

DID YOU KNOW..... that we have a staffed infant and toddler nursery available for you 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 the TLC ministry for those who are 3 years old through Kindergarten where children may go after the Children's Lesson. The KFC program is for children in 1st - 3rd grades and leave after the Children's Lesson out the back of the sanctuary. 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!

A Note from Connections: Don't forget to write a letter or card to our November *Students of the Month* - Mark Aukerman, Natalie McKinley, Ryan Okuda, Tim Stewart, and Eric Rusnak. You can place them in the basket on the Connections table and we will mail it for you! (We always accept donations to help with the cost of sending these special mailings to our college students.) You still have time to drop off goodies for the "care packages" which will be sent early December. Put your donations in the bin by the Connections bulletin board. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for our young adults!

Would you be interested in **sponsoring** either the Sanctuary Christmas tree, the tree in the Greeting Area, *or* the luminaries that outline the church property on Christmas Eve? The purchase of the trees or 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/724-776-5310) if you're interested in sponsoring one of these gifts.

The **Sight & Sound Ministry** team is looking for volunteers to help out with the soundboard and video duties during our worship services. Please contact John Bonessi (john.bonessi@blackbox.com) for a description of the duties for each area.

Hey Bakers! The youth groups will once again be hosting their annual **Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 16th**. There will be trays of cookies for sale after each service. They will also gladly accept donations of cookies from the congregation of any kind (except chocolate chip). You can bring your cookies to the church office from Monday through Friday, December 10th - 14th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, *or* Friday evening from 6:30 - 7:00 PM in the Greeting Area. All donations need to be turned in by 7:00 PM on Friday, December 14th. The youth group are assembling the trays that evening.

A Share the Harvest Update.....Last Sunday you were encouraged to bring in your food bank items for our Thanksgiving foodbank collection. Here are the totals that were collected - the Preschool gathered 874 lbs. of food items, CCUPC gathered 368 lbs. of food items, and Troop #403 gathered 139 lbs. for a grand total of 1381 lbs. of food items that were split between the Lighthouse Foundation and VOICe!!! We also were given \$305 in gift cards and cash and two turkeys! Thank you so much for your generous donations!!

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	11/18		
		<i>Pray for Serbia</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
		NO Coffee Social	
11:10 am		Crock-Pot Lunch	Fellowship Hall
		Deck the Halls	All Over
		NO Youth Groups Tonight	
Monday	11/19		
7:00 pm		Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday	11/20		
7:30 pm		Thanksgiving Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday	11/21		
6:15 pm		Kids' Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	11/22	Happy Thanksgiving!!	
Sunday	11/25		
		<i>Pray for Seychelles</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:05 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village F	
		NO Youth Groups Tonight	

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- Our Holiday Kick-Off will begin after worship today with a **Crock Pot Lunch**, celebrating Jesus' birthday, *and* we will "Deck the Halls" for the Christmas season! You won't want to miss the fun!!
- **Thanksgiving Worship** will be Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30 PM. The **church office** will be **closed** from Thursday, November 22nd thru Monday, November 26th in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The Ladies Lunch & Learn will meet at Nancy Hodges house on Thursday, November 29th for lunch and a movie. More details to come.
- We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on December 2nd. The Session will meet directly after worship.
- The **Blue Christmas Service** will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Rowan Road on Sunday, December 16th.

Please pick up your **2019 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.

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November 18, 2018

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

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken."
 Psalm 127:1

The Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude **"We Gather Together"**

"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 Hymn #544 **"Now Thank We All Our God"** (use screens)

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious Creator, You have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom, 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 **"Look at the World"**
The Adult and Kids Choirs
(Please join in singing the final chorus when cued)

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 263)
1 Samuel 2:1-10

The Sermon Rev. Tega Swann
"THE GREAT THANKSGIVING"

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Closing Hymn (use screens)
"Thank You, Lord"

The Benediction

The Postlude
"Joyful Thanks"

Please stand as you are able.

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We are delighted to welcome back the Rev. Tega Swann as our PULPIT GUEST. Pastor Tega is the founding pastor of Refreshing Springs Mission Church, serving the communities of Aliquippa and Ambridge.

