

# THE REPORTER

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## ONE VOICE

Even as I write this and anticipate (admittedly, not without some trepidation) the beginning of the season of Advent and the celebration of Jesus' birth, I confess to some excitement and anticipation of all that the hectic, overly-busy season brings.

I very intentionally try to keep the spirit of Advent – of anticipation – of eagerness – of watchful waiting – throughout these coming four weeks. Granted, it is not always a simple thing because of the constant assault of poorly arranged and executed secular 'Christmas' music, repeated advertising in all of the media, the rush to buy, wrap, bake, cook, clean and prepare for the BIG DAY. In addition, we will be deluged with all the details of preparing for worship services during Advent and on Christmas Eve. In all of that busy-ness, it's often very difficult to find time for quiet preparation of our hearts and spirits to welcome once again the newborn king.

To help us on the journey, we have again the inspiring Advent devotional booklets prepared by the God Is Still Speaking team of writers. They are available for your use, and are on the table in the Narthex. You may make a contribution to their cost if you are able. I hope that you will let them help you take time for quietness and reflection as you wait and prepare.

Because of the way the calendar falls, the church will be able to celebrate both Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ on January 6 and 13 respectively. Last year, we weren't able to do that. Even with the wonderful extension Christmastide, the time when we really need to be celebrating the marvelous gift of the Christ, something tells me most will be consumed with undecorating the house and yard and dismantling the Christmas tree, so that life can get back to "normal". And I'm wondering if getting back to "normal" means that we stop looking for and celebrating the presence of God in our lives. My prayer would be that even though we have celebrated once again the birth of Jesus and his baptism, we continue to be tuned in to God showings (epiphanies) in our every-day lives. I would also pray that we not be reluctant to share them with each other.

And I have one more item for your prayerful concern – that is that y'all continue to hold in prayer the Pastoral Search Committee and this congregation as the process of calling a settled pastor and the work of being in ministry with and to each other begins. I feel confident that the One who loves us more than we can imagine has great things in store for Penbrook; and, I encourage you to be open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and courageous and faithful enough to follow.

May we continue to eagerly anticipate the ways in which the Christ will be revealed to us. May we always be open to those showings and to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives both as individuals and as this limb of the body of Christ.

May you experience abundantly the blessings of hope, joy, love and peace as we make our Advent journey together,

*Karin*

Rev. Karin

### **NEXT COMMUNION**

We celebrate Holy Communion at Penbrook UCC on December 2nd. 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 Beverly Mesloh, who died Wednesday November 14, 2018. A Celebration of Life service was held at the church on Monday, November 18, 2018

To the family of Louise Stauffer, who died Thursday, October 25, 2018. Visitation and a Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday October 30 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, Bill MacClinchy, Kyle Bailey, Peter (Mackenzie Weinhold's neighbor), Fran and Jim Gregory, Sharon Bosworth, Lauren and Aubry. Dan, Ashanti, and Silas Johnson, Ann Bailey 's co-worker, Joselynn, Ann Bailey, Kristopher Weinhold's friend, Andrew, Mackenzie Weinhold's friend, Destiny, Robin Wheeler's friends Naomi and Patrick. Robin's sister, Beth and Bonnie Craw, Robin's friend Maureen and her husband. Bubba 's former teacher Jennifer Holt and family, Herb and Barbara Farrell, Mary Stauffer, Bob Nease, Pastor Bonni Lucas, Ethan Dixon, Kyra (Rev. Karin), Lois Gillis' friend Melissa Nancy Heckler and her son, Stan, Skip Unger's aunt, Mary Sherk.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

### **DEC 2 ADVENT I**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

### **DEC 9 ADVENT II**

Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### **DEC 16 ADVENT III**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

### **DEC 23 ADVENT IV**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 8: 1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

### **DEC 25 CHRISTMAS EVE**

Lessons & Carols

### **DEC 30**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **ELAINE LANE'S MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP 2018**

When I was asked to share with you what it is about this church that inspires me to share my time, talent and treasure, my little knee jerk voice said NOOOOO – public speaking is difficult and uncomfortable for me. It is not my thing. It will take hours of preparation. And besides who am I to be highlighted as an example of stewardship when so many of you do so much more? But, then that quiet voice (the one I have learned to pay attention to here) whispered “well it is something you are able to do and actually now is a good time to fit it in – So here I am – doing this difficult, uncomfortable thing – out of Love and Gratitude for who you are and what you do.

Which in a way says it all – but it isn't quite all of it.

Who you are - I believe in our mission – in being open and affirming to every one – I believe that God IS Still Speaking out of Love and Compassion – and that God needs people of Courage to speak out and work for Peace and Justice. To borrow from a letter sent by a 4<sup>th</sup> grader in Cleveland to the congregation of the Tree of Life synagogue: We need to make the good voice louder than the bad voice.

