

# THE REPORTER

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## ONE VOICE

As Penbrook United Church of Christ prepares to celebrate her 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there is a great deal of reflection on the history of this church ~ remembering the leadership both pastoral and lay ~ honoring those members who provided inspiration, hope and support for all the ministries of PUCC ~ and sharing the tender and hilarious moments that are always part of a church's history. Anniversaries also provide an opportunity for looking ahead and making a new commitment to the life and ministry of this church.

During the month of October and into November, we will begin our emphasis on stewardship and our commitment to support the work of PUCC. The Finance & Stewardship Team has worked with the consistory to craft a tentative budget for 2019. Certainly, none of us can deny that, fiscally, 2018 has been a very challenging year for PUCC. Many thanks are due to the Finance and Stewardship folk who have worked diligently to keep us afloat. Thanks are also due the Community Ministry Center (CMC) task force led by Dale Mease that has made a very intentional and intense effort to restore the financial balance lost when our anchor tenant moved out of the CMC earlier this year. As we are all aware, one of the most challenging things about doing ministry is dealing with the financial aspects of the church.

I would hasten to add, however, that stewardship is about much more than money. While it is true that it will always be necessary to pay bills and salaries, maintain the building and grounds and support education and music programs, there is more to our stewardship. If we want our church to function as a place that offers extravagant welcome, inspires and nurtures faith, teaches, provides community, and restores hope, we must also be committed to supporting PUCC. Our support comes in the form of our faithful presence in worship and other activities as well as our commitment to those ministries that feed our souls. Believe it or not, your commitment and presence are important to our programs and to others who are committed to their effectiveness ~ whether it is worship attendance, Christian education, KidWorks, any of the choirs: Chancel, Women's, Men's, A-peeling Praise and A-peeling Too, or helping provide worship leadership and ushering. All of those are part of what makes it possible for Penbrook

to provide the ministries she does and be the church you want her to be. They demand our support – sometimes even the sacrificial giving of our time, our talents and our treasures.

I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to your stewardship of all the resources that are yours. The challenge is to begin increasing your giving each year by some percentage of your annual resources, with an ultimate goal of a tithe. I would remind you that everything we give to God, whether time, talent or treasure, opens up the gates for blessings to flow back in our direction both as individuals and as a church.

Watch for more information about our stewardship campaign and begin to prayerfully consider your response to God's abundant grace.

Abundant joy!

*Rev. Karin*

## WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating World Wide Communion at Penbrook Church on October 7th. Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Lord's Table on this occasion.

## MISSION SUNDAY

Our third Sunday second-mile offering will be for **PUCC Members in Need**

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **October 7**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

OR

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

### **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **October 14**

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Psalm 90:12-17

OR

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost****October 21**

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

OR

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost****October 28**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

OR

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Walda Ansel, Ann Bailey, Betty Bell, Sally Garber, Tammy Brehm, Betty Nye, Diane, Keith and Torrie Weinhold, Luke Ansel, Eleanor Seaman (Diane's mom), Sarah Clark, Dick Stokes, Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Craig Hershock, Marcia Johnson, Joanne Heil, Ethan Dixon, Kyra (Rev. Karin), Bill MacClinchy, Ken and Louise Stauffer, The Kennedy family, Kyle Bailey, Peter (Mackenzie Weinhold's neighbor), Rev. Larry Estep, Fran and Jim Gregory, Sharon Bosworth.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

During the month of October, we will be receiving the Neighbors in Need offering. You will be hearing and reading about this offering during October. Neighbors in Need (NIN) is one of the four special mission offerings of the UCC. NIN supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. To watch a video about NIN, log on to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) and scroll down to the NIN video.

## BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday is October 7, 2018. Beginning that Sunday, and throughout the month of October, we will be collecting contributions for the Church World Service Blanket Program. CWS Blanket Program funds purchase and ship blankets worldwide, wherever they are needed. You all know that, in the wake of Hurricane Florence and the flooding it brought, there is a tremendous need for them in this country alone. Add to that Super Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines, and we have had two major weather events just in September for which a CWS blanket might help. A CWS blanket costs just \$5 but has a multitude of uses.

When we raise \$1000, CWS will send us an additional patch for our blanket banner, and we become a Blanket Honor Church in recognition of our contribution. Penbrook UCC has met this goal every year since 1987, so please pitch in to help keep the record of success and worldwide assistance going! Ruth Dunnewold oversees the Blanket Campaign and ultimately forwards the collected funds to CWS. Feel free to use the envelopes specifically for blankets, which may be found on the table by the rear sanctuary door, or any other envelope, and place your contribution in the offering plate or hand it directly to Ruth. Ruth also has Blanket Sunday greeting cards available at no charge if you would like to make a contribution to honor a friend or family member and want to send the person a card to memorialize the gift.