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (CCUPC member), Janet Greer (Nancy Hodges), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Bill Muntan (Lorry Cowan & Charlotte Dickie), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Steven Popson (Peggy Wetzel), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), Nilu Ranaweera (Jim & Barb Shumaker), David Rubinosky (CCUPC member), Lois Saleone (Peggy Wetzel), Donny Santucci (Judy Weber), Ashley Roe Snyder (Christina Cowan), Cheryl Storrs (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), Kim Vanderplugh (Joe & Judy Weber), and Ricky Vargas (Brenda Prigg).

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to the Horvath family on the passing of Lydia's mother, Barbara Troilo.

Gary and Marcia Miller share their JOY as they announce the engagement of their son Jordan to Cris Wildman.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to the family of Lee Perry who passed away last weekend.

Karen Raman would like to THANK everyone who participated in the blood drive.

We are THANKFUL and GRATEFUL to all the Veterans past and present.

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The Giving Tree is up!! You will find tags from Mars Home for Youth, VOICe, The Pittsburgh Project and local families in need. Please help us make this 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 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Dara Marner.

The **Crock Pot Lunch** and the **Deck the Halls** will be held today directly after worship! Come on down and enjoy the fantastic cooking of those in our church family (a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the CCUPC Mission Committee). Following the lunch, there will Christmas activities for children in Preschool - 2nd grade, and those in 3rd grade through adults will be invited to help decorate our church for the Christmas Season. This event is combining a Mission Lunch, the Happy Birthday Jesus Party, and the Deck the Halls, into one event for the whole church family.

The Mission Committee is collecting over-the-counter medications **through December 30th** for the annual **Medical Mission Trip to Haiti** in January 2019. The basket 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 in past years. Check out the insert in today's bulletin for a list of needed items.

It's that time once again to recruit volunteers to help out in the **Infant/Toddler nursery** on **Christmas Eve** during the 5:00 and 7:00 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-5" or "CE-7" in the sign-up box on the registration sheet. Christina Taylor, the Nursery Coordinator, will then contact you.

I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim

John R. Ramsey, writing in, A Second Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul, tells how in one church a certain person provided him with a rose boutonniere for the lapel of his suit every Sunday. At first, he really appreciated it, but then it sort of became routine. Then one Sunday it became very special.

As he was leaving the Sunday service, a young boy walked up to him and said, "Sir, what are you going to do with your flower?" At first the preacher did not know what the boy was talking about. When it sank in, he pointed to the rose on his lapel and asked the boy, "Do you mean this?"

The boy said, "Yes, sir. If you are just going to throw it away, I would like it."

The preacher smiled and told him he could have the flower and then casually asked what he was going to do with it. The boy, who was probably no more than 10 years old, looked up at the preacher and said, "Sir, I'm going to give it to my granny. My mother and father divorced last year. I was living with my mother, but she married again, and wanted me to live with my father. I lived with him for a while, but he said I could not stay, so he sent me to live with my grandmother. She is so good to me. She cooks for me and takes care of me. She has been so good to me that I wanted to give her that pretty flower for loving me."

When the little boy finished, the preacher could hardly speak. His eyes filled with tears and he knew he had been touched by God. He reached up and unpinned the rose. With the flower in his hand, he looked at the boy and said, "Son, that is the nicest thing that I've ever heard, but you can't have this flower because it's not enough. If you'll look in front of the pulpit, you'll see a big bouquet of flowers. Different families buy them for the Church each week. Please take those flowers to your granny because she deserves the very best."

Then the boy made one last statement which the cleric said he will always treasure. The boy said, "What a wonderful day! I asked for one flower but got a beautiful bouquet."

That is a thankful spirit. That is an attitude of gratitude. And it is that attitude that should guide our giving and our lives. Like that boy's granny, God has blessed us so much. God has been so good to us that giving should not even be a question. It should just flow from us naturally.

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Our **Christmas Eve services** this year will begin at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 PM. The 5:00 PM service will be geared towards families and young children, but all are welcome to come share in the joy of Christmas.

If any youth are interested in singing or playing a **Christmas solo/duet** during worship on **Sunday, December 16th**, please talk with our music director Miss Mindy as soon as possible.

Visitors...Please Help!

If you are a **visitor** worshipping with us today, we'd like to ask you to do us a big favor. Help us discover which of our advertising dollars are doing the most good by telling us how you found our church. When the register pad is passed to you, please fill out not only your contact information, but also check the appropriate box that tells us how you heard of us. It will be a big help.