

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### **What should you know about EPIPHANY??**

The first Sunday after January 1, the Church celebrates the feast of "Epiphany."

This feast commemorates the mysterious visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus.

Who were the Magi? What led them to visit Jesus?

And what lessons should we learn from this incident?

Here are a few things you should know ...

#### **1. What does the word "Epiphany" mean?**

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display."

An "epiphany" is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested (made clear) to an audience.

## **2. What is the feast of the Epiphany about?**

In this case, THIS EPIPHANY is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. It was the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (or Magi) from the East that made this manifest. This is noteworthy because the wise men are not Jewish, yet they still celebrated Jesus. This told us that Jesus is the salvation for all people (not just Jews in Jerusalem).

## **3. Why is Epiphany connected with January 6?**

It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century.

At about the same time the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25. There are 12 days in between - ever hear of the "12 Days of Christmas??"

## **4. Who were the Magi?**

Educated custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that had developed in Persia. They studied the sky and the stars.

## **5. Why did the Magi come to see Jesus?**

They apparently had material of a prophetic nature (some have suggested that they got it from an eastern Jewish community, such as the one in Babylon) that allowed them to identify the birth of the new "king of the Jews" astronomically.

They may have been especially motivated to come see this king of the Jews since there was an expectation at the time that a universal ruler would shortly come from Israel.

## **6. Why did they go to Herod?**

Probably, because they assumed the newborn king would be a son of Herod — the current "king of the Jews." It is quite natural that their search for the newborn king of the Jews should take them to Israel's royal city and to the king's palace. *Surely the new king would be born in a palace...*

## **7. How long does Epiphany last?**

The Season of Epiphany runs from January 6 until the day before Ash Wednesday, which is when Lent officially begins. It is also important to know that during this time, we remember the baptism of Jesus and his first miracle at the wedding of Cana. We also look at different ways that Christ is made known to each one of us today.

(paraphrased from source: National Catholic Register blog on Jan 5, 2020 written by Jimmy Akin)

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANET



### Happy New Year, Everyone!

I certainly hope you had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year's Eve/Day.

My Christmas was rather quiet. I spent it at home with my children and visited with my parents briefly. For New Year's Eve and New Year's Day (which will be over by the time you read this but in any case...) I look forward to hosting a few extra family members for some games, food, watching "The Ball" drop and the Mummings. And yes, I plan to make pork and sauerkraut on January 1st.

At the dinner table every January 1st, my dad still asks, "Do you know why we have pork on New Year's Day??"

The answer? Well, because a pig is good luck! Pigs root forward for food symbolizing moving forward in life and not looking back. So pork brings us prosperity and progress in the year to come. Chickens and turkeys, by the way, root backwards and as such are bad luck for New Years Day when we should be looking forward to all the good things and new beginnings that God has planned for our new year!

Speaking of good luck for the year to come... In worship on January 5, we will have the opportunity to get our new STAR WORDS. How many of you still have last year's? Or even the year before?? These words are said to be God's message for you for the new year. You randomly choose a STAR for yourself (the first one you touch is the one for YOU!). When you flip the star over, you'll see a word. Sometimes, the word will make a lot of sense to you. It may be something you need to work on or something you need more of, or even something you need to let go of. Even if the word is a mystery when you first receive it, hold on to it. Display it prominently or store it somewhere safe. One day, the meaning of your Star Word will be made known to you, much like how Jesus was made known as the savior of the world when the Magi knelt down to praise him.

I pray this coming new year is for you a joy filled blessing with plenty of laughter, good health, spiritual renewal, love and... *amazing music!* (With the beginning of the new year, we have only 8 worship services until Anthony, our Music and A/V Director, is back with us!)

May you manifest these blessings and even more goodness in 2025. With hope, love and in the amazing grace that God rains down on us all,

~Pastor Janet



## *Ant's Corner*



### **Inside Edition, Part 10 “Regrets, I’ve had a few”**

It’s that time of year again—the season of failed New Year’s resolutions. Recently, I found myself thinking about Frank Sinatra, Ol’ Blue Eyes himself, singing Paul Anka’s timeless words: “Regrets, I’ve had a few…” from his iconic song “My Way.” (Also, our dear departed friend Bob Thomas’ favorite song.) The song captures a person in the autumn of their life reflecting on their decisions, triumphs, and missteps. Fortunately, I’m not quite at that stage yet; I still have a number of good years left with the chance to learn from my mistakes and, hopefully, make some changes.

