

PENNSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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To our Members & Friends

*February
2012*

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Pennsburg U.C.C.
9:00 AM, Sunday School
10:15 AM, Morning Worship

**EVERYONE
IS
WELCOME!**

News
From
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THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your prayers for my husband and for me. Barry is recovering nicely from his January 4th hip replacement surgery. Whenever anyone would wish him "Happy New Year, he would respond, "I'm going to have a "hip-py new year". And surely, a new hip in the New Year is a good thing.

Thank you also for all your cards. One in particular has been especially inspiring. It reads: "If you want to get well fast...You've got to take it slow!" Indeed, the healing process is a slow one, but each day Barry is able to do a little more. In fact on one of the physical therapist's recent visits, he asked her to show him how to unload the dishwasher. Sounds simple enough. The trick is not to bend or twist in ways that would interfere with his healing.

I am grateful to have had two weeks off so that I could be there for Barry, without having to worry about responsibilities at church. Thank you to Rev. Ron Krick and Rev. Al Teske for preaching and leading worship January 8th & 15th respectively and to Rev. Nick Pence for covering pastoral emergencies. What a blessing to have such fine colleagues in ministry. Thank you also to the consistory and the Board of Christian Education for doing their part and to our administrative assistant Marge Rudloff. It's great to work together as a team.

All the support I received empowered me to answer God's call to be with Barry these past two weeks. For surely that is one of the ways God calls us, to be there for our loved ones.

Thanks be to God who strengthens and sustains us to answer his call.

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Becca



YEAR END REPORTS: It's that time of year again. All committees should have submitted their year end reports to the church office. If you have not already done so, please forward your report to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER ON SUNDAY MORNING please call the church office to listen for an updated message on the answering machine letting you know if services have been cancelled, or watch WFMZ, channel 69, for the listing across the bottom of the screen.

OUR CONSISTORY FOR 2012 is listed below along with the year their current four year term expires.

Class of 2012
Charles Weller-1st

Class of 2014
Tom May-1st
Helen Mensch-2nd
Ginger Witman-1st

Class of 2015
Jane Bernhard-2nd
Jana Butler-1st
Charles Mest - 2nd

Class of 2013
Beverly Pierson - 2nd



OUR BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR 2012 is:

Barbara Parestis, Dana Heimbach, Jane Bernhard (Consistory Appointment), Lori Hawkins, Lori Kern and Wendy Mensch.



RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF OUR BIRTHDAY SOCIAL Happy Birthday to You! Happy Birthday to You! Happy Birthday Everyone! Happy Birthday to You! Let's get together and celebrate everyone's birthday in a good old fashioned Birthday Social. Please join us on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. (Inclement weather date is Sunday, February 19.) We will share dessert and some fun and fellowship.

Before we can do that we need to have some party planning. We will have 4 tables at the social, one table for each season of the year, Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. If you would like to "host" a table you can either select the season of your own birthday or that of a family member, or maybe you always wished you were born at a different time of the year. You can even buddy up as a couple or two friends to host a table. Please select the table you would like to host by signing up on the sheet posted in Miller Fellowship Hall, or you may email us your selection. What does it mean to "host" a table? It's really very simple, you decorate the table however you would like to represent your season. You can be as fancy or simple as you would like. A large cake will be provided, so all you have to do is make or buy a seasonal snack for your guests. You may provide your own paper products or use the churches. Plan for 15 people at your table. Drinks will be provided.

Everyone who attends is invited to sit at the table of their birthday. It is a fun way to “mix” with your fellow members at Pennsburg U.C.C. by sitting with people who share your birth season. We'll play some simple party games - you may even get a gift! What a better way to break up the winter blues and do a little celebrating between Christmas and Easter. If you have any questions, please contact either Wendy Mensch at wsmpucc@aol.com or 610-473-0366 or Sharon Burns at rsb0528@comcast.net 215-679-8105.



ANNUAL CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER Pennsburg United Church of Christ's Annual Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will be held Saturday, March 24th from 3:00 – 6:30. Mark your calendar's now so that you will be available to help the day of the dinner and with preparations.

POT PIE DOUGH For everyone who has ever wondered how we make Pot Pie Dough. Here is your chance to not only see how it is done but to join in the fun and help us. Also, for all of you who have helped in previous years and would like to help again this year, the dates are below. We look forward to seeing everyone. It is always work but also lots of fun and fellowship that goes into each one of these days.

Pot Pie Dough Dates

- Tuesday January 31st 8:00 a.m.
- Monday February 6th 8:00 a.m.
- Monday February 13th 8:00 a.m.

Also, for those who enjoy making Red Beets we have set the date to do that as well. Red Beets Date - March 5th 8:00 a.m.

I know I can speak for everyone on the Fellowship committee. Thank you in advance for your help.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S WEEK SERVICE will be held Saturday, February 11, 2012 at New Goshenhoppen UCC. Worship in the sanctuary will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. The focus will be “Sustaining Ministry”. Rev. Susan Lynch, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church will bring the message. All are welcome to stay for a continental breakfast and time of fellowship following worship. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the display case by Feb 7th if you will be attending.

