

Weekly Newsletter

of
**CHRIST
COVENANT
CHURCH**
Harleysville, PA

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October 29, 2017

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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Nurturing and connecting people in Christ, to each other and the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, Week of October 29:

Tuesday: 12:30pm - Staff Mtg.
Wednesday: 7:15pm - Buildings & Grounds Mtg.
Thursday: 6:45pm - Handbells/ 7:45pm - Senior Choir
Friday: 5:00pm - 9:00am (Sat.) Youth Group- Sleep Out for Homelessness
6:30pm - Friday Night Lite
Next Sunday: 9:00am - Sunday School/ 10:00am -Time of Fellowship
10:30am - Worship/Communion/ Sr. Choir/ Stuart Memorial
Handbell Choir/ 11:45am - Youth Group

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 10/22/17 – 111

▶▶▶ If you would like to contact Pastors Cathy or Jim during the week, ◀◀◀ please call the church during office hours. You can also reach them at their home at 215/256-3061. Their e-mail addresses are: cjseinpa@gmail.com or pastorjim@christ-covenant.org or pastorcathy@christ-covenant.org

FOOD COLLECTION(November): Lamb Foundation's Cornucopia Cupboard -- Items especially needed are: canned fruit and vegetables, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, 100% fruit juice, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, canned tuna and salmon, disposable razors, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, bleach, laundry detergent, fabric softeners, paper towels, toilet paper and all other supplies. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

Please note: Dates on food items need to be current.



CHURCH WORK DAY

NEXT, Saturday, November 4

8:30 a.m. till ?

All ages are welcome!

No experience needed!

**Leaf Raking Day – December 9, 2017*

Shut-in Birthdays:

November 8 - Joyce Dromsky
P.O. Box 51097, Mainland, PA 19451

November 25 - Joan Wlotko
84 Derstine Road, Apt. 2120, Hatfield, PA 19440



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 12, 2017
immediately following worship



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A light lunch will be served and then the meeting will commence. Voting on the 2018 budget will take place, as well as voting on nominees for Leadership Team and various Committees.

Please make plans to attend!

CHILD CARE NEEDED

We are looking for 2 volunteers to provide Child Care during the Annual Congregational Meeting, on Sunday, November 12th.

Please contact Heidi Painter in the church office (hpainter@christ-covenant.org) if you are interested and able to serve in this way.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

--November Meeting--

Our November meeting (Tuesday, November 14, 11:00 a.m.) will be spent assembling Christmas gifts for our shut-ins. No skills are needed...just a desire to help make Christmas brighter for someone else. These gifts are so greatly appreciated...join us for this special time.

We are asking for donations of items for the gifts (from *anyone* in the congregation), such as: travel size lotion, note cards, postage stamps, sugar-free wrapped candies, pens, writing pads, word search puzzle books, small Kleenex packs, cracker packs, hand sanitizer, etc. Please place your items on the back pew in Fellowship Hall and **earmark them "SAM."**

We hope you can join us...we do have a fun time! Lunch will be eaten out. See Nancy Benner or Thelma Craig with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP

WEEKLY MEETING

Sun. 10/29 (11:45AM- 1:30PM) - includes lunch, games, & a short devotional time

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Fri. 11/3 (5:00PM)- Sat. 11/4 (9:00AM)-

SleepOut for Homelessness. This trip is designed to get students thinking about what it might be like to be in the shoes of the less privileged people in our community whom the local "Keystone Opportunity Center" serves. It also doubles as a fundraiser and can drive which gives the center a much needed boost for the holiday season.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Sat. 11/25 (7:45AM- 11AM) -

Come to serve at the Community Breakfast! Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:45(or earlier if you want to eat breakfast there).

Youth families are encouraged to join!



November will be here sooner than we can imagine. Once again we will be providing **food baskets** (25) to people in need so that they can prepare a lovely Thanksgiving meal for their loved ones. Sign-up sheets for the basket items are on the table in the Narthex. Items are due back by **Nov. 12**, as baskets will be distributed on Nov. 18. Please place your items on the pew at the back of Fellowship Hall, only. (Just a reminder, when paying for the items listed at the top of the sheet, use an offering envelope and indicate Thanksgiving Baskets on the envelope.) *If you would like to recommend a family to receive a basket, please let Jan Marcheski know by Sunday, November 5. Phone: 215-256-6049 or email: jwmarcheski@comcast.net* Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Shoebbox Sunday: Our Sunday School class will be holding their annual mission of wrapping shoeboxes for children worldwide who may never know the joy of receiving a gift.

As always, we are asking the adults of our church to aid us in this project. There are several ways to help. First, you could donate an item(s) for the boxes. Accepted items include fun toys, hygiene items, small tools and school supplies. Please *do not* include used or damaged items, war-related items, food, liquids, or any breakable items. A complete list of do's and don'ts can be found by the donation box in the fellowship hall. Children's ages are 2-14.

Next, no time to shop? You could donate \$9 to help offset the per box shipping cost. A wrapped shoebox is also found in the fellowship hall to place monetary donations.

And finally, and perhaps most important, pray for these children and their families. Their lives are more challenging than we can ever imagine. (Donations are needed by OR BEFORE our packing day of **November 12** during our Sunday School hour.)

Thanks in advance from our Sunday School kids!! Any questions... contact Sandie Thierer or any of our Sunday School teachers.

TRIM-A-TREE / SOUP LUNCH

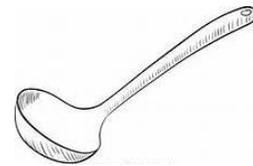
This year we are trying something new! In an effort to accommodate different needs

within our congregation, our annual **Trim-A-Tree** celebration

will take place *during* the worship service on **Sunday, December 3rd**.

The service time may be slightly extended that day to include the extra elements of decoration and singing.

Following the service, you are invited to join us in for the annual soup meal (*now a lunch instead of a supper!*)



We will be looking for volunteers to help with this wonderful event in the near future. Look for a sign-up sheet coming soon.



Though it will not be connected to the Trim-A-Tree program, we **WILL** also be continuing our tradition of collecting gifts for Dock Village. This year we will be requesting that you place the gifts under the table displaying the "Angel" Christmas Tree once it is displayed. The gifts will be periodically collected from under the tree and stored for delivery to Dock Village (12-7).

Look for the more specific information about the gifts in the coming weeks!

Thank You! I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all members of Christ Covenant Church for the prayers, cards flowers, phone calls and visits during my recovery. It made a world of difference to have had such support from my church family while on the road to healing. -- Linda Payne



Thank You!

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, calls, & visits after Pearl's passing. -- Mabel Overholtzer