



During this Holy Communion worship service, we will take time to remember those we have lost in the past year. We will remember the following:

Rev. Alan Miller, December 2, 2022
LaRue Eckroth, January 20, 2023
Louise Reinhard, February 13, 2023
Radelle Guth, June 11, 2023
Rita Fenstermaker, August 23, 2023
Ronald Kessler, August 28, 2023
Loretta Serfass, August 31, 2023

One representative for each person, or one family member of each of those named above, will be invited to come forward to light a candle as names are read.

In addition to remembering those named above, there will be an opportunity for everyone to lift up names of others who are gone but not forgotten.

We invite you to join us as we pause to remember.

NEXT UP:



Help us to help others with your donation!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, November 12 - immediately following a shortened worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review and approve the proposed changes to the UCCG Constitution and Bylaws and to review and approve the proposed 2024 Budget. Copies of all documents have been emailed but are also available in the church lobby.

Thanksgiving Worship & Covenant, November 19, 10 am

Join us as we celebrate our blessings, dedicate the Harvest Home donations and covenant to remain in partnership with the Penn Northeast Conference.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

Join us for our Ministry and Mission this Christmas!!

Our Christmas Mission for this year is Bethany Children's Home.

See Mission article for details on page 14.



Advent Worship 10:00 am
December 3, 10, 17, & 24

Christmas Eve
7:30 pm & 10:30 pm



November Rehearsals: after church until 12:30pm
December rehearsals will go until 1pm (no rehearsal on Nov 12)

Christmas Eve 2023 at UCCG

7:30 pm
Traditional Candlelight
10:30 pm
Holy Communion
Children included & welcome at both services

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR



Greetings to all of you!

The word for today is brought to you by the letter G.

GRATITUDE

Gratitude is taking a moment to reflect on how lucky you are when something good happens, whether it's small or big. You can use lots of words to describe feelings of gratitude: thankful, fortunate, humbled, appreciative, and blessed.

But why does it matter and why is it sometimes so difficult to muster??

Gratitude is a positive emotion and so it feels nice to see something or someone in a way that is good. Having gratitude leads us to see what is good around us instead of always focusing on the “glass half empty.”

Finding the worth in what is happening inside and outside of us can have a big impact on our lives. When you look at life with an attitude of gratitude, you look for the best in all situations which means you allow yourself to be open to learning something new and maybe even making better decisions!

Gratitude helps to balance out our negative thinking which can help us feel less stressed out. And who doesn't need that!? It is also good for our relationships. When you feel and express heartfelt appreciation and respect to people in your life, it creates loving bonds, builds trust and helps you feel more connected.

So, why is being grateful so difficult for some people? The fact is that, for some of us, gratitude doesn't come naturally. And like a lot of things, it takes time to build this new habit even though it is good for you!

Since this is Thanksgiving month, I thought I would share a few tips on how to bring more gratitude into your life.

1. **Say thank you often!** Actively look for people to thank. Then take time to write a short note, send a text or better yet, make a phone call to say what they did that made your day better.
2. **Gratitude Bedtime Practice!** Write down every night at least 3 good things about your day and thank God for them. Even in the worst situations, we can all find

something for which to be thankful. (*the sun, the green light when you were late, or having a jacket on a cool day*)

3. Create a **Gratitude Jar** and every day write something you appreciate and add it to the jar. Watch your positivity grow!
4. Find a **Gratitude Buddy!** Choose a time each day to reach out to someone and share three things you're grateful for, then ask them to do the same.

Our Thanksgiving Worship service will be on Sunday, November 19. I hope you can join us and share your experiences with creating your own *Attitude of Gratitude!*

Peace and Blessings!

-Pastor Janet

Ordination Update

On September 17th, "Pastor" Janet became *Reverend* Janet when she was ordained in the United Church of Christ at UCC Greenawalds! In the same service, she was installed as our Settled Pastor, and we hope this is just the beginning of our beautiful ministry together.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the reception afterwards; it was BEAUTIFUL! Here are a few images for you to enjoy:





Ant's Corner



Keep it Simple, Stupid!

If you tuned in to my Sermon on October 22nd (yes, that's correct... I did say 'sermon'), you were given the unique opportunity to hear me from the wrong side of the pulpit! All jesting aside, I was humbled to step into Janet's considerable pastoral role for a day.

