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# January CONTACT

2012

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## Monthly Newsletter

Betsy E. Bruaw, Pastor

Jeannette Juhala, Organist

Michael Wojdylak, Choir

Eileen Arndt, Secretary

Ministers—Every Member  
of the Congregation

## Thank You!!

To all who made this Advent and Christmas  
so very special for Church of the Redeemer,  
as well as the many acts of faithful discipleship  
all through the year!

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Please submit  
your information  
for CONTACT  
by the 15th  
of each month!  
Thank you!!



A special note of gratitude  
from Pastor Betsy  
for the generous Christmas gift  
from the congregation.  
Blessings in 2012!!

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## Leadership Team Updates

At the annual congregational meeting held Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the budget was passed as presented. The slate of new Leadership Team members was elected as follows: Nancy Zeigler, elder; Ann Bickelman, elder; Lydia Villafane, deacon; Judith deChamplain, deacon; Chelsea Eastep, deacon; and Addie Stong, deacon. We are very grateful to Sharon Shaffer, our outgoing deacon, for all her hard work and contributions, especially on fundraisers.

During the meeting, concerns were raised about conserving electrical consumption. Dan Hottenstein volunteered to investigate replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary with LED bulbs. Thank you, Dan! Looking forward, the updated end of year financial report should be ready for publication in the February Contact, after all year-end figures are complete.

The Leadership Team calls each of you to pray deeply to discern God's vision, leadership, and plan for Redeemer. As I Peter 2:9 tells us, we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood. . . belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness." This is exactly what our church means by saying all members are ministers. If we, then, have been called as ministers, as Ephesians 4:11-13 states, then how will each of us serve our calling? How will you serve Christ in the coming year through the ministry of Church of Redeemer?

Please pray faithfully for Pastor Betsy, our leadership team, and the congregation. We seek to be the face of Christ in our community.

Nancy Zeigler

## Directory Updates Needed

We would like to publish an updated church directory in February 2012. Please review your name, address, family members, telephone number and email address as listed in your **OLD** directory. If there are changes that should be made, please contact the church office (info@redeemerchurchucc.org or 717-533-7300) with them so we can correct our listings and publish an accurate directory.

### WINTER SNOW EMERGENCY!!!!

If there should happen to be a large snow or ice storm and church activities would have to be canceled, we will contact the following TV and Radio Stations: WHP AM 580; WHTM TV Channel 27; and you can check our website at [www.redeemerchurchucc.org](http://www.redeemerchurchucc.org)



**USHER CAPTAIN FOR JANUARY DAVE STONG (533-2696)**

- January 1 Greeters –The Bruaw Family  
Ushers –Robert Martin and Alan McLin  
Acolyte –Haleigh Yeingst  
Deacon on Duty –Patti Jo Hibshman
- January 8 Greeters –Verna Royal and Becky LaFountain  
Ushers –Gwen Neuman and Lorna Davis  
Acolyte –Austin Yeingst  
Deacon on Duty –Becky LaFountain
- January 15 Greeters –The Bickelman Family  
Ushers –Dick and Shirley Conrad  
Acolyte –Jacob McCorkel  
Deacon on Duty –Becki Masters
- January 22 Greeters –Bob and Ethel Curran  
Ushers –Virginia Fleck and Chelsea Eastep  
Acolyte –Brittany Scharpf  
Deacon on Duty - Dick Conrad
- January 29 Greeters –The Conrad Family  
Ushers –Carl and Kemmy Himmelberger  
Acolyte –Rachel Bickelman  
Deacon on Duty –Ethel Curran

**USHER CAPTAIN FOR FEBRUARY -**

- February 5 Greeter –Robert Martin and Alan McLin  
Ushers –Gwen Neuman and Chelsea Eastep  
Acolyte –Haleigh Yeingst  
Deacon on Duty –Pam Mongold
- February 12 Greeter –The Masters Family  
Ushers –Lydia Villafane and Becky LaFountain  
Acolyte –Austin Yeingst  
Deacon on Duty –Sharon Thomas
- February 19 Greeter—Jane Gallozzi and Mary Grunden  
Ushers –Richard and Shirley Conrad  
Acolyte –Ray Villafane  
Deacon on Duty-Patti Jo Hibshman

**Important Message to Greeters and ushers**

If you are scheduled to usher or greet on a particular Sunday and you are not available **PLEASE CALL** the usher captain (**not the church office**) for that month as soon as possible so that he can find a replacement for you. Usher Captains—please let the church office know of the change so that postcard reminders may be sent to the appropriate people. Ushers and greeters, plan to arrive at 9AM the Sunday you are to serve.

