

Class” will begin next **Sunday, February 4th**. The class meets on Sunday mornings for 8 weeks during the Sunday School hour from 9:00 - 9:45 AM in the Pastor’s Study. Throughout the class, you’ll learn more about our congregation, our reformed theology and denominational governance, and what it means to grow as a disciple of Christ. The last 2 classes will actually be visits to our adult Sunday School classes. We encourage attendance at all sessions, but know that personal circumstances may force you to miss a session or two. If you plan to attend the class, please RSVP to the church office at 724-776-5310. We hope to get to know you better.

We are preparing once again for the **“Souper” Bowl of Caring!** The collection will take place on **Sunday, February 4th** following the worship service. Worshippers from every state are asked to empty out their pockets into soup kettles as a way to care for the hungry. Nationwide over 10 million dollars was raised in cash and food items last year. CCUPC’s contributions are a part of that total. All monies that we collect go to a local organization that our Mission Committee chooses - and they have chosen the Lighthouse Foundation on Route 8. We have always been very generous when a need arises....and this is a very real need. Please dig deep into your pockets and let the blessings our Lord has showered on you be a blessing to those who are struggling.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Sunday, February 4th. Join us for a nice, warm lunch of homemade soup, salad and bread before heading home to watch the big game. We need soup makers, so please consider making a crock pot of your favorite recipe to bring in to share. If you are making soup, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Greeting Area.

“Super Bowling” Family Outing! We will be going to Paradise Island Bowl in Coraopolis *next Sunday February 4th* for a fun filled afternoon! This event is open to anyone, however those in 2nd grade and younger must plan to attend with a parent. Those in our Jr. Youth Group and Middle/High Youth Group may attend on their own, so long as we can arrange for enough drivers. You do not have to be a youth or have a youth to attend! *All are welcome*, including friends who are not members of CCUPC! Cost will be \$13/person and will include 2 hours of bowling, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and a soft drink. There is also a full menu available, as well as an assortment of video games that you may purchase at your own expense. We will leave the church around 12:15 PM (following our annual **“Souper Bowl” Lunch**). We will bowl from about 1:00 - 3:00 PM, and return to the church in plenty of time for everyone to get home to watch the big game. If you would like to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Greeting Area. Adults who are over age 21, please indicate if you would be willing to drive others, and how many seatbelts, total, you have in your car, not including the driver. Checks to cover the cost (should be made payable to “CCUPC”) can be put in the office or in the offering plate, so long as they are clearly marked “Bowling Event.” *Please pay in advance*. If you have questions, check with Pastor Dena. **The deadline to sign up is TODAY!!!**

30 Hour Famine – February 23rd-25th. We’ll go hungry so others don’t have to! This is a great opportunity for a spring retreat where we can learn about other cultures, see what God is doing around the world, and pray for those less fortunate than us. We will leave the church around 6:00pm on Friday, February 23rd and return around 11:00am on Sunday, February 25th. We will fast, participate in service projects, worship, and talk about ways that we can make a difference. The retreat is open to students in 6th-12th grade. Cost is \$105/person, and we will need to meet a minimum participation, as well as a recruit a male leader if we intend to participate. Please talk about this event with your eligible students, and look for a sign up and deadline coming soon.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	1/28		
		<i>Pray for Niger</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village J	
6:30 pm		Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	Lower Level
Monday	1/29		
7:00 pm		Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday	1/31		
6:15 pm		Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday	2/4	Souper Bowl of Caring	
		<i>Pray for Nigeria</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am		NO Coffee Social	
		“Souper Bowl” Lunch	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm		“Super Bowling” Family Outing	Coraopolis
6:30 pm		NO Youth Groups	

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- **Today is Food Bank Sunday.** The *Items of the Month* are paper towels and kleenex. The **Youth Group (grades 6-12)** will meet tonight from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.
- The **NewComer’s Class** will begin at 9:00 AM in the Pastor’s Study next Sunday, February 4th.
- Join us next **Sunday, February 4th** for a **“Souper Bowl”** kind of day!! The **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection will take place after worship. And join us for the **“Souper Bowl” Fellowship Lunch** that will begin at 11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. *And....*sign up for the **“Super Bowling” Outing** at the Paradise Island Bowl in Coraopolis today! We will leave the church at 12:15 PM (after lunch). The deadline to sign up for bowling is today!
- **Ash Wednesday service** will be February 14th at 7:30 PM.
- The **2018 Per Capita** amount is \$39.50 per confirmed member.
- A **Lenten Study** will begin on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 PM.
- The **30 Hour Famine** is scheduled for February 23rd - 25th.
- The **Prom Dress Sale** will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 9 AM - 4 PM.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever.” Psalm 111:2-3

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude

“On Eagle’s Wings”

“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.)