Here at MCCF, surrounded by ample time and silence, I’ve realized that you don’t need to be near the Pearly Gates to reflect on regrets. Reflection here comes naturally—almost inescapably—and it’s easy to get lost in daydreams of second chances and do-overs. You might assume that my greatest regret stems from the life-altering event of July 18, 2022, that brought me here, but it’s not.

Instead, my deepest regrets involve moments in the past when I’ve treated others unkindly, speaking or acting with harshness when I should have shown patience, compassion, and understanding. These regrets weigh heavily—especially when it comes to those who are no longer with me. There’s no opportunity to apologize, no way to make amends. Whether it’s my conscience or my evolving relationship with the Holy Spirit—I suspect it’s both—these failures of kindness are what haunt me the most.

That’s why this year, my New Year’s resolution is to embrace something I call “The Pause.” I borrowed the concept straight from Pastor Janet’s playbook. When we first met, I noticed that sometimes, after asking her a question, she would pause for what felt like an eternity before responding. I’d catch myself wondering if my question had short-circuited her mind, desiring to give her a gentle tap on the side of her head. But soon, I realized she was employing “The Pause”—a deliberate moment to reflect and carefully choose her words rather than responding impulsively.

“The Pause” avoids emotionally charged reactions and regrettable words. How many arguments, misunderstandings, and hurt feelings could I have prevented in my life if I had simply paused, taken a breath, and chosen kindness instead? There are so many things I’ve said in moments of frustration that I cannot take back—things I still regret today. “The Pause” would have saved me from myself.

This reflection on my own failures brought me to the apostle Paul's words to the believers in Ephesus when they asked what Christian living should look like. Paul urged them to avoid "unwholesome talk" (Ephesians 4:29) and, in essence, instructed them, "Don't fail to be kind." His reasoning? Because Christ has shown kindness to you.

Paul's wisdom resonates deeply as I think about the power of kindness—how simple yet transformative it can be. And so, I'll leave you with a verse from one of my musical heroes, Glenn Campbell:

"You got to try a little kindness, yes, show a little kindness,

Just shine your light for everyone to see."

Maybe it's the die-hard musician in me, but I can't help but wonder: Are iconic American voices like Paul Anka, Frank Sinatra, and Glen Campbell modern-day apostles or prophets? Perhaps their words, too, carry timeless wisdom. And you know what? That idea feels just fine to me.



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## **REMODELING PROJECT**

Grant and Lee have completed the remodeling work in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Christian Ed wing. They are currently finishing their work in the Library. Their intent is to redo the Art Room next. To date, we have received \$4,765.55 for our remodeling campaign. **Thank you** for your generous contributions to help us take care of our church!

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WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Karen & Dave Adams and family on the passing of Karen's father, Barry Detweiler. Mr. Detweiler passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at the age of 84 years.



**LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:**

Ruth & Ken Newhard; Larry & Janie Bear; Drena Merkel; Althea Blose; Nancy Saeger; Anthony; Jameson; Carter Boyle; Raylee Jaymes LaAsmar; Grace; Anita Adams; Tracey Hildebeidel; Bruce Stocker; Ray & Terry Ward; Jenn Seidel; Dolly DeLong; Ray Smith; Frank Keglovitz.

Linda Lakatosh was readmitted to Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest on Monday, December 30. She is undergoing more tests.

Judy Nordell will undergo reverse right shoulder replacement on Friday, January 3. Please pray for Judy and her surgical team.

Bill Auman, Sheri Stephens' father, remains a patient at LVH Cedar Crest.

Please keep the Horlacher family in your prayers. Colleen's father, Ralph Yoder, will soon be making the transition from this world into the next.