The worship theme was centered around the omnipresence of God. Christy Dunbar from our Mental Health Ministry Team was slated to offer more invaluable insights on the same day. It felt like the perfect storm to share some of the thoughts I'd begun jotting down for my next (this) Echoes article. Without prolonging the preamble, here it is:

The use of catchy slogans like "Fake it 'til you make it," "Just for today," and "Keep it simple, Stupid" are often heard in 12-Step meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous. These simple expressions serve as powerful self-reminders for individuals grappling with obsessive or addictive behaviors, helping them stay grounded in their journey to recovery.

Surprisingly, you might be interested to know that I, too, am in recovery from addiction. Yes, I understand the cliché; I'm a musician with a history of substance abuse. While I won't delve into my personal story at this moment, I'd like to draw a fascinating parallel between the rooms of 12-Step programs and church.

Both settings entail a surrender to the concept of a higher power and a supportive community of like-minded individuals committed to walking a spiritual path. This path often involves selflessly helping others without expecting anything in return, which is a fundamental aspect of 12-Step programs. Remarkably, this description can also extend to the idea of church and its congregants.

However, a significant difference exists between the two. People often find their way to 12-Step programs when they've reached their lowest point and desperately need help. In contrast, churchgoers, usually donning their Sunday best, outwardly appear to have their lives together. This begs the question: Why don't we witness more individuals at their spiritual rock bottom seeking solace in the church? Is it possible that fear keeps people away from church? Could it be that they believe they must "fix" themselves before they can set foot inside a church? My own experiences support this notion.

Allow me to share some real-life examples:

As you all know, I frequently invite my musical colleagues and students to share their talents in church. On several occasions, I've encountered responses like these (paraphrased, of course):

Anthony: "Would you come and perform at my church?"

Person: "Am I allowed to wear jeans?"

Anthony: "Would you come and perform at my church?"

Person: "Can I bring my family?"

Anthony: "Of course! Why wouldn't you?"

Person: "My mom has a tattoo."

Anthony: "Would you come and perform at my church?"

Person: "I'm not sure I can do that, I'm sorry."

Anthony: "Oh, that's okay. I don't want to pressure you, but can you tell me why?"

Person: "I don't know if I believe in God, and I would feel like a hypocrite just walking in the front door."

Clearly, there exists a misunderstanding of what church represents. Some denominations may contribute to this fear, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, who practice "disfellowship" for any deviation from their doctrine. In part, these denominations might be responsible for the apprehension many people feel toward church. I can speak candidly about this because, after all, I'm just the music director.

People require a place where they feel they belong, where their absence would be noticed. According to the Hoffman Institute, *human interaction is essential for brain development. Socializing and engaging with others release vital chemicals in our bodies that foster physical, emotional, and intellectual health and well-being.* Perhaps THIS is what God desires for us – the beauty of the relationships we build in church. It might be the hugs and sheer adoration I receive from Peyton, Dallis, and JD. It could be the joy on people's faces as Buddy processes down the aisle with Pastor Janet, or perhaps it's the coffee (thank you, Bob). Does it really matter what brings us here? I don't think it matters to the big guy!

A friend once mentioned that he wished he had some form of addiction, just so he could attend 12-Step meetings. In hindsight, I would have suggested church to him. But, as I've explored in this article, many individuals feel unqualified for church. They believe they aren't "good enough" or don't understand the "God thing."

So, the next time someone hesitates about visiting or performing at UCCG, I will simply encourage them to come, to try it out, even if they have to "fake it 'til they make it", or to come "just for today." Most importantly, I'll tell them to "keep it simple" – STUPID!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

YOUTH CHOIR REUNION- OCTOBER 15TH



MUSIC- *One of the most beautiful ways to glorify God!*

On Sunday, October 15, members of the former UCC Greenawalds Youth Choir presented a special service of the music which they led back in the late 60's to early 70's. Sue Sawyer and Janie and Larry Bear organized the worship service, gathering as many choir members as they could.

The Youth Choir was formed under Pastor William Thomas back in 1967 and sang for 5 years, touring many other local UCC congregations to lead others to praise God through music.

AN UPCOMING WAY TO WORSHIP WITH MUSIC:

November 12 at 10am
UCCG presents a
special musical worship of
love, gratitude and welcome,
featuring
Philadelphia
Singer/Songwriter
Dan May
Accompanied by some of
Lehigh Valley's finest musicians



The special music service on November 12 is made possible through contributions to our **SPECIAL MUSIC FUND**.



