Week @ CPC for available slots		

Thanks to all of our usher captains, ushers, greeters, acolytes, communion servers and liturgists. If you cannot serve on your scheduled Sunday, please trade dates with someone for a different date. Otherwise, contact the captain so that coverage can be found for that date. Please contact the church office (717-737-0051) with any changes.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED! If you have ever served as an elder, please sign up on the sheet across from the office or contact Lisa Brenize at 717-576-8211.

Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Communion Servers & Liturgists

Dec. 16, 23 & 30/18 & Jan. 6/19 ~ One Service at 9:30 AM Only

9:30 ONLY	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u> (Captain: Kathy Gaither 717-761-4656)
16	Carrie & Robert Backer	Marion Gruver, Bob Herndershot, Wayne Perry, Pam Shabroon, Betty Butler
23	Donna Blosser	Murray Family, Cary & Craig Patton, Mike Pearson
30	Betty Butler	Stan Pearson, Liz Potter, Jane & Tom Waite, Carrie & Robert Backer
Acolytes ~ 2: Logan Brenize; 9: Maddie Schultz; 16: Coa Lepley, 23: Ethan Schultz; 30: Ethan Brenize		
Liturgists ~ 12/16: Jim Davis See This Week @ CPC for available slots		

DIAPERS, our CHRISTMAS GIFT to NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: As in previous years, we are asking for baby diapers for New Hope during the Christmas season. We will be collecting each Sunday in December up to and including December 23rd. Any size is a good size! Thank you for your generosity.

DECEMBER LECTIONARY

12/2	Matthew 26:36-38; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19
12/9	Matthew 5:13-16; Esther 4:1-17
12/16	Service of Lessons & Carols
12/20	Longest Night Service: Isaiah 42; John 1:1-5
12/23	Psalm 23; Matthew 1:18-25
12/30	Carol Sing

EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30 AM, SEPTEMBER- MAY

Date	Nursery (Birth-Age 3)	S'More (Age 4-3 rd Grade)	Tween (Grade 4 th - 7 th)	Y.A.K (7 th -12 th)	Christian Issues (Adult)
12/2	Angel Visits	The Christmas Story			Hunger, Karen Woodings
12/9	Christmas Brunch/CrossGen				
12/16	No Education Hour – One Service, Lessons & Carols at 9:30 AM				
12/23	No Education Hour – One Service at 9:30 AM				
12/30	No Education Hour – One Service, Carol Sing at 9:30 AM				

Visit www.christchurchcamphill.org/christian-education for additional information.

CHRISTIAN ISSUES UPDATE

The Christian issues class is a forum for thinking about faith in the world. We regularly welcome in outside experts to discuss issues in culture, politics, and faith. To learn more, contact facilitator Dr. David True (dtrue@gmail.com).

December 2

**Hunger Simulation and Discussion,
Karen Woodings (Central PA Food Bank)**

The session is designed to give participants of all ages a better understanding of the reality of our neighbors who are living in poverty. What challenges do they face? What help is available? What options do they have? How do they pay their bills? We'll discuss these and other questions.

Karen Woodings is the Advocacy Manager for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. With nearly 30 years' experience in a variety of advocacy platforms, Karen monitors public policy, legislation, and regulations that impact the charitable food system and the people it serves. Sharing these issues with the community assures the Food Bank lives its mission to fight hunger, improve lives, and strengthen communities. Mobilizing the community to advocate on behalf of low-income people in need.

LOOKING AHEAD

CPC EDUCATION IN 2019

Sunday Mornings (weekly, beginning 1/13)

Nursery Class, birth-age 3

S'MorE, age 4 – 3rd grade

Tween, grade 4-grade 7

Y.A.K., grade 8-grade 12

Christian Issues Class, Adult

2019 Speakers Include:

Dr. John Elia, Wilson College

Darrel Reinford, Christian Churches United

Prof. Buz Myers, Gettysburg College

Dr. Brian Smith, Messiah College

Prof. Ellen Stockstill, Penn State University

SYNAGOGUE VISIT: In the spirit of seeking to better understand and love our neighbors, Dave True will be leading a group of CPCers to attend a local synagogue from 10-12:30 on Saturday, December 1st. If interested contact Dave at dbtrue@gmail.com.

