

**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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

The administrative expenses for the Presbyterian Church (USA) are covered by Per Capita funds. The **2019 Per Capita amount is \$40.69 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. If you have any questions you may talk with Pastor Jim.

Our **Family Mission Day** will be next **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship. Join us as we make chicken noodle soup and a dessert for our friends who are experiencing homelessness. The soup that we make will be donated to **L.I.V.L.N.G. Ministry** and will be served through the North Side Homeless Alliance and the Allegheny County Winter Weather emergency shelter. This 'pop up' shelter will see hundreds of men and women come through its doors for a warm meal and place to sleep during the cold winter days. We will have jobs for a variety of ages and abilities - from cleaning vegetables, slicing chicken, cracking eggs, mixing, and even washing dishes! This event may take a bit of time, so come when you can, and leave when you must. If you would like to contribute to this project you may sign up to bring one or more of the ingredients on the list which is on the bulletin board in the greeting area, or we will gladly accept Giant Eagle gift cards. Please clearly mark them "*Family Mission Day.*" If you have questions about this event, please see Pastor Dena.

Are you new to our church and considering membership? The next "**New Comers Class**" is scheduled to begin on **Sunday, January 20<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.

**\*Winter Game Night\*** - Looking for something fun to do on a Saturday night? Please come join us **January 26<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. (8<sup>th</sup> grade to adult)

## THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<b>Today</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<i>Pray for Somalia</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:05 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village A	
5:00 pm		Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm		Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/8</b>		
8:30 am		Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/9</b>		
7:00 pm		Adult Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/13</b>	<b>Communion</b>	
		<i>Pray for South Africa</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:05 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village B	
11:10 am		Deacons' Meeting	Conference Rm.
		Family Mission Day	Fellowship Hall
		<u>NO</u> Youth Groups this evening	

### A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- The **Men's Breakfast Group** will meet this Tuesday at 8:30 AM.
- We will serve **Communion** next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Ethnic Food Fair** is scheduled for Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Our **Ash Wednesday service** will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.
- The **Prom Dress Sale** will be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**DON'T FORGET** 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 scrip table and in your bulletin!

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**Cranberry Community  
United Presbyterian Church**



January 6, 2019

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

*Epiphany*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen."* Psalm 18-19

The Welcome and Announcements

A Capital Campaign Presentation Bob Cowden  
(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude

***"O Worship the King/I Will Worship the Lord"***

*"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 ***"Come, Let us Worship the King!"*** (use screens)

### WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of peace. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness: God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of Your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in Your holy way of peace as we seek to follow the Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. 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

*“We Seek the Tiny King”*

Dara Marner

‘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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary.)*

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

*“LISTEN. . . BE FED. . . BE TOUCHED”*

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

‘The Closing Hymn #538

*“Another Year is Dawning”*

(use screens)

‘The Benediction

The Postlude

*“I Will Serve You All of My Days”*

*‘Please stand as you are able.*

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Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), the Rose Giannoni family (John & Marcia Hammann), Lillian Grundler (CCUPC member), Janet Greer (Nancy Hodges), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Steven Popson (Peggy Wetzel), Cecil Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (CCUPC member), Dave Rusko (Ryan Stewart), Lois Saleone (Peggy Wetzel), Donny Santucci (Judy Weber), Cheryl Storrs (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), and Ricky Vargas (Brenda Prigg).

The Alexander's share their THANKSGIVING as they celebrate their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Jeff and Nancy Hodges are GRATEFUL that their son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Annie, were able to celebrate the new year with them.

Matt and Sue Morgan share their JOY as they celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, Mendel Jack Meiselman, who was born to their daughter, Melissa, and her husband, Matt.

Rich and Ellen Stewart and family share their THANKS to the congregation for all of the prayers and cards as they mourn the death of Rich's mother, Carole Stewart.

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**Super BOWLING!** It's that time again! Even though the Steelers will definitely not be in the playoffs, we're still celebrating! Make plans to come Super Bowling with your church friends. We will be going to **Paradise Island Bowl** in Coraopolis on **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</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 \$14/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 12:15 PM (following our congregation's annual "Souper Bowl" Lunch.) We will bowl from about 1:00 PM until 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 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. **YOU MUST PAY IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.** If you have questions, check with Pastor Dena. **The deadline to sign up is January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

The new **2019 Worship Flower** sign-up is now available 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!

**I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim**

For those in the Western Church (as opposed to those who practice Eastern Orthodoxy and follow the Julian calendar) the Christmas season ends today with Epiphany. The significance of this day is that it celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ and marked by the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

There is a beautiful old tradition about the star in the East. The story says that when the star had finished its task of directing the wise men to the baby, it fell from the sky and dropped down into the city well of Bethlehem. According to some legend, that star is there to this day, and can sometimes still be seen by those whose hearts are pure and clean. It's a pretty story. It kind of makes you feel warm inside.

John B. Jamison, in his work, Time's Up!, writes: "There are other legends about this story of the wise men from the east. For instance, how many wise men were there? In the old days in the East, they believed that there were 12 men who made the journey, but now most everyone agrees there were three (often defended by the fact that three gifts were given). One old legend even tells us the names of the three. Melchior was the oldest of the group, with a full beard. He gave the baby the gift of gold. Balthasar also had a beard, but was not as old as Melchior. He presented the gift of myrrh. The youngest of the three was Casper, who had no beard yet, but did present the gift of frankincense to the baby. Yet another legend goes on to tell us that after seeing the baby, the three continued traveling as far as Spain, telling the world the good news about what they had seen. These stories bring the wise men a little more to life, and add some color to the meaning of Christmas. They can also get in the way.

"The problem with legends is that sometimes they add color to stories that don't need any additional color. In fact, sometimes legends are so colorful, they are unbelievable, and can end up making the entire story unbelievable as well. Kind of like that star falling in the well. It makes you warm inside. It also makes you wonder.

"I am not out to ban legends, but I do think it might be worthwhile to hear the story one more time, the way it was told the first time."

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You may have noticed that a trailer is sitting on our lower parking lot. This unit has been purchased by the church for much needed storage of racks and supplies used for our Prom Dress and Closet Classic Ministry, and other seasonal events. It will NOT be used to store items for the sale, so please do not bring those items to the church yet. The rental trailer(s) will be delivered for that purpose early in March, at which time you may begin depositing your items.

**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.