Please continue to support the amazing music at UCCG!

Use a pew envelope and indicate "special music." Memo all checks the same. You can donate anytime by dropping it in the offering plate but on days when we have a guest artist there will be a basket at the entrance of the sanctuary.

If you have a prayer request and any updates, please contact Sue Borger or Pastor Janet



ALWAYS REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY AS WELL:

Eleanor Limpar, at home
Mae Moyer (Fellowship Manor - Room 324A)
Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)

Naomi Thomas, at home
Lois Tice, at home
Geri Yarnall (Phoebe - Room T311B)



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when going to bed on Saturday night, Nov. 4.

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Dance

Friday, November 17, 2023

Our Evangelism/Outreach Team is planning an amazing night for us and our family and friends. During dinner, our very own Anthony Newett will be serenading us on the mandolin. Then, after dinner, for their second engagement with UCCG, Ant Jams will be performing. There will be children's activity tables too.

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

Friday, November 17th

Spaghetti Dinner Dance

Buy tickets at church or you can call the church office and leave a msg

Featuring **Ant Jams** Live Music

Dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30pm

Music and Dancing 6:30 - 8pm

\$12 adults (\$15 at the door)

\$5 Children 5-12 years old (under 5 FREE!)

United Church of Christ Greenawalds
2325 Albright Ave, Allentown 610-435-1763

Help is needed for set-up (Thursday night), kitchen helpers for dinner, and clean-up after the event. Please see the sign-up sheet on the ledge in the lobby if you are able to help. Thank you! Help is also needed to make desserts for the dinner. There is a sign-up sheet for this too.

THANK YOU!

From Sue Borger ... for the continuous prayers on her behalf.

From Valley Youth House ... for your generous donations of kitchen items, sheets, comforters, appliances, dinnerware sets, towels, and other household items, as well as socks, gloves, child's craft kit, hygiene items and gift cards. Your generous donations valued at \$3,500 make a significant difference in our ability to provide programming to young people in desperate need of our services. Thank you for supporting our mission to be the catalyst for youth to achieve their desired future through genuine relationships that support families, ensure safe places, and build community connections.

Here are a few pictures from the Mighty Makers' Halloween Party Sunday, October 22.



Your 2023 Leadership Circle

Officers:

Moderator - Kerry Merkel

Vice Moderator - Larry Christman

Immediate Past Moderator - Sheri Stephens

Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary - Sue Borger

Treasurer/Finance & Budget Representative - Bonnie Marmon

Members-at-Large:

Linda Altrichter

Diane Borman

Jayne Christman

Nanci Snyder



Our Governance Task Force has worked diligently over the last 4 months to review and update UCCG's Constitution and Bylaws. Aside from the task force's decision to separate these two documents, each committee and ministry team has been instructed to create a document that describes things like their purpose, goals and how decisions are made. These are called *Ways of Work*.

Our current Leadership Circle reviewed the new proposed documents recently and approved them. They are now available in the church lobby and have also been emailed to you. Contact the church office if you still need a copy as during our Fall Congregational Meeting, on November 12, the proposed new Constitution and the proposed new Bylaws will be voted on.

Thank you to the Governance Task Force of Sheri Stephens, Bonnie Marmon, Janine Hensinger and Pastor Janet, with help from UCCG member and PNEC Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates.

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE: *Nursery School office can be reached at 610-435-5467.

Our Nursery School program began on Monday, September 11 with 19 students enrolled. We are enjoying our time together with the students..

We are having a few low maintenance fundraisers going on all season. We are continuing our used clothing, bedding, shoes, purses and towels collection. Last year we received a check for \$716.76 for this collection! Please continue to bring your items to church in plastic bags.

We are also collecting soft plastics to earn our own trex bench for the playground! Collection bins are still located in the Christian Ed entrance and in the narthex/lobby for you.

Our next fundraiser is Blue Mountain Candles. The sale runs from November 6 thru 20 to ensure delivery in time for Christmas. An order form will be available in the lobby or you may contact Sheri Stephens or Sue Borger to place an order. Thank you.

Finally, we have also reinstated the Weis for Schools Rewards Program (see the October *Echoes* for details.)

