



# **CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS**

## ***JANUARY 2012***

### **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS**

#### **POWER AND POSSIBILITIES**

As we enter this new year, we are filled with numerous possibilities for the manner in which we direct our lives. From the perspective of advertising slogans and the prognostications of technocrats, such possibilities are rendered through the marvel of scientific advances and human manipulations, cognitive as well as physical. Within the realm of technology, we are invited to believe with a good amount of assurance that we can know more, live longer, move faster, and achieve what formerly was thought as improbable. In the language of algorithms, nanoseconds, and quantum space, the future is there for our taking.

A much different perspective of future possibility is offered through a vastly different way of believing, believing that our lives as well as our possibilities lay in the hands and promises of a powerful and gracious God. The apostle Paul asserted that God has "put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come" (Ephesians 1:20-21).

Faith in the power of God working in Christ does not suggest that we should in any perceivable way be unscientific and decry technological advances for which we all benefit immensely. It is simply a matter of understanding where and how this power originates and delineating the trajectory and destination of such possibilities. In a proper sense, it is about asking about the purpose and goals of our scientific explorations and technological maneuvering. Again, the apostle Paul offered this wise counsel, "for we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (Ephesians 2:10). The possibilities gained by these "good works" of scientific and technological hypotheses and experimentation certainly improve the human condition in many ways, but they do not "save" us; they may give us a taste of longevity but not of the eternal. That power rests solely with God and is given to us in grace: "For by grace (we) have been saved through faith, and this is not (our) doing; it is the gift of God- not the result of (human) works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

I invite you to join with me to further explore and study Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we engage the intersection of the power of God and the possibilities that are revealed to us through our "good works in Christ Jesus." Join us for Bible study Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Hope to see you there.

--Pastor John

## ***BIBLE STUDIES***



Paul's letter to the Ephesians will be the topic of the Bible study that will begin in January. Dates and times are as follows:

10:30 a.m.  
January 9  
January 16  
January 23  
January 30

7:00 p.m.  
January 11  
January 18  
January 25

## ***CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNIQUÉ***

Communication to the congregation from the December 20 council meeting:

1. There will be one Sunday church service, starting on 10:15 a.m., for the 4<sup>th</sup> service in January (January 22).
2. A single 9:00 a.m. church service will be held during all Sundays in Lent (February 26 through April 1, Palm Sunday).
3. Council is seeking interested church members to serve a one-year term on the church council. Any church member willing to serve for an appointed one-year term should contact a current council member.



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*"There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter.  
One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues."  
(Hal Borland)*

# **2012 BANQUET SCHEDULE**

There are two banquets scheduled for January:



**January 21**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Penns Creek Go Kart Assn**

**January 28**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Buffalo Valley Sportsmens Club**

Help will be needed in both the dining room and kitchen. Watch the bulletin board across from the sanctuary for sign-up sheets for dining room help. If you are able to help in the kitchen, talk to Shirley Kerstetter.

Cakes will also be needed for these banquets. If you are able to provide one or two, sign up on the attached form or talk to Shirley. All help is greatly appreciated

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## **BANQUET CAKES**

I will provide a cake(s) for the following banquet(s). Please list number to be provided

\_\_\_\_\_ **January 21**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Penns Creek Go Kart Assn**

\_\_\_\_\_ **January 28**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Buffalo Valley Sportsmens Club**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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# **WANTED**



The Adult Sunday School class would like donations of greeting cards..."Get Well," "Thinking Of You," "Sympathy" or blank ones. If you have any to donate, drop them off in the office or give them to Kathy Spangler.

# **YARD SALE**



We are collecting items for a Yard Sale to be held sometime in February. At this time we are just in the planning stage, but you are invited to begin putting items for the yard sale in the room beside the choir room. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime if you have questions, talk to Wendy Doeblner.

## ***COOKBOOK UPDATE***

### ***NOW ACCEPTING RECIPES***



We are continuing to submit recipes into the cookbook data base. Thanks to all who have submitted recipes for the cookbook. If you have any additional recipes you wish to include, please make sure we have them A.S.A.P.

