

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Rick Alexander (Diane Alexander), Geneva Cable (Mindy Cable), Howard Eklund (CCUPC member), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Barry Lavery (Dale & Diane Jacobs), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Will Pilarski (Lori Zona & Isaiah Clerkley), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Lauren Saul and family (Dara Marner), and Tim (Shirl Lonie).

Debbie and Jim Fisher share their THANKSGIVING that they both have had successful surgeries. They are thankful for the cards and meals, and feel very blessed.

Dick and Lillian Grundler share their THANKSGIVING for the birth of their great-granddaughters, Isabelle and Genevive who were born last week.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Kim and Gary Pugh on the death of Kim's uncle, Steve Kurash last Sunday.

Dara Marner shares her THANKSGIVING and JOY for the birth of her granddaughter, Alyssa Elise Marner who was born last week. Mom and dad are Melinda and Charlie Marner. Alyssa joins big sister, Natalie, and big brother, Wesley in the Marner home. Thanks to God!

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Here's What's Goin' on at CCUPC TODAY!!

The Youth Group Cookie Sale! *Homemade Christmas cookie* trays are on sale until they are sold out! Pick up a few and help to support our youth groups! Thanks to everyone from the congregation who donated beautiful and delicious cookies. The trays are available on a first come basis and *they sell out fast!* They will be selling 3 dozen for \$15 and 6 dozen for \$30. Acceptable payment options are cash, check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Stop by and get your cookie trays for that special occasion!

Your Giving Tree Gifts are due back!! Please **do not wrap** the gifts (gift bags are acceptable). Feel free to call Dara Marner with any questions you may have (724-538-5644).

Food Bank Sunday!!! We are collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the residents of VOICe (Victim Outreach Intervention Center). The *Items of the Month* are pasta and pasta sauce. All items should be *un-opened* and *non-perishable* (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). If you have forgotten your food bank donation, you can drop it off at the church office Monday-Wednesday (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM). 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.

Please pick up your **2017 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.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
SUNDAY 12/18	<i>Pray for Israel</i> <i>Youth Group Cookie Sale</i>	<i>Youth Group</i>
9:00 am	- Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
	- Coffee Social	Greeting Area
	- Village G	
6:00 pm	- <i>Blue Christmas Service</i>	Sanctuary
	- NO Youth Groups	
THURSDAY 12/21	- Adult Solo Rehearsals	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		
FRIDAY 12/23	- Luminary Set-Up	Outside
9:00 am		
SATURDAY 12/24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
6:00 pm	- Candlelight Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	- Candlelight Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 pm	- Candlelight Worship Service	Sanctuary
SATURDAY 12/25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
	- NO Youth Groups	

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- Our **Blue Christmas Service** is this evening at 6:00 PM.
- **Luminary set-up** will be *next* Friday, December 23rd at 9:00 AM.
- **Christmas Eve Services** will be at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 PM.
- We *will* have **worship on Christmas Day** at 10:00 AM. In celebration of Christmas Day, we encourage families to worship together. There will be **no** KFC or TLC, but Nursery care for Infants/Toddlers will be available. There also is **no** Sunday School or Youth Groups.
- The **2017 Per Capita** amount is **\$43.34** per confirmed member.
- We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion** on January 8th.

We will be **setting up the luminaries** on **Friday, December 23rd** at **9:00 AM** for the Candlelight services on Christmas Eve. If you are able to help, please sign "LUM" on the registration sheet in the sign-up box as it is passed to you this morning.

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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Worship Team

"Breath of Heaven"

"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 #112

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

*Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see?)
Way up in the sky, little lamb.
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see?)
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite."*

*Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear?)
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy.
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear?)
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea."*

*Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
"Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
In your palace warm, mighty king.
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold.
Let us bring Him silver and gold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold."*

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*Said the king to the people everywhere,
“Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say)
Pray for peace, people everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say)
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.*

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

Worship Team

“What Child is This?”

*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 1:18-25

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The Sermon

“SUCH A MAN”

Pastor James M. Moran

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*A Hymn

“Joy to the World!”

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love.*

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Worship Team

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The basket of flowers is given by her friends to the glory of God, and in celebration of Karen Raman on her birthday.

The Christmas Tree in the Greeting Area is given by a family in our church to the glory of God.

The Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary is given by Amy, Isaac, Natalie, and Sarah McKinley in sincere appreciation of the love and support they receive from their church family.

The luminaries that will be displayed and lit on Christmas Eve are given by a family in our church to the glory of God, and in honor and thanks for Pastors Jim and Dena, our office staff, the Elders and Deacons, and all who serve our church in various capacities.

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.

I WAS JUST THINKING . .

Two Sundays ago, we considered some of the dynamics that may have played into the thinking and feelings of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she was commissioned to fulfill a very special role in God’s redemptive plan. Today, in our sermon I will give Joseph equal time and contemplate the uniqueness he brought to his task to be the husband of Mary and then the earthly father of Jesus.

John Simmons told a story about a grade school class that was putting on a Christmas play which included the story of Mary and Joseph coming to the inn. In that class was one little boy who wanted very much to be Joseph. But when the parts were handed out, his biggest rival was given that part, and he was assigned to be the inn-keeper instead. He was really bitter about this. So during all the rehearsals he kept plotting in his mind what he might do the night of the performance to get even with his rival who was Joseph. Finally, on the night of the performance, Mary and Joseph came walking across the stage. They knocked on the door of the inn, and the inn-keeper opened the door and asked them gruffly what they wanted.

Joseph answered, “We’d like to have a room for the night.” Suddenly the inn-keeper threw the door open wide and said, “Great, come on in and I’ll give you the best room in the house.” For a few seconds poor little Joseph did not know what to do, and a long silence ensued. Finally though, thinking quickly on his feet, Joseph looked in past the inn-keeper, first to the left and then to the right and said, “No wife of mine is going to stay in a dump like this. Come on, Mary, let’s go to the barn.” And once again the play was back on course.

It is obvious that Joseph cared deeply for Mary. He would not have risked his own reputation and protected hers if he did not. But his love was deeper and grounded on more than love for his bride-to-be. Surely he understood that obedience to God, even in the most dire of circumstances creates a life of substance and character.

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

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We would like to thank those of you who have contributed over-the-counter **MEDICATIONS** for our upcoming mission trip to **Haiti**. We always have a need to purchase prescription medications once we get there from local distributors as we run out. If you had planned on sharing in this special ministry perhaps you could contribute money for us to take for our purchases. Please make you check out to the church and note it as “Haiti Mission”. Thank you!

The Spiritual Growth Committee is encouraging our 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. The church office receives calls every year from parents who are unable to purchase gifts for their children for Christmas. You can purchase 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.