

The Wake-Tree

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From the pastor — Looking Ahead With Faith and Fun

By the time you receive this edition of the Wake Tree, we will have had our Annual Meeting of the Congregation, and you will note that quite a number of new faces will grace our leadership team for the year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Lee Keaton (3yrs), Vice-President Larry Noll (3yrs), Secretary Joan Bernardo (7yrs) and Treasurer Bryan Smith (2yrs) for all their hard work as officers of the congregation. Their service to Christ Church has been exemplary, and I know they all will continue to be a vital part of our congregation through the years ahead, even though their positions have changed.

Similarly, I want to thank Worship and Witness Chair Debbie Smith (6yrs), and Property Committee Chair Ernie Heisey (25+ yrs). They have provided ourstanding leadership for the church, and their advisory and participatory skills will continue to be essential as we move ahead with new leaders in those positions.

The best part of all of this, is that we are not saying "good-bye" to any of these persons, because even as they move from leadership positions they continue to participate in the life of our congregation and community and we will continue to worship and pray with them just as often as before.

I also want to thank the entire congregation for bearing with me through the past few months as I coached the boys 9th grade basketball team at Annville-Cleona. It became much more challenging than I anticipated, and I have come to realize that I cannot accept the same level of responsibility in the basketball program in the future. I have experienced a great deal of personal growth and satisfaction from being involved in coaching basketball, and hope that I can continue to coach in a diminished role as the years go by.

That having been said, I would like to write about some of the exciting changes I have seen occurring at Christ

Church. The "Special Events" committee has become an essential part of nearly every activity of the church. These men are assigned to lock and unlock doors, transport people from LV Home and Kindred Place, ring the bell during the Lord's Prayer, and generally be available during the times that worship and other events occur to respond to logistical needs. It has greatly eased my burden during those times to be able to say "See ___(your name here)___" when someone points out a burned out bulb, low supplies or other such need while I am preparing to lead worship.

I am also looking forward to working with the Department of Congregational Care as we seek to enhance our visitation program by recruiting and training a visitation team to help care for Shut-ins and Nursing home residents. A new vision for this is being implemented this month, and a new structure for the Care Calendar is being developed. Thanks to Weez Bixler for her faithful job of maintaining the Care Calendar for so many years.

Our Associate Conference Minister, Laurene Bowers, is a nationally respected expert on church vitality, and I am pleased to announce that she will be here at Christ Church on Saturday, March 3 from 10 am - 12:30 pm for a consistory retreat and planning session.

On March 18 in the afternoon, we will be joining with the other churches in Lebanon Association to celebrate "One Great Hour of Flood Relief," a musical program to raise money for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS is a national special offering which is received on the third Sunday of March each year. The proceeds from this offering go in part to disaster relief programs throughout the world. Our reason for highlighting this effort with an association wide gathering is that thousands of dollars have been received in Penn Central Conference in response to the September flooding, and this is a way we can express our gratitude for the generosity of others.

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Worship Opportunities for February

Early Services at 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Service of Worship 10:15 a.m.

The *Conversation with the Children* is offered every Sunday during the Worship Service. Children through 6th grade are invited to the Chancel. Wee Worship is an alternative for children 3 years old through 2nd grade; children begin the Worship Service seated with their parents, move to the chancel during the *Conversation*, and then exit to the Kindergarten room with their Wee Worship leader. Nursery care is provided for Sunday School and the Worship Service.

February 5

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 12

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

February 19

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9



February 26

TBA

LCCM Lenten Breakfast

Saturday, February 25, 2012
8:00 a.m. at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center

Speaker: Pastor Thom Keller

Music: 4th Dimension Barbershop Quartet
Tickets: \$10

Call the LCCM office at 272-4400, ext. 211
or see Weez Bixler.

Deadline to order is Feb. 17.

To our dear friends at Christ Church:

We are grateful for the kindness and generosity that you have shown toward us throughout the year, and are particularly thankful for your Christmas gifts. The gift of money from the congregation was a great kindness, and we used it to purchase a family gift that we all can enjoy together.

More importantly, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your continuing support and prayers. Our lives are hectic at times, and your understanding and appreciation for our need for family time is a blessing to us.

We are so proud to call you our church family, and we look forward to continuing to grow together in love for many years to come.