It is expected that the cost of a cookbook will be \$10.00. There is a form at the bottom of the recipe submission form to reserve copies of the cookbook. This will help us to determine how many cookbooks to order. Recipe submission forms can be handed in to Margie at the church office. If you have any questions, call Kim Blyler.

Recipe submission forms are available on the bulletin stand in the hallway, on the stand in the vestibule, and in this newsletter. Please submit as many recipes as you would like (the more the better). You do not have to use the "official" form, however we would like recipes to be submitted in a similar format. We welcome recipes from church members and friends alike.

## ***BLANKET KNOTTING WORKDAYS***

It's Quilting time at Christ's United again!



We need help making our quilts for Lutheran World Relief. There are many skills needed to put the quilts together. If you can't use a sewing machine we still can use your help. You can help by, ironing, cutting patches, laying out patches to make a top, help tie knots in the quilts, help pin tops, middles and bottoms together or just come and visit with the quilt makers.

We are meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 8:30 to 11:00. You don't have to be there the whole time. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Hope to see you on January 10th in the fellowship hall.

Clean fabric and filling (new or used from old sheets, clothing, etc.) for the quilts are always welcome. Also, don't throw out that old mattress pad. Bring it to the church and it can be used for filler for the quilts.

If you want more information talk to Judy Mecouch or Georgetta Bowes.

## ***HELP WANTED***



We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

1. Coordinator of funeral meals

*When a family makes a request to have a meal following a funeral, we need someone to coordinate the lunch. If you are willing to do this, talk to Pastor John or Margie.*

2. Baby News Correspondent

*When a new baby is born to a member of the congregation, the responsibility of the baby news correspondent is to contact the family and get “vital statistics” and then write a short article for the newsletter. Talk to Margie if you would like to tackle this position.*

3. Greeters, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers and Sound System Operators.

*Our list of people willing to do these jobs keeps dwindling. Will you help? Sign up on the attached “volunteer form” and drop them on Margie’s desk or put them in the offering plate.*

## ***HOPE’S HAVEN***



Hope’s Haven has a great need for men’s clothing, as well as all sizes of women’s pants. If you or anyone you know can help fill the need, put the items in the hallway outside of the Hope’s Haven room.

## ***PHOTO SOUGHT***



Lois Aikey Bokano is seeking a picture of the Swengel church before it became a residence. She has family members buried in several of the local cemeteries and is trying to get a picture of all of the churches connected with those cemeteries. She has managed to obtain pictures of all but Swengel.

If you have a picture of the church that she could copy, contact her at 75 Sheltie Lane, Millmont, Pa. 17845 or [sheltiemom@windstream.net](mailto:sheltiemom@windstream.net)

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*A female’s definition of “eternity”—the last two minutes of a football game.*



## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

### **Offering Envelopes**

The 2012 offering envelopes are on a table in the hallway. Please stop by and pick up your box if you have not already done so. It would be helpful if you would take a neighbor's or relative's who might be unable to pick up his/her own, as well.

### **Altar Flower Chart**

The 2012 altar flower chart is now on the bulletin board outside of the office. If you would like to sponsor flowers some Sunday in 2012 you can sign up any time. As of this printing, dates that are still available are:

February 5, 12, 19  
May 6, 13, 27  
August 5, 12  
November 4, 11, 25

March 4, 11, 18  
June 3, 10, 17  
September 2, 23, 30  
December 2, 30

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
October 14, 28

### **Volunteers Sought**

We are in need of volunteers to help with Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers and Sound System helpers. Would you like to volunteer? If you are willing to help, please talk to Idella Zimmerman or complete the form in the bulletin or the newsletter and place in the offering plate.

