

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Geneva Cable (Mindy Cable), Candace (Bob & Gail Pierce), Mark Cowden (Bob Cowden), Debbie Fisher (CCUPC member), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Kris (Dale Jacobs), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Roberta Lickeri (Marcy & John Hammann), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), aunt Marla (Natalie Marks), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Morgan (Michaela Cowden), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Barbara Reichert (Lisa Kumnik), Christina Taylor (Bob & Donna Taylor), Tim (Shirl Lonie), and Bill Underwood (Barb Smith).

The sympathy of our congregation is extended to Linda Moorhouse and family on the passing of her husband, Lee, over the weekend.

Dale Jacobs shares his THANKSGIVING for the ALIVE event (11/12). There were over 500 homeless and needy people given warm clothes and food. There were 14 groups that participated and 325-350 volunteers.

Dave Cowan shares his THANKSGIVING for the support after the passing of his mother.

Gynni Gorman shares her THANKSGIVING for all those who donated or went to the Spina Bifida lunch on November 13th.

Nancy Hodges shares her THANKSGIVING and JOY for the participation of her son, Matt, in the ALIVE event on November 12th.

Mackenzie Kerr shares her THANKSGIVING for her brother, Jared, who came to live with her family 6 years ago last weekend.

Bob and Donna Taylor share their THANKSGIVING that their daughter-in-law had successful surgery.

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Every year we decorate the Sanctuary and the "point" in the Greeting Area with live Christmas trees, and outline the church property on Christmas Eve with luminaries that have been sponsored by a family in our church. The purchase of the trees and candles can be funded in memory or in honor of a loved one. Recognition of the trees and the luminaries will be noted each week in the bulletin during Advent. Please contact the church office (office@ccupc.org/724-776-5310) if you're interested in sponsoring one of these gifts.

THE GIVING TREE is UP!!! It is in the Greeting Area and filled with "wish list" tags that will have specific gift suggestions. We will be sponsoring the Mars Home for Youth, CityView Church, the Pittsburgh Project, VOICE, and local people in need. *The gifts are to be brought back to the church unwrapped by Sunday, December 18th.* If you don't want to shop, purchase a scrip card and someone from the Mission Team will shop for you - just let us know. If you have questions, feel free to call Dara Marner (cell/724-316-3475).

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring a **Craft Night** with members of **CityView Church** on **Thursday, December 8th**. We are asking volunteers provide the crafts - something that doesn't take too long and that congregation members can take home with them. It is a great time of fellowship, and is open to anyone who is interested. See Dara Marner or Jo Goddard with questions. This is a great family activity!

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
SUNDAY 11/27	<i>Pray for Iran</i>	
10:00 am	- NO Sunday School	
	- Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
	- Coffee Social	Greeting Area
	- Village C	
	- NO Youth Group	
MONDAY 11/28	- <i>Office Closed</i>	
WEDNESDAY 11/30	6:15 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SUNDAY 12/4	<i>Pray for Iraq</i>	
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
	- Coffee Social	Greeting Area
	- Villages D & E	
11:15 am	- <i>Happy Birthday Jesus Party!</i>	Fellowship Hall
	- Session Meeting	Conference Rm.
5:00 pm	- Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm	- Youth Group	Lower Level

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- The **2017 Worship Flower Sign-Up** is now available on the nametag table.
- The **office** will be **closed** Monday, November 28th.
- Let's continue the celebration at the **Happy Birthday Jesus Party** on Sunday, December 4th beginning directly after worship at 11:15 AM.
- The **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, December 13th at 8:30 AM.
- The Youth Groups' **Cookie Assembly** and **Christmas Party** will take place on Friday, December 16th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
- The annual **Cookie Sale** on Sunday, December 18th.
- **Blue Christmas Service** will be on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 PM.
- **Luminary set-up** will be Friday, December 23rd at 9:00 AM.
- **Christmas Eve Services** will be at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 PM.