In Christ's love,
Don, Kelly, Ryan, Ben & Andrew

Pastor's Message *con't*

Our youth have been meeting monthly, and many are planning to attend this summer's UCC National Youth Event at Purdue University from July 10-13. Our youth will be joining thousands of other youth from across the country to worship and learn about where they fit in the life of the church. You will hear more about this as the youth work to raise money to cover the cost of their trip to Indiana.

Pastor Don

Special Offerings for February

February 22: Ash Wednesday

The first Sunday of each month is
Food Bank Sunday.

Please place non-perishable food items
in the box in the South Narthex.



From the Director of Music

This month's anthems

February 5

Soup-er Soul Sunday

Blessings Over Me	Choplin	Praise Team
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	arr. Schrader	Senior Choir
Lord, I Know I Been Changed	arr. Shackley	Senior Choir
Standin' in the Need of Prayer	arr. Raney	Senior Choir
Lay Down Your Troubles	Purifoy	Senior Choir

February 12

Did You Think to Pray?

Gilpin

Senior Choir

February 19

How Will They Know?

Patterson

Senior Choir

February 22

Ash Wednesday
Here I Stand

Berry

Senior Choir

February 26

Your God Will Come

Duren

Praise Team

Ensemble Rehearsals

Sundays at 11:30 am: Senior Ringers
(Rehearsals will resume January 15)
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm: Praise Team
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm: Senior Choir

SNOW PLAN

We will continue to follow our usual snow plan on Wednesday evenings. If the Annville-Cleona School District is closed, or has an early dismissal due to inclement weather, all Wednesday evening activities will be canceled. If you are ever in doubt, please call Kevin at 813-3515 or the church at 867-1641.

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WHERE: Annville – Christ Church
WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2012

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Delicious Hamboats!

The February sale will be Saturday, February 4, 2012. Please call JR & Georgia Hemperly 838-1147 or Althea Hemperly 838-4012 by Monday, January 30 to place your order.

You may order with  or without onions at \$2.50 per sandwich and pick them up at the church between 8:30 and 9:00 am or have them delivered in time for lunch. Hamboat work crew report at 7:00

Looking ahead – the March sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2012. To place an order call the above numbers by February 27, 2012.



The Church Mouse

The church mouse is very thin this month. Probably everyone is relaxing after all the excitement of the holiday season.



This is February – the month of “love” since we celebrate VALENTINE’S DAY!!

Don’t forget to tell your special someones that you love them.

The Congregational Care committee is forming a group of people to visit members who are home-bound or in nursing homes. If you would like to participate, please contact Jean Rhine.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Joan Bernardo celebrated her 80th birthday Sunday, January 15, 2012. Her loving son announced it in Worship and she received a round of applause from the congregation. Also Vicki Hartman celebrated a birthday the same day and Pastor Don announced this and she received a round of applause. (She is not near eighty!!)

Diana Bernardo and Stacy Bernardo completed at 5K run in Orlando recently. What an accomplishment!

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY:

Marge Kercher is having a knee re-

placement for the right knee. She had the left knee replaced some time ago.

Sharon Riganati had cataract surgery for both eyes. Now she can see the world that is out there.

Eddie Miller, who has two broken legs, is recuperating at Cedar Haven.

Althea Hemperly will be facing surgery in the near future to remove a tumor from the left lung.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE EXTENDED TO:

Nothing to report for this section at this time (and that’s a nice thing!)

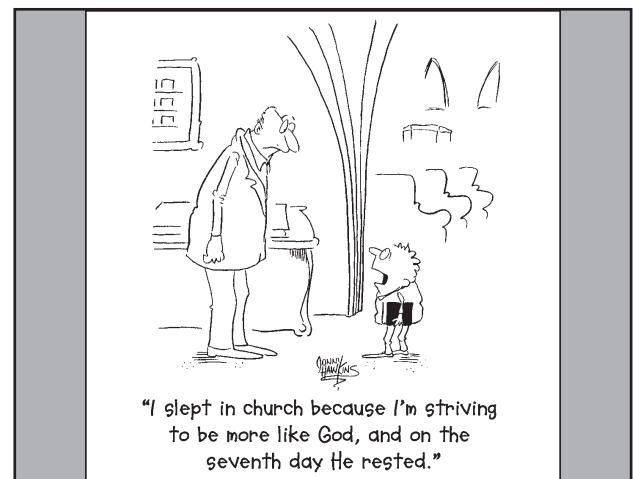
Notes of Thanks

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas Gift and the love and support you show all year long. I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Jodi

Dear Congregation,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift this year. I feel so blessed to be able to serve this congregation and to lead the music ministry program. Your kindness is overwhelming. May you each have a happy and blessed new year!

