

THE REPORTER

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Of the United Church of Christ*

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Sunday school at 9:15 am
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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The brilliance of God's Holy Light is a pleasant sight to see after so much snow. As we continue to journey through our snowy season, we can also bear witness to the changes since the last time we were together. Together you, as the congregation, and I, your new pastor, have chosen each other to continue on our spiritual journey. Uniting with the mission of Christ, we are learning to begin a journey and a relationship that will enable us to be open to where God wants to lead us together.

I believe as the ancient Greeks. That we are mind, body, and spirit (created in God's image we are trinity), and I work daily to bring them in healthy partnership. I firmly believe that the motto of the UCC "God is Still Speaking" is more than a motto. Because one of our tenant's is that we "have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God... Like living stones, let (us) be built into a spiritual house." (1 Pet 1:23, 2:5) I believe that our growth will be a collaborative effort. God is still blessing Penbrook with the discovery of our talents to promote an honorable and just world. While our prayers are needed, our community deserves more than prayer. So let us join on this journey with our voices, our hands, our love of justice, and a desire to see the Lord's Prayer lived out today.

I want to thank everyone for such a warm welcome into the Penbrook family. The Candidate weekend helped both Dawn and I to see a congregation that is ready to journey with God and a new pastor. I also need to say and give my appreciation to the hours of service by the Search Committee. Their hours of service has brought both you and I to this place.

This place. This place that is pregnant with so much possibility. When I was in high school. One of the sports I participated in was track and field (for me it was the 100 and 220) and every time I heard the judge call out "runners to the line" I had a moment of remembrance. I knew I put in the time, I knew I reflected on what had been and made my corrections. Now was the time to focus that with a burst of energy releasing all the kinetic possibility into a race

of a lifetime. This place. In this place, in this time let us run together as brother and sisters. Let us allow our faith to grow towards the brilliance of God's Holy Light. Let us consider ourselves and our community's togetherness to "press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:14) Let us be aware that we are more than merely surviving and what we achieve in society still needs to be connected with the Living Christ.

Blessings and Love

Pastor Brian

Pastor Brian Damrow can be reached at 717-943-2051. Email is brian_damrow@yahoo.com

Dawn Damrow can be reached at 717-315-4627.

NEXT COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on the first Sunday of the Month, February 3, the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. 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 the Hartman Center

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eleanor Seaman (Diane's mom), Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Ken Stauffer, Ethan Dixon (Rev. Karin), Nancy Heckler and her son, Frank Bomgardner, Diane Weinhold's Aunt Martha, Tammy Brehm and her family, the family of Mya Reyes, Luke Ansel's father, Kristopher Weinhold. Lorna Owens' brother, and Beverly Tridenti, Jen Schick and William Leonard(Ann Bailey).

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

- 2-3-19 Jeremiah 1:4-10
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Luke 4:21-30

- 2-10-19 Isaiah 6:1-13
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Luke 5:1-11

- 2-17-19 Psalm 1
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Luke 6: 17-26

- 2-24-19 Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
 Luke 6:27-38

OUR SYMPATHY

To David Salapa and his family on the death of his mother, Joyce Hershock on Wednesday January 23, 2019. Life Celebration was held at PUCC on Thursday, January 31 at 10:30 am.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

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

Well we are still looking for someone to Coordinate Manna and work with a great bunch of talented volunteers. We would love to have someone from the Church family take the position since this is a PUCC mission. I am going to write up a better description of what is needed done by a Coordinator. Surely there is someone who would welcome a challenge and be honored to give back to the Church and the Community.

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

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

MOVE IT FOR MANNA

We will not be having the Move it for Manna run/walk this year due to staffing issues. We regret not being able to continue this important endeavor. Hopefully someone will step up and oversee it for next year. Thank you all for your help these past years.

Best regards,
Sarah Kempf, Administrator-Manna Food Pantry.

FROM A GRATEFUL HEART

Please receive these my paper words of gratitude for a beautiful celebration on Sunday January 27th, of our ministry together during PUCC's time of transition. Thank you for your generous farewell gift but also for the gift of your love, support and encouragement during my time with y'all.

Be assured of my prayers that God will richly bless the ministry to which y'all are called as you continue to be the church.

Abundant joy & love!

Rev Karin

THANK YOU!

Your generosity put 93 pairs of sox and 68 pairs of underwear on the Christmas Tree. They will be delivered to Hoffman Home where they will be distributed to kids who need them.





*Announcing a
bake sale fundraiser
to help a mother of two
with chemotherapy costs.*

Baked goods and dinner items to take out.

February 10 11:30am – 3:00pm
Penbrook United Church of Christ
56 Banks St, Harrisburg 17103

Use side parking lot and come up the
steps to the back door.



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Cash only. Thank you!

Sponsored by Dalicia Bakery and Coffee Shop

**Penn Central Conference
Open and Affirming Ministry Team
2019 Winter Gathering**

Does "All Are Welcome" Really Mean ALL?

