

All Saints Sunday

On NOVEMBER 6, 2022 during worship we pause to remember and honor those lost in the last year:

Steve Vulcheff
Phyllis Meckes
Oliver Blose
Doris Nissen

In addition to remembering those named, there will be an opportunity to lift up others on our hearts, as well.

We hope to see you to celebrate and remember together.

On November 20, 2022

During 10:30 am worship, we will hear a presentation on the 2023 Budget...

AND

**Vote to "Call" Pastor Janet Newett
as our next Settled Pastor!**

Important

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FALL BACK



Remember: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 5!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

~ Special Events FOR NOVEMBER~

Harvest Home Collection continues until 11/20

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Fellowship at 10am

11/6: Faith Formation Classes; 9:30-10:15
(new time)(ages 3 thru 5th grade & adult group)

11/6: All Saints Sunday w/ Holy Communion

11/20: Special Congregational Meeting in Worship

- Presentation on 2023 Budget
- Vote to “Call” Pastor Janet Newett as our next Settled Pastor!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Annual Congregational Meeting – This year’s annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 20 immediately following a shortened worship service. The purpose of this year’s meeting is two-fold. We, your Leadership Circle, are excited to tell you that at our last meeting on October 20, we unanimously voted to extend a Call to Pastor Janet to become our next settled pastor (part-time).

- A representative from PNEC will be with us on November 20 to conduct a vote on the Call extended to Pastor Janet Newett to become our next settled pastor. After the vote is completed ...
- We will present the proposed 2023 budget for your approval. Copies of the budget are on the desk in the lobby if you would like to review it beforehand.



ADVENT 2022

Advent 2022 will be here before we know it! The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. We have many good things “in the works” for this Holiday Season.

1. **Lighting the Candles on the Advent Wreath** – Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) and thru to Christmas Eve, Pastor Janet is asking families or friends to sign up to light the Advent wreath each week. You will be provided with something small to read and an opportunity to practice. (Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor Janet’s office.)
2. **Christmas Caroling – Sunday, December 11 @ 3:30 pm** – We hope to walk around the neighborhood and to some of our homebound members, and then back to the church for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.
3. **Children’s Christmas Program – Sunday, December 18 – During Worship** – a Children’s led Christmas Program during worship. More information to come.

COMING SOON ...



Christmas Caroling
December 11 at 3:30pm

To our homebound church family & around our neighborhood then back to UCCG for some hot chocolate and goodies!

*"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."
 Buddy the Elf*

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Celebrate the joyful beauty of the birth of our Savior with us this year!

**Christmas Eve at
 United Church of Christ
 Greenawalds**

7:00 pm Family Celebration
 10:30 pm Christmas Fellowship
 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship
 w/ Holy Communion,
 Special *Live Music*

In Person at UCCG 2325 Albright Ave, Allentown 18104
 & LIVE Streaming on Facebook and YouTube

Christmas Day – NO WORSHIP SERVICE

Having just celebrated Christ’s birth in such a joyful, beautiful way a mere few hours before, it was decided to let the quiet joy of Christmas morning continue in our hearts at home.



FROM OUR PASTOR ...

Mental Health 1st Aid & WISE Training Event Recap

On October 21 and 22, I spent approximately 12 hours at Jordan UCC with other pastors and lay leaders from the Penn Northeast Conference exploring and learning at these two important training events.

For a number of years, I have considered myself an advocate for those living with and suffering from mental health and substance abuse disorders. These were not the first training events I have attended. Most of us know someone personally who deals with some kind of mental illness or brain disease, whether that be depression, anxiety, or dementia (just to name a few). It is also common to know someone or wonder if someone we love has a problem with a substance such as alcohol. Yet despite the commonality of both circumstances, so many of us stay silent due to the continued stigma that surrounds these conditions.

I have said it before. I will continue to say it. *We need to break the silence.*

Starting this conversation is not just important for our own well beings as individuals and a congregation, but for our community as well. Oftentimes the first place someone goes to for help is the church. Sadly, tragically, when a congregation doesn't have the correct education, that same person can end up feeling rejected or abandoned after a quest for help goes unseen.