**ALTAR GUILD for January:  
Ethel Curran****REMEMBER OUR SHUT INS!**

A card or a phone call will  
brighten their day and warm  
your heart!

Ken and Sue Lawyer  
107 Mill Street, Apt 7J  
Middletown, PA 17057  
717-944-0110

Helen Bigley  
1134 Cord Drive  
Hummelstown, PA 17036

Winifred Brezina  
c/o Edward Brezina  
15 Tuscany Court  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Friends at Redeemer UCC**

**Thanks for donating the  
Robert Martin Painting for the  
Hartman Center Fall Festival.  
Your gift supports great pro-  
grams for children, youth and  
young adults.**

**Thanks again,  
The Outdoor Ministries  
Commission**

Kindred Place at Annville  
sent us their thanks  
for the gifts members  
of the congregation  
donated to the residents  
during Advent.

“Thank you for once again  
sharing with us and your  
generosity to Kindred Place  
at Annville.”

# Flowers



The 2012 FLOWER CHART is posted in the church narthex. Sign up today if you wish to sponsor flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. What a gracious way to remember someone who is dear to you and at the same time share God's beauty with your church family.

January 1 -  
 January 8 -Bruaw Family  
 January 15 -Nancy Zeigler  
 January 22 -  
 January 29 -Pam Mongold & Sharon Thomas

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8-Becki Masters
- 9-Brittany Scharpf
- 12-Matthew Brown
- 12-Lana Worley
- 14-Larry Wagner
- 15-Ethel Curran
- 18- Barbara Crawford
- 18-Phyllis Phelps
- 19-Pierce Sube
- 24-Mary Maloney
- 26-Bob Curran
- 28-Chris Shaffer
- 30-Jan Stong
- 31-Nancy Boerger

## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 4 -Jean Wagner
- 14-Bob Curran
- 20-Mary Grunden

## January Happenings

- January 1, 2012** -New Year's Day
- January 2, 2012** -Office closed for New Year's
- January 6**-Epiphany
- January 16**-Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 24,25,26**-Pastor Betsy attending Penn Central Conference mid-winter Pastor's Convocation

The new Coffee Hour sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the stairs. Please check out the dates and sign up for a time when you



would be willing to host a coffee hour af-

Small pocket calendars for the 2012-2013 seasons have been purchased and the cost is still \$2.00 for them. If you desire one, they can be found on the back pew of the church sanctuary.

Also, Hoover Funeral Home wall calendars for 2012 are available on the back pew.

**Volunteer Opportunities at UCC Homes**

**UCC Homes invites you to take the opportunity to join our ministry to the aging by sharing your time and talents in a variety of different ways. We thank you for your consideration!**

- Lead Bible Study (short term/long term)
- Offer specialized programs (music, art, travel, etc.)
- Spend one –to-one time with residents
- Serve on sub-committees of the Board of Directors
  - ⇒ Building and Long Range Planning
  - ⇒ Finance
  - ⇒ Bylaws
  - ⇒ Nominating
  - ⇒ Personnel
  - ⇒ Quality Assurance
  - ⇒ Public Relations and Development
  - ⇒ Spiritual Life

- Assist staff on trips and outings
- Transport residents to and from events
- Serve on the Auxiliary of UCC Homes



**If you would like to share your time and talents with the residents of UCC Homes, please contact one of the following communities of UCC Homes:**

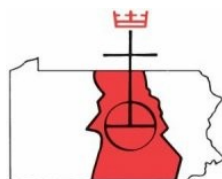
- The Lebanon Valley Home (Annville) 867-4467
- Ephrata Manor (Ephrata) 738-4940
- Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home (Carlisle) 245-2187
- Administrative Office (Camp Hill) 303-1502
- Thornwald Home (Carlisle) 249-4118
- Kindred Place at Annville 867-5572
- Kindred Place at Harrisburg 657-7900

**NEW CONFERENCE STAFF MEMBER FOR PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

Penn Central Conference Board of Directors has called the Rev. Dr. Thomas Webster as the new Conference Associate Minister for Pastoral Leadership and Discernment on Saturday, December 10 at a special board meeting.