### **Communions**

Communions for all confirmed members must be recorded in the parish register annually. If you do not commune on a regular basis, we ask that you fill out a communion record card (one per year is all we need) so we know you have communed. The cards are located in the racks on the back of the pews. Cards may be put in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

### **Memorabilia**

The following memorabilia items are still available for anyone interested in purchasing anything:

Wooden Miniatures of the Church - \$10.00  
Church Prints - \$20.00  
Blankets - \$10.00  
Christmas Cards - \$10.00  
12 cards per box feature a winter picture of the church

Talk to Bev Catherman if you have questions about, or would like to purchase, any of these items.

**Informants Wanted**

We like to publish news about our members in the newsletter, but we need your help to do so. If you know of interesting information about any of our members (youth or adult), i.e. an award or recognition, a funny tale or exciting adventure, please let Margie know about it so we can include it in an issue of Christ's United's News & Views.

**Do We Have Your E-Mail Address?**

If you have an e-mail address that you have never given to us or if it has changed, please fill out the following and drop it off on Margie's desk or give her a call.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Have a Favorite Hymn?**

Over the past few years, some of you have been requesting favorite hymns and gospel songs and for that we give many thanks. Because of U.S. copyright laws, we do not have permission to reproduce or copy many of our favorites. You may choose selections from the following hymnals: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV). We are also permitted to use hymns that are in the "Public Domain". It's all very complicated. So, keep your suggestions coming and the Worship and Music Committee will be happy to sort out and use all of your suggestions that copyright laws permit. Please put the title or first line of your song(s) on a piece of paper and give it to Margie, or any member of the Worship and Music Committee (Bev Catherman, Paula Christy, Gary Hackenberg, Judy Mecouch, Barry Spangler, or Idella Zimmerman).

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**Hymn Request**

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**Fellowship Committee Request**

The fellowship committee would like input from the members of the congregation regarding what social/fellowship activities they would like to have. If you have any suggestions, drop a note on Margie's desk.

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## **Fellowship Events**

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## **Building & Ground Needs**

Do you know of any physical problems (or potential problems) that should be addressed by our property committee? Your insight is important. Maybe you have seen something that no one else has noticed yet. You can talk to Pastor John, any council member or Margie if you know of something that needs attention, or fill out the following and put it on Margie's desk or in the offering plate.

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### **Building & Ground Needs:**

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## **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please fill out the following and return it to Margie

How does the prayer chain work? When a prayer request is received, that request is passed on to the second person on the prayer chain who in turns passes it on to the third person, the third person to the fourth, and so on. When and how you pray is up to you.

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### **Prayer Chain Calling List**

I would like to be included on the prayer chain calling list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Ongoing Collections**

(Collection boxes are in the hallway)

### **(1) Haven Ministry**

Packaged & Canned Food Items - Personal Hygiene Items - Cleaning Supplies

### **(2) Rock Point Mission**

UPC codes and box tops from:

Campbell's - Franco American - Pepperidge Farm – Swanson - Market Day - V-8 Juices

PLEASE NOTE!! There has been a change in what Campbell's is accepting in the label redemption program. They are now taking only the UPC CODE piece from the label and box tops, not the front label.

(3) **Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition**

Paper Towels	Large Size Diapers	Baby Car Items
Prepaid Phone Cards	Toilet Paper	Clorox
Gift Certificates to Department Stores	Laundry Detergent	60 Watt Light Bulbs
AA and AAA Batteries	"Sippy" Cups	First Aid Ointment
Sterile Pads	First Aid Foam/Waterproof Tape	Alcohol Swabs
Children's Tylenol	Children's Motrin	Comtrex
Freezer Bags: Quart & Gallon Size	Robitussin CF & DM	Advil Cold and Sinus
Cling Wrap & Aluminum Foil	Garbage Bags: Kitchen; Lawn & Garden	

(4) **The Shriners**

Can Tabs

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**A SELF EXAMINATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERS**

*WHAT KIND of church would my church be if every person were just like me?*

*HOW MANY worship services would we have had this year if everyone had stayed at home when I did?*

*HOW MANY times would an evening service or program have been omitted if no one had gone except when I was there?*