QUIET DAY: On Thursday, **December 20th**, we will have an **Advent Quiet Day**, as we carve out a day of peace, light, hope, and healing at CPC. **Devotional and reflective readings and activities** will be available in the lounge throughout the day. The **labyrinth** will be available from 3 PM until 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather for the **Longest Night Service** at 6 PM in the sanctuary. Tracey Calhoun will offer a **restorative yoga** class at 6:30 PM. (Please sign up for yoga here: http://bit.ly/2018QuietDayYoga_cpc). Come and invite your friends and neighbors to come and find a place of peace, a place of light here at CPC, as we pause and prepare to welcome the true Light of the world.

ON BEING A WELCOMING CONGREGATION, CONTINUED...

Last month the Outreach Commission shared some tips on ramping up our welcoming persona. As the stores start to display Christmas decorations and - horror of horrors - start to play "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and "Santa Baby" ad nauseum, there are people without a church family, who may harken back to their childhood traditions, and feel drawn to enter a church. Perhaps it's been many years since they've been in a church. Perhaps they know no one and are feeling nervous and tentative.

Please try to imagine yourself in their shoes. We are a close and loving community and many of us have known each other for a long time. Therefore it may be hard to imagine walking into CPC and feeling alone and frightened. But taking these steps into CPC may be just that - lonely and frightening. Where should I sit? Where is the rest room? When should I sit, when should I stand? If you, as an usher or greeter or congregant, see someone who looks to be a newcomer, don't assume that they feel comfortable. Please extend yourself to be welcoming. Greet the person warmly, introduce yourself, ask if there's anything they need. Grab a CPC mug from the end of the pew and "mug" them. Quickly envision yourself as the one who is in a strange place and say or do what you would like said or done to you. Where better to practice the Golden Rule than in our church at Christmastime?

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!



Look for your new CPC directory on the table outside of the office and cross your name off the list after picking it up. Each directory is labeled with the member's name. If you inadvertently picked up someone else's Directory, please let us know so we can get a directory to them.

INFORMATION UPDATES

If you have any corrections to your address or phone number in the new directory, please contact Sue Antonacci, Brigid Grode, or email the church office (cpc@christchurchcamphill.org). Information will be gathered and communicated to the congregation via email and or in the monthly newsletter after the first of the year.

Many thanks from the Outreach Commission

Church Officers, Commissions

Elders/Deacons
Class of 2018-2020

Christian Education

Marilyn Parks (E-18) *
Nina Duke (D-18) **
Kathleen Sullivan (E-19)

Outreach

Brigid Grode (E-19) *
Susan Antonacci (E-18) *
Jerry Bruns (D-19)

Mission in Community

Sharon Oakman (E-18) *
Suzanne Bower (D-18)
Bonnie Peckham (E-19)

Trustees

David Bower (E-18) *
David Duke (E-18)
Phil Durgin (E-19)
Wayne Perry (E-19)
Christle Rushoe (D-18)
Mary Jo Young (E-20)
Joe Calhoun (E-20)

Worship and Music

Lisa Brenize (E-19) *
Diane Myers (E-19)
Lerin Hill (D-18)
Jane Bruns (D-19)

Nurture

Susan Weisinger (D-18) **
Liz Sulzberger (D-18)
Cindy Musser (D-19)

Fellowship

George Irvin (D-19)
Tassie Over (D-18)
Tracey Calhoun (D-18)

* Elder chairperson/Co-chairs

** Deacon Co-chairs

Special Committees

Investment Committee

Tom Waite
Skip Finkelston
Arley Miller

Memorial Committee

Laurel Click
Bill Denham
Arley Miller
Diane Myers
Wayne Perry

Mission Trip Committee

Deb & Jim Davis
Galen Martin
Diane Myers

Nominating Committee

Wayne Perry (E-19) *
Phil Durgin (E-19) *
Betty Butler
Barb Hawley
Dave Click

A very special thank you to all of our Elders & Deacons that have finished their 2018 term of service, to those that are continuing their service and to our new officers that will begin their service in January 2019.

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