

The Giving Tree is up!! This year Josh Bannon has taken on the Giving Tree as his senior project. You will find tags from Mars Home for Youth, VOICE, Cityview Church, The Pittsburgh Project and local families in need. Please help us make this Christmas a happy one for those in need! When you select a tag, please fill out the orange slip of paper with your name and phone number so that we can keep track of the tags. *All gifts should be returned unwrapped by Sunday, December 10th.* If you have any questions please see Josh Bannon or Dara Marner.

You and your family are welcome to join us after worship today for our **Happy Birthday Jesus! Crock Pot Lunch.** A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the CCUPC Mission Committee, and following the lunch, there will be activities for children in Preschool-2nd grade, and those in 3rd grade through adults will be invited to help decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Please stay and participate in whatever ways you can.

A Share the Harvest Update.....Last Sunday you were encouraged to bring in your food bank items for our Thanksgiving foodbank collection. Here are the totals that were collected - the Preschool gathered 723 lbs. of food items, CCUPC gathered 400 lbs. of food items for a grand total of 1123 lbs. of food items that were split between the Lighthouse Foundation and VOICE!!! We also were given \$225 in gift cards. Thank you!!

Scrip cards aren't just for giving...with the holidays and black Friday approaching fast, our thoughts turn to shopping. Scrip cards make great gifts, but they can also be used to make your holiday purchases. Kohl's cards (but only Kohl's) can even be used to pay off your Kohl's credit card. We now carry Cracker Barrel.

Connecting with our College Students...it would be a wonderful gesture if you would send an encouraging note to our *November Students of the Month* — Gunnar Hodges, Stephanie VanHorn, Daniel Hayden and Ryan Okuda. Think of how thankful they would be to hear from YOU! There are cards, Bible verses and address labels on the Connections Bulletin Board across from the elevator in the Greeting Area.

Hey Bakers! Preheat your ovens! The youth groups will once again be roasting their annual **Cookie Sale** on **Sunday, December 17th.** There will be trays of cookies for sale before and after the worship service. Each student in youth group is asked to donate 5 dozen cookies for the sale. The youth will also gladly accept donations of cookies from the congregation. This is one of our best fundraisers, and helps us to send youth to various events, including the New Wilmington Mission Conference each summer. Donated cookies can be of any kind (except chocolate chip). You can bring your cookies to the church office from Monday through Friday, December 11th- 15th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, *or* Saturday December 16th from 5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Greeting Area. All donations need to be turned in by 5:30 PM on Saturday, December 16th and should be clearly marked "Cookie Sale." The youth group are assembling the trays that evening.

It's that time once again to recruit volunteers to help out in the **Infant/Toddler nursery** on **Christmas Eve** during the 6:00 and 8:00 PM worship services. Please prayerfully consider helping out with this most important ministry. We often have new families visiting our church, some for the very first time, and we can only offer a nursery if we have loving caregivers, like YOU! Sign up by writing "CE-6" or "CE-8" in the sign-up box on the registration sheet. Dana Early, the Nursery Coordinator, will then contact you.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	11/19	Christmas Kick-Off Sunday <i>Pray for Mozambique</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	All Over
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Crock Pot Lunch	Fellowship Hall
	11:45 pm	Happy Birthday Jesus! Deck the Halls NO Youth Groups	Fellowship Hall Main Level
Monday	11/20	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday	11/21	Thanksgiving Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday	11/22	6:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Thursday	11/23	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!!</i>	
Friday	11/24	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Sunday	11/26	Baptism <i>Pray for Namibia</i>	
	9:00 am	NO Sunday School	All Over
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Coffee Social Village P NO Youth Groups	Greeting Area

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- Our **Thanksgiving Worship** service will be Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 PM.
- The next **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, November 28th at 8:30 AM.
- We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion** on December 3rd.
- The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will meet on Thursday, November 30th at 11:30 AM in the Greeting Area for a lesson on Hinduism given by Karen Raman.