As always we are truly grateful for the support to our school from our church members.♥

DISCOVERY TEAM UPDATE

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6(NIV)

Waiting is difficult. It has been said that patience is a virtue, but I, for one, am finding it difficult to be virtuous. Trusting can also be difficult. I must remind myself that this project needs to be God’s plan, not ours.

The representatives from Family Promise and UCCG met with our attorney, Matt Mobilio, last Tuesday to review the plan going forward.

As reported in the October Echoes, our appeal to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board was denied. The next step is to file an appeal with the Common Pleas Court of Lehigh County. We all agreed that this was the way to go. The attorney will be filing the document this month. A judge will then decide if the SWT Hearing Board had a right to deny us the ability to present all the points of our argument at the September meeting. The judge will review the transcripts and read the brief filed by our attorney.

A positive outcome will have us back in a meeting with the SWT Zoning Hearing Board. This process could take several months. Please continue to pray that God’s will be done.

In the meantime, we will continue to purge, reorganize, and re-evaluate our unused spaces. We will be getting rid of some old furniture (desks, chairs, etc.).

If you have any interest in the items published in the Echoes, please contact the church office.

Karen Griffith

Library Clean-Out

Nanci Snyder and a small group of helpers have been busy cleaning out and reorganizing the Library. Once again, we have a few things we would like to offer to anyone in the congregation who has a need or want of these items. The price is an “in-kind” donation of any amount.

This time we have a computer desk, a computer chair, and a printer table. If you are interested in seeing pictures of these items, please contact Nanci Snyder at 610-762-5030 or Sue Borger at 484-695-7954. (Unfortunately I was not able to copy them into this document.)

O.M.G.!!

Outreach + Mission = GROWTH

CHRISTMAS MISSION FOCUS - BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

Beginning on Sunday, November 19, a Christmas tree will be on the back wall of the sanctuary. The ornaments will be gift requests from Bethany Children's Home residents. Gifts range from gift cards to socks to toiletries to games/activities for the children.

Would you consider removing an ornament from the tree and purchasing that item? Residents range from 10 to 21 years of age. There will be a box in the narthex/lobby to place your new and unwrapped gift(s). Please return your gifts not later than Sunday, December 17, in order for them to be delivered to Bethany in time for Christmas! Thank you.

HARVEST HOME

This year's Harvest Home collection continues through Sunday, November 19.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Our Little Free Pantry continues to see increased usage. We are in need of CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY. As always your support of this important ministry is very much appreciated!

*John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor.
If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."*

Luke 3:11

CHOW CHOW SALE

Thank you to everyone who purchased chow chow. You may return the empty jars to the basket under the shelf in the narthex/lobby. Our next chow chow sale will be in Spring.



Our next host week is November 5–11, 2023. There are currently four families in the program. We are so happy to report that Samuel and his children have been reunited with Hannah, and they send their sincere thanks to all who touched their lives.

Because of the increased number in host churches, we will only be hosting two times in 2024 - May 26 to June 2, 2024 and December 15 to 22, 2024.

Upcoming events for Family Promise:

- Designer Purse Bingo - January 20, 2024
 - If anyone would like to donate a designer purse or donate a monetary amount toward a designer purse, please contact Sue Roth.
- Homecoming '24 – March 23, 2024 @ The Club at Twin Lakes



LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER

Our **LIFT** Group (Ladies in Faith Together) was created a few years ago. **If you are interested in getting emails about LIFT, please contact the church office!**

The LIFT group is considering coordinating a group trip to see “Daniel” at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster. In order to guestimate how many seats to reserve for a group, we are interested in knowing your potential interest. Answering the following questions will NOT be considered a reservation... we’ll ask for reservations after the details are in place. This is not limited to LIFT members; family and friends are welcome.

Adult prices range from \$89-99 pp depending on seat availability. Children (3-12) are \$42 pp.

NOTE: Everyone would be responsible for their own transportation to the theater in Lancaster. Carpooling is encouraged.

We are tentatively looking at the date of Thursday, May 9, 2024.

1. Would you be interested in attending?
2. How many seats would you want?
3. Would you prefer the 11 AM show or the 3 PM show?

Please respond to Sandy Lakatosh, slakatosh@rcn.com or 610.570.3421 as soon as possible. Questions? Talk to Sandy!

A WISE Beginning for UCCG



Your Mental Health Team thanks everyone who participated in the All-Congregational Book Study and read *Blessed are the Crazy; Breaking the Silence about mental illness, family and church* by Sarah Griffith Lund.

