

2016 CCUPC Photo Directory. . . the Deacons are going to be working on producing a new directory. How can you submit a picture? Send your photo to photos@ccupc.org. and be sure to include the name(s) of all those in the picture. Beginning on Sunday, October 30th, the Deacons will be taking photos immediately following the worship service. This will continue through Sunday, November 20th. Just come on out to the Greeting Area after worship and they will be ready with the camera. If you prefer to use the photo in the current CCUPC Directory, send an e-mail to photos@ccupc.org stating that.

A QUICK REMINDER. . . if you haven't sent your notes to our October Connections *Students of the Month* (Ryan Stewart, Isaac McKinley, Abbey Watkins, Joe Bell and Ariella Meltzer), please take a minute to stop by the Connections bulletin board to grab a strip of address labels and check out the students pictures. You will be blessing these students in ways you can't even imagine!

Food Bank Sunday will be *next Sunday, October 30th*. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the residents of VOICe (Victim Outreach Intervention Center). The *Items of the Month* are hot or cold cereals, pancake mix and syrup. All items should be *un-opened* and *non-perishable* (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). If you have any questions, please check with a member of the Mission Committee, one of the pastors, or the office staff. Supporting local people who are struggling is just one way that CCUPC is trying to make a difference and to spread the love of God.

The Fellowship Committee's annual **Chili Cook-Off** will take place immediately following the 10:00 AM service *next Sunday, October 30th*. Make your way downstairs to sample some of the great cooking of our members. Are you the cook? All cooks will have an opportunity to win a gift card prize. Bring your chili hot, ready to serve, and your pot big enough for everyone to have a taste. Please sign up on the sheet in the Greeting Area if you are bringing chili.

Also...the Children's Fellowship Committee is having an indoor **Scavenger Hunt** which will begin *after* the chili lunch at **11:45 AM**. Children will dress up (in their Halloween costumes) and scavenge through the church using clues to find pieces to build a pumpkin. Once they've designed their jack-o-lantern, they will receive a bag of treats at the end! We are asking families and groups to sign up to "sponsor" one of our scavenger hunt locations. Sponsors will decorate their location (as simply or elaborately as you'd like, *but not scary!*). You don't have to have small children to sponsor a station, and groups of people could sponsor a station together. We hope to get as many people involved as possible. We also will be accepting donations of candy or small treats to put in the treat bags. Parents will accompany their children to the various locations throughout the church as they complete their craft. (Costumes are encouraged for kids, but also optional!) If you are willing to sponsor a location, please sign up on the bulletin board by the Mission table in the Greeting Area, or email Beth Kane at bskaarkane@gmail.com. If you are willing to donate a treat, please place it in the bin under the bulletin board in the Greeting Area.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TODAY	10/23	
9:00 am	- Pray for Honduras	
	- Sunday School	Both Levels
	- NewComer's Class	Pastor's Study
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
	- SERRV Sale	Greeting Area
11:00 am	- Coffee Social	Greeting Area
	- Nursery Ministry & Village N	
5:00 pm	- Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm	- Youth Group	Lower Level
MONDAY	10/24	
7:00 pm	- Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	- Mission Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
TUESDAY	10/25	
8:30 am	- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
WEDNESDAY	10/26	
6:15 pm	- Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	- Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY	10/27	
11:30 am	- Ladies Lunch & Learn	Hodges Home
SUNDAY	10/30	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
	- NewComer's Class	Pastor's Study
10:00 am	- Worship/Food Bank	Sanctuary
11:00 am	- Chili Cook-Off	Fellowship Hall
11:45 am	- Halloween Scavenger Hunt	Main Level
6:00 pm	- <u>NO</u> Youth Groups	

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- Today we will be hosting the **SERRV Sale!!**
- The **Chili Cook-Off** and **Halloween Scavenger Hunt** will be *next* Sunday, October 30th. Check out the article in the bulletin for more details!
- This month's **Food Bank Collection** will take place *next* Sunday, October 30th. The *Items of the Month* are: hot or cold cereals, pancake mix and syrup.
- Those who signed up for **The Pittsburgh Project** will leave on Friday, November 4th and return on Sunday, November 6th. Please keep them in your prayers.
- The **Alive Pittsburgh Service Day** will take place on Saturday, November 12th at Allegheny Commons Park. The sign up is on the bulletin board by the Mission table. (Read more about it on inside page of this bulletin.)

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP **A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The Welcome and Announcements

A Deacon Directory Update Rich Rogers

The Stewardship Video Nugget

The Prelude **"Everlasting Father"**
"I'm Gonna Sing" Girl's Trio

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Hymn of Praise **"Everlasting Father"**

Everlasting Father,
Ruling now in holiness above.
Everlasting Father,
Lord of truth and perfect love.

CHORUS

We worship You, we worship You,
We worship You, our Father.
We worship You, we worship You,
We worship You, Almighty God.