**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, Whitehall Manor  
Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)

Naomi Thomas, at home  
Lois Tice, at home

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**PENNY PARTY 2025!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**  
 4:45 pm - Doors Open  
 5:00 pm - Light Supper for Purchase  
 6:00 pm - Games Begin

**Let's get  
PENNIES  
READY!!**

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Greenc...  
2325 Albright Avenue,

**PENNY PARTY 2025!**  
**BIGGER AND BETTER!**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**  
**BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS NOW!**

**Suggestions:**  
 Nice items/Collections, Holiday Decorations,  
 Gift Cards, Larger items- pictures, furniture, etc,  
 Children's Art Supplies, Non Perishable food...

# Outreach + Mission = GROWTH

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Our Little Free Pantry has seen increased usage and continues to be a blessing to our food-insecure neighbors. We are currently in need of **PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CEREAL AND CANNED CHICKEN**. Your contributions of food items are, as always, very much appreciated.



Our **Little Free Pantry Fund** is also in need of monetary support; if you would prefer to donate directly to our Pantry, please indicate “Little Free Pantry” on the check memo line or on the front of the envelope. THANK YOU!

*The generous will themselves be blessed for they share their food with the poor.  
~ Proverbs 22:9*

## THE CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING



**Thank you** for your support and generosity to this important mission of the United Church of Christ. We collected \$377 that will help provide emergency grants, supplement small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to our lower-income retirees. Your care and compassion is especially appreciated by those servants of the UCC who are facing a time of need.

## CHRISTMAS MISSION FOCUS



**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to the Bethany Children’s Home, the recipient of our 2024 Christmas mission focus.

Gifts - sports equipment, art supplies, socks, lots of gift cards and more - were delivered to Bethany in time for Christmas distribution to the children. Thank you making Christmas merrier at Bethany Children’s Home.

*“It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”  
~ Mother Teresa*

## RESURRECTED LIFE CHURCH - UPDATE

For several years, we've collected various items (mostly lightly worn clothing) for Resurrected Life Church on 9<sup>th</sup> St in Allentown. Resurrected purchased the former Zion Church on Hamilton Street and has since moved to that location. Their school, located directly behind their 9<sup>th</sup> Street building, is in the process of moving to the new location as well. They continue serving the community as usual; however, UCCG will no longer collect for them on a regular basis. Instead, Resurrected will notify us of special needs they may have throughout the year.

## SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Watch the bulletins, Weekly Words and/or the February 2025 *Echoes* for information on Soup-er Bowl Sunday canned soup collection!



At this time, there are four families (6 adults and 8 children) in the rotation. We'll be hosting again on January 26 thru February 2. If you know which night you are available to help (make a meal, evening host or overnight host), please contact Karen Griffith at 610-703-6826 now to pick your date. Thank you!

Our two other host weeks in 2025 are April 6 to 13 and November 2 to 9. It's also not too early to pick your date to volunteer for any of our other host weeks in 2025. Call Karen now and pick your date and job.

## Saturday, January 18 - 4th Annual Purse Bingo at Jordan UCC

A yellow poster for "Designer Purse BINGO!". The text "Designer Purse" is in a cursive font, and "BINGO!" is in large, bubbly purple letters. Below it, it says "January 18, 2025 11am-2pm" and "Jordan United Church of Christ - 1837 Church Rd, Allentown PA". On the left, there is a QR code with the text "Register here" below it. On the right, there is an illustration of a bingo card and a red handbag. The text "Tickets include 20 games!" is at the top left. Pricing is listed as "\$30 - Early Bird (until Jan. 10)", "\$40 - Regular (Jan. 11 - event)", and "\$5 - 5 special games".

Scan this QR code to get your tickets now.

## Sunday, March 16 - Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins Ice Hockey Game

- More details to follow at a later date.

## Saturday, March 29 - Family Promise Homecoming Event at Twin Lakes

- More details to follow at a later date.



## In November we welcomed UCC Greenawalds' Newest Members!

*Joanne Benfield  
William Gieringer  
Henry Grube  
Nydia Grube  
Brian Roeder*

Here are some ***FUN FACTS*** to help you get to know them better:

**William “Bill” Gieringer** loves hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycle. He says he is a good cook and good at fixing things. He works as a barber in Allentown and wants to pursue authorization in the United Church of Christ. He received his ordination from the American Fellowship Church and believes it is a privilege to serve God and the church.

