

Weekly Newsletter

of

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

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**November 19, 2017
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November 26, 2017**

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, Week of November 19:

- TODAY:** 11:45-12:45pm - Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal
Tuesday: 12:30pm - Staff Mtg.
Saturday: 8:00-10:00am - Community Breakfast
Next Sunday: 9:00am - Sunday School/ 10:00am - Time of Fellowship
 10:30am - Worship/Gregg Robertson
 11:45am - Youth Group
 11:45-12:45pm - Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, Week of November 26:

- Tuesday:** 12:30pm - Staff Mtg.
 7:00pm - Book Club @ Mig Robertson's House
Thursday: 5:00-6:00pm - Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal
 6:45pm - Handbells/ 8:00pm - Senior Choir
Next Sunday: 9:00am - Sunday School/ Time of Fellowship/
 10:30am - Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 11/12/17 - 122

▶▶▶ 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

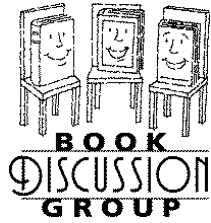
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FOOD COLLECTION(November): Lamb Foundation's Cornucopia Cupboard -- Items especially needed are: canned fruit and vegetables, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, 100% fruit juice, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, canned tuna and salmon, disposable razors, 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.**

TODAY, Sunday, November 19 -- 4:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service Join us this afternoon for a combined service with Christ Lutheran Church (*here* at Christ Covenant). A combined choir will be singing. Rev. Serena Sellers, from Christ Lutheran, will be bringing a Message; a time of fellowship will follow the service.

AND we will be **featuring interactive prayer stations** – as tangible, meaningful, experiential, and reflective places where you can engage in God's word. ALL AGES are encouraged to join, as there will even be several "kid friendly" stations (that adults may enjoy too)!
*What a perfect way to prepare for Thanksgiving;
 Come, worship, and give thanks with us!*



Our last book of 2017 will be *Rise and Shine* by Anna Quindlen; a superb novel about two sisters, the true meaning of success, and the qualities in life that matter most. It's an otherwise ordinary Monday when Meghan Fitzmaurice's perfect life hits a wall. A household name as the host of *Rise and Shine*, the country's highest-rated morning talk show, Meghan cuts to a commercial break—but not before she mutters two forbidden words into her open mike.

In an instant, it's the end of an era, not only for Meghan, who is unaccustomed to dealing with adversity, but also for her younger sister, Bridget, a social worker in the Bronx who has always lived in Meghan's long shadow. The effect of Meghan's on-air truth telling reverberates through both their lives, affecting Meghan's son, husband, friends, and fans, as well as Bridget's perception of her sister, their complex childhood, and herself. What follows is a story about how, in very different ways, the Fitzmaurice women adapt, survive, and manage to bring the whole teeming world of New York to heel by dint of their smart mouths, quick wits, and the powerful connection between them that even the worst tragedy cannot shatter. We will discuss this book on **Tuesday, November 28, 7:00pm** at Mig Robertson's house. Please join us.

Contact Darla Nagy [215-256-0276](tel:215-256-0276) or Linda Szojka [215-855-8225](tel:215-855-8225) if you have questions.



YOUTH GROUP

WEEKLY MEETING

No Youth Group Sun. 11/19 – Please attend the Thanksgiving Service!

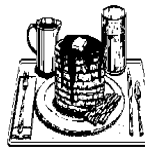
Sun. 11/26 (11:45AM- 1:30PM) - includes lunch, games, & a short devotional time

FELLOWSHIP

Fri. 12/8 (5:30pm- 11pm)- YG Christmas party at Tom & Marjie's house! We will be playing board games, video games, eating pizza, doing a white elephant gift exchange and other Christmas festivities. We will leave from church together at 5:30 and be back there for pick up around 11.

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 here).



Our church's monthly
**FREE COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST** is

NEXT Saturday, November 25,
8:00-10:00am.

Please consider helping out with this monthly ministry. All members of the congregation are welcome to stop by for a free breakfast, too!

Shut-In Birthday:

November 25 – Mrs. Joan Wlotko
84 Derstine Road, Apt. 2320, Hatfield, PA
19440

Community Dinner Coordinator

We are looking for a new person to coordinate the community dinners. Please contact Heidi Painter, in the office, if you are willing.

*A big thank you to
Linda Szojka for serving
in this role for the past
few years!*





CHRISTMAS "ANGEL" TREE FOR DOCK VILLAGE

This Christmas, CCC's mission team is inviting you to reach out in support of the families residing at Dock Village, a low income, HUD subsidized multi-family apartment complex in Towamencin Twp. Last year our church's generosity supported Dock Village with 161 deeply appreciated gifts.

There is a small Christmas tree with paper ornaments on the table outside of fellowship hall. Each ornament asks you to purchase a gift as noted on the paper ornament or general list. The angel ornaments specify the gender and age of the recipient, and these gifts should be wrapped. **These angel ornament gifts are the greater need.** The star ornaments are general needs and should **not** be wrapped (see list below for general need items). All gifts should have the paper ornament attached and gift receipts included with the wrapped gifts.

This year we are requesting that you place the gifts under the table displaying the "Angel" Christmas Tree by **Dec. 3**. The gifts will be periodically collected from under the tree and stored for delivery to Dock Village (12-7). Please contact Mig Robertson (215-256-4468 or hateithateit@msn.com) or Heidi Painter with questions.

Dock Village General Needs Gifts

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| Fidget Spinners (Walmart, Target, Amazon) | Make up |
| Fidget Cubes | Nail Polish |
| Legos for girls and boys | Kitchen accessories (dish rags, pans, pot holders, utensils, etc.) |
| Gloves, male/female, all ages | Headphones |
| Winter hats, male/female, all ages | Ear buds |
| Board games | Paint by sticker books (Amazon or bookstores) |
| Card games | Bath towels |
| Matchbox cars/items | Sheets/linens |
| Pokemon cards | |
| Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, ShopRite, Famous Footwear, Wawa) | |

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 for the annual soup meal *(now a lunch instead of a supper)!*

We need your help! The sign-up sheet is on the table, next to the angel tree in the outer narthex.



2018 BUXMONT CHRISTIAN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Plans for our CCC Volleyball Team(s) to play in the BuxMont Christian Co-ed Volleyball League are being firmed up. The season begins in January and continues through the end of April. Individual league fees for the entire season are about \$15 per player, plus another ~\$10 for the cost of a shirt for new players. If you are 16 years or older and interested in playing this season, contact: Ernie Radvany (phone or text) (215/815-5264).

Deadline is:
Sunday, Nov. 30.