Thom will coordinate the work of the Church and Ministry Commission of the Conference and support the eight associations’ committees on ministry. He will oversee the search and call process for our conference churches and provide leadership and training to our interim/transitional clergy. He will begin his duties on February 14. You can reach him at the conference office 717-652-1560 or by email twebster@pccucc.org

Thom and the rest of the Conference Staff welcome the prayers of the congregations in Penn Central Conference as they begin their work together.



**HERSHEY FOOD BANK NEEDS:**

Spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, Canned meats and stews, Canned Pasta, soups and corn, canned fruits, baked beans, Hamburger and Tuna Helpers, Ketchup, Mac n’ Cheese, Pancake mix and syrup, Tuna, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Gift Cards to local supermarkets, Cake mixes, Kidney beans, and 15 oz. cans of Stewed Tomatoes.

**Thank you!**

The holidays remind us of all the reasons why we should be thankful!. Here at Blue Mountain Ministries, we are thankful for your donations to our ministry. Our ministry will only succeed with help from people like yourself, so we just want to take a moment to tell you that we appreciate your kindness and to say “Thank you!” Sincerely

Roger A. Custer,  
Director, Blue Mountain Ministries

### Welcome to our Building!!

We are a church with open walls, and we welcome all the groups who use our facilities!! Mindful of energy costs and the call to all of us to care for the earth and its resources, Church of the Redeemer needs your help! We want to encourage each person who uses the building to do some simple things to help us use our energy resources more efficiently and maintain our building for the future.

1. Please close doors! As you enter or exit the building, ensure that the door closes and latches behind you.
2. Inside the building, be sure to close the doors to the room in which you are meeting as you leave. This is especially important for rooms where building thermostats are located, so that the drafts from outside doors do not trigger the heat when it is not needed.
3. Use lighting efficiently in the building; turn off restroom or hallway lights when leaving an area; don't assume someone else will turn them off.
4. Be sure to turn off water faucets completely after use, and report running toilets or other water issues to the church office.
5. Help us to recycle; use the blue bins located throughout the building to recycle paper, bottles, containers, etc.



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

#### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	
Envelope offerings	\$10,453.70
Loose Plate offerings	91.23
Benevolence offerings	444.00
Gift cards profits	85.00
Total monies	\$11,073.93
Expenses	
Salary and Payroll	
Related expenses	\$ 8,035.10
Building expenses	3,780.94
Worship expenses & Grounds maintenance	683.74
Total expenses	\$12,499.78

Even though expenses were higher than monies coming in through the general fund, we used restricted monies to pay some of the expenses. We also gave \$464.00 in November to OCWM.

When we are faithful in giving, God takes what we give and increases it to meet our needs. We can never out give God.

Thank you for your faithfulness this year and we praise God for each one of you. Sharon Shaffer, Treasurer

**Redeemer's  
Prayer Shawl  
Ministry  
gathers on the  
fourth Monday of  
each month at  
6:30pm in the  
Conference  
Room.**

**Next Meeting- January 23!**

**All are welcome!**

## We have Giant and Karn's Gift Cards!

**Giant and Karn's has offered non-profit organizations an opportunity to raise money by selling gift cards!**

Buy the gift cards from us (a variety of \$ denominations will be available.) Then, take the gift cards with you and redeem them at Giant or Karn's while grocery shopping. It's that easy! Gift cards will be available for purchase on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Profits from the sale of grocery cards will benefit Redeemer UCC's general fund.



# Reminder!

If you are using the building after hours, please make sure that all lights are out and doors are locked when you leave.

**THANK YOU!**

We are still collecting postage stamps for the Brethren Home. Just clip off the stamps from the right hand corner. Put them in the basket in the narthex of the church.

### LOVE INC PERSONAL CARE MINISTRY

has asked Hershey area churches to supply specific needs they have. Church of the Redeemer has been assigned Feminine products and Depends. Their items on hand at this point are extremely low and their client needs have grown



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ

### Hospice of Central Pennsylvania

Are you looking for a way to make a difference?