*HOW MANY times would the Sunday school have met if they had met only when I attended?*

*HOW MUCH Christian instruction would the children of our community receive if everyone showed as much interest in it as I do?*

*HOW MANY of my neighbors would have been invited to worship or welcomed into the church if everyone invited as many as I have?*

*HOW MANY prayers would have been offered for my pastor, the church staff, my neighbors, my church?*

*HOW MANY words of faith would have been shared with others?*

*WHAT KIND of church would my church be—if every person were just like me.*

*(The NEWSLETTER Newsletter)*



## ***NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS***

### **Awards & Recognitions**

**Pauline Gemberling** was a member of Millersville University's Association of Technology Management and applied Engineering Robotics Team that was recently awarded for their robot Millersville's Automatic Color-sorter with Dedicated Active Dual-drive Integration or MAC DADI, at the 2011 ATMAE National Conference held November 9-12 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Millersville University's Robotics Team spent the last year developing MAC DADI; a custom robot designed to retrieve colored ping pong balls, sort them and deliver them to designated drop off locations.

### **Deaths**

Our family of faith is saddened upon the death of **Theodore 'Pete' Catherman** who passed away on December 3 at Evangelical Hospital. Pete and his wife, Carolyn, were original members of Christ's United. Surviving, in addition to his wife of 69 years, are one daughter, Carol A. McJilton, of Mifflinburg; one son, Forrest L. and his wife Denise McClintock, of Catawissa; three grandchildren, Karla R. and her husband, Jeff Benfer, of Winfield, Scott McJilton and his girlfriend Veronica Hudon, of Mifflinburg, and Shawn McClintock of Catawissa; four great-grandchildren, Sean, Garrett, and Katelyn Benfer, and Gabrielle McClintock; one adored niece, Barb and husband Roger Miller, of Penns Creek; and numerous nieces and nephews.

We will also be missing the fellowship of a dear brother, **Wilbur Ritter**, who passed away on December 17. We offer our deepest sympathy to his family members, including his wife, Louise, son and daughter-in-law, Larry & Linda Ritter of Summerville, S.C., and daughter and son-in-law, Cindy & Danny Sakievich, of Pensacola, Fl. He is also survived by one sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our sympathies are warmly extended to **Josephine Haggy & Wendy Doeblor** upon the death of their brother/great-uncle, Forrest Emery, on December 5.

We also offer our sincerest condolences to **Judy Mecouch** following the death of her mother, Dorothy Huber, on December 13.

Our condolences are also extended to **Doug Gemberling** after the death of his uncle, Clarence Gemberling, Jr., on December 26.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

## **Anniversaries**

### **January**

7 – Jim & Florence Boop (1955)  
19 – Donald & Phyllis Ruhl (1972)  
30 – Kevin & Kelli Baker (1993)

## **Birthdays**

### **January**

1 Robert Rantz  
Wendy VonNeida  
Laura Welker (Luke & Debbie)  
3 Wayne Doeblen  
Patricia Kahler (Mrs. Paul)  
4 Constance Wagner  
6 David Reed  
Betty Wallace (Mrs. Orvis)  
Emily Zartman (Tony & Wendy)  
7 Florence Boop (Mrs. Jim)  
15 Dennis Boop, Jr. (Dennis & Tammy)  
16 Wayne Kline  
Janice Wagner (Mrs. Lance)  
Miranda Zimmerman (Chris & Tammy)  
17 Sally Kline (Mrs. Terry)  
Lonnie Leach  
Lee Spangler  
18 Nicholas Shively  
19 Hannah Blyler (Joel & Amy)  
23 Avery Blyler (Joel & Amy)  
Sterling Crone  
24 Randy Lyons  
25 Natalie Harvey (Zachary & Abigail)  
John Smith  
26 Erna Wolfe  
27 Stacey Campbell (Mrs. Michael)  
John Stamm, Sr.  
28 Mary Erdley  
31 Joy Diehl  
Jason Duke  
Rebecca Dunkle  
Krista Emery

**Remember In Thought and Prayer**

***Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know of any names that should be added or removed***

**Our Members**

Jim Boop  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Diane Reamer  
Carl 'Bup' Sampsell  
John Stamm, Jr.

