

THE REPORTER

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ONE VOICE

As I write this, we are once again about to enter the month of the year when our hearts turn toward home and we have many thoughts of harvest, abundance and thankfulness for all that with which our God gifts us. It is, therefore, appropriate that at the same time we intentionally think about our stewardship of all of God's gifts to us, both as individuals and as a community of faith.

First of all, I need to express gratitude to you for your faithfulness in supporting the work of Penbrook United Church of Christ and of the United Church of Christ in the world. We have supported the four specific ministry offerings of the United Church of Christ (One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, The Christmas Fund) as well as Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). We are one of the **5 for 5 Churches** in the Penn Central Conference. Our support of the Penbrook Learning Center, of Manna Food Pantry and of disaster relief in both the Southwest and the Southeast extends our ministry to and beyond our local community.

As we prepare for the possibility of welcoming a settled pastor in 2019, we need to think about how we steward all that God places in our lives. We must also be aware of the needs of our community and of Penbrook's needs as she continues to strive to be relevant in ministry to her people and to the people of Penbrook and the wider community.

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is *What Shall We Bring?* We are invited to consider bringing the gifts of Good News, gifts of God's love, gifts of word and deed, gifts of presence, and gifts of faithfulness. What will be your commitment to bringing those gifts to this faith community and to the global community?

It is my sincere hope that as we consider together our stewardship of all that we have, you will think in terms of proportional giving that encourages you to determine what percentage of your

total annual income you are going to give back to God. It is a discipline that requires prayer and commitment. I know that the biblical mandate of 10% of our income sounds like a lot to many people ~ so begin thinking in terms of a percentage that represents a healthy increase in your giving. Figure out what percentage of your income is committed to the work of the gospel through Penbrook UCC. If you are at the 2% level, raise it by 1 or 2 levels and see what God can do not only with what you give away but with what you keep. God's giving to us will never fail to meet or exceed our needs.

As you reflect on those things in your life and here at Penbrook that make you glad you are part of this faith family – programs and activities that you want to make certain we are able to continue, I encourage you to prayerfully consider your level of support for all that Penbrook does. And when you receive the faith promise card being designed and mailed by the Stewardship Ministry Team, I pray you will receive it and respond with a heart refreshed by your awareness of God's love and of God's surprising gifts to all of us.

Please make every effort to be in worship on November 18 when we will consecrate the pledges for the 2019 church year and dedicate ourselves as well for our roles as co-creators committed to doing our part to bring God's realm on earth.

I celebrate the prayerful thought you give to your commitments to the work of God through the church in the world. I pray that God will continue to bless you as you respond joyfully and faithfully to the blessings that are yours from God's gracious hand.

With thanksgiving and joy,

Rev. Karin

NEXT COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at Penbrook UCC on November 4th All Saints Sunday. Please plan to join your siblings in Christ at God's Table on this occasion.

MISSION SUNDAY

Our third Sunday second-mile offering will be for a **Thanksgiving Offering for Our Church's Wider Mission**

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Dorothy Baker, who died Saturday, October 6, 2018 in the Manor. Graveside services and burial were on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 11:00 am at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Moravian Manor Benevolent Fund, 300 West Lemon Street, Lititz, PA 17543. Cards can be sent to Peggy and Bill Chrencik, 845 Hillaire Road, Lancaster, PA, 17601

To the family of Louise Stauffer, who died Thursday, October 25, 2018. The Celebration of Life service is Tuesday October 30 at the church. Visitation at 10 am with the service at 11 am. Burial at Harrisburg East followed by lunch at the church

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, 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), Fran and Jim Gregory, Lauren and Aubry. Dan, Ashanti, and Silas Johnson. April Gifford's family, Ann Bailey's co-worker, Joselynn, the family of the Rev. Larry Estep, Ann Bailey, Kristopher Weinhold's friend, Andrew, Mackenzie Weinhold's friend, Destiny, Dottie Smith, Robin Wheeler's friends Naomi and Patrick, the family of Louise Stauffer.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

NOV 4

Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146

or

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

NOV 11

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127

or

1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

NOV 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10

or

Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

THANKSGIVING DAY

Joel 2:21-27 and Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

NOV 25 REIGN OF CHRIST

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

or

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR MANNA

On November 18, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks for God's radical generosity by sharing our bounty with MANNA. Please bring a personal care item (tooth brushes, toothpaste, tissues, laundry detergent, bath soap, deodorant, shampoo, razors, etc.) to be placed on the chancel before we begin worship. These are all items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. If you can drop items off at the church before November 18, that will help with the arranging of our offering. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors whose needs are far greater than our own.