Hospice of Central PA's next training series will be offered at two times in their office at 1320 Linglestown Road beginning on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Daytime session will meet from 1-4 PM and evening session will meet from 6-9 PM. Applications are due by January 30, 2012 to allow time for an interview prior to the start of training.

Help is needed in Patient/Family Support; Special Events and Projects; and Administrative Support.

**For more information contact Barbara Hardy at 732-1000.**

### BLUE MOUNTAIN THRIFT STORE

Donations of clothing, household items, furniture, etc. to be sold or donated to persons in need, or volunteering your time to help at the store. The address is 1251 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17002. They are located in the Antique Depot behind Marty's Music. Trucks are available to pick up any donations you may have. Call them at 717-867-1595 if you have donations to be picked up.

### DO YOU HAVE TOO MANY MAGAZINES AROUND THE HOUSE? DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA is collecting magazines, catalogues, and any glossy paper to be recycled for cash. Money earned will help support the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey. Magazines and glossy paper can be deposited in the green containers at:

Ronald McDonald House  
McDonald's Restaurant

745 West Governor Road , Hershey  
745 East Cumberland St. ,Lebanon



### **BETHESDA MISSION NEEDS**

*We always keep the people and the mission of Bethesda in our prayers, but here are some immediate needs and ways to help:*

**\*\*Volunteers needed for Women's Shelter receptionists, Babysitters, Mentors**

**\*\*Prayer Requests:** Difficult circumstances for our guests; Provision of finances/Food

**\*\*Donations needed:**

#### **Men's Shelter:**

Deodorant  
bles &

Phone Cards  
& frozen

New sweatshirts/Gloves and hats  
products

Shower Shoes

Socks/Long Johns

#### **Medical Clinic**

butter

Hydrocortisone cream  
dressings

Ear Wax remover

Tylenol

Preparation H

Cold and Flu remedies (no alcohol content)

Pumice stones

wear, and

#### **Transitional Living**

Latex gloves

DVD players

New blankets and twin sheets

New towels and wash cloths (9 sets)

Paper towels

Batteries (AA, AAA, and 9 volt)

#### **Women & Children's Shelter**

Knives for food prep

Insulated drapes

Paper Products

Small Bed Lamps

Dictionaries

Steamer to clean furniture

Sharp knives for the kitchen

Gift certificates to purchase  
women's underwear

Dictionaries

New robes, pajamas, and slippers

Insulated drapes

#### **Youth Center**

Wii games

All kinds of sports balls

Individual snacks

Classroom partitions

Vacuum cleaner

#### **Food Services**

#10 cans of vegeta-

fruits, fresh

Beef/Sausage/Pork

Lunch meats/Fish

Cheese, milk, and

Mayonnaise/Salad

Spaghetti sauce

Fresh potatoes

Pancake Mix

Coffee/Spices/Gravy

Napkins, plastic

Dish detergent/

Aprons

Chef knives

Pizza Oven

**Please drop off all donations anytime at 611 Reily Street, Harrisburg, PA.**

**Thank You!**

# JANUARY, 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Worship 9:15 SS 10:45 Giant/Karn's Cards</p> 	<p>2 <b>Office Closed</b> New Year's Day Holiday</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>3</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>4 Choir 7PM Bells 8:30 PM</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>6 Epiphany</p> <p>AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>AA</p>
<p>8 Worship 9:15AM SS 10:45</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>10 Consistory Mtg</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>11 Choir 7PM Bells 8:30PM</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>AA</p>
<p>15 Worship 9:15AM SS 10:45 AM Giant/Karn's Cards Pharmacists Mtg 6:30Pm</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>18 Choir 7PM Bells 8:30 PM</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AA</p>	<p>21 Jen Barrick @ LVC Miller Chapel 7PM</p> <p>AA</p>
<p>22 Worship 9:15AM SS 10:45 AM</p>	<p>23 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30PM</p>	<p>24 Clergy Convocation, Hotel Hershey</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>25 Choir 7PM Bells 8:30 PM Clergy Convocation Hotel Hershey</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>26 Clergy Convocation Hotel Hershey</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>27</p> <p>AA</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>AA</p>
<p>29 Worship 9:15AM SS 10:45 AM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>OA AA WW</p>	<p>31</p> <p>WW AA</p>				
						