UCC Greenawalds is such a special place. I tell everyone that! And how grateful I am to be able to do ministry with you. With whatever it is that God has on the horizon for us, I am confident this conversation should be part of it. It is a natural extension of the welcome you already extend through your smile, your mission, and your beautiful spirit!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet



LaRue Eckroth – at home
Robert & Dorothy Foulds – at home
Eleanor Limpar – at home
Mae Moyer – at home

Doris Shaver – Phoebe Home (Room T313A)
Naomi Thomas – at home
Geri Yarnall – Phoebe Home (Room 106A)

DISCOVERY PROJECT - The UCCG Property/Building Group, Non-Profit Group and Needs Assessment Group will now work as one Discovery Group with members forming smaller teams to work on projects as needed.

Members of the UCCG Discovery Group and Family Promise representatives met with Glenn Lichtenwalner (architect) and Rev. David DeRemer (consultant) to review the preliminary plans drawn up for remodeling /renovating areas of the Annex, Sunday School wing, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary. These meetings took place October 2 and October 12.

Both FP and UCCG were to meet with their respective groups to discuss/review the plans and be ready to meet with the architect in November to voice concerns, suggestions, and corrections as needed. We are very appreciative of the time and effort that Glenn put into this project and the meetings and to Rev. DeRemer for his very experienced input.

The preliminary plans were well thought out. There remain many questions about flow of FP families throughout the building, security of certain areas and how shared spaces will be handled.

In addition to the physical aspect of this project, there are many questions regarding the financial component of this partnership.

There are several “hard stops” as we move through this process. If the Discovery Group and Family Promise reach a consensus on the building renovations (even if done in phases) and financial considerations (who pays for what remodeling, cost of rent, upkeep...), they will make a recommendation to Leadership Circle. If Leadership Circle approves of the proposed plans and partnership, the next step would be to bring the plan to you - the congregation via information sessions prior to a congregational vote.

There are still many unanswered questions and loose ends; however, we feel that many pieces of the puzzle are falling into place.

We are asking everyone to keep our goals in mind. This process started as Legacy over 3 years ago. It became the Discovery Project as we came to realize that United Church of Christ Greenawalds had life yet to live. At our last Discovery Project meeting, Pastor Janet reminded us of these goals.

1. To gain better financial stability
2. To partner with a non-profit aligned with our Mission
3. To grow in Discipleship

We look forward to providing more information next month.

~ Karen Griffith (on behalf of Discovery Project Team)

“God can do anything, you know – you know far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.”

Ephesians 3:20 (The Message)

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

FAITH FORMATION
Sunday School Class
*Planting Seeds for a
Future of Faith Formation*

NEW start time as
of November 6
9:30-10:15

Ages 3 to 5th grade

We are excited to report that we now have four teams of adult volunteers who have “jumped into the pool” to lead our children.

We would love to have at least one more team of two volunteers to lead our Faith Formation classes. With five teams, you will only need to lead once every five weeks! Right now, we have 7 children attending, with hopes of a few more starting soon.

FOR THE ADULTS:

Meet in the narthex/lobby at 9:30 am on Sunday morning!
Grab some coffee and a snack and sit back and relax.



It is official – Jack Wilson Caggiano
is now the son of Amanda & Mike Caggiano
and grandson of Bart & Deb Tizio.
Congratulations to all!



While we can always use volunteers, we are currently looking for:

1. One more team of two adults to lead our Faith Formation Class for children
2. One more volunteer to help with our Little Free Pantry (see article under Mission)
3. A few volunteers to help at the Soup Kitchen one day each month
4. **UCCG / PNEC AMBASSADOR NEEDED** – (NO MEETINGS, EMAIL ONLY)

Do you read email?

Do you want to help out UCCG? (Jump in the shallow end Volunteer Pool!)

Can you help keep us better connected to the Penn Northeast Conference by being our AMBASSADOR?

“Many times the PNEC has wonderful programs and opportunities that their local churches are just not aware of for one reason or another. Greater efforts are being made to keep churches aware of the benefits and supportive programming that the Conference provides but they need to make sure that their churches find out about them.”

[paraphrased from a letter from the PNEC Generosity Team]

The Ambassador will hear from PNEC directly via email with what is available. You will be asked to announce information to UCCG approximately 4-6 times per year.

Please consider this helpful role! (Please let Pastor Janet know if you are interested in participating.) Thank you.

THANK YOU!

