

The Union Press

Reflect
ON YOUR Blessings

November 2019

SESSION HAPPENINGS

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**Newsletter
submissions for
the Dec. issue
are due
Nov. 17th**

The session met on Thursday, September 12th with Rev. William Davies as moderator who opened with prayer. The session minutes for 8/7 and 8/21/2019 were approved as presented. The first order of business was our entry into EPC at a Presbytery of the East meeting in Glen Rock, PA on September 28th. Several members will attend the service which will mark the official entry following the July dismissal from PCUSA.

Now that we are officially in and a liaison has been appointed, we are allowed to start the minister search process. While marking time waiting for this process, the session has prepared many of the documents to initiate the search. Our liaison presented us with a checklist to follow. The first order of business will be to approve a pastor search committee. Session has compiled a list of potential members and will start approaching people. Presbytery recommends 6 or 7 people including 2 or 3 from the session, a deacon and three congregation members. The finalized slate will be presented at a called congregational meeting and voted on. Nominations can also be made from the floor at that time.

The treasurers report was approved as read. An expensive repair to the elevator was needed to pass inspection. The 2020 slate of officers nominating committee will need to start work soon. They will need to find two elders, three trustees, two nominating committee members and an auditor.

The worship committee reported that communion will be October 6th and homecoming will be October 20th. Rev Glen Knecht has agreed to lead the service, returning 65 years later to the pulpit he started in. Tom Chase will not be able to serve in the pulpit as he has been as his mother needs closer attention. He will be greatly missed and has done a wonderful job helping us traverse a difficult period.

The trustees reported doing some trimming, replacing parking lot bulbs and painting around the manse and church. The three heaters in the church and manse were cleaned and serviced for winter. The oil tank is full.

The women, led by Betty Vasco had a very successful yard sale and raised over \$2000. Rev. Davies closed the meeting with prayer.



*THANK YOU
to all who helped
make Homecoming a
really nice event.*



*Grateful
to
God*

A decorative graphic of wheat stalks, with the text "Grateful to God" written in a cursive font over it.



November

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints' Day	2
3 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Todd Brown	4 NO Trustee Mtg	5	6 9:00 Art Class	7	8	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	11 Veterans Day 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	12 2:00 Deacon Mtg	13 9:00 Art Class	14	15	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Elaine Swinehart	18	19	20 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session Mtg	21	22	23
24 Christ the King Sun. 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship 10:00 Worship – Karen Willis	25	26 7:00 Choir Practice	27 9:00 Art Class	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30



WE'RE IN!!!!!!!!!!!!

On September 28th, Ray Wallace, Ken Beiler, Arlene and Donny Hastings and Marty and Judy Greenleaf traveled to Glen Rock, PA where Union Presbyterian Church was officially recognized as a member of The Presbytery of the East of The Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The long and painful move is behind us and it is time to move forward. Thanks to the congregation for their patience and tolerance of a new session as we traversed new and difficult waters and the understanding of all as we prevailed through discontent and instability these weeks and years. It is a testament of the love of Union Church that has guided it for 203 years and into the future.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for September: \$11,690

September Expenses: \$8,314

Keep in mind that a full-time minister will add about \$6,000 per month.

Sunday School collection for the Glovers: \$151

FOOD BANK



Granulated Sugar SWEEP Program: Applesauce Cups, Individual Cereal Boxes, Snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.)

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

November 3 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Psalm 98:1-9;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

- 1 Charlotte Stoner
- 2 Richard Stoner
- 3 Casey McCardell
- 4 Ray Wallace
- 5 Michael Whiteside
Bill Bard
Gregory Nixon
James Nixon
- 6 Lois Rineer
Evan Hastings
- 7 Ann Shoemaker
- 8 Judy Beiler
James Daughton II
- 9 Andrea Nixon
Richard Hastings
Tom Chase
Mick Chase
- 10 Sharon Noonan
Joyce Gunzenhauser
Mary Denise Slodki
Glen Weicksel
Audra Finley
- 16 William Jackson, Jr.
- 19 James Martin
Nicole Garzia
- 22 Brian Wade
- 23 Matthew Sheaffer
- 25 Barbara Wharton
- 26 Alex Carter
- 28 Thomas McCardell
- 30 Laura Greenleaf

NOV. FLOWERS & GREETERS

3 Dwight & Cheryl Wallace	3 Bill & Trudy Bard
10 (Still Available)	10 Don & Arlene Hastings
17 Lois Ferguson	17 Milt & Joan Whiteside
24 Marty & Judy Greenleaf	24 Marty & Judy Greenleaf



Chestnut Level Presbyterian Women's Fellowship Meal

Monday, December 9 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a group of Solanco High School students to share their musical talents with us. If you wish to attend please RSVP by Nov. 24th by calling Charlotte Stoner at 529- 2575.





Dear Union,

Thank you for your generous donation of a Quilt for our ham dinner and auction.

Solid Rock Youth Ministries is a youth center for K-9th graders, located in Quarryville, PA. The mission of Solid Rock is to earn trust through authentic relationships with all youth so lives can be changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our vision is helping youth and families thrive through a foundation in Christ.

Pauline Ray wants to express her appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the UPC family for all the cards she received for her birthday.



Union Post Office

The post office at Union Church will operate for the Christmas Holiday Season.

Christmas Cards will be delivered to anyone who attends church. Please place the cards in the box in the lobby. Please have first and last name on the envelope. **December 8th will be the last day to bring cards.** The sooner cards are deposited the better!

If you have any questions, please ask Arlene or Donald Hastings 529-2495.

A heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, cards, and sympathies in the passing of my brother. It has been a difficult time but being showered by the love of Christ has certainly been comforting...thank you, Union! ~Tab Hastings & Family

Dear Friends at Union,

Thank you so much for your kind support for our family. We've enjoyed a warm fall thus far and a plentiful potato harvest for our business. We are planning on taking a furlough soon and will return this December. Maybe we can share about our work in Mongolia. Thanks again for your gifts!

~Barb Henry

Thank you for your gift to North Star Initiative. We are thrilled to have your support. Through your donation we are able to receive the necessary trauma therapy to breakdown the barriers that kept us bound in trafficking. You truly make the difference for us and we are extremely grateful!

North Star Resident ♡ L.S.



Each year the Solanco Food Bank distributes Thanksgiving baskets to qualifying families in our community. Following is a list of the items needed for each basket.

Thanksgiving Meals 2019

(**please bring items to food bank by Thursday, 11/4)

- Turkey (10-12 lb) OR \$15 gift card to Giant
- 1 can turkey **gravy** Fresh potatoes (5lbs)
- 1 box **stuffing mix** 1 onion
- 1 can broth (chicken, turkey, vegetable)
- 1 (1lb) bag of long carrots
- 1 can cranberry sauce 1-2 cans green beans
- 1 bottle beef/chicken bouillon cubes/powder
- 1 package brown and serve **rolls**
- 1 box chocolate pudding mix 1 can cinnamon rolls
- 1 graham cracker crust 1 container of whip cream
- Unsalted butter or margarine

If donating perishable items, please make sure they are dated past Thanksgiving Day (11/22/19).

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Order form for Poinsettias

Those who would like to give poinsettias should complete this form and return it by
Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Poinsettias are \$6.50 each Number ordered _____ @ \$6.50 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Union Presbyterian Church.

Attach your check to this form and mail both to:

Union Presbyterian Church, 5637 Street Road, Kirkwood, PA 17536