If you do not yet have a copy of the book, we have a few copies left at the church for \$12.

We also hope that you have appreciated our Moment for Wellness and Education that we added into our worship services in October. We will continue these once a month. Our goal is to normalize this kind of discussion, while promoting healthy coping mechanisms.

WISE is a special designation from the national United Church of Christ that the Mental Health Team is seeking for UCC Greenawalds. It tells the community that we are a safe place to worship God and explore faith. It lets people know that we are committed to educating ourselves in an effort to break the stigma and stereotypes that surround various mental health challenges.

One of the next things we will be doing is to provide you, the congregation, with a special WISE Survey. When you receive it, please take 15 minutes to fill it out and return it to us. A letter will accompany the survey with more information, so keep an eye out. Thank you in advance!

If you are passionate about making UCCG the best it can be, join us on the UCCG Mental Health Ministry Team by contacting Pastor Janet.

Your Mental Health Team is Christy Dunbar, Colleen Horlacher, Sue Sawyer, Pastor Janet and Anthony Newett too.

**As we express our gratitude, we must never forget
that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them.**

~ John F. Kennedy

News from Our Penn Northeast Conference

Did you know the PNEC maintains a strong social media presence?

Website: pnec.org

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@PNEC-ee4fg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Pennnortheast/>

Weekly Newsletter: <https://pnec.org/this-week-in-pnec>

Take a look and see all the good and fun stuff happening!

PNEC Fall Meeting - Saturday, November 4 ... for meeting and learning ... together!

Pastor Janet and Jayne Christman will represent UCCG.

For the last year, a special task force made of members from all four PA UCC Conferences have met to explore the idea of merging the four conferences into one “Keystone” Conference.

The PNEC Fall meeting will present their findings.

“Together We Are Stronger” will feature the other three Pennsylvania UCC Conference Ministers:

Rev. Nora Foust - Penn Central Associate Conference Minister

Rev. Bill Worley - Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Minister

Rev. David Ackerman - Penn West Conference Minister

Covenant Sunday, November 19, 2023 ... A special Sunday set aside to remember that Unity is Jesus’ wish for us ... to remember that very few good things happen by just one person, even with God’s help. UCCG will include this in our Thanksgiving Worship service on Nov 19.

Becoming a Friend of the PNEC

These are some of the things the PNEC does with the generous help of its FRIENDS:

- Providing church leadership and members with seminars in best practices for church governance, health and wellness and important legal issues, as well as helping with the search and call process for finding adequate pastors.
- Helping local churches find support in communication with other churches.
- Supplying our PNEC church higher education candidates with helpful scholarships to pay for professions we need such as teachers, ministers, and nurses.
- Helping PNEC churches revitalize with new ministries, or special curriculums, and with conversation groups to brain-storm new ideas.
- Helping to provide PNEC church members with retreats and youth programs in order to build the body of Christ.

Whether you have donated before or this is your first time, you are invited to make a donation (or a monthly ongoing donation) to the *Friends of the Conference*, so that the Penn Northeast Conference can keep doing all the wonderful things they do!

You can donate using our tithe.ly at <https://pnec.org/tithe-ly-on-line-giving/> and designating your gift to Friends of PNEC or mail in a check payable to the Penn Northeast Conference.

A Few Words on **STEWARDSHIP**, by Pastor Janet

Stewardship! Sheesh. That word is almost as bad as the dreaded *Evangelism* word!!

Both *Stewardship* and *Evangelism* have a bad reputation. We think of televangelists who preach that if you pray hard enough and have enough faith, you will be rich many times over. And when we hear the word stewardship, all we think is, "Oh no... the church needs more money that I don't have. Ugh."

But it shouldn't be that way. I hope this will help you understand those words a little better.



We are asked by Jesus to follow.

When we follow, we are disciples!

Evangelism is the fundamental mission of disciples to share the message of the gospel and God's love with others.

And STEWARDSHIP is the collection and management of all of our God-given gifts and talents to do the work of Discipleship and Evangelism.

Giving of our time and money is just part of the way we express our faith in, and gratitude for, God.

Even if we could make the mission and ministry of UCCG happen without our weekly offering, we shouldn't. (WHAT??- That sounds CRAZY!)

We shouldn't because supporting your church financially is one of the things that we do as PART of our identity as a DISCIPLE. It's down right biblical, folks!