To **Colleen and Glenn Horlacher**, and their granddaughter, **Josie Geneczko**, who were the first to jump in the volunteer pool and represent UCCG at the YMCA Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm. They treated over 300 children that night. Josie had a great time handing out candy to other children.



To **Bonnie Marmon** and **Sue Roth**, **Dave** and **Karen Adams**, **Colleen Horlacher** and **Molly Geneczko**, and **Mark** and **Stephanie Miller** who will be leading our Faith Formation classes for children.

To **The Adams Family** (no pun intended) – for grilling the hot dogs at our Trunk or Treat event on October 30.

From U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation of personal care items and gift cards for the Veterans enrolled in the Allentown Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing and Homeless Veterans Programs. These items and gift cards are beneficial to Veterans facing food and household items insecurity. Thank you for your continued support of our Nation’s heroes.

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE: Our current fundraisers are:

- **Matey's Pizzas** - We will be taking orders for delicious Matey's pizzas now thru November 10. An order sheet is available on the desk in the narthex or you can contact Sue Borger (484-695-7954) to place an order.
 - \$7.25 each for:
 - Original - Mozzarella & Provolone
 - Triple Cheese - Mozzarella, Provolone and Cheddar
 - Thick Crust - Mozzarella, Provolone and Cheddar
 - Smoked Cheese - Smoked Mozzarella and Provolone
 - \$9.25 each for:
 - Gluten Free - Mozzarella, Provolone and Cheddar
- **Monthly Madness (Dan Schantz) Cards** - The cost is \$25 (and it's worth about \$100) - redeem monthly for the entire year - different item each month! Get your cards now! These make great stocking stuffers. Please see Sheri Stephens to get your cards.

HALLOWEEN FUN

The 2nd Annual UCCG Trunk or Treat was held on Sunday, October 30 – it was a beautiful fall day. Here are some photos of our Halloween Sunday Funday, starting with our Pastor during worship – “Rich Uncle Pennybags” (or as the kids shouted when she pulled out her Monopoly game and rolled the dice and they realized who she was – “you’re the Monopoly Man”).

Later in the afternoon, we had 16 decorated vehicles and approximately 50 trunk-or-treaters. We ran out of hot dogs and water (that’s a good thing!). Our message to the community was well received – via flyers delivered by the Scouts, Facebook, and the sandwich board in our front lawn!











I have exciting news for you!!

Our MISSION Ministry Team has a new name.

O. M. G!!

Outreach + Mission = GROWTH

This GROWTH comes in many forms and has multiple uses for the church, for each of us & for God's vision in this world.



There are currently four families in the Family Promise rotation. Rachael and Roberto have found an apartment and will be signing a lease on November 1. Congratulations – we wish you well!

Our next host week is **December 11-17**. Please consider volunteering some time to help with this very valuable Mission of UCCG. There is minimal training required. Volunteers working with the families (evening hosts 5:30-8:30pm) or staying overnight (8:30 pm-7:00 am) will need both criminal and child abuse clearances. Karen Griffith and Sue Roth will assist in obtaining these documents. Anyone preparing meals does not need clearances, and menu ideas are provided. Karen Griffith will be making contact soon to schedule volunteers.

Our host dates in 2023 are: February 5 to 11; April 30 to May 6; September 24 to 30; and November 5 to 11.

Please call Karen Griffith 610 703-6826 or email kgriff5@ptd.net if you would like to know more about this mission.



Harvest Home: This year's Harvest Home collection began on Sunday, October 30 and continues until Sunday, November 20. ALL non-perishable food items are appreciated, but we are highlighting the following items:

- November 6 - Soups, stews, pasta, spaghetti sauce
- November 13 - Fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly
- November 20 - Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, Vienna sausages)

On Sunday, November 20, Pastor Janet will bless the donations during the morning worship service. Collected items will be delivered to the Ecumenical Food Bank on Monday, November 21 in time for Thanksgiving distribution.



Soup Kitchen

As mentioned last month, the UCC Greenawalds team has been asked if we would be able to serve every month (rather than every other month). In order to do that, we could use a few more volunteers. If you are able to help or would like more information on this opportunity to serve, please contact Linda Roeder at 610-439-0019.

Our next day to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen is December 22. We would love to be able to serve Christmas goodies for dessert that day. If you are willing and able to bake an extra batch of Christmas cookies, please call Bonnie Marmon at 610-433-4145 or Sue Borger at 484-695-7954. Thank you.