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

The Pastoral Search Committee has completed the pastoral search process and has recommended calling the selected candidate as the settled pastor for Penbrook UCC. Subsequently, the consistory approved this recommendation.

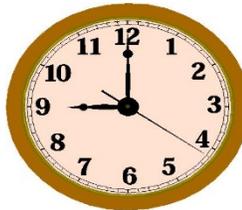
The Pastoral Search Committee has conducted two interviews with the candidate over Skype, talked to the three references he listed in his ministerial profile, observed him preach a neutral pulpit sermon and had a further conversation with him during lunch after the neutral pulpit sermon. During our conversations with the candidate, he indicated that Penbrook UCC's local church profile was like an answer to his prayers.

As a result of our interactions with the candidate and our conversations with his references as well as our own prayers and discernment, the Pastoral Search Committee concluded that God was leading us to recommend calling this candidate. The Pastoral Search Committee believes that his energy, enthusiasm and organizational skills will help to lead Penbrook UCC into the future.

A candidating weekend will be scheduled where the congregation will have the opportunity to meet the candidate, the candidate will preach a sermon at Penbrook UCC and the congregation will vote on whether to call the candidate. We will provide the date for this candidating weekend to the congregation as soon as it can be scheduled. We will also provide more information on the candidate.

As we approach this candidating weekend, please pray for wisdom and discernment in deciding whether to call this candidate. Also pray for this Body of Christ and its ongoing mission and how, as a member of that body, you can use your time, talents and treasure to further that mission.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



The annual change of clocks to reflect the ending of Daylight Savings Time is soon approaching, scheduled to occur early on the morning of Sunday, November 4. Upon retiring for the night on Saturday, November 3, be sure to remember to set your clocks back one hour.

LET'S GIVE THANKS DINNER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

The congregation of Penbrook UCC has been invited to join the folk of Ridgeway Community Church of the Brethren to share their Let's Give Thanks dinner after worship on Sunday, November 4.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. We are being asked to RSVP no later than November 1.

We are also invited, if we are able, to sign up to bring one of the following dishes to share: Turkey/Mashed Potatoes or Stuffing/Side/Salad/Vegetable/Dessert.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: NOVEMBER 18 BUSINESS MEETING

List of officers and Treasury reports need to be in the office by November 7, 2018 in order to get the booklet done and printed for the congregation to have a week prior to meeting.

NOVEMBER KIDWORKS NEED FRUIT FOR BASKETS

On November 25, we will be gleaning the congregation for fruit. Please bring fruit, particularly oranges, apples, bananas, grapes and pears, so that we can use them to make our fruit baskets. These will be delivered to members of our congregation who are sick or home bound. Thanks for your help!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the 125th Anniversary Committee for their dedication, ideas and hard work during the month of October. The Committee, comprised of Luke Ansel, Becky Boone, Kim Evanoff, Dana Morgan, Carol Proper, and Mike Proper, were willing to do anything that was asked of them. Their commitment made my job easier!

Also, I would like to thank George Long for the DVD and his help with the bulletins and the details; Ruth Dunnewold, Brian Johnson and Rita Oberman for their contributions to Music Sunday; Robin Wheeler for her involvement with Messy Church and the “favors” that were distributed during the 125th Anniversary Dinner; Rick Heiss and James Wheeler for keeping track of the money; Rev. Karin for her leadership and guidance; and to the people who participated in the events. We could not have done this without any of you!

Linda Grier
Chair, 125th Anniversary Committee

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

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

Manna Food Pantry is doing pretty good, but we could really use one or two Church people to volunteer on Thursday nights so that we have a little more flexibility with the other Church folks that volunteer. You would only need to be there one or two Thursday's a month and it's a very rewarding experience, just ask Gail Mahoney and Elaine Lane. Please if you're at all curious please email Manna at the Manna email, manna.foodpantry@gmail.com and we will answer any of your questions.

We had two site reviews in October. One from the USDA and one from the Pa. Central Food Bank. We passed both with flying colors. The girl from the Food Bank was really impressed with how we have the storage room so organized. She really liked our shelving.

We thank all of you for what you do for Manna, and we ask for your prayers that we will be able to keep helping those who need us.

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

SECRET SANTA SHOP

The Crafters will be holding their Annual Secret Santa Shop on Saturday, December 8 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room. We are always looking for gently used or new gifts to be used for this fundraiser. Needed most are things for men and pets. There is a box in the back hall for your donations.