Alan Haggy  
Dottie Rathfon  
Alice Reitz  
June Spangler  
Debra Wilson

**Our Friends & Relatives**

Daryl Baumgardner  
Bill Beebe  
Diane Brown  
Kristi Dukes  
Sara Earnest  
Mary Gonzales  
Eleanor Hackenburg  
Becky Hagenbauch  
Linda Katherman  
Earl Kratzer  
Michelle Kerstetter  
Harry Moyer  
Mike Osgood  
John Renninger  
Brandi Schlieff  
Shirley Smith  
Barbara Trantham  
Joe Weisser  
Emajean Whitmoyer  
Ed Zimmerman

Deb Beaverson  
Karla Benfer  
Joanne Brown  
Bob Earnest  
Tara Ensminger  
Becky Greeney  
Michelle Hackenburg  
Richard Harvey  
Jeff Kerstetter  
Trey Love  
Candy Mitchell  
David Noblit  
Zachary Prochasko  
Fred Schlenker  
Bev Shreffler  
Crystal Tice  
Betty Walter  
Sharon Wert  
Pat Yount

**Our Shut-Ins**

Carolyn Bowersox  
Carolyn Catherman  
Margaret Himes  
Bob & Betty Lauf  
Richard Schnure  
Ethel Wenrich

Merrill Buoy  
Mary Erdley  
Sally Kenamond  
Harold Sampsell  
Connie Wagner  
Erna Wolfe

**The Men and Women Serving In the Military**

Brandi Gemberling  
Tristan Roupp

David Huston



## ***IN THE MAILBAG***

Buffalo Valley Singers invites choral singers to join for our Spring concert season. Weekly Monday rehearsals begin January 23 @ 7 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd. (Rt 192), Lewisburg. No auditions necessary.

The concerts will be Sat. March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m., Sun. April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m.; Sat. May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., Sun. May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and tentatively Sun. May 27<sup>th</sup>. BVS will also participate in Evangelical Hospital's annual Hospice memorial service Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Director is Tom Ruhl and piano accompanist is Connie Pawling-Young. See [www.buffalovalleysingers.blogspot.com](http://www.buffalovalleysingers.blogspot.com) or call Joe Keller no later than January 9th at 524-0717 to join. We hope to see you there!

Contact Judy Patton at 966-4770 with questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Buffalo Valley Singers

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*A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week?"*

*"Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The little girl said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"*



## ***COMMUNITY EVENTS***

### **CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

#### **FLOOD SU**

**January 14, 2012**

**4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Council present FLOOD SU: Friends Living Out Our Discipleship at Susquehanna University. This annual event will be held at the Field House at Susquehanna University. Doors open at 3:45 p.m. The event is open to youth in grades 4 through 12. Cost is \$5 if registered by Tuesday, January 3, 2012; \$10 at the door, with free admission for adult chaperones. It is requested that adult chaperones have their PA State Police Criminal Background and Childline Child Abuse Clearances. Each congregation should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth.

#### **Mount Luther Sunday**

**January 15, 2012**

Members of the congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod are asked to celebrate outdoor ministries on this day. The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated that the third Sunday in January each year be "Mount Luther Sunday" to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. The camp is asking that congregations promote the camp on that Sunday or designate another Sunday this spring to do so. Ways to promote the camp include bulletin inserts to share with congregation members, Temple Talks, camper testimonials, bulletin board displays, special camp music during Sunday school and church services, as well as special offering being collected.

