



# The Parish *Messenger*

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER  
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR  
HADDONFIELD, NJ



## Unity & Fellowship Sunday Set for Jan 26; Combined Worship @ 9:30 Followed by Brunch and Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 26 Our Savior will hold one worship service at 9:30 so members from the regular three worship times can worship together as one congregation. Immediately following worship the congregation will move to the Parish Hall for a sumptuous brunch prior to the Annual Meeting that will follow. Turkey and ham will be served. Please bring a side to share; breakfast casseroles, bagels & cream cheese, fruit, stuffing, sweet potatoes, veggies, mac & cheese are just a few suggestions. There will be separate activities for children on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor while parents participate in the Annual Meeting scheduled to end by noon.

Why one service prior to the Annual Meeting?

1. It creates the opportunity for the congregation to truly worship as a unified body of Christ rather than a segmented one.
2. It provides members who regularly attend one service the opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with regular members of the other worship services.
3. Members with children in Sunday afternoon activities can participate in the Annual Meeting.

The Council realizes this may be an inconvenience for some, especially those who will need to get children up and ready for worship and Sunday school 60 minutes earlier than usual. We also believe the benefit will greatly outweigh the cost. It is their sincere hope as many of the congregation will mark their calendars to attend this year's Unity Fellowship Sunday Worship and Annual Meeting on January 26 with worship at 9:30 and brunch following immediately afterward.

**At the Annual Meeting** the main topics of discussion will include:

- Use of a \$25,000 gift toward children, youth, and young adult ministry and how it might best foster and enhance our ministry to and with that segment of our congregation and community around us.
- Also, **three Congregation Council members and two members of the Memorial Gifts Board will need to be elected** by a quorum of the congregation to serve three and four year terms respectively. Laurie Eason (Secretary), Glen Martin (Property), and Gary Visconti (Christian Education) will all be going off council. We offer our most heartfelt thanks to **Mike Fallon (Chair)** and **Bob Mirabello** who will both be completing their second four-year term on the Memorial Gift Board.
- Finally, the **2020 Financial Plan for Ministry will be voted on.** The final Financial Plan will not be fully prepared until after the January Council meeting, and the Congregation Resources ministry team is confident the 2019 Ministry Fall Campaign commitments along with estimated giving from non-pledging members will meet the challenge for supporting our current and future ministry in 2020.

So **MARK JAN 26 ON YOUR NEW CALENDARS NOW FOR 9:30 WORSHIP & BRUNCH/ANNUAL MEETING**



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord, proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs, and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.*



## “Baptismal Vows to Wedding Vows – A Promise Kept”

By Pastor Wayne Zschech

How are you at keeping promises? According to U.S. News approximately 80% of New Year resolutions fail by the second week of February. Hopefully we are better at keeping promises that have a greater impact on our lives than going to the gym or staying on the Keto diet. Parents make promises at their child's baptism, and on January 12, when the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord and we will be blessing the children baptized last year at Our Savior, I will also be baptizing Jack Angelone and Connor Glass. They are cousins and the third of three children in their respective families. Their moms are sisters and grew up in this church along with two other sisters, one who has also baptized and is raising her two children here. And like those previous baptisms I will be asking them and their spouses to make the same promise and accept the same responsibilities.

*To LIVE WITH THEM among God's faithful people, BRING THEM to the word of God and the holy supper, TEACH THEM the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, PLACE IN THEIR HANDS, the holy scriptures, and NURTURE THEM in faith and prayer.*

Keeping these promises is not always easy. In fact, at times it may seem impossible and certainly not convenient. But when we do we are sometimes surprised at how deeply our children's faith life with God and the body of Christ can become.

At the marriage altar vows of faithfulness and love are exchanged. The couple makes a promise to each other for the rest of their lives. In November I had the honor of officiating the marriage of Spencer and Gina, and while I'm not a huge fan of personalized vows I was blown away when Spencer began his to Gina. Paraphrasing he said, “Gina, when I was born I lived in that house right outside that window. My parents used to pick me up and carry me around the corner and walk up those steps into this church. I was baptized in that font. I received my first communion at that rail. Some of my best memories are of VBS and Sunday school and youth group at this church. And today I get to have my dream come true as I stand at this altar on our wedding day and become your husband.”

The next day I baptized a baby who lives down the street and led his parents through the same promises. I hope and pray he has a similar experience of faith formation and sense of community with the body of Christ that gathers at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. His parents will obviously play a big role in that, as Spencer's parents did (his mom admitted at the reception it wasn't always easy and their children didn't always like it). Yet, they are not the only ones who get to be a part of keeping baptismal responsibilities. We do too, the people of God, whether we witnessed the baptism or not. There are a “cloud of witnesses” that are involved in a child's faith formation and as we enter a new year and about five weeks in a row of baptisms on Sunday morning we would do well to be mindful of the implicit promises we make at a child's baptism.