Please pick up your **2018 Giving Envelopes** that are located in the Greeting Area. If you find that you do not have a box of envelopes and would like one, please write your name on the sheet provided.

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November 19, 2017

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

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

"Giving Thanks"

"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

"Thank You, Lord"

*I come before You today,
And there's just one thing that I want to say:
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me,
For all the blessings that I cannot see:
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.*

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord.*

*For all You've done in my life,
You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame,
You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank you, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.*

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Thank You, Lord.*

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that we should approach it as a holy day. Forgive us when we treat this time as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with duties that do not enhance the blessedness of the day. Help us move past our busyness into an attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings You have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of passion about the love You have given to us and about the joy of serving You by helping others. 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

“Thanksgiving Canticle”

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)*

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

(Children in 1st - 3rd grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary)

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“PRE-THANKSGIVING THANKS”

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*A Closing Hymn #49 **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“All the Earth Will Sing for Joy”

*Please stand as you are able.

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The vases and basket of flowers are given by Jon, Lydia, Vincent, and Andrew Horvath to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Doreen.

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Yvonne Gulick (Gary & Kim Pugh), Dick & Lillian Grundler (CCUPC members), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane/Kelly Stebor), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Will Pilarski (Isaiah Clerkley & Lori Zona), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), Chris Thompson (Dave Schlosser), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), and Joe Weber (Judy Weber).

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Earl Campbell and family on the passing of his wife, Marilyn.

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Gynni Gorman shares her THANKSGIVING to all who gave a donation and went to the Spina Bifida Soup & Salad lunch.

Matt and Sue Morgan share their THANKSGIVING as they announce the engagement of their son, Brandon, to Ariel Delia. They both reside in Virginia Beach.

Chris Thompson shares his THANKSGIVING to everyone for their prayers and support while he was in the hospital with pneumonia. He is home and resting comfortably.

Lillian Grundler is a resident of UPMC Cranberry Place, and would love to have visitors between the hours of 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

The new **2018 Worship Flower** sign-up is now available on the nametag table in the Greeting Area. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for either the two chancel vases or the basket. You can donate the flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special day. Sign up now so that you can get that special date!

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I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim

Linda Loving, writing in, Whole and Thankful, Holy Thankful says this:

“I grew up in a family which emphasized gratitude. Grace before meals, written thank you notes, hostess gifts, ‘please and thank you.’ My mother raised us with the Bible in one hand and Emily Post's, Guide to Etiquette in the other. I have to admit there were days when Emily may have actually been the final authority, which makes one wonder why all four of mother's kids landed in seminary rather than the diplomatic corps! Yet gratitude is at the heart of both gospel and good manners.

“With a family full of clergy I sometimes am asked who gets to say grace at our reunions. Actually there is no jockeying for that role, no sibling-socking -it-out; we simply revert to our childhood blessing which we always said in unison at the family dinner table:

‘We thank you God for happy hearts,
For rain and sunny weather;
We thank you God for this our food
And that we are together.’

“We thank you God. It's that simple. Yet for some reason as you and I whirl through busy and complicated lives, it's not always that simple to get the words out. Our Gospel reading is perhaps an example. Ten lepers healed; we only hear of the gratitude of the one who turned back, praising God with a loud voice, fell on his face at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks.”

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Are you interested in **sponsoring the tree in the Greeting Area or the luminaries** that outline the church property on Christmas Eve? The purchase of the tree and candles can be funded in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Recognition 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.

Stop by the Spiritual Growth table in the Greeting Area to pick up a **daily devotional or children's window calendar for Advent**. What a great way to stay focused on what's really important this Christmas season. Window calendars have a daily Bible verse to help teach kids the story of Jesus' birth. Advent begins December 3rd!

Are you New to CCUPC? Visiting with us for the first time? We are excited you joined us for worship. To connect with us and learn more about our church family, text **WELCOME** to 724-906-4624. You are also encouraged to sign in on the registration pad passed in your pew and provide your contact information.

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