#### **Annual Camperson Event at Mount Luther**

**January 22, 2012**

**3:00 p.m.**

This event gives participants the chance to find out what's going on at camp and tell the story to others! It will be held at the Evergreen Center at Mount Luther. Each congregation in the Upper Susquehanna Synod is asked to send a representative to the event. Campersons serve as liaisons between the camp and the congregation, promoting outdoor ministries. Each congregation who sends a camperson to this meeting will receive \$15 off each of their church's camper registrations.

More information on all these events can be found at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)



## ***NOTES OF APPRECIATION***

### **THANK YOU TO...**

...Sam & Shirley Diehl for providing the greens and the Christmas tree that were in our sanctuary this Christmas season.

...All the helpers that helped decorate the church for the holiday season.

...Everyone who provided a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve service

...The children who participated in the Christmas Eve service. And thank you, also, to the parents who brought them to, and who helped with the rehearsals.

...**Maurice Clouser & Eugene Hassinger** for the work they have been doing in the kitchen.

...*Thank you for your kindness. Thanks for all cards, prayers and especially Pastor John.*  
--Dottie Rathfon

...**Thank You! Thank You!** We would like to express a huge "Thank You" to everyone that has helped with the banquets. We would not be able to have the banquets without your dependability and willingness to help in the kitchen and dining room. And who could forget all the cake bakers! Thank you all so much.

--Shirley & Bev

*This is to say Thank you to everyone who helped at the meal after my father's funeral "Forrest Emery." It was very nice and it was very helpful. Thank you again.*

--Darlene Endy

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*While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage.  
The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor,  
because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...  
"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."  
(submitted by Gary Hackenberg)*

# **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

**PASTOR JOHN, MINDY & THEIR FAMILY**, our minister and his family

**TOM CATHERMAN**, our custodian

**BEV CATHERMAN & DON FORNWALT**, Tom's helpers

**KIM BLYLER, BEV CATHERMAN, DREW CHRISTY, WENDY DOEBLER, DOUG GEMBERLING, DAVE REED, DOUG SHAFFER, BARRY SPANGLER, LEE SPANGLER, STELLA WALTERS, DEBRA WILSON, IDELLA ZIMMERMAN**, 2011 council members

**DREW CHRISTY, DAVE REED, DOUG SHAFFER & IDELLA ZIMMERMAN** our outgoing council members for their past year(s) of service

**TOM CATHERMAN**, our incoming council members for volunteering to serve.

**PAULA CHRISTY & GARY HACKENBERG**, organists

**DIANE VALENTINE & KAREN ZIMMERMAN**, pianists

**BARRY SPANGLER & DAVE SWARTZ**, digital music arrangers

**DIANNE SHUCK**, treasurer

**JANET HACKENBERG & GREG SHUCK**, assistant treasurers

**AL PANTALEO**, for helping with the finances

**SHIRLEY KERSTETTER**, meal coordinator

**MARIE VONNEIDA**, funeral meal coordinator

**KIM BLYLER**, for donating his computer skills when help is needed

**FLORENCE BOOP**, for helping to count the offering and coordinating the bloodmobile and coffee hours

**MEDA STRUBLE & MARIE VONNEDIA**, for folding the weekly bulletins

**DIANE VALENTINE**, baby news correspondent

**JUNE WENRICH**, for serving as Sunday school superintendent and for taking care of the candles

**JANICE WAGNER**, for coordinating the poinsettia orders

**PATTY EMERY**, for maintaining the memorial book

**EUGENE & KATHERINE HASSINGER**, for mailing Christmas cards to visitors

**BARBARA CLOUSER**, for scheduling greeters

**JEANNE SAMPSELL**, for preparing & mailing servicemen's packages

**IDELLA ZIMMERMAN**, for scheduling lay helpers

**MYRON SAMPSELL**, for repairing broken chairs

**JOHN STAMM, JR.**, for coordinating the West End Fair stand & chairing food preparation functions

**KIM BLYLER & AL PANTALEO** for updating the sign in the front yard

**SHIRLEY KERSTETTER & JOHN STAMM, JR.**, for coordinating the potpie suppers

**MAURICE CLOUSER**, for coordinating the Chicken Barbecue

**BEV CATHERMAN & SHIRLEY KERSTETTER**, for coordinating the stand at the Christkindl Market

**BARBARA GRIMMORIS**, for sharpening pew pencils, replacing communion cards, etc.

**MAURICE CLOUSER, STERLING CRONE, EUGENE HASSINGER AND ALL OTHERS** who make repairs and help with the upkeep of the facility