We promise to welcome them in worship; to help teach them the words of the liturgy when they are seated next to us as well as help them learn our hymns. We promise to nurture them in the faith when we volunteer for Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, confirmation Guides, youth advisors, or simply are willing to engage in conversation with them during Coffee Hour in listen to the ups and downs of their lives. We promise to pray for them and especially at those special times in their lives of faith; first communion, first Bible, during confirmation, and as they graduate from high school and enter the next big leg of their journey of life and faith.

Our New Year resolution may not make it past Groundhog Day, but I pray the promise and vow we make to each other in Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism be a vow we keep every day by the Holy Spirit's power. Happy New Year!

## Bible Discussion for Daily Life on Gospel of John

An early-church father, Clement of Alexandria, described the Gospel of John as a “spiritual account” of Jesus' life and teaching. Often considered more theological than historical, the portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of John is very different from the other Gospels. John includes stories about Jesus that do not appear in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Some of these differences will be the focus of our discussions over the weeks and we hope you can attend any one of them as John is the Gospel readings during the season of Easter and interspersed throughout the year.

This is not a Bible lecture but rather a discussion of how what we read in Scripture is applicable to our daily life and faith. Attend either Mondays from 7:30-9:00 in Room 112 or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00. **No prior attendance or scriptural knowledge is required to gain insight and value from the discussion.** Just drop on in. Bibles are available if you don't have one. See you in January. The following dates, reading, and topics are as follows:

|           |                |                  |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| Jan 6/8   | Chapters 6-9   | Adulterous Woman |
| Jan 13/15 | Chapters 10-11 | Lazarus Raised   |
| Jan 20/22 | Chapters 12-13 | Washing of Feet  |
| Jan 27/29 | Chapters 14-19 | The Crucifixion  |
| Feb 3/5   | Chapters 20-25 | Peter Reinstated |







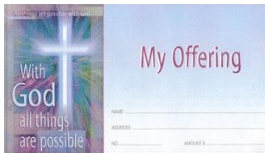
## ANNUAL REPORT

### Annual reports Deadline is Jan 3

If you are a chairperson or staff member in a ministry area you are to submit your annual report of ministry to the Parish Administrator, Sandy DeDonatis no later than January 3 so the Annual Report of the Congregation can be completed and mailed by the required January 16 deadline. Please be sure to include highlights of your ministry as this document provides an overview of Our Savior's ministry not only for the benefit of the Annual Meeting but for record keeping purposes as well. Thank you in advance for your attention to content and time constraints.

### Undeck the Sanctuary Jan 5 @ Noon

With the arrival of Epiphany comes the removal of the various Christmas décor from around the church sanctuary. The Altar Guild and Worship and Music Committee would appreciate any help that is available on Sunday afternoon, January 5, beginning at noon, to carefully remove the Christmons and lights from the trees, take down the trees and carefully store them in their respective containers before storing them for next year. **Lunch will be provided to all the "elves" able to help!** Please contact the church office if you are able to help so we can get a count for lunch or just show up after worship on Jan 5.



### Boxed Envelopes Available In Narthex for Pick-Up until Jan 5

Members of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior are asked to pick up their 2020 offering envelopes in the Narthex by Jan 5. **NOTE: Adult children attending college or those who are otherwise still listed as living at home will not be issued envelopes but are encouraged to provide their offerings in the family household envelope.** Any adult child wishing to have their own envelopes need only request them from the Church Office.

If you can drop off envelopes for a friend or nearby neighbor in the congregation please do. Envelopes that are not picked up by December 31 will be mailed out in the first weeks of 2020. Please help reduce postage costs by picking up your offering envelopes in the Narthex.

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed for Christmas on Dec. 25 & 26. We will also be closed for the New Year on Jan. 1. The office is open Sunday from 7:15-12:00 noon and Monday through Thursday from 7:30-5:00. The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Happy New Year!



### Pantry Volunteers Through February

Thank you to our December Volunteers: Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy, Lynn Block, Nancy Dempsey, Connie Wolf, The Hoffman/Bridges Family, Peg & Spike Riley, Gralish/DiGirolamo Family

Week of Jan 5: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Jan 12: **Heilman Family**

Week of Jan 19: **Millie King**

Week of Jan 26: **Deery Family**

Week of Feb 2: **Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy**

Week of Feb 9: **Hoffman/Bridges Family**

Week of Feb 16: \_\_\_\_\_

Week of Feb 23: **Deery Family**

Please contact Lynn Block, Pantry Coordinator, if you have any questions, recommendations, or you can fill in the blank spaces:  
blockstar59@hotmail.com or 609-238-7419.



