

Are you connecting with our college students? We can all look around and figure that someone else is going to pick up a pen and paper and send a note to our college students. But honestly, why not ME? God calls all of us to minister to those in our congregation, and this is the perfect way to do that. So today, stop by the Connections bulletin board in the Greeting Area and grab a few cards and address labels. Even if you have never met them before, send them a note. THEY will be blessed because you took the time to connect with them, and YOU will be blessed, too! The *Students of the Month* are Daniel Hayden, Ryan Okuda, Gunnar Hodges and Stephanie VanHorn.

A Little Reminder... that the **Scrip Gift Card Center** is open every Sunday before and after worship in the Greeting Area. You can purchase retail gift cards from the inventory, or place orders for specific cards that can be picked up the following week. Scrip cards allow you to support the mission of our church without spending any additional money. Order forms are available on the nametag table.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities!!

Our Annual Thanksgiving *“Share the Harvest”* Food Bank will be *next Sunday, November 12th*. After worship, members of the Mission Committee will be stationed in the Greeting Area to weigh and sort all of your food bank donations! You will be able to drop off your non-perishable food items, paper products, and some of your favorite Thanksgiving foods to be donated to VOICe (Victim Outreach Intervention Center) and the Lighthouse Foundation on Route 8. We will also be accepting cash donations or WalMart or Giant Eagle gift cards (that can be purchased at the Scrip table), as they will need to purchase turkeys and other items for their Thanksgiving dinners. What a great “teaching moment” for our children as we share our “bounty” with those who are in need.

Happy Birthday Jesus! With Thanksgiving only two and a half weeks away, we know that Advent and Christmas are close on its heels! Please plan to join with your church family on **Sunday, November 19th** at **11:15 AM** as we show our thanks by attending the **Crock Pot Lunch** and **decorating our church**. By decorating for the holidays and celebrating early - we hope to help focus our hearts and prepare our church before the busyness of the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. The morning will feature lunch, a birthday celebration, children’s activities for those in Preschool-2nd grade, and decorating for those in 3rd grade through adult. There will be tasks for all ages! Please see the Mission Insert for information about how you may volunteer to provide food for the lunch.

The Mission Committee has once again approved our congregation collecting over-the-counter medications for the annual **Medical Mission Trip to Haiti** in mid-January 2018. We will begin collecting these products **Sunday, November 19th** and will continue our collection process **through Sunday, December 31st**. The box in which to place these items will be near the Mission Table in the Greeting Area. You can also drop products off during the week at the church office. We are so thankful to receive these products and appreciate your great generosity in this collection over the last two years. If you have any questions regarding additional products you may wish to donate, please telephone Lynn Moran at 724-766-5051. *Thank you!*

Habitat for Humanity has begun work on a home for a family in Worth Township (just off of the Slippery Rock exit of Interstate 79.) There is a significant need for volunteer help as the house is being built. If you are able to give some time and energy to this worthwhile project, please contact Roy Lonie at 724-772-3941. He can describe the work that needs to be done, and the times that Habitat is accepting volunteers.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

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| Sunday | 11/5 | Commitment Sunday <i>Pray for Montserrat</i> | |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School | All Over |
| | 10:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15 am | Coffee Social | Greeting Area |
| | | Village J | |
| | 2:00 pm | Mission Team returning from the Pittsburgh Project | |
| | 5:00 pm | Jr. Youth Group | Lower Level |
| | 6:30 pm | Middle/High School Youth Group | Lower Level |
| Monday | 11/6 | | |
| | 7:00 pm | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday | 11/7 | | |
| | 7:00 pm | Worship Committee Meeting | Conference Rm. |
| Wednesday | 11/8 | | |
| | 6:15 pm | Children’s Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Thursday | 11/9 | | |
| | 7:00 pm | Property/Maintenance Meeting | Conference Rm. |
| Sunday | 11/12 | Share the Harvest/Food Bank <i>Pray for Morocco</i> | |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School | All Over |
| | 10:00 am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15 am | Coffee Social | Greeting Area |
| | | Village N & Village R | |
| | | Deacon’s Meeting | Conference Rm. |
| | 5:00 pm | NO Youth Groups | Lower Level |

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- **ALIVE Pittsburgh Work Day** is Saturday, November 11th leaving the church at 7:00 AM. For more information, look in the green insert today.
- **Share the Harvest** Food Bank Collection will take place next Sunday, November 12th. Also, the **Deacons** will have their monthly meeting at 11:15 AM.
- The **Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, November 14th at 8:30 AM. They will also meet on November 28th.
- Our Holiday Kick-Off will begin after worship on Sunday, November 19th with a **Crock Pot Lunch**, the **Happy Birthday Jesus! Party**, and we will decorate the church for the Christmas season! You won’t want to miss the fun!!