**THE LEACH FAMILY**, for sharing fresh vegetables and fruit with our Hope's Haven families

**SUE PANTALEO**, for organizing visits to our shut-ins

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS, HELPERS & PARTICIPANTS**

**HOPE'S HAVEN'S COORDINATORS & VOLUNTEERS AND ALL WHO HAVE DONATED FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND MONETARY SUPPORT**

**DINING ROOM COORDINATORS & SERVERS**

**KITCHEN HELPERS**

**DISHWASHERS**

**CHOIR MEMBERS**

**SOLOISTS & MUSICIANS**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & MEMBERS**

**YOUTH LEADERS, DRIVERS & CHAPERONES**

**WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**YARD SALE COORDINATORS, HELPERS AND ALL WHO DONATE TO IT**

**BLANKET KNOTTING DAY PARTICIPANTS**

**FLOWER SPONSORS**

**ALL WHO HELP WITH THE CHICKEN BARBECUE, CHRISTKINDL MARKET, BANQUETS,  
FUNERAL & COMMUNITY MEALS AND THE WEST END FAIR**

**ADVENT BREAKFAST HELPERS**

**ELIJAH'S TABLE ORGANIZERS, COOKS & HELPERS**

**ACOLYTES**

**DECORATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY & EASTER EGG HUNT COORDINATORS, HELPERS & PARTICIPANTS**

**EASTER EGG/BON BON MIXERS, SHAPERS, DIPPERS & PACKAGERS**

**LAY READERS**

**GREETERS**

**SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS**

**COMMUNION HELPERS**

**USHERS**

**ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS**

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES**

**NEWSLETTER CORRELATORS**

**BREAKFAST ORGANIZERS, COOKS & SERVERS**

**DISHWASHER FUND CONTRIBUTORS**

**BLOODMOBILE DONORS & HELPERS**

**ADVENT FAMILY DAY COORDINATORS & PARTICIPANTS**

**PUBLIC SALE STAND HELPERS**

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO PROVIDE BAKED GOODS AND FOOD DONATIONS FOR ANY  
EVENT WE HAVE

THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION WHO GIVE OF THEMSELVES  
ANONYMOUSLY

***And...EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS C.U.L.C.  
THROUGH THEIR GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT & MONEY***

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**IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE HANDS**

*A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.  
A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.  
A baseball in Roger Clemens' hands is worth \$19 million.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*A tennis racket is useless in my hands,  
A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.  
A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.  
It depends whose hand it's in.*

*A sling shot in my hand is a kid's toy.  
A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.  
It depends whose hand it's in.*

*Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.  
Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's Hands will feed thousands.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.  
Nails in Jesus Christ's Hands will produce salvation for the entire world.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your  
dreams, your families and your relationships in God's Hands because ---It depends whose hands it's in ---.*



**ALTAR GUILD**

Bev Catherman  
Janet Hileman  
Louise Ritter

**USHERS**

Tom Catherman, Capt.  
Don Fornwalt



**JANUARY**

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Lee Spangler

**10:15 GREETERS**

1 – Doug & Pearl & Gemberling  
8 – Ron & Darlene Ulrich  
15 - Linda Smith  
22 - Ben Wenrich  
29 – Maurice & Barb Clouser

**LAY READERS**

8:00 a.m.

1 - No Service  
8 – Duane Miller  
15 – Glenn Spangler  
22 – No Service  
29 – Jonna Zimmerman

**COMMUNION HELPERS**

8:00 a.m.