The **Per Capita** amount will be announced next week. Hold onto your envelopes until you see the information in the bulletin.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

The First Sunday of Advent

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"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 Carol #86 ***"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"***

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, You know our hearts and You know our lives. We confess to You that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to You our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for Your help to improve, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love You and our neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose 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

The Choir

“Sing with the Angels”

*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)
(There is no KFC today)*

The Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“THE FRIEND CAME”

WE WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

*A Hymn *“I Love You, Lord”*

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE!

WE INVITE ALL who trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, regardless of denominational affiliation, to share in this celebration and thanksgiving! The Table has been prepared for those who seek fellowship and peace with God and each other.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Proclaiming our individual experiences of God's gracious forgiveness, we eat the bread as it is passed. You will note a dish in the middle of each serving tray that contains gluten free bread. Proclaiming our corporate experiences of God's grace to the Church, we hold the cup until all have been served, and drink together as the pastor indicates.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*A Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

*Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.*

*Rise up, O saints of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!*

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Please stand as you are able.

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The basket of flowers is given by Bob and Donna Taylor to the glory of God, and in celebration of their son, Mike's marriage to Amber Uram.

Come and celebrate with your church family *next Sunday, December 4th* as we start of the Christmas season with a reminder of why we celebrate - **Happy Birthday Jesus!** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, and cake, and will include a time for singing all of our favorite Christmas Carols in the Sanctuary. There will be crafts for the children, and a fun time for all. You do not have to have small children to attend. If you like pizza, if you like cake, if you like carols, and if you love Jesus, plan to come and celebrate!

I WAS JUST THINKING . .

Today marks the beginning of the season of Advent, a time of preparation, a time of going toward the coming again of the Messiah, a time of great expectation and great anticipation. But exactly what is it that we anticipate? For what are we getting ready? What do we expect to happen? Do we anticipate the end of the world, as some religious cults always do at this time of the year? Are we preparing our hearts and spirits to receive once again the coming of the Christ child into the world? Or are we preparing for yet another month-long shopping spree that some have called “economic first-degree murder” – willfully and with malice aforethought murdering our bank accounts? Or maybe we are getting ready for the seven to ten pounds the average American will gain during the season (Lord, please let me be an underachiever this year!)? Or are we preparing for the suicidal traffic jams at the malls, or the general atmosphere of surliness and desperation?

Johnny Dean, in one of his sermons asks: “Are we getting ready for the depression, the anxiety, and even the rage that accompanies the secular holiday season? If we allow ourselves to get caught up in the consumer Christmas – and I firmly believe that we in America celebrate two separate events on December 25 – we can easily find that instead of preparing to sing ‘O Holy Night’ we will find ourselves living out one holy nightmare.

“When the prophet Isaiah thought about the advent of God, he envisioned a world unified in worship of God and committed to peace. Isaiah dreamed of a time when the nations and people of the world would join together in recognizing the sovereignty of God and declare, ‘Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that God may teach us his ways, and that we may walk in his paths.’ In the world of Isaiah's vision, war was a thing of the past, and the nations of the earth lived together in peace.”

Bless your hearts,

Pastor Jim

*Blue Christmas. No one likes to be sad at Christmas time, and yet, so often, it can be hard to claim the joy of the season. Whether we've experienced the loss of a loved one, are separated from family, or things just aren't the way we think they ought to be, sometimes joy is hard, and that is magnified at Christmas. And yet, Christmas is a time of promise and hope. CCUPC is hosting a special “Blue Christmas” worship service giving space for those who struggle, for whatever reason, and still pointing to the hope and peace that is ours through Christ. If you feel as though you could benefit from that service, we hope you will join us on **Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 pm.** Or, if you know of others who may find comfort from that kind of worship, we hope that you will extend the invitation to them. There are postcard invitations on the Spiritual Growth table in the Greeting Area for you to use.*