Fondly,
Kevin



Consistory Minutes

JANUARY 12, 2012, 6:36 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Donald Mason, Joan Bernardo, Lee Keaton, Larry Noll, Jean Rhine, Michele Sinadinos, Deborah Smith, David Troxell and Susan Wolf.

ABSENT: Barbara Beard, Ernest Heisey, Marlene Hinkle, Lorraine Horner, Bryan Smith and Carolyn Wolf.

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Keaton and Pastor Don opened with a prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT: There were no changes to the December report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The yearly giving for 2011 was \$229,429.40. A question was raised as to whether we should mail out statements to non-giving members. We have 78-100 non-giving members and we agreed to send out a thank you letter to those giving along with the statement for the year and a letter to those who did not give. There was an error in the preliminary budget for two salaries which will be corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE: A motion was made by Susan Wolfe and seconded by Larry Noll to approve a request to use the undercroft on January 26th by Mandi Smith. Motion carried. A letter was received thanking us for money donated to the library, Special Olympics, from Kindred Place for the Christmas gifts and for the food given to LCCM.

PASTOR'S REPORT: There will be a Church Leader's Banquet of the Lebanon Association on January 29th at Marabelle's Restaurant in Lebanon.

Reservations must be in by January 20th. A discussion was held on whether to raise money for the church through the sale of gift cards to Giant Grocery Store. Hartman Center camp brochures are available and there will be scholarship assistance. There is also a program for children with limitations. Laurene Bowers, Associate Conference Minister will do a Consistory orientation retreat on March 3 at 12:30. A social media workshop will be held on February 25th from 9:30 to 4 PM at Colonial Park Church in Harrisburg. Pastor and Kelly Mason will be taking a short vacation in February.

The February Consistory meeting will be held on February 16 instead of February 9th. Celebration will be held on January 28th with a 50's evening and the Congregational dinner will be held on January 29th after church services.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Installation of new Consistory members will be February 5th.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No meeting.

YOUTH DELEGATE: The youth went bowling on Sunday, January 8th and Carolyn Wolfe is involved in the upcoming National Youth Event.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The roof leaks were inspected and the rubber roof has several nail holes which will be repaired.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: No meeting was held. The chicken bar-b-q will be held on August 4, 2012.

Some members of the committee met to talk about a visitation program and

another meeting will be held on January 22 to discuss how this will be organized. Work is being completed on the care calendar which will be revised.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Discussed getting the Wake Tree via e-mail. It is time to sign up for the Lenten Devotional Guide.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE: No meeting.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: It was proposed that they meet more often.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: A question was raised about who picks the date for celebration. Pastor Don stated that he has set an absolute date. Another question was raised about who is allowed to serve communion. Consistory members serve and former consistory members also are allowed to serve. Pastor Don thanked the members of Consistory who will be leaving their posts this month. They are Lee Keaton, Joan Bernardo, Debbie Smith and Ernie Heisey.

A motion was made by Susan Wolfe and seconded by David Troxell to accept the above reports. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 and concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Bernardo
Consistory Secretary



1	Mary Heisey	8	Alexandria Reddinger	22	Bernice Weaber
	Natasha Oliver	9	Richard Graybill		Althea Hemperly Aller
2	Delmar Cook	10	Kirsten Fernsler		Andrew Clements
3	Max Potocny	13	Nicole Leedy	23	Matthew Light
4	Kara Shaffer	14	Adrian Haak Sr.	24	Alvana Cintron
5	Grace Bachman		Sawyer Reddinger	25	Evelyn Kipp
6	Andrew Mason	15	Joan Finger		Marge Kercher
			Kevin Biddle		Stephanie Nickliss
		17	Gale Reich		Noah Myers
		18	Richard Nickliss	27	Earlene Bohr
		19	Cynthia Johnson	28	David Troxell
			Roy Kreider		Andrew Light
		20	Catherine Hoover		

Please contact the church office if you know of someone who is missing from the birthday list.