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 United Presbyterian Church**



November 5, 2017

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

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story - those He redeemed from the hand of the foe, those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.” Psalm 107:1-3

The Welcome and Announcements

A Stewardship Nugget

The Prelude

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

“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

“Indescribable”

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing Your majesty.*

*From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
 Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:*

Indescribable! Uncontainable!

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name;

You are amazing, God! All powerful! Untameable!

Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim:

You are amazing, God!

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom:

Indescribable! Uncontainable!

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name;

You are amazing, God! Incomparable! Unchangeable!

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same;

You are amazing, God! REPEAT

You are amazing, God!

You are amazing, God!

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things - things we can see and touch - and because we cannot see nor touch You sometimes we wonder if You are really there. Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that You are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize Your presence and Your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to Whom we truly belong. Lover of justice, open our eyes to see You; open our ears to hear You; open our hearts to love You; and open our hands to serve You. In Jesus' name. 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 Becky & Katie Ahlgren
“As the Deer”

*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 (page 978)

Matthew 21:23-46

The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“FILLING THE STOREHOUSE”

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*A Closing Hymn #434 **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The vases of flowers are given by Bob and Donna Taylor to the glory of God, and in celebration of Mike and Amber's first wedding anniversary.

The basket of flowers is given by Becky Ahlgren and Mindy Cable to the glory of God, and in honor of Pam Best on her very special birthday.

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

The family of a co-worker (Katie Watkins), Marietta Eklund (Howard Eklund), Rose Giannone (John & Marcy Hammann), 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), Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), Karen Snyder (Harry Snyder), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), and Joe Weber (Judy Weber).

Sam and Debbie Rossi share their THANKS to the congregation for the thoughts and prayers since the passing of Sam's mother.

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

It is definitely time to think about “Christmas” and all that goes with it! The two **Christmas trees** (one for the Sanctuary and one for the Greeting Area) are scheduled to be **delivered on Thursday, November 16th** around 3:00 PM. *We need your help* to set and secure these trees in their stands ahead of our Happy Birthday Jesus! decorating celebration that Sunday, November 19th. Please contact Kimee in the church office if you are able to help with this important holiday task.

Speaking of trees... would you like to sponsor one of the trees, or the luminaries that outline the church property on Christmas Eve? The purchase of the trees and candles can be funded in memory of 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.

I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim

Because I am the chairperson of a presbytery committee, I am expected to attend some conferences or training events to assist in the work we are called to do. This past week I spent two days in State College, Pennsylvania for such an event. I expected to see the place draped in black following the disappointing loss of the Nittany Lion's football team to Ohio State a few days prior!

As conferences go, this was a pretty good one as it brought us statistical information about the state of the church and hope for what may happen in the future in terms of styles of leadership and the composition of worshipping communities. An added benefit was that I got to see many colleagues I have known but not seen for many years. Pastors and elders from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and eastern Ohio gathered from the Synod of the Trinity who serve on Committees of Ministry and Committees on Preparation for Ministry from their respective presbyteries.

One impression I garnered from this event as I listened to what is happening in other churches is that we are a blessed congregation. Our church is focused on what is important and not the insignificant and irrelevant. Perhaps that is partially due to our “youth,” by which I mean that we are only thirty-five years old. A benefit of being chronologically young is that we do not perpetuate customs and traditions for the sake of perpetuating them.

Change of procedures, methods, and practices have been welcomed, tried, continued or discarded based upon their success or failure. That is a sign of health – that recognition that we are more concerned about the end goals rather than the way we get there.

As you make your commitment to our stewardship effort please keep in mind the end goals: to know Christ and make Him known, to care for God's people here and around the world, and to do all things with enthusiasm, diligence and to the glory of God.

*We are overwhelmed with gratitude from the generous gifts and touching and encouraging notes we have received for **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**. Our congregation makes it a joy to serve. We are proud of what God has done in the past, and excited to see where God may lead in the future. Thank you!!*

Pastors Jim and Dena

Help Provide a Meal. . . Adam and Lisa Smith would really appreciate a few meals to help them as they adjust to all that a new baby brings. Please consider signing up at the website www.takehameal.com! (Recipient name is “smith”/Password - “ccupc”). The details of the need are listed on the schedule as you sign up. Thanks in advance for helping out!

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.