

**The Giving Tree is up!!** This year, Josh Bannon is leading the efforts for the Giving Tree for his senior project. You will find tags from Mars Home for Youth, VOICe, The Pittsburgh Project and local families in need. Please help us make his 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 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Josh Bannon or Dara Marner.

**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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Visitor's table in the Greeting Area.

**Hey Bakers! Preheat your ovens!** The youth groups will once again be hosting their annual **Cookie Sale** on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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 Monday through Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, or Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Greeting Area. All donations need to be turned in by 5:30 PM on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and should be clearly marked "Cookie Sale." The youth group is 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.

**The Spiritual Growth Committee** is encouraging the Sunday School students (in lieu of individual Sunday School Teacher gifts) to make a donation to the **"Sunday School Project"** that will benefit area families who are in need this Christmas. We often get calls and "drop in" visitors at the church requesting support. We supply these needs from the gift cards donated through this project. You can purchase Giant Eagle or WalMart gift cards from the Scrip Gift Card Center, place the gift card(s) in a pew envelope, and write **"Sunday School Project"** on the front. Just drop it in the offering plate!

**THIS WEEK AT CCUPC**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/26</b>	<b>Baptism</b> <i>Pray for Namibia</i>	
	9:00 am	<b>NO</b> Sunday School	All Over
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Coffee Social Village P	Greeting Area
		<b>NO</b> Youth Groups	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/27</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	7:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/28</b>		
	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/29</b>		
	6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/30</b>		
	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch & Learn	Greeting Area
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/3</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent/Communion</b> <i>Pray for Nauru</i>	
	9:00 am	<b>NO</b> Sunday School	All Over
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Coffee Social Village P	Greeting Area
		Session Meeting	Conference Rm.
	5:00 pm	Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
	6:30 pm	Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level

**A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:**

- The next **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday at 8:30 AM.
- The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will meet this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM in the Greeting Area for a lesson on Hinduism given by Karen Raman.
- We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion** next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Blue Christmas Service** will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- **Luminary Set-Up** will take place Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM.

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.

Would you like to sponsor the **luminaries** that outline the church property on Christmas Eve? The purchase of the 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](mailto:office@ccupc.org)/ 724-776-5310) if you're interested in sponsoring this gift.

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

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*"Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture."* Psalm 100:3

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Worship Team

***"Lord You Have My Heart"***

*"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

***"Give Thanks"***

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Repeat***

***And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!" Repeat***

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Because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!***