Women interested in singing in the joint choir should come to New Goshenhoppen choir room at 8:30 a.m. on February 11th.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO GLENN BEARD for all he did to re-design and fine tune our new website. If you have not yet seen it, be sure to check it out” www.pennsburgucc.org. He has included pictures of our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas as well as a video link of the children singing during the Christmas program. Thank you Glenn!!!

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR BECCA Thank you to all of you for your kind remembrances at Christmas time, both cards and gifts. How blessed I am to be the pastor of Pennsburg United Church of Christ.

Pastor Becca



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR AUDREY REINHART AND THE CHOIR for all their extra preparation for the Advent/Christmas season. Music is such an important part of our worship experience.



THANK YOU TO WENDY MENSCH for coordinating the children’s program, “Every Perfect Gift” and to Audrey Reinhart for her work with the children. How wonderful to see the chancel steps filled with children singing their hearts out. And what a special treat to have parents and grandparents helping with the reading parts. If you would like to view a video of the children singing, log onto the church’s website www.pennsburgucc.org and click on **Children’s Christmas Video**. Thank you to Christine Henry for taking the video and to Glenn Beard for posting it on our website.

REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY Thank you to everyone who is supporting The Open Line with their gifts. In 2011, as a congregation we provided the following:

- more than 151 bags of groceries for Open Line’s food pantry.
- More than 9 bags of school supplies
- During Advent we filled more than 9 bags with baby items.

Also, once again, the Board of Christian Education adopted a family and provided them with Christmas gifts. They will also provide birthday gifts in the coming year for family members.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

FOR THE RECORD

December 4, 2011 we received five new members:

Amanda Moser Arkans: has been a visitor at Pennsburg UCC for most of her life, attending the church with her grandparents, Cam and Johnny Moser who were longtime members. Amanda has many jobs, but her favorite is being a Mom to Max (5), Benjamin (4) and Camilla (1).

The whole Arkans family is looking forward to their membership at Pennsburg UCC. Peggy Moser is Amanda's mother.

Christopher W Banner: Is a retired Army sergeant who just moved back to Pennsburg. Patricia Banner is his mother.

Patricia A Banner: "I have worked at Haines & Kibble house for the last 24 years and lived in Pennsburg the last 21 years. I have three grown children, 1 dog, 2 cats and I love Jesus." Christopher Banner is her son.

Diane Keebler: "I look forward to becoming a member at Pennsburg UCC. Joining me will be my two sons Jason age 10 and Eric age 8. I hope occasionally my husband Carl will too. I am a Technology Teacher at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Education Center in Limerick.. We currently reside in Gilbertsville."

Peggy (Schlicher) Moser: was born and raised in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, so membership at Pennsburg UCC is a coming home of Sorts. As the wife of a minister, Peggy has always been a member of her husband's church. Peggy is proud that she has finally gotten to choose her own congregation and she chose Pennsburg. Amanda Arkans is her daughter.

January 10, 2012 Mary Ann Schildt was laid to rest in our cemetery. Her funeral was held at Mann Slonaker in East Greenville, conducted by the Rev Nick Pence who was covering for Pastor Becca. Our Christian sympathies to her family, brother John Heimbach and his wife Connie, and brother James Heimbach.



OPEN LINE – We continue to collect food for the Open Line. Please place items in the bin in the narthex. They have a special need for the following items:

Canned chicken	Chili
Canned pasta	Toothpaste
Chunky soup	Baby diapers (szs 4-6)
Spaghetti sauce	Laundry detergent
Juice boxes/mixes	Shampoo
Canned stews	Pork & beans
Hash - Spam	18oz. Peanut butter
"Compleat" meals	<u>No baby food is needed at this time</u>

Although we welcome and are very thankful for all size donations, we do have some individuals and smaller families who welcome smaller containers of the items listed above.

REDNER'S TAPE "FUND RAISER" - Please remember to save your Redner's Market tapes. Bring them to church and deposit them in the white box in Miller Fellowship Hall. You **MUST** use the red & white "Save A Tape" card when you are checking out. By doing this, your amount is credited on your receipt slip and therefore our church will receive 1% of your total. If you have any questions, please see Dee Dee Smith or call her at 215-679-9350. The red & white cards are found in Miller Fellowship Hall inside the white box. Look for the "Save-A-Tape" area of your receipt to see the amount of our credit.

MALLY 'S MIRTH

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service his cousin asked, "How many woman can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. The cousin was amazed that the answer came so quickly. "How do you know that?"

"Easy. All you have to do is add it up: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer. Answer:16."