Resurrected Life Church in Allentown – Our partnership with Resurrected Life continues. On October 31st, the Mission Team delivered 12 bags of lightly worn clothing (for all ages) to Resurrected Life Church. We continue to partner with Resurrected Life in this mission and have made several deliveries of food and clothing this year. FYI, every Monday afternoon, Resurrected Life staff set up the donations in their parking lot for the community. This time of year, as we change out our summer/winter clothing, is the perfect time to keep these people in mind and consider donating to this cause. Clothing and shoes should be only lightly worn. Please mark your bags accordingly and drop them off in the Christian Ed Lobby. Thank you! “

“Please watch your December & January Echoes for another mission opportunity to help the homeless through Lehigh Conference of Churches Weather Alert Bags.”



The Lehigh Conference of Churches is sponsoring a “Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week” from November 12 to 20. Throughout this week they will have various discussions and events in hopes of bringing people to a better understanding of living in poverty and homelessness.

As a church, UCCG is going to participate in one of these events: “One Night Without a Home.” If you are personally interested in finding out about the other items happening, here is the website link <https://lehighchurches.org/event/hunger-homelessness-awareness-week/>.

“One Night Without a Home” is a homeless simulation. Participants will sleep outside in the cold at the church. You can pitch a tent, use your car, or sleep in a cardboard box. There is no age limit to the event, but children must be supervised at all times. We will be inviting other local churches to join us.

THE DETAILS AT A GLANCE

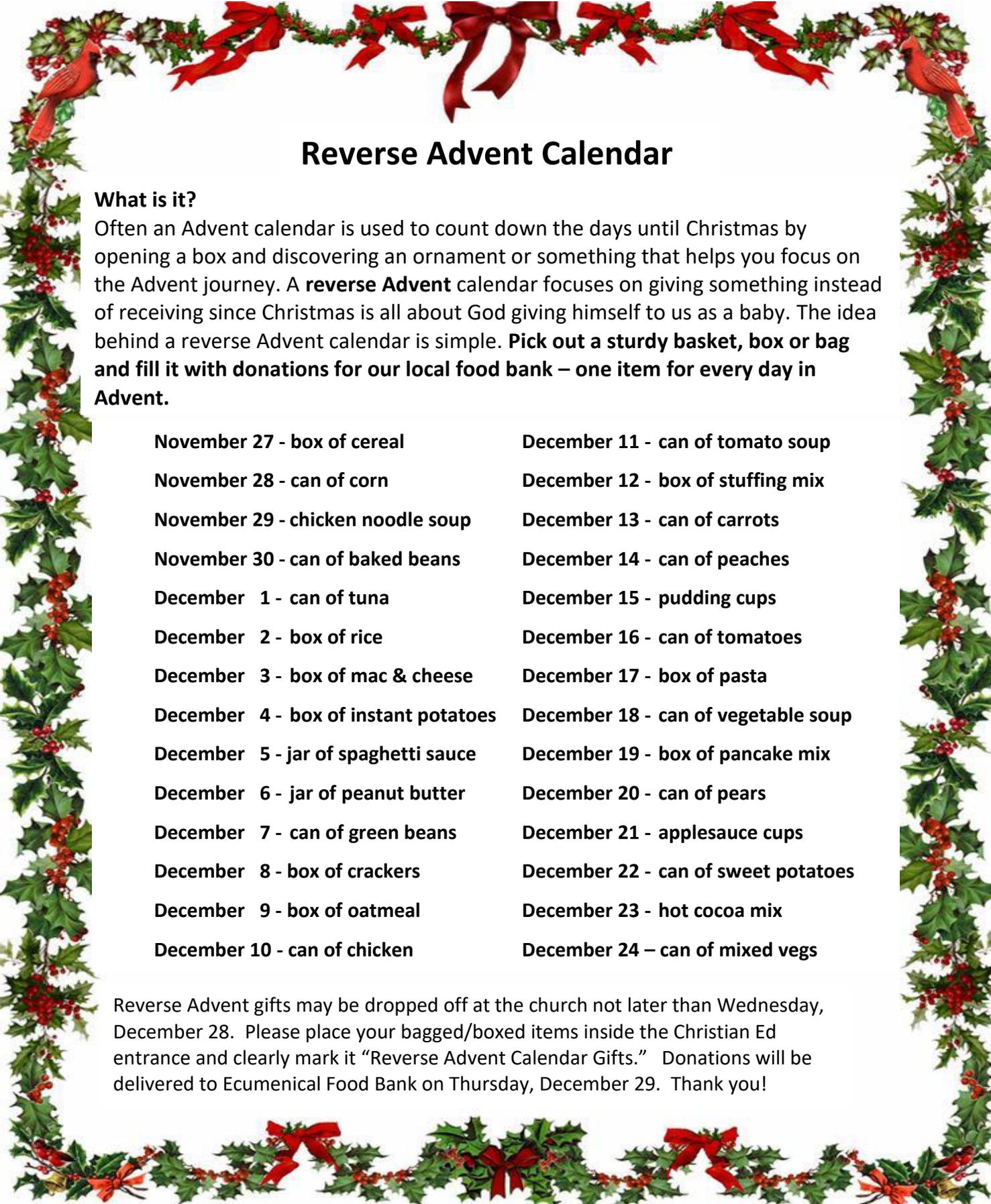
- WHEN:** Saturday, November 19 - 20
- TIME:** 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM – Eat dinner before arriving.
A light breakfast will be served on Sunday morning.
- COST:** A free will offering will be taken for the programs of Lehigh County Conference of Churches.