I love that mission- who you are – working to make the good voice louder than the bad voice – both out in the world and in our own heads. I am inspired and nurtured by it.

And I am inspired by what you do – which is A LOT. These days my time here is devoted primarily to our Manna Food Pantry downstairs- where we are ready to help 60 adults shop for their households and to offer 60 pre-packed bags of food to local children 4 Thursday evenings a month. And Manna is just one part of the work you do here – Another example is our Penbrook Learning Center, which has been operating for 33 years, serving the needs of thousands of children and their families.

You are evidence of what God can do with a little help. And I am Grateful to be a part of it. So why does my Love and Gratitude for who you are and what you do prompt me to help you out?

As most stories do, mine starts with my mother who passed on her mother's Jesus lessons – Here by the Grace of God go I was a big one. And church is where you show up to thank God for your blessings and do what you can to be a blessing to others.

And later, as an adult here in Penbrook, I learned that following Jesus doesn't mean just tagging along – it is a stretch! It is a life-long learning process - a journey that requires hard work and the help and forgiveness of other God-seeking people. I experience the Love and Compassion taught by Jesus working through and with you. I am inspired and nurtured by it. And finally I have Hope that, by the Grace of God, you will continue to do God's work here – to make the good voice louder – the voice that works to bring us together instead of driving us apart -for many more years.

So Love, Gratitude and Hope is all of it.

## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

November 11, 2018

Dear members and friends of Penbrook United Church of Christ:

The Pastoral Search Committee wants to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us. We concluded our prayer-filled process of reviewing profiles and interviewing candidates, ultimately reaching a unanimous decision. We are pleased to recommend to you our candidate for the position of settled pastor, to be considered by the congregation at a special meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2018 following worship. We are grateful to our Penn Central Conference Ministers, Reverend Monica Dawkins Smith and Reverend Betsy Bruaw, who worked closely with us in the search and call process. We are also grateful for the excellent interim leadership of Rev. Dr. Karin Stork-Whitson, and for her support and assistance during this search and call process.

Before announcing who the candidate is, we will first review the steps that we have taken to reach this point.

The Pastoral Search Committee and the Transition Steering Team sought your input concerning our church's ministry through questionnaires and at several congregational

forums. Your insights and ideas were incorporated into the Local Church Profile that ministerial candidates read.

Our vacancy was listed on line at the UCC web site under UCC Ministry Opportunities where hundreds of ministerial candidates saw it. Persons authorized to complete a UCC Ministerial Profile submitted their profiles through the Penn Central Conference office for our committee. These profiles had information about the candidates' sense of calling, formation for ministry, faith and leadership experience, references, an ethical self-disclosure form, and a criminal background check.

We received ministerial profiles, reviewing them with our own Local Church Profile in mind. We arranged initial and follow-up interviews. We called references and completed due diligence through the Penn Central Conference, before inviting our candidate to preach in a neutral pulpit and meet with us for an interview. Following the neutral pulpit interview, we sought God's guidance and prayerfully made a decision. We were glad when the candidate responded enthusiastically to our invitation for a candidating weekend.

Confidentiality has been essential to the entire process of profile review and interviews, so we kept you in necessary suspense. It was important to honor the integrity of our committee's discernment and to respect the candidates' current ministry settings. Now, we ask you to keep in close confidence the candidate's name and his current ministry, until such time as the congregational vote is affirmative and we have the candidate's consent to publish the news of his new call to ministry with us.

Our candidate is Brian E. Damrow. His brief biography is attached.

We have scheduled a candidating weekend for the weekend of December 1-2. The candidating weekend will consist of two components. First, you will have an opportunity to meet Brian and his wife Dawn on Saturday, December 1, 2108 at 6:00 p.m. at a covered-dish supper. The church will supply turkey and ham. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the sanctuary where you may indicate what you will be bringing to the covered-dish supper and how many people from your family will be attending. The covered-dish supper will be an evening of fellowship where we will have the opportunity to get to know Brian and Dawn and they will have the opportunity to get to know us.

Second, you will have the opportunity to worship with Brian on Sunday, December 2, 2018, when he will lead worship and preach. This will be a time for each of you to listen and discern whether to call Brian as our new minister.

There will be a congregational meeting following worship. At that meeting each member present will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Pastoral Search Committee. The congregation will then vote on whether to call Brian as our new pastor. The vote on whether to call Brian will be supervised by the Harrisburg Association's Committee on Ministry. The vote will be by written ballot.

