



WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

~ FOR JANUARY ~

Sunday, Jan. 1 - 10:30 am - Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Jan. 8 - 10:30 am - Worship w/Holy Communion
and Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, Jan. 15 - 10:30 am - Worship Receiving New Members
(with reception following worship)

Sunday, Jan. 29 - 10:30 am - Worship w/Congregational
Meeting (in person & Zoom) - Nominate/Elect New Leaders
AND Affirm Our Partnership with Family Promise

Sunday, Jan. 29 - Homemade Soup Sale Delivery
(see January Echoes for details - orders due January 22)



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
GREENAWALDS

Join Us on January 29, 2023

- Nominate/Elect new leaders
- Affirm our partnership with
Family Promise

Mtg held in person and on ZOOM
after our 10:30am Worship

Important



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



HOME-MADE SOUP SALE
 Sunday, January 29, 2023
Chicken Corn Chowder
Ham & Bean
 JUST \$12.00 per quart
Orders must be received by
UCC Greenawalds no later than
Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Proceeds will go toward UCCG's heating oil bill. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to Community Bike Works, Allentown.

Please see the Soup Order Form on page 11 of the *Echoes*.



FROM OUR PASTOR ...

Happy New Year! I pray that the holidays filled your soul with all of the gifts of the season- hope, peace, joy and love. It was a blessing to meet so many new faces on Christmas Eve!

Many of us know Christmas as a time of joy, giving and celebration. In the words of singer songwriter, Francesca Battistelli:

*It's Christmastime, there's something in the air
 There's a little bit of Heaven everywhere
 Somehow there's a little more of love
 Maybe there's a little less of us
 Or maybe we're just slightly more aware
 It's the joy that we feel and the love that we share.*

The world has been just a little bit kinder as the Spirit of Christmas has been floating around in the air. We've been listening and singing Christmas music in the car for more than a month, looking at beautiful Christmas lights and experiencing the miracle of the birth of our Savior most recently with candlelight Christmas Eve services. Except... If you haven't. This last month or two isn't always "the most wonderful time of the year." Some of us feel more stress and experience distress and grief. It is appropriate to recognize this. **I want you to hear that you are not alone - no matter your circumstances.**

If you are looking for light and hope to enter in, may I suggest holding fast to your faith and lean on your church community? God has been truly present at UCCG. I personally have been so filled by the fellowship and spirit that is thriving through this congregation! Sunday mornings and our worship are meant to hold space for you and to lift you up.

I love new beginnings and, with the turn of this new year, let us all look for ways to grow in our faith, grow in our community and grow in our service to the Lord who makes all goodness possible.

Love, Pastor Janet



LaRue Eckroth, at home
Eleanor Limpar, at home
Mae Moyer, at home
Louise Reinhard, at home

Doris Shaver, Phoebe Home (Room T313A)
Naomi Thomas, at home
Lois Tice, at home
Geri Yarnall, Phoebe Home (Room T311B)

**"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and
shadows will fall behind you." — Walt Whitman**

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 13, A FEW OF US BRAVED THE SNOWY/RAINY WEATHER AND WENT CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO A FEW OF OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. We were able to sneak in a few pictures.

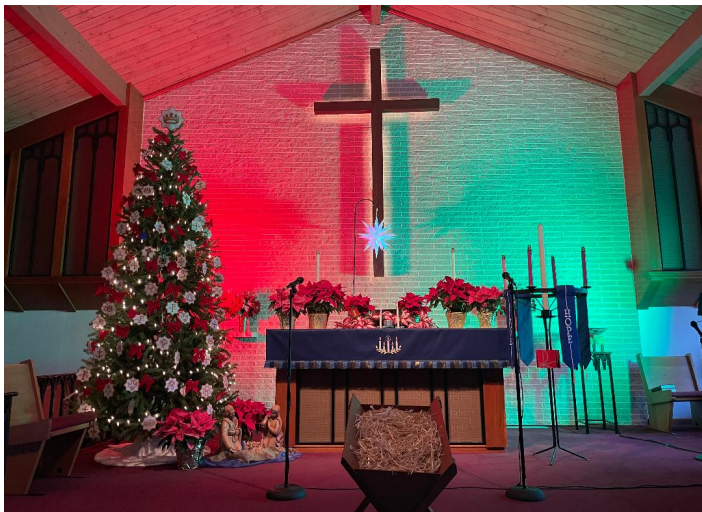


**ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, DURING OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE,
THE CHILDREN LED US IN “A CANDY CANE AT CHRISTMAS”**



In case you weren't able to worship in person, here is a picture of our beautiful Sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS



When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

The poem “The Work of Christmas” is from Howard Thurman’s The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations and is used by permission of Friends United Press. All rights reserved.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS - We will be receiving New Members during worship on Sunday, January 15, 2023. If you or someone you know is interested in joining UCCG, please contact Pastor Janet 610.657.2189 as soon as possible.

United Church of Christ Greenawalds
will RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS
On January 15!