**Please make checks payable to Penbrook UCC and make sure you put “Blankets” in the memo on the check.** If you have questions, call Ruth at 717-545-0921 (home) or 717-599-1606 (cell).

## THANK YOU

To Keith Weinhold and Luke Ansel for repairing the light fixtures in and outside the sanctuary.

To Mike Proper for beautifying the memorial garden in memory of his Aunt Doris Wagner for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

## MANNA FOOD PANTRY

A Ministry Partnership between Penbrook United Church of Christ  
& Penbrook Church of God

Manna needs one or two people to volunteer on Thursday nights to do the clipboard so that we can alternate the weeks. I can't really list the duties of the clipboard due to space in the Reporter, but in a way, you would be the person greeting the clients and filling out the Client List. Any interested persons can contact Sarah Kempf, Gail Mahoney, or Elaine Lane at the manna email address below, and we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. [manna.foodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:manna.foodpantry@gmail.com).

We appreciate any help that you can provide, be it volunteering or donating money. We thank you for all you do for Manna, and we ask for your prayers that we will be able to keep the doors open for those who need us.

God Bless all of you, from all of us at Manna.

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Greetings from your Pastoral Search Committee. The committee consists of the following members:

Tita Domingos  
Kim Evanoff  
Olivia Grier  
Richard Heiss-Chaplain  
Linda Houseal  
David Salapa-Chair

Greetings from your Pastoral Search Committee.

We have completed checking references and have selected a candidate we wish to observe conduct a worship service. We are in the process of scheduling this at a neutral pulpit.

After we observe the candidate, we will make a final decision on a candidate to be our pastor. Once the Pastoral Search Committee selects a candidate and consistory approves that selection, we will provide information on the successful candidate.

As we move into this next phase of the pastoral search process, please continue to hold the members of the Pastoral Search Committee in your prayers.

## **HARTMAN CENTER FALL FESTIVAL- OCTOBER 13**

It's time for our annual trip to Hartman Center for their Fall Festival! We'll leave the parking lot at 9:30 for a day of fall fun, including a ride on the hay wagon, crafts, bouncy house, food, music and raffle baskets. Contact Becky Boone if you would like to attend. The event is officially from 10:00 to 3:00, although we can leave earlier if you need to get home for other commitments.

## **KIDSWORKS**

OCTOBER 21- Kidworks Kicks Off the Year with Commissioning and Pumpkin Decorating. Children and Youth ages 3 and up are invited to join this service group which completes a variety of projects once a month between October and April. All participants will be commissioned during the worship service on that day. See Becky Boone for more information.

## CROP WALK- OCTOBER 21

This year's CROP WALK will be held on October 21 meeting on the Capitol Steps at 1:00 p.m. after a pizza lunch at Roberto's. Money gathered for this walk will be used to help local food pantries as well as to assist hungry people throughout the world. You can donate money in any amount after the worship service on October 7, 14 or 21. If you would prefer to write a check, please make it out to "Church World Service". Lorna Owens will be representing us at the walk.

## ADDRESS UPDATES

Chatham University Mailroom  
Rebecca Emerick SMB #416  
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Pittsburgh PA 15232

Christine Emerick  
5812 Fifth Ave Apt. 14  
Pittsburgh PA 15232

Jeremy Wheeler  
400 S. Orange St. Apt 201  
Media PA 19063

Attn: Kate Wheeler Box 262  
9601 Germantown Ave.  
Philadelphia PA 19118

## OCTOBER 21, 2018, 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MUSIC SUNDAY

Please mark your calendars for this very special musical worship service. All our vocal choirs will be participating along with the bells and other musical talents to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## CHANGING HANDS PROGRAM

Have you been wondering what to do with medical equipment your family is no longer using? Are you in need of a wheelchair or walker? United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania has a program called **Changing Hands**. Manual wheelchairs, shower seats and benches, over bed tables, canes, lift chairs, raised toilet seats, and portable ramps are being accepted. Because of limited space we cannot accept hospital beds or stair glides. All items must be in good to excellent condition. **Changing Hands** will clean items and make them available to people who need them. If you have questions about obtaining items, or would like to arrange to drop off items at our Camp Hill location, please call 717-737-3477 or 1-800-998-4827 (toll free) or email [atucp@ucpcentralpa.org](mailto:atucp@ucpcentralpa.org). A United Way Program Partner

## PDF VERSION OF THE PUCC DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Now available from the PUCC office! A PDF version of the directory. This is a nice thing to have on your smart phone to look up a number or address. Please email a request to the church office, [office@penbrookucc.org](mailto:office@penbrookucc.org) and we will email a PDF to you and put you on a list to receive an updated directory

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**PUCC WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER 2018**