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Song of Praise

“Love Lifted Me”

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
 Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
 But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
 From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

Chorus

*Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
 When nothing else could help, love lifted me!
 Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
 When nothing else could help, love lifted me!*

*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I’ll cling,
 In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
 Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul’s best songs;
 Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs. Chorus*

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
 He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves.
 He’s the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
 He your Savior wants to be – be saved today. Chorus*

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

‘The Call to Confession

‘The Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, grant to us endurance in affliction, hardship, and calamity. Instill in our minds true knowledge and in our hearts, perfect patience. May we be people united by the peace of Christ, ever-worshipping at Your throne. Send us Your Spirit of holiness, truth, and love, that we may be purged of wrongdoing and contention, and receive the victory you have already achieved. In the name of Your Son Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray all things. 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

“They Shall Soar Like Eagles”
(based on Isaiah 40:29-31)

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

John 3:1-17

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‘The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“CHANGING DIRECTION”

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*A Hymn

“You are Mine”

(see screens)

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The vases of flowers are given by Dara Marner to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her son, Jamie.

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), those on Jared Kerr’s school bus (the Kerr family), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Kelly Stebor/Nancy MacFarlane), Kim Logan (Kris Okuda), Kelly Lutz (Ray & Peggy Wetzel), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), Bill Schmidt (Bob Cowden), Dan Schuman (Linda & Dave Schuman), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

Ray and Peggy Wetzel share their THANKSGIVING as Peggy’s sister, Debbie Jiblets, celebrates her 3 year anniversary of being cancer free. God is good!!

Marcy Rastetter shares her THANKS for all of the prayers of comfort and cards after the passing of her sister, Linda. She is very appreciative.

Judy Weber shares her THANKSGIVING for her husband, Joe, who celebrated his birthday last Saturday (1/20), and that he is in good health.

Are you looking for a **new way to study the bible**? Have you struggled to find a way to do a daily devotional as a couple or a family? The WatchWORD Bible is a unique resource you should consider. This 10-disc DVD series includes every book of the New Testament. Each book is narrated as the words appear on the screen. Behind the words are images and video that are contextualized to what is being read and seen. Originally produced music plays softly throughout completing the production. Jim Fitzgerald, who lives in Ambridge and grew up in Sewickley, spent 10 years and over \$1 million in the 1990s and 2000s producing this award-winning series. He is making it available to CCUPC members for just \$39. You can purchase your set today at the table in the Greeting Area.

Retreats are one of the most fun parts of our youth ministry programs! There is something special about being away, being with friends, and learning about your faith in a different environment. Youth in 3rd - 6th grade are invited to come away for a night, to have a short retreat, and to experience some of the fun of **Camp Crestfield on March 10-11**. We will gather at the church on March 10th around 9:00am, and return on Sunday, March 11th. Cost is \$80/person. All appropriately aged youth and their friends are welcome. We will need to meet minimum participation requirements, and we will also need at least one male leader to be able to participate. Please consider this even with your families. and look for a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks.

I WAS JUST THINKING ...

I am penning this article the day before departing for our annual mission trip to Haiti. It will be nice to have some warmer temperatures for a change! More significantly, of course, is the expected result of our work in that impoverished country. Each visit bonds me more to the people and I find myself appreciating the level of faith they demonstrate in spite of the serious challenges they face.

The “fixer” in me wants to find a formula, or equation, or solution to address the underlying problems that plague Haiti. But I know that is unrealistic and impossible and will require many players from many nations before measurable progress will be achieved. Nevertheless, we have carved out a niche in the communities of Thomassin, Labouille, Kenscoff, and Boutielliers with our clinics and have been able to track the progress in the health of those we have served and treated. A difference is being made and we thank God for that. And I thank you as well – you have been extremely generous in every appeal we have made for medicines and money and Bibles and prayer. I am humbled by your support of me and our other team members and we surely feel that you have commissioned us for this work.

Since I am composing this before the trip, I cannot ask you to pray for us (though I know you have done so!). I anticipate there will be exciting things to share with you in the days ahead about what we have seen and done. But for now, on behalf of our whole team, and especially our CCUPC members, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your love and partnership. Bondeye beni ou! (Creole for “God Bless You!).

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

DID YOU KNOW..... that we have a staffed infant and toddler nursery available for your to use during worship? Children through age 2 are welcome to come and play. There is also a curtained off corner in the nursery for those who may need some privacy which can be used for nursing or for soothing your child. Additionally, we have ministries for those ages 3 - finishing 3rd grade where children may go after the Children’s Lesson. Older children can find worksheets and coloring pages on a table in the sanctuary near the side entrance. Any of our ushers or nursery workers will be glad to show you how to locate our nursery or children’s ministries and supplies. We love having so many growing families in church!

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.

Today is 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 paper towels and kleenex. All items should be un-opened and non-perishable (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). 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. If you forgot your donation, please drop it off at the church office Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.