Everlasting Father,
All the angels bow before Your throne.
Everlasting Father,
All creation worships You alone.

REPEAT CHORUS 2 X

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You said that You are the Light of the World, yet we still refuse to let You into the darkest places of our lives. You said that You are the Good Shepherd, but we fail to follow where You lead. We are sheep that have gone astray. You said that You are the bread of life, but we seek out other things to satisfy us. You said that You are the Way, but we often make our own paths. You said that You are the Truth, but we find ways to deceive ourselves and others. You said that You are Life. Forgive us and help us to embrace the mercy, forgiveness, and grace that You offer us so that we can have an abundant life with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Glorifying God ***“We Will Glorify”***

***We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.***

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory

“Everlasting to Everlasting”

The Choir

*Praising God #556 ***“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*The Prayer of Dedication

WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

*The Greeting (*Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope*)

The Children's Lesson and Prayer (*The children may come forward*)

The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni)

The children who are in 1st - 3rd grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary)

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“WHAT IT IS NOT. . . WHAT IT IS”

The Commitment Cards

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Closing Hymn #386 ***“Take My Life and Let It Be”***

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Where Your Treasure Is”

**Please stand as you are able.*

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What makes you feel ALIVE? Having good food? Dressing in clothing that makes you feel confident and attractive, and protects you from the elements? Worship? Fellowship with family and friends? Being able to study or do a job that gives you meaning and purpose?

So many of these comforts are a challenge to the vulnerable homeless community. AlivePittsburgh seeks to provide a positive accepting atmosphere where the homeless can receive what they need in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. On Saturday, November 12th this vulnerable population will be offered the chance to enjoy time together, to receive a hot meal, and to worship, and they will be given warm clothes to help sustain them through Pittsburgh's harsh winter.

Our congregation is partnering with AlivePittsburgh in order to provide goods for distribution, as well as to help in serving at the event. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals and family to participate in mission work close to home. All who are in 3rd grade and up are invited to serve, although those in 3rd-5th grade must attend with an adult who agrees to work alongside and be responsible for them. Our group has volunteered to help with clothing distribution, crafts, and games.

We will also be accepting donations of new and gently used winter hats, winter scarves, and gloves, and new socks for all ages. (There is a particular need for men's items.) If you are interested in helping to serve on November 12th from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area. Donations may be placed in the laundry basket below the bulletin board. The last day to donate and sign-up is *next* Sunday, October 30th. Questions can be directed to Dale Jacobs at 724-831-9184 or by visiting the website AlivePittsburgh.org.

I WAS JUST THINKING . .

It is for us seriously to examine our blessings - our family, our education, our income, our cars, our houses, our health and every other gift of God in our life. And to ask ourselves if we are really returning a sacrificial gift to the Giver of all good gifts. Where do we begin our thinking about how much is a generous share? Obviously each of us must answer for himself or herself.

Because what I give of what I have is a measuring stick of my convictions and a measure of just how important my faith-relationship with my Lord Jesus and his Church really are. Stewardship is an issue of the heart. It is not only giving cheerfully - after all, I may well be more cheerful in giving a nickel than I would be giving a dollar - stewardship is giving as a measure of my love and my commitment. But how can I afford to give more? We can afford it if we are willing to do something as old as Abraham. If we are willing to trust our God and take Him at his word.

It comes down to trust. It is that simple. We are either willing to take God at His word or we are not. And His word is, from Malachi, the prophet, “Bring the full tithes into the storehouses, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

“Thereby put me to the test,” God says. And that is what it is about. Many of us have woven an elaborate network of reasons and excuses and rationalizations why we have felt we are unable to give more back to the Giver of all. But when we stand before our God in light of Malachi's words, all the ifs, ands and buts are gone. It all comes down to the matter of trust and taking God at His word.

Stewardship is not knocking heads and breaking arms. It is not devising schemes for wringing dollars out of pockets. It is not planting a huge thermometer by the pulpit and making a weekly sideshow of our progress. Stewardship is deciding to trust - to test God out - taking Him at His word - that when we are returning a sacrificial offering, ours will be an overflowing blessing. Of course, taking God at His word is not a completely blind leap in the dark. Abraham trusted God, Jacob trusted God, David trusted God, Moses trusted God - and God kept His word to them. And Jesus trusted His Father, even through the excruciating hour of His death. And Jesus rose from the dead!

Stewardship is wiping out the cobwebs of reasons and rationale for not trusting and getting down to the fundamental, undeniable issue - we believe Him or we do not.

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

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Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Geneva Cable (Mindy Cable), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), the Hasselman family (Jones Thompson), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), Robert Mason (Rick & Mary Mason), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Lee Moorhouse (Linda Moorhouse), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl Lonie), and all University Professors (Tom Bell).