MR. STICKY – STICKY BUN SALE

Mr. Sticky has been making homemade sticky buns for over ten years and folks who enjoy them tell us they are not only delicious but downright addictive. Mr. Sticky's sticky buns are made fresh daily from a secret recipe. We will be taking orders through Sunday November 25th. Order forms can be found in the office, or in the church's Facebook group for you to download.

Order forms and payment can be turned in to the office, or given to Robin Wheeler. Delivery will be Wednesday December 5th. Robin will be arriving between 5-6 PM and will sort them out in the Ross Room. If you are unable to pick your buns up that evening, please make arrangements with Robin. Buns not picked up that evening will be left in the front office on the counter. If you would like to have buns for Christmas, order extra and freeze them. They are fabulous warmed up!

DOVER UCC CELEBRATES 4TH ANNIV. BEING OPEN AND AFFIRMING

Dover UCC celebrates their 4th anniversary of becoming an Open and Affirming Church on November 18. At 3 pm on November 18, they will sponsor a concert held at *Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St, York* by Lucie Blue Tremblay. Lucie Blue is an amazing singer/songwriter from Canada. She has been writing, recording, and performing since 1982. Her music carries a global message of honor, strength, tolerance and peace. As a member of the LGBTQI community, she approaches songwriting with love and truth as she honors women's music from her core. Her music goes straight to the heart and soul of her listeners. Her trademark whistle delights and wows her audience. She has just released her latest CD, *Counting My Blessings*. CD's will be available at the concert. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and are available from [Brown Paper Tickets](#) at

You may call Dover UCC at 717-292-3743 or email pastor@doverducc.org for more information.

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 and we will email a PDF to you and put you on a list to receive an updated directory

Devonshire Fair



Bring your neighbors, friends and family! Shop for Christmas, Birthdays, and Anniversaries!

Booths include

Attic Treasures, Books/Media Center, Christmas, Jewelry, Holiday Decor, Boutique, Adult Clothing & Linens, Men's Den, Children's Shoppe, Homemade Crafts & Goodies

Lunch

Served from 10am-1:30pm and includes hot dogs, chili, soups, salads, ham sandwiches

Dinner

Served from 5-6:30pm
Wednesday -Turkey & fixin's
Thursday— Roast Beef dinner

Colonial Park United Church of Christ
5000 Devonshire Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109 www.cpucc.org 545-3782

PUCC WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 2018

<p>Communion Sunday All Saints Day 11/4/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Amber Mann Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Harvey Bailey Children's Time: Mackenzie Weinhold Head Usher: Jon Morgan</p>
<p>Sunday 11/11/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Ruth Dunnewold Greeter: Acolyte: Ann Bailey Children's Time: Head Usher: Jon Morgan</p>
<p>Sunday 11/18/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Mary Kelly Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher: Jon Morgan</p>
<p>Sunday 11/25/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Ann Bailey Greeter: Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher: Jon Morgan</p>

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BNE = Bhutianese 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	9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am: Manna Preparation 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	9:00 am: BNE (FH)
4 COMMUNION 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am: Altar Committee Mtg 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 12:00 pm: All Give Thanks at Ridgeview 8:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise	6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)	10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Manna Board (ASSR)	7 Budget Reports Due 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR)	8 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	10 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
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18 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY 9:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 12:00 pm Annual Business Meeting 8:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise	6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)	7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	21 Penbrook Leo's Food Collection for Manna 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR) 6:00 pm: Delivery of Leo's Food 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	22 THANKSGIVING DAY Offices Closed	23 Reporter Articles Due	24 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
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FACTS AND FIGURES

SEPTEMBER 2018

General Fund	September	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$9,559.00	\$89,214.00
Budgeted Amount	\$14,231.00	\$111,000.50
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,672.00)	(\$21,786.50)

September Mission:

Member Assistance \$353.00

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

A donation from James Wheeler in honor of Robin Wheeler's birthday, Sept. 27, 2018

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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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Articles for the November Reporter are due to the church office by **NOVEMBER 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

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
- **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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Ruth Dunnewold	3 November
David Laudermilch	3 November
Fran White	6 November
Martha Skinner	9 November
Mary Jane McElheny	13 November
Diane Weinhold	13 November
Brenda Wagner	15 November
Ann Bailey	17 November
Lisa Cervantes	17 November
Elizabeth McElheny	17 November
Glenn Domon	19 November
Tyler Proper	22 November
Colette Fissel	25 November
Caitlin James	27 November
Stephanie Domon	29 November

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

OCTOBER GIFT OF MUSIC

If We Truly Believe - PUCG Women's Ensemble - October 7 2018

<https://youtu.be/hrxO3oA7eBs>

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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.