The Nursery at Christ Church places a rose bud on the altar in honor of a child born into the Christ Church family or into the family of a Christ Church member. We need your help with this. Please call the church office (867-1641) or Gloria Wentling (867-2202) with the information so the rose will be placed in the church and to let us know if the child's name should be added to the Cradle Roll in the Nursery in Christ Church or in another church.

CHRIST CHURCH

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STAFF

Donald Mason, Pastor
Kevin L. Biddle, Director of Music
Jodi Loose, Organist

Bob Lemon, Sexton
Elsie Lehman, Secretary
Rev. Dr. Norman Bucher, Pastor Emeritus

Consistory Officers

President: Larry Noll 805-2932
Vice President: Georgia Hemperly 838-1147
Secretary: Shirley Wolfe 865-2789
Treasurer: Stacy Bernardo
Financial Secretary: Betty Heisey 867-4977

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Youth Representative: Carolyn Wolf 274-8963

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Stewardship and Mission
Sue Wolf 274-8963
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Sharon Riganati 273-5591
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Lorraine Hoerner 861-7628

Wake-Tree Support:

Delmar Cook, Mary Cook,
Phoebe Fernsler, Pat Kercher,
Pat Chadwick, Russ Chadwick,
John Unger

Assisting With Worship

USHERS AND GREETERS:

February 5: Pat Kercher, Joan Bernardo
February 12: Dave and Ruth Troxell
February 19: Jay and Dorothy Light
February 26: Dennis and Teresa Haak

CHURCH OPENING & TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE:

February 5: Jim Bohr
February 12: Dave Booth
February 19: Phil Feather
February 26: Richard Fernsler

COUNTERS:

February 5: Dave and Ruth Troxell
February 12: TBA
February 19: Tom and Sue Wolf
February 26: TBA

ACOLYTES:

February 5: Andrew Mason
February 12: Kelsey Snyder
February 19: Mark Wolf
February 26: Jared Keaton

GREETERS AFTER THE SERVICE:

February 5: Larry Noll
February 12: Jean Rhine
February 19: Sharon Riganati
February 26: Michele Sinadinos

NURSERY:

February 5: Stacy Bernardo
February 12: Jamie Shaffer
February 19: Beth Spieles
February 26: Juli Huffman

Please see Gloria or Leslie if you'd like to volunteer in the nursery.

Save a Tree!

(and some money for the church)

In an effort to save money, time and trees, we'd like to encourage people to have the newsletter emailed instead of being sent through the mail each month. If you would like to receive your copy by email in a pdf format, please notify the church office at ccucc@lmf.net or call 867-1641.

Thank you!

Current and past issues of The Wake Tree are posted on the Christ Church web site.

Check it out at www.ccucc.org.

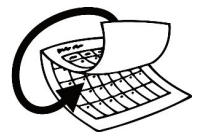
We are also on Facebook!

LAY READERS:

February 5: Brenda Kreamer
February 12: Marie Lesher
February 19: Jodi Loose
February 26: Andrew Mason





Looking Ahead

March 3: Consistory Retreat
March 18: OGHS Special Offering
and flood relief concert
April 5: Maundy Thursday
April 6: Good Friday
April 8: Easter Sunday



March Wake-Tree Deadline: February 15

February 2012~ CCUCC Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5  Souper Bowl Caring Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM S. S. 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Senior Ringers	6 6:30 PM Property Meeting	7	1 11:00 AM 6:00 PM Prayer Time 7:00 Praise Team 7:30 Senior Choir	2	3	4  Ham Boat Sale 10:00 – 2:00 Consistory Retreat
12 8:15 AM Worship w/Kevin Biddle 9:00 AM S. S. 10:15 AM Worship w/Pastor Norm Bucher 11:30 AM Ringers	13 Pastor Returns 7:00 PM Prayer shawl Ministrv	14  Valentine's Day	15 11:00 AM 6:00 PM Prayer Time 7:00 Praise Team 7:30 Senior Choir	16	17	18 ACACC Youth @ Paramount
19 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM S. S. 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Senior Ringers	20  Presidents' Day	21	22 11:00 AM 6:00 PM Prayer Time 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Communion	23	24	25 8:00 – 5:30 Life Line Screening 8:00 AM LCCM Lenten Breakfast Leb. Expo Center 2:00PM New Horizon @ Grace United CC in Leb.
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