THE PROGRAM: Check in upon arrival at the church. Set up your sleeping area for the evening. After setting up, we will do a time of engaging education inside Fellowship Hall and evening devotions before turning in for the night.

Please note – a box can be warmer than your car, and you may not have your car running all night. Bring your own BOX, blankets, pillow, etc. Dress appropriately.

SIGN up in the church lobby or contact Sue Roth.

This is a night you won't soon forget.



Reverse Advent Calendar

What is it?

Often an Advent calendar is used to count down the days until Christmas by opening a box and discovering an ornament or something that helps you focus on the Advent journey. A **reverse Advent** calendar focuses on giving something instead of receiving since Christmas is all about God giving himself to us as a baby. The idea behind a reverse Advent calendar is simple. **Pick out a sturdy basket, box or bag and fill it with donations for our local food bank – one item for every day in Advent.**

November 27 - box of cereal

November 28 - can of corn

November 29 - chicken noodle soup

November 30 - can of baked beans

December 1 - can of tuna

December 2 - box of rice

December 3 - box of mac & cheese

December 4 - box of instant potatoes

December 5 - jar of spaghetti sauce

December 6 - jar of peanut butter

December 7 - can of green beans

December 8 - box of crackers

December 9 - box of oatmeal

December 10 - can of chicken

December 11 - can of tomato soup

December 12 - box of stuffing mix

December 13 - can of carrots

December 14 - can of peaches

December 15 - pudding cups

December 16 - can of tomatoes

December 17 - box of pasta

December 18 - can of vegetable soup

December 19 - box of pancake mix

December 20 - can of pears

December 21 - applesauce cups

December 22 - can of sweet potatoes

December 23 - hot cocoa mix

December 24 – can of mixed vegs

Reverse Advent gifts may be dropped off at the church not later than Wednesday, December 28. Please place your bagged/boxed items inside the Christian Ed entrance and clearly mark it "Reverse Advent Calendar Gifts." Donations will be delivered to Ecumenical Food Bank on Thursday, December 29. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Orders – 2022 (Fundraiser)

It is time to think about decorating our sanctuary and homes with poinsettias and other Christmas plants. Once again, this year we are offering poinsettias, Christmas cactus and cyclamen in various colors and sizes. Please place this completed order form and your payment in the collection plate *or* mail to the church office. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, November 23. A list of donors and the loved ones to be remembered/honored, along with the types of plants you order, will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. This fundraiser profit will go to our Operating Fund. Thank you for your support.