Are you new to UCC Greenawalds?
Would you like to learn more about us, the UCC
or what it means to be a member?
Our next UCCG 101 class will be on
January 7 at 10am!

Attention: People who like to Eat!!!

We will be rearranging the Small Group Dining teams for the 2023 round. If you are interested in joining small groups (6-8 people) of UCCG members for a meal and conversation, this is the activity for you.

The small groups will meet at a time of their choosing at the venue of their choosing. Groups usually meet monthly or every other month.



Please call Karen Griffith (610 703-6826) if you are interested.



**O.M.G. has chosen
COMMUNITY BIKE
WORKS as our 2023
Mission concentration.**

They will receive 10% of proceeds of all fundraisers throughout 2023. Community Bike Works is a local organization (N. Madison Street, Allentown) which teaches life lessons through bicycles to the young people of the LV who would benefit most. If you would like more information on this organization, please talk to Sue Roth, Karen Griffith, Janine Hensinger, Sandy Lakatosh or Randy Seyler.



Many thanks to all who volunteered with setup, teardown, meals, hosting, sleepover and laundry during our recent host week of December 11-18, 2022.

Our host weeks for 2023 are:

February 5 - 12

April 30 - May 7

September 24 - October 1

November 5 - 12

Save the Dates:

January 21, 2023. - Purse Bingo

Location: Jordan UCC

Time: 11 am to 2 pm

Food will be available for purchase

Cost: \$25 for 20 games

\$5 for 5 specials

\$30 at door price

See Sue Roth for tickets (610-554-2781)

April 1, 2023 - Homecoming '23

Hyatt Place - Aster Event Center

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generosity resulted in approximately 150 food items being donated to the Ecumenical Food Bank.

COMING IN FEBRUARY ...

“Souper Bowl Sunday” – Sunday, February 12, 2023
(Watch for details in February Echoes)

WEATHER ALERT BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Throughout the month of January, we will continue to collect shelf-stable food items, such as ready-to-eat tuna or chicken, fruit cups, water, juice boxes, beef jerky, crackers, chocolate, and granola bars. There is a food receptacle in the lobby for this collection. Thank you!
(Collecting only cans with pop-top lids since they may not have a can opener)



DISCOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

Your Discovery Team has worked diligently over the last four years. Last week you received a letter in the mail from us explaining the next step. On January 29, at our Annual Congregational Meeting you will be asked to affirm a new kind of partnership between UCCG and Family Promise. Before this meeting, there will be two opportunities for you to ask questions and receive additional information.

The **two dates** for conversation will be **Thursday, January 12 at 2:00 pm and Sunday, January 15 at 6:00 pm.** The meetings will be in person and on Zoom. There are two dates to accommodate various individual's schedules. The conversations will be the same and, therefore, there is no need to attend both.

The architect's plans will be on display in our lobby/narthex beginning January 1.



PENNY PARTY

**** SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 ****

4:45 pm - Doors Open

5:00 pm – Light Supper Available

6:00 pm – Games Begin



The Penny Party is returning to UCCG!

We need YOUR help to make this event a success!

Beginning on January 8, the SIGN-UP sheets will be on the bulletin board in the lobby. PLEASE fill in your time slot!

Also beginning on January 8, a box will be available in the Christian Ed entrance to collect your donations to the party ... household items, non-perishable food, books, kids' games/toys/art supplies, etc. (new or gently used items, please).

If you have any questions, see Mark or Michelle Adams 610-295-7193 or booschick@yahoo.com

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Our Leadership Circle continues to meet monthly in person and via zoom. Our December 15 meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. We met briefly on Sunday, December 18 after worship to discuss which architect's plan we would present to the congregation at our Annual Congregational Meeting in January.

Month	Budget	General Offering Income	*Other Income	Total Operating Income	Operating Expense	Net Income
Jan-22	\$11,536	\$7,846	\$2,049	\$9,895	\$15,369	(\$5,474)
Feb-22	\$11,536	\$7,395	\$4,202	\$11,597	\$11,495	\$103
Mar-22	\$11,536	\$7,866	\$2,491	\$10,357	\$10,925	(\$569)
Apr-22	\$11,536	\$7,971	\$3,080	\$11,051	\$17,073	(\$6,022)
May-22	\$11,536	\$8,299	\$3,025	\$11,324	\$4,253	\$7,070
Jun-22	\$11,536	\$6,722	\$2,200	\$8,922	\$11,244	(\$2,322)
Jul-22	\$11,536	\$8,227	\$3,739	\$11,966	\$7,433	\$4,532
Aug-22	\$11,536	\$7,808	\$2,480	\$10,288	\$11,200	(\$912)
Sep-22	\$11,536	\$8,071	\$3,002	\$11,073	\$12,691	(\$1,618)
Oct-22	\$11,536	\$7,416	\$2,866	\$10,282	\$9,749	\$533
Nov-22	\$11,536	\$9,036	\$2,319	\$11,355	\$9,317	\$2,037
Total	\$126,896	\$86,657	\$31,452	\$118,109	\$120,751	(\$2,642)

* Other income includes; Annex Rental, bulletin, flowers, bill tree and special income



Thank you to Pastor Janet for writing “*A Candy Cane at Christmas.*” **Thank you** to our adult helpers - Ashley Adams, Bonnie Marmon and Mark Miller. **Thank you** to Sandy Lakatosh for the props and **thank you** to the children and their parents for allowing this to happen.