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

You can also check out these stories... Oh and... There WILL be a test as to what each of these stories are, by the way...

Matthew 6:1-4

Luke 21:1-4

Matthew 2:1-12

On November 12, at the congregational meeting, the 2024 proposed budget will be presented to you. The bottom line on our budget is \$155,511. That is what your church leadership expects it will cost to do the mission and ministry of UCC Greenawalds in 2024. That sounds like a lot but together, it is very possible!

AUTOMATIC or Recurring GIVING

One of the ways YOU can easily help us meet our budget is to set up automatic giving through our electronic giving system.

Auto Pay to UCCG helps your faith community because:

1. Our income is steady year-round (no more seasonal dips!)
2. Total giving increases

AND it is SUPER easy! (*I JUST DID IT!*)

All you need to do is scan the QR Code right here with your smartphone and sign up.

Choose how much you want to give.

Choose where the money comes from (checking or savings). Please because of the fees involved - thank you!

Choose how often- ONE TIME, WEEKLY, OR MONTHLY!

And you can change your gifts when you need to.



We bring nothing into this world and when we depart, we will take nothing out of it. All that we have is a gift from God, therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Let us increase our discipleship, increase our faith and increase the impact we have as a Body of Christ here at UCCG, all in the name of our amazing God who gave us everything.

Discipleship, Fellowship, Evangelism and Stewardship: Together, We Can!

Here is a report of where we are as of the end of SEPTEMBER 2023:

Month	Budget	General Offering Income	*Other Income	Total Operating Income	Operating Expense	Net Income
Jan-23	\$11,716	\$10,519	\$3,132	\$13,652	\$9,444	\$4,208
Feb-23	\$11,716	\$8,529	\$2,995	\$11,524	\$14,830	(\$3,306)
Mar-23	\$11,716	\$8,702	\$2,162	\$10,864	\$13,729	(\$2,865)
Apr-23	\$11,716	\$9,887	\$4,497	\$14,384	\$11,943	\$2,441
May-23	\$11,716	\$8,785	\$2,892	\$11,677	\$14,050	(\$2,374)
Jun-23	\$11,716	\$8,777	\$1,772	\$10,549	\$11,936	(\$1,387)
Jul-23	\$11,716	\$9,075	\$1,866	\$10,940	\$10,714	\$227
Aug-23	\$11,716	\$8,917	\$1,127	\$10,044	\$14,791	(\$4,747)
Sep-23	\$11,716	\$8,737	\$901	\$9,637	\$10,578	(\$940)
Oct-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nov-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dec-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$140,588	\$81,927	\$21,344	\$103,271	\$112,015	(\$8,743)

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

We are a bit behind, so please remember UCCG in your year-end holiday giving too!

Christmas Flower Orders – 2023

Please help decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias and other Christmas plants. 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 29. 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.

Your Name

\$_____
Amount enclosed

Poinsettias:

6.5" pot (5-7 flowers) = \$ 10.00 plant OR 8" pot (10+ flowers) = \$ 15.00 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 / 4.5" pot = \$9.00 _____ # Cyclamen

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

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TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

Our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat was a success. We had 20 cars (and even one HEARSE!) decorated for the occasion, with plenty of candy, treats and FUN to be had by all. We gave out over 125 hotdogs, too! Thank you to the Greenawalds Fire Company volunteers for spending their Sunday afternoon with us, handing out candy. In case you missed it, here are some of the pictures people have shared with us!







November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:15 pm Evangelism/ Outreach (zoom)	2 6:30 pm Ant Jams	3	4 PNEC Fall Conf Mtg at Ben Salem 6:00-9:00 pm Cub Scout Space Derby Turn clocks back 1 hour tonight!
5 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship ALL SAINTS DAY w/Holy Communion Harvest Home Begins Family Promise Set-Up	6 Family Promise Host Week	7 Family Promise Host Week	8 Family Promise Host Week	9 Family Promise Host Week	10 Family Promise Host Week	11 Scouts – Scouting for Food Pick-Up time at 8:30 am in UCCG parking lot Family Promise Host Week
12 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship Congregational Meeting after worship Family Promise Tear- Down Harvest Home	13 7:00-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	14 9:00-3 Quilting Chicks (Fellowship Hall) 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00-10:00 pm CPR and AED Training	15	16 4:00 pm Leadership Circle 6:30 pm Ant Jams	17	18
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