**Joanne Benfield** was raised in the Lehman and Dallas, PA region and moved to Allentown in 2004. She has one son who currently resides in Pittsburgh, PA. She retired in August of 2023 as a Fiduciary Administrative Assistant for 17 years from Truist Bank. She is a widow but currently engaged to a wonderful man who you might know - Don Harris!

**Nydia and Henry Grube** live right near the church in Greenawalds. Nydia is originally from Nicaragua. She has a son named Todd. What attracted them to this congregation is our openness to talk about mental health issues, welcoming all individuals and seeking to educate ourselves so that UCCG can be a safe place for everyone.

**Brian Roeder** is happy to be here with UCCG because the people are so nice. Brian’s sister is Anita Adams and his brother is Charlie Roeder. Brian is a widower and still misses Pat every day but says the people of Greenawalds really helped comfort him after her passing. He enjoys shooting clay pigeons.

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### ***NEXT OPPORTUNITY to go from “Guest” to “Host”...***

There will be another joining opportunity in January, with a UCCG-101 class for anyone interested (and for our five new members for whom there was not a UCCG-101 class.) So if you are thinking about joining us in our mission and ministry and want to learn more about the United Church of Christ as a denomination, about UCC Greenawalds as a church, and even Rev. Janet as a pastor and a person, **then UCCG-101 is FOR YOU!**

**Next UCCG-101 tentatively scheduled for January 18 with joining on January 19.**

[Contact Pastor Janet via email or text with your interest and to let her know your availability on these dates.]

## Recycle Beyond the Bag

Recycling plastic bags has become a habit for many of us at UCCG. The receptacles are in place - one in the lobby outside Pastor Janet's office door and one in the Christian Ed entrance way. The time frame is 12 months to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic, and we have already collected 630 pounds. Our planet thanks you. 😊

Thank you to Ashley Adams for leading this recycling effort.

**“There is no such thing as ‘away’. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere.”**

~ Annie Leonard, Proponent of Sustainability

### **“THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR”**

On Sunday, December 22, the children and youth of UCCG presented our 2024 Christmas Pageant - *The Birth of our Savior*.

Thank you to our teachers (Ashley Adams, Dave & Karen Adams, Eileen Cleaver, Molly Geneczko, Colleen Horlacher, Bonnie Marmon, Sue Roth and Bri & Matt Stalter) and to Pastor Janet for their guidance. Thanks to Dave Adams for the props.



But most of all, thank you to the kids – who did an amazing job!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2024

On Sunday afternoon, December 8, a group of carolers departed the church to sing for some of our homebound members and then returned to ride the decorated Christmas wagon and parade through the neighborhood of Greenawalds to sing for our neighbors. Thank you to the Evangelism & Outreach Team for planning this fun event.





## 'Tis the Time for New Year's Resolutions. Or Not!

*by Christy Dunbar*

The new year and resolutions are as commonly associated as Thanksgiving and turkey, Black Friday and shopping, and Christmas and Santa Claus. Each new year brings new resolutions--a long list of hopeful expectations that, for me, invariably includes losing weight, eating healthy, and exercising. Every December, I reflect on the past year, assess my current status, and set my goals accordingly. Each year starts with passion and promise, which tend to peter out by mid-March. By summer, I've slipped back into old patterns. By fall, I can barely recall those resolutions. By winter, I'm back to writing that same tired list of resolutions.

This year I've decided to focus on building healthy habits rather than writing out those pesky resolutions that never seem to—well, resolve. It's widely stated that it takes 21 days to form a habit. However, there are other important factors to take into account in order to achieve success. In *Atomic Habits*, author James Clear explores how making small, incremental changes can lead to significant improvements over time. He asserts that consistency is more important than intensity and by focusing on the process or system rather than the outcome or goal, one can create sustainable habits that lead to success.

To form good habits, Clear recommends making good habits easy to do and bad habits hard to do. Four key steps to create good habits are to:

- **Make it obvious:** Make the habit easy to see by having a physical cue in the environment to serve as a reminder.
- **Make it attractive:** Make the habit appealing by pairing it with a desirable activity like watching Netflix while you exercise.
- **Make it easy:** Make the habit simple to do by creating easy, repetitive actions that take two minutes or less.
- **Make it satisfying:** Make the habit rewarding by adding a small immediate reward or tracking progress.