This year's event will cover the following Key Topics:

- 1) Why don't LGBTQ+ people attend welcoming and inclusive churches?
- 2) Are there actions, signs, symbols that distract from OUR Welcome?
- 3) Graceful Engagement/ONA 101
- 4) Healing Religious Trauma
- 5) Faith Formation for people damaged and hurt by "church"

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019
9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION TO 2:00 P.M.
ST. PAUL'S UCC
626 WILLIAMS GROVE RD,
MECHANICSBURG, PA**



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
a just world for all

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
RSVP BY EMAILING SHIRLEY KEITH KNOX AT
SKEITHKNOX@COMCAST.NET. THERE IS NO COST TO
ATTEND, BUT A GOODWILL OFFERING WILL BE USED TO
COVER FOOD COSTS.**



Eighth Annual Freedom Seder

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
7:00 p.m.



Welcoming the Stranger

Beth El Temple, the Interdenominational Ministers Conference (IMC), the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Market Square Presbyterian Church, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the Cathedral Parish of St. Joseph will sponsor a community-wide

Freedom Seder to celebrate Passover, the Festival of Freedom.

Freedom songs will be led by the IMC Citywide Revival Choir.

This special community event will celebrate the journey from slavery to freedom. Speakers will discuss the current political debate about "Welcoming the Stranger" from the teachings of the Torah, the Gospels, and the Koran on this topic.

All are welcome to attend on April 9th!
(Advance reservations and payment are required)

Beth El Temple is hosting the program at
2637 North Front Street (at Wiconisco), Harrisburg, PA 17110

The fee for the Freedom Seder including dinner is \$18.00 per person

Please register in advance by sending your name, address, e-mail address and check for \$18.00 to:

Beth El Temple
2637 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Make checks payable to: Beth El Temple
Put "Freedom Seder" in the memo section

For additional information, contact the Beth El Temple office at 717-232-0556 or Michael Sand, Freedom Seder Chair at 717-238-5558

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

Diane Geise	1 February
Ronica Ansel	17 February
Deborah Chantiles	18 February
James Wheeler	20 February
Karin Stork-Whitson	20 February
Rebecca Emerick	22 February
Gail Mahoney	26 February
Sharon Bosworth	28 February

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

PUCC WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Communion Sunday 2/3/2019	<p>Liturgist: Dale Mease Greeter: Carol Proper Acolyte: Ann Bailey Children's Time: Lois Gillis Head Usher: Bob Lane</p>
Sunday 2/10/2019	<p>Liturgist: Linda Grier Greeter: Acolyte: Children's Time: Mackenzie Weinhold Head Usher: Bob Lane</p>
Sunday 2/17/2019	<p>Liturgist: Ann Bailey Greeter: Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher: Bob Lane</p>
Sunday 2/24/2019	<p>Liturgist: Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher: Bob Lane</p>

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BNE = Bhutanese Nepali Evangelical Church NA = Narobios Anonymous</p>	<p>(ASSR) = Adult Sunday School Room (DSS) = Downstairs Sunday School Rooms</p>	<p>(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room</p>	<p>(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined</p>			
					<p>1 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>2 9:00 am: BNE (FH)</p>
<p>3 COMMUNION 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship Kidsworks</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>5 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Manna Board (ASSR)</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 6:00 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR)</p>	<p>7 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 1:00 pm: Jerusalem Table (ASSR) 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>9 9:00 am: BNE (FH)</p>
<p>10 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 11:30 am: Bake Sale (ASSR) 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise</p>	<p>11 4:00 pm: Delta (FH) 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>12 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 6:00 pm: Parenting Teenagers 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>13 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR)</p>	<p>14 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>16 9:00 am: BNE (FH) 9:00 am: Church Year Planning Meeting (ASSR)</p>
<p>17 9:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise</p>	<p>18 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>19 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 6:00 pm: Parenting Teenagers 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 6:00 pm: Girl Scout Meeting (ASSR)</p>	<p>21 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 Reporter Articles Due 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>23 9:00 am: BNE (FH) 6:00 pm: Drum Circle (RR and FH)</p>
<p>24 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 6:15 pm: A-pealing Too 7:00 pm: A-pealing Praise</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR)</p>	<p>26 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 6:00 pm: Parenting Teenagers 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>28 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal</p>		

FACTS AND FIGURES

DECEMBER 2018

General Fund	December	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$11,986.00	\$121,842.00
Budgeted Amount	\$14,231.00	\$148,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,345.00)	(\$26,158.00)

December Mission:

The Christmas Fund \$475.00

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

By Lorna Owens in memory of her father's birthday, January 26th.

MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

By Lorna Owens in memory of Bev Mesloh.

MEMORIAL FUND

MUSIC MINISTRY SELECTIONS...

My Son, the Beloved - PUCG Chancel Choir, January 13, 2019
https://youtu.be/-X_LDpwMO4Y

O Perfect Love - Bell Quartet - PUCG January 27, 2019
<https://youtu.be/f-TAhM3hdok>

What Love is This - Bell Solo - PUCG January 27, 2019
<https://youtu.be/7S1B0AixHGk>

In His Presence - PUCG Chancel Choir - January 27, 2019
<https://youtu.be/TA8QTuYQxbg>

His River, His Peace - River City Singers - PUCG January 27, 2019
<https://youtu.be/yLM0yLqRm6A>

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Minister: Pastor Brian Damrow
 Music Director: Brian Johnson
 Organist: Rita Oberman
 Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold
 Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth
 Manna Food Pantry Director:
 Web Administrator: George Long

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

Articles for the February Reporter are due to the church office by **FEBRUARY 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Cancelled Worship services and Manna Food Pantry closings caused by inclement weather will be announced on ABC-27, CBS-21, and the Church website.

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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.