<p>World Wide Communion Sunday 10/7/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Amber Mann <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b></p>
<p>Sunday 10/14/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Greeter:</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Ann Bailey <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b></p>
<p>Sunday 10/21/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> <b>Greeter:</b> George Long <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> Jon Morgan <b>Head Usher:</b> George Long</p>
<p>Sunday 10/28/2018 Breakfast Fellowship</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Ann Bailey <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Children's Time:</b> <b>Head Usher:</b></p>

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BNE = Bhutanesse Nepali Evangelical Church NA = Narcotics Anonymous	(ASSR) = Adult Sunday School Room (DSS) = Downstairs Sunday School Rooms	(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room	(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined			
	1 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)	2 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Manna Board (ASSR)	3 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR)	4 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 5:30 pm: Neighborhood Dispute Settlement (ASSR) 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30 am: Manna Preparation SILENT RETREAT	6 9:00 am: BNE (FH) SILENT RETREAT
7 <b>WORLD WIDE COMMUNION</b> 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal (ASSR) 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise SILENT RETREAT BLANKET SUNDAY	8 4:00 pm: Delta (FH) 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR) 7:00 pm: Crafters	9 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: IRF (TBD)	10 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR) 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	11 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	13 9:00 am: BNE (FH) 9:30 am: Hartman Center Fall Festival 6:00 pm: Drum Circle (RR & FH)
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21 9:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: 125th Anniversary Music Worship & Kidworks Commissioning 1:00 pm: CROP Walk 2:00 pm: Fall Association Meeting 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise	22 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)	23 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	24 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	25 Reporter Articles Due 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	27 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
28 9:15 am: Sunday School (TBD) 125th Anniversary Breakfast (ASSR) 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal and Worship 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise	29 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR) 7:00 pm: Crafters	30 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b>			

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### AUGUST 2018

General Fund	July	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$12,167.00	\$79,655.00
Budgeted Amount	\$11,385.00	\$96,769.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$782.00)	(\$17,114.50)
<b>August Mission:</b>		
UCC Homes	\$384.00	

### MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

### SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

### MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. Karin Stork-Whitson  
 Music Director: Brian Johnson  
 Organist: Rita Oberman  
 Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold  
 Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth  
 CMC Building Manager: Lisa Puliti  
 Manna Food Pantry Director:  
 Penbrook Learning Center Director: Deanna Hobbs  
 Web Administrator: George Long

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

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### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Articles for the October Reporter are due to the church office by **OCTOBER 25**. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles that are date sensitive. Thank you for your cooperation. Articles should be e-mailed to: [office@penbrookucc.org](mailto:office@penbrookucc.org)

### MEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND

The Church maintains a fund for members and friends of the congregation who need temporary financial assistance. There are basic needs for gas and food. If you have a need for this kind of assistance, we encourage you to talk to Sarah Kempf, phone and email are in directory. The fund is getting low again, so please continue to give to this important fund.

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee needs more people to join us, (Men or Women). Please call the Church office and leave your name and phone number and I will get in touch with you. Thank you, Linda Grier.

## HOUSE BOUND

- **Walda Ansel**, Church of God Home, Personal Care Unit, Rm 223, 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Dorothy Baker**, Moravian Manor Lititz, 300 W. Lemon St., Rm 246D-HCW, Lititz, PA 17543
- **Marge Lippert**, 1020 N. Union Street, Room 135A, Frey Village, Middletown, PA, 17057
- **Beverly Mesloh**, c/o Arden Courts, 2625 Ailanthus Lane, Room 26, Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Bill Oberholtzer**, 45 Conestoga Drive, Lititz, PA, 17543, Phone #(717) 581-3372
- **Mary Sherk**, 4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Apt 202, Kindered Place. Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Peggy Stellfox**, Room 235, Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St. Middletown, PA 17057
- **Jeannetta (Jeannie) Wagner**, Frey Village, Phoenix Unit, Room 220, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, PA 17057

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



We would like to extend a very happy birthday to everyone celebrating in October.

Amy Gipe	3 October
Dorothy Baker	4 October
Jeffery Proper	4 October
Elizabeth Einig	5 October
Jane Morton	8 October
Heather Light	9 October
Evvie Thompson	10 October
Cathrine Stauffer	11 October
Muriel Bronakoski	14 October
Collin Guyer	15 October
Jean Lucas	16 October
Luimbe Domingos	18 October
Robert Lane	24 October
Debby Jones	25 October
Lartha LaRue	26 October
Jeremy Wheeler	26 October
Dale Mease	27 October
Sally Garber	29 October
Kane Guyer	29 October
James Grier	30 October

Note: A complete list by Month is in the Church Directory.

## September Gift of Music

Stand Up, and Bless the Lord – PUCC Chancel Choir – September 9, 2018  
<https://youtu.be/rli5uB9AJmc>

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community gathering to worship God and welcoming all persons in their journey on the spiritual path.

As faithful stewards, we follow the model of Jesus Christ through loving service to the local community and to the larger world.

We strive in all aspects of our life as a congregation to be a people of courage and a people of peace.