By focusing on creating a system and establishing a routine rather than setting goals, habits become embedded into your lifestyle and are more sustainable over time. Another key principle for building good habits is to make them a part of your identity. For example, if you want to run a marathon, consider yourself a runner. That way actions are not just tasks to be completed, but become part of your whole being.

So this year consider scrapping that list of New Year resolutions and instead focus on a few habits that you can incorporate into your daily life to improve your wellbeing. As James Clear says, "All big things come from small beginnings. The seed of every habit is a single, tiny decision."

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### **TELL ME MORE... About the UCCG Mental Health Ministry Team!**

**On February 2nd after church, the Mental Health Ministry Team will be staying after worship just for YOU!!**

**"TELL ME MORE"** on 2/2/2025 will be a brief presentation/conversation to provide more info *about this team* in hopes that we can GROW THE TEAM.

- **What does the team do?**
- **Why YOU would make a good team member** (and "NO" you don't need special knowledge or a schooling?)
- **What are our goals for 2025?**

**Help us expand our team to bring important information and training.** But don't be scared- You don't have to have special knowledge; you just have to be willing to learn with a desire to help make Greenawalds the safest place for all God's children.

**As a WISE Congregation,** we have committed to certain ongoing Action Steps in order to help, educate, and break the stigma and stereotypes for mental health challenges such as, but not limited to, mental illnesses, brain disorders, addictions, and trauma.

**Come and learn more on February 2nd! Thank you.**

**Attention: People Who Like to Have Fun and Love Food!!**



After many years of leading/organizing the Small Dining Groups, Karen and Mark Griffith have passed the baton to Bonnie Marmon, who has graciously offered to organize the groups for the new year. She will be rearranging the Small Dining Groups for the 2025 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.

If you are currently a member of one of these small groups, we will not assume you are rejoining. You must reach out to Bonnie to let her know you would like to participate. Deadline to join is January 31st. Bonnie's contact information is: 610-433-4145 or 610-349-4599.

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**NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:**

**Contact: Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176 or Nursery School office at 610-435-5467**

- Our January fundraiser is Matey's Pizza - The sale will begin on Thursday, January 9 and continue thru Thursday, January 23, with delivery on Thursday, February 7. An order form will be available in the lobby when the sale is underway. You may also contact Sue Borger 484-695-7954 or Sheri Stephens 610-442-3176 to place your order.
- Please continue to collect used clothing, bedding, purses, and shoes, and please place your items in sturdy garbage bags and bring them to the church any time between now and next April. You may place them in the Christian Ed entrance way.
- We are now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know of someone who may be interested in enrolling their child, please have them call the Nursery School office at 610-435-5467 or Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176.
- THANK YOU for your continued support of our Nursery School program. ❤️

## Your 2024 Consistory    **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!**

Our Consistory did not meet in December. Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 16 at 5:30 pm.

- All Ministry Team, Standing Committee and Task Force Reports were reviewed and accepted as presented. The Financial Reports were also reviewed and accepted.
- The Pastor's Report was reviewed and accepted.
- A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, November 24, at which time the congregation voted to accept the 2025 budget as presented.
- A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, when we will nominate individuals for open positions and vote.