1 - No Service  
8 – Steve Moyer  
15 – Glenn Spangler  
22 – No Service  
29 – Judy Moyer

**MUSIC PROVIDERS**

8:00 a.m.

1 –No Service  
8– Dave Swartz  
15 – Dave Swartz  
22 – No Service  
29 – Gary Hackenberg

**LAY READERS**

10:15 a.m.

1 – Drew Christy  
8 – Florence Boop  
15 – Audrey Crone  
22 – Janet Hackenberg  
29 – Barry Spangler

**COMMUNION HELPERS**

10:15 a.m.

1 – Judy Mecouch  
8 – Janice Wagner  
15 – Dianne Shuck  
22 – Janet Hackenberg  
29 – Bev Catherman

**MUSIC PROVIDERS**

10:15 a.m.

1– Paula Christy  
8 – Diane Valentine  
15– Paula Christy  
22 – Gary Hackenberg  
29 – Gary Hackenberg

**REMINDER**

1. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE WHEN SCHEDULED.
2. ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS, SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS & USHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTH.

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*The Rev. John D. Yost..... Pastor*  
*Bette McCrandall ..... Missionary*  
*Margie Dunkle..... Sec/Asst Tr/Editor*  
*Al Pantaleo & Dianne Shuck..... Treasurers*  
*Janet Hackenberg & Greg Shuck..... Asst Trs*  
*Tom Catherman... ..Custodian*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Kim Blyler.....*  
*Bev Catherman.....*  
*Tom Catherman.....*  
*Wendy Doebler.....*  
*Barry Spangler.....*  
*Lee Spangler.....*  
*Stella Walters.....*  
*Debra Wilson.....*



THE DEADLINE FOR  
ARTICLES FOR THE

**FEBRUARY**

NEWSLETTER IS:

**JANUARY 23**

**PLEASE CALL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE...**

- ...when a member of your family is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ...when your phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.
- ...when you move—out of town or locally.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- ...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- ...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ...when your class or group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- ...when something good happens to you or your family.
- ...when you feel the church can assist you in any way.

<p><b>Please use this form for your recipes. To avoid errors, please type or neatly print your recipes and double check for completeness and accuracy. Thank You!</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE USE APPROPRIATE ABBREVIATIONS</b></p> <p>teaspoon = tsp.          tablespoon = tbsp..          cup = c.          quart = qt.          ounce = oz.          pint = pt.          gallon = gal.          inch = in.          pound = lb.          Fahrenheit = F</p>	<p><b>Our Cookbook contains the following categories. We will sort the recipes accordingly. Please check the category in which you want your recipe to appear.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appetizers &amp; Beverages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Soups &amp; Salads</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables &amp; Side Dishes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Main Dishes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breads, Rolls &amp; Muffins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cakes &amp; Desserts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cookies, Bars &amp; Candy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allergen Free</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This &amp; That</li> </ul>
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<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">Name of Recipe</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">Your Name</div> <p><b>Ingredients (Be sure to list quantity or amount)</b></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p>	<p>6. _____</p> <p>7. _____</p> <p>8. _____</p> <p>9. _____</p> <p>10. _____</p> <p>11. _____</p> <p>12. _____</p> <p>13. _____</p> <p>14. _____</p>
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**METHOD (BE SURE TO INDICATE CONTAINER SIZE, OVEN TEMPERATURE AND COOKING TIME)**


**RESERVATION ORDERS:** To reserve copies of the Christ's United Lutheran Church Cookbook for yourself, please complete this form. Make sure to reserve enough for birthday, Christmas, Easter and birthday gifts!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Cookbooks to reserve: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am Hope's Haven	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	<b>9</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9:00am Quilt Knotting	<b>11</b> 10:00am Hope's Haven 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	<b>16</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>18</b> 10:00am Hope's Haven 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Penns Creek Go Kart Assn Banquet
<b>22</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Service of Word & Sacrament	<b>23</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>24</b> 9:00am Quilt Knotting	<b>25</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved 10:00am Hope's Haven 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30pm BVSC Banquet
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