Thank you to our Christmas Eve participants:

Advent Candle Lighters: Lee and Sheri Stephens at 7:00 pm

Bri Borger and Matt Stalter at 11:00 pm

Costume Assistants at 7:00 pm - Colleen Horlacher and Sue Roth

Joseph and Mary at 7:00 pm - Mark and Michelle Adams

Joseph and Mary at 11:00 pm - Ben Gulledge and Bri Borger

Readers - Lee Stephens at 7:00 pm and Bri Borger and Ben Gulledge at 11:00 pm

Shepherd at 11:00 pm - Matt Stalter

Singers - The Greenawalds Choir and the singers who joined us from the Easton Area- Kim and Peter

Special Music - Kira Lokay, Grace Quinn and Pastor Janet

For making our live music and choir possible at 11pm - Anthony Newett on guitar, piano and organ

Tech Crew - Linda Altrichter, Sue Borger, Ben Gulledge, Janine Hensinger and Sheri Stephens

Hay for the Manger - Linda Altrichter and Sue Sawyer

“Baby Jesus” and his Blanket - Dallis and Parker-Jane LaAsmar and Peyton Diaz

Elders - Bob Thomas and Bonnie Marmon

Charcuterie Board for 10:30 pm Fellowship Time - Bri Borger and Matt Stalter

Thank you to all the cookie bakers for the Soup Kitchen - we had enough cookies to donate AND for our Fellowship Times on Christmas Eve.

Thank you from Lois Tice for all the Christmas cards she received from all of you.



HOME-MADE SOUP SALE Sunday, January 29, 2023

Brrr...it's cold outside! Does the thought of delicious, home-made soup appeal to you on these cold winter days? We're making some of your favorites! Proceeds will go toward UCCG's heating oil bill. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to Community Bike Works, Allentown.

of
Quarts

Chicken Corn Chowder _____ x \$12.00 each = \$ _____

Ham & Bean _____ x \$12.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL _____ Quarts = \$ _____

Orders must be received by UCC Greenawalds no later than Sunday, January 22, 2023. Place order forms in the offering plate or mail them to the church:

Soup Sale
U.C.C. Greenawalds
2325 Albright Avenue
Allentown PA 18104

NAME _____ PHONE _____

More soup coming in February! Which soups would you like us to prepare?

Vote for two, please!

_____ Chicken noodle
_____ Italian wedding
_____ Split pea with ham
_____ Vegetable with beef

**** Return above order form to church; keep this portion as a reminder ...

Soup must be picked up at UCCG after worship until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday,
January 29, 2023. (Total owed: \$_____)

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:

- Our next fundraiser is a Blue Mountain Candle Sale (order forms will be available in the lobby next week.)
- We continue to collect items for the Used Clothing Drive (please place items in garbage bags.)
- We are now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year.
- THANK YOU for your continued support of our Nursery School program.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that
this is not all there will be.
God's light will shine into a new day.

We believe that this is
how it was for the shepherds who
stood and watched their flocks by
night.
They felt the weight of the world
and grieved how much
had gone wrong.

We believe that their world
turned upside down when the angels
sang good tidings of great joy
and that this good news
wasn't something that
happened just once.

We believe God
will be born again.
Love will be cradled
into this broken world.

There will be enough room
for hope to tear apart the heavens
and remind us again
that ours is a God
that believes in goodness
so much that God will
continue to create new wonders
and delights.

God will make all things new
so that death will be no more.
Every tear shall be wiped away
and boundaries between
heaven and earth will
fade as God comes
again to share
in human grief and joy.

We believe God is with us.
Light will spring from the shadows
and love will be found again.
We believe God is with us.

January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day NO Faith Formation 10:30 am - Worship	2 New Year's Day Observed	3 7:00 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 9:30-10:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion and Epiphany Celebration	9	10 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	11	12 2:00 pm Discovery Discussion (in person and via Zoom)	13	14 5:00-9:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting Bake-Off and Talent Show
15 9:30-10:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Discovery Discussion (in person and via Zoom)	16 Martin Luther King Jr.	17 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	18	19 4:00 pm Leadership Circle Meeting (in person and via Zoom)	20	21
22 9:30-10:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship Soup Orders Due TODAY	23	24 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	25	26	27	28
29 9:30-10:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship Soup Delivery After Worship TODAY	30	31 7:00 pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting				

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Pastor's 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 the 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 January 2023 Edition of *Echoes* is sponsored by:

**Sue Borger and Sandy Lakatosh in
celebration of the January 20th birthday of
their mother, Eleanor Lakatosh.
"Happy 91st birthday, Mom"**

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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Cost is \$20.00 per sponsorship.