### Officers:

Moderator - Karen Griffith

Vice Moderator - Larry Christman

Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary - Sue Borger

Treasurer - Bonnie Marmon

### Members-at-Large:

Mark Adams

Linda Altrichter

Jayne Christman

Nanci Snyder

Matt Stalter

Delegate to PNEC Annual Meeting - Jayne Christman

## Here are the results from the first eleven months of 2024

Month	Budget	General Offering Income	*Other Income	Total Operating Income	Operating Expense	Net Income
Jan-24	\$12,859	\$8,225	\$3,965	\$12,190	\$16,299	(\$4,108)
Feb-24	\$12,859	\$8,740	\$3,481	\$12,221	\$15,957	(\$3,736)
Mar-24	\$12,859	\$10,227	\$7,515	\$17,742	\$12,774	\$4,968
Apr-24	\$12,859	\$8,749	\$2,685	\$11,434	\$12,780	(\$1,346)
May-24	\$12,859	\$8,632	\$3,145	\$11,777	\$13,015	(\$1,237)
Jun-24	\$12,859	\$8,015	\$4,179	\$12,194	\$11,137	\$1,057
Jul-24	\$12,859	\$10,012	\$2,253	\$12,264	\$11,415	\$849
Aug-24	\$12,859	\$7,630	\$1,451	\$9,081	\$18,439	(\$9,358)
Sep-24	\$12,859	\$9,478	\$2,839	\$12,317	\$10,860	\$1,456
Oct-24	\$12,859	\$8,054	\$3,199	\$11,253	\$11,086	\$167
Nov-24	\$12,859	\$9,826	\$5,154	\$14,980	\$13,572	\$1,408
Dec-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,309</b>	<b>\$97,588</b>	<b>\$39,865</b>	<b>\$137,454</b>	<b>\$147,334</b>	<b>(\$9,880)</b>

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

## Financial Stewardship for 2025

On November 24, at our congregational meeting, we passed a budget that reflects a \$3,000 deficit. Our hope is that each member of UCCG would prayerfully consider an increase in their giving. Electronic giving is a very safe, secure, and easy method to ensure your donation is received, even if you are not able to be present with us for a Sunday morning worship service.

A copy of the form used to sign up for electronic giving can be found on page 19. Copies of this form are also available in the narthex. All information is confidential. The church secretary, Sue Borger, will assist anyone interested in this type of giving.

Please note that we no longer offer electronic giving by credit card as the fees charged have sharply increased. If you are currently using credit card giving, we ask that you consider switching to bank withdrawal to avoid the charges to the church.

The QR code system is another avenue for giving that is available in the Echoes and bulletins. If you prefer to donate using the QR code, please scan the code included below.

Receiving no “outside funding,” UCC Greenawalds depends solely on our members and friends for support of our many ministries and missions. We are grateful for your contributions and hope that everyone will prayerfully consider a small increase in giving for 2025.



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**\*\* FYI -the previously announced Chili Cook-off  
and a Night at the Movies on January 11  
has been canceled. \*\***

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# JANUARY 2025

**\*\* every Sunday unless otherwise stated \*\***

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Housing Family Promise	Housing Family Promise	Housing Family Promise	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR! Housing Family Promise	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm E&O Team Meeting Housing Family Promise	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Consistory Dinner Housing Family Promise	<b>4</b> Housing Family Promise
<b>5</b> FP Departs ** 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship  5pm 2024 Small Dining Group Send Off at the Snyder House	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm Cub Committee Mtg.	<b>8</b> 10:30 am Faith Club	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Christmas deco tear down
<b>12</b> ** W/ Baptism of Adelyn Duncan	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2025 Women's Clergy Retreat Jan 14-16;  6:30-8:00 pm Den Cub Mtg	<b>15</b> 10:30 am Faith Club Deadline to submit info for February Echoes (Pastor Janet at	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Consistory Meeting  Retreat)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 am UCCG-101  6:00 pm Cub Scout Bakeoff
<b>19</b> ** w/House Band in worship And New Member Reception	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Spiritual Council	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Faith Formation Mtg  6:30-8:00 pm Den Cub Mtg	<b>22</b> 10:30 am Faith Club	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> ** w/ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to follow Host Family Promise	<b>27</b> 2:00 pm Pastoral Relations Host Family Promise	<b>28</b> 6:30-8:00 pm Den Cub Mtg Host Family Promise	<b>29</b> 10:30 am Faith Club Host Family Promise	<b>30</b> Host Family Promise	<b>31</b> Host Family Promise	<b>February 1</b> Host Family Promise

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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.)**

*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](mailto:churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org) or to Sue Borger at [borgersusan@yahoo.com](mailto:borgersusan@yahoo.com) no later than the 22nd of each month.**

The **JANUARY 2025** Edition of *Echoes* is sponsored by:

**Keith & Eileen Cleaver**

in honor of January Cleaver birthdays.

Kyle - January 1; Caitlin (Kyle’s wife) - January 13; Keith - January 20;  
and Lachlan (Kyle & Caitlin’s third son) turns 1 year old on January 25.

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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