



Mark your Calendar

November 2017

- 11-5 Communion/Change clocks
Back/Stewardship Sunday/
Veteran's Day Celebration
- 11-12 Special Congregation
Meeting/11:30 – Deacon
Meeting
- 11-19-26 Hosting Family Promise
- 11-23 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11-26 Hanging of the Greens
(following worship)
- 11-29 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

December 2017

- 12-3 Communion/Member
Recognition Sunday/1st
Sunday of Advent
- 12-10 Nativity Service/2nd Sunday of
Advent/Deacon Meeting –
11:30 a.m.
- 12-17 Children's Program/3rd
Sunday of Advent
- 12-24 Worship 10 a.m./No Church
School/4th Sunday of
Advent/Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service – 7 p.m.
- 12-25 Christmas Day
- 12-28 Pastor Scott's birthday

Thoughts from Pastor Scott...

I love music (as if you didn't already know that) especially at Christmas time. Christmas music puts me in the mood and sets up the season in a special way for me. In 1997, Kenny Rogers and Wynonna Judd recorded a Christmas duet by Mark Lowery and Buddy Green and it was a big hit. The song was *Mary, did you know?* and it has become one of my absolute favorites of the season and lifts me to a place in my understanding and view of Jesus and Mary that I never had before.

The lyrics bring into focus the amazing event of Jesus' birth and the reality of whom and what He was and is. To me, as I'm sure to many of you, the pictures of Jesus as a baby with Mary and Joseph sitting in a barn with the soft light and cozy surroundings was reality. The baby Jesus laying there looking angelic with the light of heaven shining down is what we see in our minds eye as we move into the season. Then *Mary, did you know?* came into my life and I began to see the enormity of the birth. Read the excerpt of the lyrics and see if you can catch the amazing reality I did:

*Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you.
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has walked where Angels trod?
When you kiss your Little Baby,
You kiss the Face of God!
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your Baby Boy
Is Heaven's Perfect Lamb?
This sleeping Child you're holding
Is the Great I Am!*

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UPDATES

Session Update

Regular November Session Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular December Session Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Update

Regular November Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular December Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Usher Schedule

November 5	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
November 12	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Becky Brandt, Amber Brady
November 19	Jeff & Lori Indyk Niki & Andy Carr
November 26	Scott & Sheri Aydelotte Sue Swanson, Lynn Ehrhardt
December 3	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
December 10	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Rose Bohr, Carol Keiper
December 17	Rich & Betty Salter Natalie Dutt, Betty Holod
December 24 10 a.m.	Rich & JoAnn Fehr, Bonnie Wismer, Courtney Morrow
December 24 7 p.m.	Lori & Jeff Indyk, Carol Keiper, Ruth Skirbst
December 31	Joe & Cathy Haschak, Russell Scott, Cindy Winters

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 - Communion//Stewardship Sunday/ Veteran's Day Celebration

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson
Greeters Russell Scott
Assisting Deacon Karen Rose
Servers Lynn Ehrhardt, John Ehasz, Natalie Dutt, Niki Carr

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 – Special Congregation Meeting

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley
Greeters Carol & Thomas Keiper
Assisting Deacon Vicki Stevens

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 – Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder Jeff Indyk
Assisting Deacon Kate Harris
Greeters Winters Family

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 - Fellowship/ Hanging of the Greens

Assisting Elder Niki Carr
Assisting Deacon Jenn Taynor
Greeters Matlock Family

DECEMBER 3, 2017 – Communion/Member Recognition Sunday

Assisting Elder June Heyer
Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn
Greeters Harris Family
Servers Sherri Aydelotte & Scott Aydelotte, Ray Lalley, Rich Fehr
Advent Readers Carr Family

DECEMBER 10, 2017- Nativity

Assisting Elders Losco Family, Haschak Family, Carr Family, Indyk Family, Wismer Family, Keiper Family
Greeters Lee Smith Family
Advent Readers David Ehasz Family

DECEMBER 17, 2017 – Children's Program

Assisting Elder n/a
Greeters Suzanne & Olivia Swanson
Advent Readers Haschak Family

DECEMBER 24, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn *Assisting Deacon* Carol Keiper
Greeters Elisa & Shirley Beers
Advent Reader Indyk Family

DECEMBER 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Assisting Elder Lynn Ehrhardt *Assisting Deacon* Rich Fehr
Greeters Losco Family

DECEMBER 30, 2017 –

Assisting Elder Karen Rose *Assisting Deacon* Ray Lalley
Greeters Wismer Family

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Time is on your side! Your year-end gifts to the church should be received by the last Sunday in December, for your tax purposes and the church's. Thank you!

HOME VISITATION

If you would like Pastor Scott or a member of the Board of Deacons to visit you at home, please contact the church office to set up a date. The Deacons are interested in visiting, providing meals, etc. However, they can not "read minds" so please let the church know of any needs.

CHOIR NEWS

If anyone is interested in joining the Children's Choir or the Adult Choir please see Sandy Vliet. We are always glad to have new faces and voices. Anyone interested in singing in the choir for the Advent/Christmas Season is welcome to join the choir in the Choir Room 40 minutes before each worship. Choir rehearsal is from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Children's Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation.

REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

James Barr, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Kate Beers, Michael Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Grayson Bohr, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Costanza, George Costello, Kim Crane, Charlie Cummins, Joyce Cummins, Glenn David, DaSilva Family, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Marilyn Elmendorf, Donna Fleming, Clay Flyte, Brian Forik, Kelly Fox, Frankenfield Family, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Dick Gibbons, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Linda Hoffman, Jessica Hutton, Lynn Keyser, Cecelia King, Eric Kirchgassner, Bobbye Kopec, Rex LaBarre, Sam Marino, Veronia Matus, Tom Moschberger, Jace Nikoden, Irma Cook Peterson, Tom Pointer, family & friends of Joan Richards, Rich Salter, Jr., Russell Scott, Amy Shandor, Henry Skirbst, family & friends of Ron Smith, Sharon K. Smith, Earl Steel, Sr., baby Trent, Diane Wilkinson, Danny Wisner, Debbie Wittschiebe, those affected by the hurricanes and those affected by the Las Vegas shooting.

DECORATE THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS IS COMING

It's time to "Hang the Greens"
Sunday, November 26, 2017 (after worship service)

There is something for everyone to do as we "deck the halls" with boughs of holly, greens, poinsettias, lights, and tinsel. The carols will be sung as we begin the special season of Advent, as we prepare for the arrival of the birth of Jesus. All are welcome, plan on being part of a special family time as we enjoy fellowship and a covered dish luncheon. Please let the Church office know how many are attending at 859-0355.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Children's Christmas Program will be held during worship on Sunday, December 17, 2017.
Mark your calendars and be sure to join us then!

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

December 24

10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

There will be **no Church School** on December 24.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in offering flowers in memory or honor of a loved one for the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight worship, please call Cathie Fischer at the Church. The cost will be \$8. Please note that the order forms must be in on time as per our suppliers request. Order forms will appear in the bulletin; the deadline is December 3, 2017.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to tomcat507@verizon.net. Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website tpcnh.org.

FAMILY PROMISE OF WARREN COUNTY

Our next week as host church is : November 19 – November 26

Please prayerfully consider when you can give the most priceless gift of all – your time – to those who are in need of help at this time in their lives. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Jan Kuhn at 908-859-5721 for more information.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Please begin to think of the needy families in our church and community. We will be collecting food for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for these families. Please give generously so we can make the holidays better for them. Items such as turkeys, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, dessert mixes, etc. are needed. Please supply any small boxes. Please leave these items in the baskets in the hallway opposite the kitchen. Thank you for you donations to families who are less fortunate and those who need some holiday cheer.

In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office. Thank you.

Call to Meeting

There will be a Special Congregation Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Harmony, on Sunday, November 12, 2017, immediately following worship, regarding the election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees. All members of the Church are asked to be present to do the business of the Church.

By order of the Session, Rev. Scott K. Bohr, Moderator

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

The 2018 Stewardship Campaign letter, "Still Running on Faith", along with financial facts is included in this Tower. Please note: if you wish to fill out a pledge card they are available in Fellowship Hall. Bert Kuhn, Stewardship Chairperson, will be addressing the congregation on November 5 during worship. Come and hear his message.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Do you want to remember a loved one? Or would you like to honor a special person or day, such as a birth, anniversary, marriage or birthday. Chancel flowers are only \$30 for two vases. You can take the flowers with you after the service or the Board of Deacons will see that they are distributed to a church member who is ill or shut-in. A sign-up chart is located on the door to Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation in the offering plate and make the envelope "flower fund." If you have any questions or if you can't come in to sign the chart please call the church office.

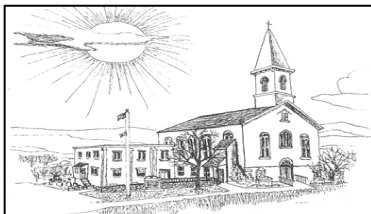
CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF GIVING

The Deacons are planning to provide gifts on our Giving Tree for the veterans at Veterans' North home and also for local children who are in need. Please look for more information in the bulletins and also for the trees in fellowship hall with tags. We can brighten the holidays for those who need some cheer and experience the love of Christ.

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR SCOTT (continued from page 1)

I had always thought of Jesus as Lord. But I had never truly thought of Him as a baby that needed to be taken care of in the same way my kids did. And I NEVER, NEVER thought of Mary and what she knew or didn't know about Jesus. Imagine, as the song says; Mary did you know that when you kissed your little baby you kissed the face of God!!!! People like you and I kissed the face of God!! What an incredible God we have that He seeks to be so amazingly vulnerable to us and allow us to care for Him and even kiss Him just as we kiss our own kids! Let's allow our hearts and minds to be filled with these thoughts of how close God wants to be to us and the lengths He will go to meet us. **Literally**, face to face!

Just some thoughts...



THE STAFF WISHES YOU ALL A VERY JOYOUS AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

May the peace and blessings of our Lord descend upon us all during this Holy Season!

“Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David , a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward ALL.” Luke 2:14

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who help our church run so smoothly by devoting so many hours of service throughout the year.

Rev. Scott Bohr Cathie Fischer Sandy Vliet Sandi Skibenes Carol Keiper

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