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

November 2011 to date

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received 2011/2012</u>	<u>Amount Received 2010/2011</u>	<u>Atten- dance</u>
Nov. 20, 2011	\$2,697.00	\$2,638.12	71
Nov. 27, 2011	\$1,700.00	\$3,992.74	60
Dec. 4, 2011	\$1,959.50	\$1,643.95	55
Dec. 11, 2011	\$2,051.05	\$2,169.00	58
Dec. 18, 2011	\$3,937.50	\$3,937.50	124
Dec. 24, 2011	\$2,743.00	\$2,432.25	154
Dec. 25, 2011	\$1,422.00	\$1,846.00	33
Jan. 1, 2012	\$1,788.00	\$1,911.01	50
Jan. 8, 2012	\$1,956.00	\$1,827.00	69
Total	\$20,254.05	\$ 22,397.57	75

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/01: Larry Hoff, Izik Lowrey,
Luke Lowrey
1/02: Ben Ettinger
1/03: Christopher Banner
1/04: Joan Krupp
1/06: Matthew Reinhart
1/11: Robert Heimbach
1/12: Aubrey Conrad, Charles Harwick
1/13: Irv Lash
1/14: Jean Steich
1/15: Abigail Jordan
1/16: Cliff Lauchnor
1/18: Emily Hoff
1/19: Nancy Schwenk
1/20: Bryson & Raelyn Ruth
1/21: John Haas, Carl Keebler, Jean Wentzel
1/25: Ryan Horger
1/26: Gail Schmoyer
1/28: Robert Czarnecki & Bruce Gerhart
1/31: Suzanne Cleary, Tyler Grubb,
Emily Kern

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/03: Asher & Evelyn Abel (8th)
1/15: Clinton & Lorraine Haney (34th)
1/26: Harry & Shirley Miller (32nd)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01: Hayden Huff, Nathan Reinhart,
Bud Wisler
2/02: Mary Jane May,
Cassandra & Weston Mensch
2/03: Sandra Falk
2/04: Jeanne Hunsberger
2/05: Robert S. Burns & Kyle Smith
2/06: Michael Cleary, Jared Way
2/07: Joyce Miller
2/09: Beverly Reinert
2/12: Ryan Cleary, Dana Heimbach,
& Carol Varenchick
2/13: Drue Pursel
2/14: Amy Horger
2/17: Louise Kachadourian, Shae Reinhart
2/18: Thomas Hawkins, Donald Huff III,
2/20: John Hess
2/22: Eleanor Eckman
2/23: Mabel Horne
2/25: Janet Seip
2/26: Lorraine & Harold Heil
2/27: Beverly Pierson
2/28: Charlie Mest & Harry Miller
2/29: Katie Busch

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/01: George & Mary Ann Meck (37th)
2/09: Gerald & Jeanette Brey (41st)
2/09: Gary & Ella Gehringer (38th)
2/18: Christopher & Justine Maag (6th)
2/19: John & Lori Hawkins (35th)

Have you
remembered the
church in your will?

February 2012



GREETERS

February: Jane Bernhard, Ginger Witman, Jana Butler

LAY READERS

2/12: Ruth Yoder Taylor

2/26: Dee Dee Smith

OFFERING STEWARDS

2/05: Hank Whittaker, Bill Kurz, Cliff Lauchnor
Beverly Pierson

2/12: Charlie & Grace Grubb, Mike & Suzanne
Cleary

2/19: Jane Bernhard, Katie Burns, Barbara
Ettinger, Lori Kern

2/22: Irv & Holly Lash, Jana Butler, Mary Jane
May

2/26: Donna Haws, Betty Althouse, Frank Brown,
Jean Steich

NURSERY

2/05: Donna Haws, Suzanne Cleary, Barbara Ettinger

2/12: Jana Butler, Lori & Emily Kern

2/19: Dee Dee Smith, Jane Bernhard

2/26: Holly & Irv Lash

ACOLYTES

2/05: Abby Kern

2/12: Sarah Cleary

2/19: Emily Kern

2/22: Aidan Lash

2/26: Julia Long

Holy Manners

Talk about misunderstandings in a timely fashion

Give permission for people to express themselves

Listen to one another—in all settings

Remember that God is present with us.

Remember to pray.

February 2012 CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 1	7:00 p.m., Choir 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed. Mtg.
Thursday, Feb. 2	8:30 to noon, Office Hours
Sunday, Feb. 5	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Morning
Monday, Feb. 6	8:00 a.m., pot pie dough making
Tuesday, Feb. 7	8:30 to noon, Office Hours
Wednesday, Feb. 8	9:30 a.m., Cemetery Mtg. 7:00 p.m., Choir 7:00 p.m., Consistory Mtg.
Saturday, Feb. 11	9:00 a.m., Women's Week Service
Sunday, Feb. 12	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Morning 2:00 p.m., Birthday social
Monday, Feb. 13	8:00 a.m., pot pie dough making
Tuesday, Feb. 14	8:30 to noon, Office Hours
Wednesday, Feb. 15	7:00 p.m., Choir
Thursday, Feb. 16	8:30 to noon, Office Hours
Sunday, Feb. 19	Last Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Morning Worship
Tuesday, Feb. 21	8:30 to noon, Office Hours
Wednesday, Feb. 22	7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service Holy Communion
Thursday, Feb. 23	8:30 to noon, Office Hours
Sunday, Feb. 26	First Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Morning Worship, Holy Communion
Tuesday, Feb. 28	8:30 to noon, Office Hours