Please plan to attend the supper on December 1, 2018 and church on December 2, 2018 to hear more from the Search Committee, to meet Brian and Dawn and to worship with them. We are blessed with a wonderful church community. With hard work and God's guidance, we

will be blessed with a wonderful pastor to guide us as we minister in the name of Jesus the Christ.

In Christ's name, The Pastoral Search Committee

Tita Domingos

Olivia Grier

Linda Houseal

Kim Evanoff

Richard Heiss-Chaplain

David Salapa-Chair

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

**The Call to Order-** Ruth Dunnewold, president of the congregation, called the meeting to order at 11:50am following the morning worship service. There were 36 people in attendance.

**The Opening Prayer-** The opening prayer was offered by Ruth Dunnewold.

### **Approval of Previous Congregational Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of last year's annual business meeting were unavailable at this time.

### **Election of 2017 Officers and Committee Members:**

On a motion by Keith Weinhold and seconded by Tita Domingos, the congregation approved to elect the present slate of officers, and to maintain the present committee members until time that the committee system be reorganized or replaced. The motion passed.

### **Review of Financial Statements:**

The financial statements of the church were reviewed by James Wheeler, treasurer. With the loss of the rent from Infinity Charter School, this year has been fiscally challenging and we have been in the red. With the sale of the CMC, we will hopefully return to fiscal stability.

### **Presentation of the General Fund Budget for 2019**

Richard Heiss presented the proposed General Fund Budget for 2019 that was approved for presentation at the October Consistory meeting. The budget assumes we will not be responsible

for maintaining the CMC, although money was assigned to take care of residuals as we move to closure of the building. The salary package for the new pastor is consistent with the Penn Central Conference guidelines, but may change somewhat as salary and benefit are negotiated after the settled pastor has been called. The proposed budget was approved on a motion by Ann Bailey and seconded by Kim Evanoff.

### **Community Ministry Center Update**

Dale Mease presented the findings and recommendations of the Community Ministry Center Committee which was formed November 19, 2017. Since then, the committee has completed much work with the hopes of finding a new tenant for the CMC. Although no one was willing to take over the leasing of the building in the space formerly rented by the Infinity Charter School, eight different organizations were interested in purchasing the entire building. The CMC will be sold to Keystone Human Services to house Head Start classrooms which are sorely needed by the program, having lost much classroom space in the Harrisburg School District. After searching for a place for our Penbrook Learning Center to be relocated, it was

decided that the church was not financially in the position to lease and renovate any of possible sites. Regretfully, the recommendation of the CMC Committee, which was made in a motion, was to proceed with the closing of the Penbrook Learning Center due to lack of financial resources, and to donate the equipment and teaching supplies to another childcare center. There was much discussion about alternative placements for the children presently in the program, as well as the staff of the Penbrook Learning Center. Dale and Ruth Dunnewold described their successful efforts in finding other day care placements for the children and possible employee placement options at different area child care centers, including Head Start. After discussion, the motion was seconded by George Long and was unanimously approved by the members who were present. Thanks was given to members of the committee including Dale Mease, Ruth Dunnewold, Lisa Stokes , James Wheeler and Pastor Karin Stork-Whitson for their faithful work in this matter.

**A Closing Prayer** was offered by Linda Grier.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Boone, Acting Secretary

### **MANNA FOOD PANTRY**

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

Manna Food Pantry is doing well, but we could always use extra help. We received two bookcases which we will use to house the Children's books that we give to the power pack kids.

We are getting an estimate on the cost to put an Air Conditioner in the storage room and louver doors in the two pantries. This will help keep the temperature at a lower level in the summer so that our freezer's don't get overheated.

We would like to find one or two people to help on Thursday night with the duty of Hospitality. This person or persons would greet the clients, mark the sheet when they came in, how many adults and kids they have in their family, give them a colored ticket based on number in family. Then they would send them to the registration table and from there they would be assigned a shopper who would take them back to the pantry room for them to shop.

If anyone would be interested in learning more about it, they can email [manna.foodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:manna.foodpantry@gmail.com) and we would be more than happy to meet with them and answer any questions.

We could really use someone who knew how to write grants to help us since we don't really know how to.

Please pray for us as we continue to do God's work through the Manna Food Pantry. Please continue to support this very worthy cause as best you can.

God Bless you and thank you for all you do for Manna.

## **MANNA 5K RUN**

We need someone to take over the duties of Chair of the Manna 5K run as Michelle Einig is now working full time and cannot devote the time to the run.

There is a committee which you would be chair of. It would be helpful if this person was a runner who understands the workings of a 5K. This is an important fundraiser for Manna Food Pantry and if we can't get someone to take over Michelle's duties we will not be able to have the 5K run. Anyone who is interested please email the Church at [office@penbrookucc.org](mailto:office@penbrookucc.org) or call the Church at 717-236-5275.

