

**Reminder - New Pledge Amounts Start TODAY.** Please remember that if you submitted a stewardship commitment card, the new amount has begun. Please make note of this for your record keeping purposes, and as always, thank you for your support.

*And by the way.....*the **2018 Giving Envelopes** are available for you to pick up 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 on the table.

The administrative expenses for the Presbyterian Church (USA) are covered by Per Capita funds. The **2018 Per Capita amount is \$39.50 per confirmed member.** Our Session has chosen to designate the total amount of per capita received for the work of Beaver-Butler Presbytery unless you specify otherwise. We will be happy to make available to you the breakdown for Synod and General Assembly if you have the desire to contribute to them. If you have any questions you may talk with Pastor Moran.

**Super Bowling Family Outing!** Do you want to prepare for the Super Bowl by bowling? Then make plans to come with your church friends. We will be going to Paradise Island Bowl in Coraopolis on **Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>** for a fun filled afternoon! This event is open to anyone, however those in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger must plan to attend with a parent. Those in our Junior 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 on your own. If you would like to purchase items beyond what is included or if you intend to play the video games, please bring some extra funds. We will leave the church around 12:15pm (following our congregation's annual Souper Bowl Lunch.) We will bowl from about 1:00pm until 3:00pm, 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 can be put in the office or in the offering plate, so long as they are clearly marked "Bowling Event." Checks should be made payable to CCUPC. Please pay in advance. If you have questions, check with Pastor Dena. **The deadline to sign up is January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*Winter Game Night** \*-Looking for something fun to do on a Saturday night? Please come join us January 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM in the greeting area. We have a variety of board and card games to play. No skill involved, just fun! Bring a snack to share with everyone (eighth grade to adult).

## THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<i>Pray for New Caledonia</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	Both Levels
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Villages D and E	
	11:15 am	Deacon's Meeting	Conference Room
	5:00 pm	Junior Youth Group (Grades 3-5)	Youth Room
	6:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	Youth Room
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/8</b>		
	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Conference Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/9</b>		
	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast	Conference Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/10</b>		
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1/13</b>		
	2:00 pm	Memorial Service—Marietta Eklund	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/14</b>	<i>Pray for New Zealand</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School	Both Levels
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village F	
	6:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	Sanctuary

### A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- **Communion** will be served *next* Sunday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- The **Junior Youth Group** (grades 3-5) will meet on **Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>** from 5:00 pm-6:15 pm. The Youth Group (grades 6-12) will meet **Sundays January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm.
- The next **Men's Breakfasts** will be on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 8:30 am.
- **Children's Choir** will resume on **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Game Night** will be held on **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm.
- The **Super Bowling** outing will be on **Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline to sign up is January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection will take place on **Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>**. There will also be a **Souper Bowl Fellowship Lunch** that day at 11:15 am.
- The **2018 Per Capita** amount for each confirmed member is \$39.50.
- The **2018 Worship Flower Sign-up** is available on the nametag table.
- The **2018 Giving Envelopes** are available for you to pick up in the Greeting Area.

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**United Presbyterian Church**



January 7, 2018

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

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace." Psalm 29:4, 11*

The Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

*"The Star Carol"*

*"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 #536 *"God of the Ages"*

### WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified You. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keeps others from seeing You. Welcoming God, forgive us when we have not seen beyond our prejudices as we exclude those we should love. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus. Hear our confession as we turn to You seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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  
Linda Watkins  
*“One King”*

\*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)*  
*Following the children's lesson and prayer, the children 3 years old - Kindergarten may leave for TLC. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades may leave for KFC.*

The New Testament Lesson (page 956)  
Matthew 2:1-12

The Sermon Pastor James M. Moran  
*“THE OTHER SIDE”*

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*A Hymn #39 *“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”*

\*The Benediction

The Postlude  
*“We Three Kings”*

*\*Please stand as you are able. .*

The **Nursery** Ministry Team is in need of *adult and student helpers* for both services in the Infant/Toddler nursery and TLC. If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 12 years of age (or an adult) and are interested in helping out, write “NH” (nursery helper) in the sign-up box on the registration sheet. Dana Early, the Nursery Coordinator, will be in touch with you. Please prayerfully consider helping out with this most important ministry.

***Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:***

A dear friend (Peggy Wetzel), Diana (Donna Taylor), a close friend whose mother has been placed in hospice care (the Stebors), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (Dick Grundler), Sherri Kelly & family (Rick & Diane Alexander), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane/Kelly Stebor), Doug Marner (Dara Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Kelsey O'Connor (The Prigg family) the Family of Will Pilarski (Isaiah Clerkley & Lori Zona), Cecil & Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

Prayers for a safe and successful mission trip to the Dominican Republic for Sue and Katrina Morgan, and the large group of college students with whom they are serving. They left yesterday, January 6th, and will return on January 13th.

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The **2018 Chancel Flower Sign-up** is located 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!

We are preparing once again for the **“Souper” Bowl of Caring!** The collection will take place on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** 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 you pockets and let the blessings our Lord has showered on you be a blessing to those who are struggling.

Are you new to our church and considering membership? The next **“New Comers Class”** is scheduled to begin on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**. The class meets on Sunday mornings for 8 weeks during the Sunday School hour from 9:00-9:45 am in the Pastor's Office. Throughout the class, you'll learn more 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.

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**I WAS JUST THINKING ...**

In one of German writer, Herman Hesse's books, Journey to the East, the central figure is man named Leo who accompanies a party of travelers as their servant doing menial chores, but he also sustains them with his spirit and his song. He is a person of extraordinary presence. All goes well for the travelers until Leo disappears. Then the group falls into disarray; they abandon their journey. Without Leo they cannot make it.

The story's narrator, who is one of the travelers, wanders for years until he is taken into the order that had sponsored the journey. There he is surprised to discover that Leo, whom he had known as a servant, was in fact the head of the order, its guiding spirit, a great leader.

Christianity tells a similar story. Its central figure appears first as a poor child, then a man without worldly power. He moves among the poor, the marginalized, and the sick. He heals, teaches, encourages, and points to the kingdom of heaven. He is a person of extraordinary presence, a servant helping a world in need.

Throughout this story, the leadership of this remarkable figure becomes increasingly apparent. He sets food before the hungry, washes his followers' feet, accepts death on a cross, and is raised up in power and glory. He is manifest as both servant and leader to all who dare recognize him.

Recognition is essential, but must not stop there. Pledging allegiance to Christ identifies us as His; serving as He served magnifies His name and bring honor to Him.

Bless Your Hearts,

Pastor Jim

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*Pastors Jim and Dena, and the staff of CCUPC would like to express their deep gratitude for the cards, gifts, cookies, and other treats that have been sent for Christmas. They have been blessed by your generosity.*

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**For the well-being of our Nursery Volunteers**, if your child has a bad cold or you feel they are contagious, please refrain from taking them to the nurseries. Thank you for your consideration for all who are involved.

***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!