\$ _____

Your Name

Amount enclosed

Poinsettias:

6.5" pot (5-7 flowers) = \$10.50 per plant **OR** 8" pot (10+ flowers) = \$ 15.50 per plant

_____ # Red _____ # White _____ # Pink _____ # Marble _____ # Burgundy (limited)

Christmas Cactus or Cyclamen (assorted colors – first come/first served)

4.5" pot = \$9.00 _____ # Christmas Cactus **OR** 4.5" pot = \$9.00 _____ # Cyclamen

In Memory of *or* In Honor of (circle one)

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Christmas Cactus



Poinsettia



Cyclamen



LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Our Leadership Circle continues to meet monthly in person and via Zoom. Here are some highlights from our October 20 meeting:

- Linda Altrichter led devotions by reading from 365 Devotions for Peace – Joy (based on Proverbs 12:20).
- The September LC meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.
- The Financial Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports were reviewed and accepted.
- The 2023 Proposed Budget was finalized and prepared to present to the congregation, where we will also “Call” Pastor Janet to be our part-time settled pastor on Sunday, November 20 during our annual congregational meeting. Someone from PNEC will be there to lead the vote.
- Our Little Free Pantry is seeing more use as the weather turns colder.
- Pastor’s Report was reviewed and accepted.
- Our next Leadership Circle meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm (in person in the Sanctuary or via Zoom).

A Message about Finances from Your Leadership Circle

Here is an overview of our 2022 giving year-to-date.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>General Operating Income</u>	<u>*Other Income</u>	<u>Total Income</u>
Jan-22	\$11,536	\$7,846	\$2,048.71	\$9,894.71
Feb-22	\$11,536	\$7,395	\$4,202.17	\$11,597.17
Mar-22	\$11,536	\$7,866	\$2,490.60	\$10,356.60
Apr-22	\$11,536	\$7,971	\$3,080.35	\$11,051.35
May-22	\$11,536	\$8,299	\$3,024.71	\$11,323.71
Jun-22	\$11,536	\$6,722	\$2,199.92	\$8,921.92
July-22	\$11,536	\$8,227	\$3,738.55	\$11,965.55
Aug-22	\$11,536	\$7,808	\$2,420.40	\$10,228.40
Sep-22	\$11,536	\$8,071	\$2,476.97	\$10,547.97
Total	\$103,824.00	\$70,205.00	\$25,682.38	\$95,887.38

*Other Income includes Bill Tree, Building and Annex Rental, and Loose Plate offering.

Benevolence giving is not reflected in these numbers because it is not income used to pay the bills (meet the budget.)

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting	2	3	4  Don't forget to FALL BACK! Set your clocks back one hour Sunday morning... And enjoy an extra hour of sleep!	5 5:00-9:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting – Raingutter Regatta TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED TONIGHT
6 9:30-10:15 am – Faith Formation 10:30 am– Worship All Saints Sunday w/Holy Communion	7	8 6:30-8:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting	9 9:30-3:00 pm – The Quilting Chicks in Fellowship Hall	10 Deadline to order Matey's Pizza from Nursery School	11	12
13 9:30-10:15 am – Faith Formation 10:30 am– Worship	14	15 6:30-8:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting	16 9:30-3:00 pm – The Quilting Chicks in Fellowship Hall	17 Pick-Up date for Matey's Pizza 6:30 pm Family Promise Board Meeting @ UCCG 7:00 pm Leadership Circle Meeting	18	19
20 9:30-10:15 am – Faith Formation 10:30 am– Worship Congregational Meeting – Call for Settled Pastor and 2023 Proposed Budget	21 11:00 am OMG Mission Team Meeting	22 6:30-8:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting	23 9:30-3:00 pm – The Quilting Chicks in Fellowship Hall	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 9:30-10:15 am – Faith Formation 10:30 am– Worship	28	29 6:30-8:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting	30 9:30-3:00 pm – The Quilting Chicks in Fellowship Hall			

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Pastor Office Hours Vary
For a visit with Pastor Janet, please call her cell phone.
(Text messages preferred)

Church Secretary Office Hours are Wednesday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
(Other hours, from home. Call as necessary.)

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ECHOES is a monthly publication of United Church of Christ, Greenawalds. Members, committee chairpersons leading a group and anyone with pertinent information are encouraged to submit information and upcoming events. Submit news by email to the church office at churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org or to Sue Borger at borgersusan@yahoo.com no later than the 22nd of each month.

The November 2022 Edition of *Echoes* is sponsored by:

Ruth & Ken Newhard
in celebration of Ken's 94th birthday on November 19.

Happy Birthday, Ken!

Communication to our members is an important part of our ministry. If you cannot attend church regularly, or do not use a computer, you can remain connected with the news, our mission and upcoming activities through this newsletter.

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