## **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.

## **RIVER CITY SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERTS**

Looking to get into the spirit of the season? The River City Singers would like to invite you to their annual holiday concert, "Choose Joy," to be held here at PUCC on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 PM. The concert is free. The concert will open with a performance by Fünf, a local brass quintet that came into being at James Madison University. "Fünf" is the German word for "five," and the five talented musicians have performed many times, including at the International Trumpet Competition and as the resident student quintet at the Bay View Music Festival. The River City Singers will perform with Fünf, and present a musical program that includes everything from a 15<sup>th</sup> Century carol to modern classics. A free will offering will be collected, and be warned: there will be audience participation as well! (Hint: You might want to brush up on "The Twelve Days of Christmas!") The concert will be followed by a reception with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DECEMBER 22 AT 6:00 P.M.**

We'll meet in the Adult Sunday School Room for an evening of caroling through the streets of Penbrook or at a local retirement community, depending on the weather. Bring flashlights, cookies to share and your most upbeat holiday spirit. Santa Claus hats and flashing earrings welcome!

## **MORNING BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP DEC 30 AT 10:30 AM**

(very casually ~ pjs, sweats, jeans) at 10:30 am. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact the church office.

## **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

## 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
- **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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Ryan Davis	6 December
David Salapa	6 December
Tammy Brehm	10 December
Carol Proper	11 December
Alan Morton	12 December
Cindy Proper	12 December
Karen Weaver	12 December
Kristopher Weinhold	27 December
Kathleen Havran	28 December
John Lucas, II	28 December
Mary Kelly	29 December
Margaret Stellfox	29 December
Sara Troup	31 December

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

**PUCC WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER 2018**

<p>Communion Sunday 12/2/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Amber Mann  <b>Greeter:</b> Carol Proper  <b>Acolyte:</b> Ann Bailey  <b>Children's Time:</b>  <b>Head Usher:</b> Mike Proper</p>
<p>Sunday 12/9/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Bill MacClinchy  <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens  <b>Acolyte:</b> Ann Bailey  <b>Children's Time:</b> Lois Gillis  <b>Head Usher:</b> Mike Proper</p>
<p>Sunday 12/16/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Mary Kelly  <b>Greeter:</b> Lorna Owens  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Children's Time:</b>  <b>Head Usher:</b> Mike Proper</p>
<p>Sunday 12/23/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Ann Bailey  <b>Greeter:</b>  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Children's Time:</b>  <b>Head Usher:</b> Mike Proper</p>
<p>Monday @ 7:30 pm Christmas Eve 12/24/2018</p>	<p><b>Greeter:</b>  <b>Head Usher:</b></p>
<p>Sunday Breakfast 12/30/2018</p>	<p><b>Liturgist:</b> Linda Grier  <b>Greeter:</b>  <b>Acolyte:</b>  <b>Children's Time:</b>  <b>Head Usher:</b> Mike Proper</p>

**DECEMBER 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BNE = Bhutanesse Nepali Evangelical Church NA = Narcotics Anonymous	(ASSR) = Adult Sundry School Room (DSS) = Downstairs Sunday School Rooms	(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room	(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined			9:00 am: BNE (FH) 6:00 pm: Drum Circle (Skinner's house)
<b>2</b> COMMUNION 8:15 am: Sundry School 8:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:00 am: 10:30 am: Worship 3:00 pm: River City Singers Holiday Concert 6:15 pm: A-peeling Too 7:00 pm: A-peeling 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)	7:00 pm: NA (FH) 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR)	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 5:30 pm: Secret Santa (ASSR)	9:00 am: BNE (FH) 9:00 am: Secret Santa (ASSR)
<b>9</b> 8:15 am: Sundry School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 2:00 pm: River City Singers Holiday Concert (Colonial Park UCC) 6:15 pm: A-peeling Too 7:00 pm: A-peeling Praise	4:00 pm: Delta (FH) 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)	10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: IRP (TBD) 7:00 pm: Crafters	7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR) 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	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	9:00 am: BNE (FH)
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<b>30</b> 8:15 am: Sundry School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Breakfast and Fellowship	<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE					

## 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
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### MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

Donation was made by Lorna Owens to the Member Assistance Fund in memory of her husband's Maxwell birthday on November 27

### SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

James Wheeler donated one brick in honor of Robin Wheeler's birthday, Sept 27th

### MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

Donna Bauserman, Larry and Martha Skinner donated bricks in memory of Louise Stauffer.

### MEMORIAL FUND

Marti Larue made a donation in memory of Louise Stauffer

## 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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### JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Articles for the December Reporter are due to the church office by **DECEMBER 26**. 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.

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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.