### PANTRY NEEDS : DECEMBER

All donations welcome!

Special Needs: **mac & cheese (7 oz.), tuna (5 oz.), peanut butter (16 oz.), pasta sauce (16 oz.) paper towels**

Pantry Family Thank You:

Dear Friends,

Just wanted to let everyone at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior know how much I appreciate your very generous Thanksgiving card! It will certainly go to good use. Many thanks again for your kindness throughout the year. Your help makes a big difference in my life and I am grateful for each kind gesture. Wishing you all many blessings throughout the holiday season and New Year!

Sincerely yours, Elizabeth

The Pantry wants to thank everyone for their very generous food donations over the Holidays. The Pantry Families truly appreciated your generosity!



### Sisters in Spirit Kick Off the New Year with Dinner Out

Sisters in Spirit invite LCOS ladies and friends to dinner out at Mare Monte Ristorante Italiano, 1 Kings

Highway E., Haddonfield. Join us on Friday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. for good food, conversation and laughter, guaranteed to get 2020 off to a great start.

Please RSVP to Deb Tredinnick: 856-287-9878 or [dltredinnick@yahoo.com](mailto:dltredinnick@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!



## Sunday School:

I want to thank everyone who came out to support the Children's Christmas Pageant this year. A huge thank you to Sandy DeDonatis, Bill Ryan, Stacey Shaw, Allison Gensel, Becky Bogina and Pauline Worusski. All of the Sunday School students did an amazing job this year telling the story of Advent. Thank you to Bonnie Richards for writing an amazing skit. It was a great success and I look forward to next year!

Starting in January we will be starting a new Sunday School class for Kindergarteners and 1st graders.

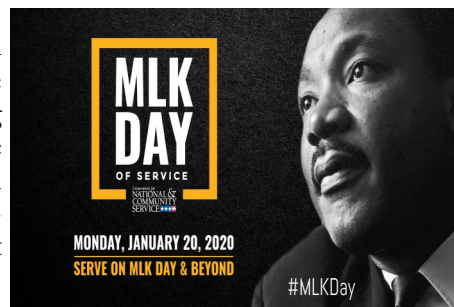


The church was given a very generous gift and a portion of the gift will be donated to families with young children and Sunday School aged kids. We are inviting parents to join Pastor Wayne and myself for a round table discussion on January 5th after the 10:30 service to get ideas on how this gift can be used for our children. Please let me know if you need childcare in order to attend this meeting.

## Oasis and Confirmation:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will take place on January 20th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at LCOS. On the 20th, the Confirmation Class and Oasis will be doing things around the church, lunch will be provided, please bring your friends! We will be having a contest, the youth

that brings the most food for the pantry will win a prize. If you have any questions you can let me know. This is a great day of service and an opportunity to get service hours for school.



The church was given a very generous gift and a portion of the gift will be donated to Confirmation and Oasis aged youth. During Oasis on January 12th at 6:30, we will be having a discussion on what to do with their portion of the donation.

## Mission Trip:

If your child will be 16 years old by July and is interested in Mission Trip. We will be having an interest meeting on February 6th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, ask Jaime or Pastor Wayne.



## Thrivent Baptismal Medallions Given on Jan 12



On Sunday, January 12, the Church celebrates the Baptism of our Lord. It is also the day The Lutheran Church Our Savior celebrates the baptisms of all the children who have been baptized in the previous year. At the 10:30 worship parents and sponsors will renew the promises they made at the child's baptism and the children will receive a blessing by Pastor Wayne, as well as, a gift of a pewter baptismal medallion. Parents who will be participating in the service are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting the church office either by phone (429-5122) or email the Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Jaime Frazier-Baldwin, at [lcosjaime@gmail.com](mailto:lcosjaime@gmail.com).



This month we will sing the praises of Eva Shaw. Speaking of singing, Eva has been a member of the choir since Bert Carlson was director, don't really know how long ago that was but let's just say over 20 years. Here are some of the other things that Eva has done and continues to do: Altar Guild chairperson, Sunday school teacher (not currently but her daughter, Stacey, continues the legacy), Social Ministry, Funeral luncheon committee, VBS volunteer, usher, counter and a member of the Worship and Music Committee. Eva embroiders the baptismal napkins, makes and delivers meals for My Father's House, works with the Advent Giving Tree, The Caring Hearts Ministry, The Holiday Food Drive and will do whatever is asked of her. Outside of the church she is a member of Haddon Fire's Auxiliary and she



makes a delicious cheesecakes and coffee cake! Thank you Eva, for your many, many years of dedicated service to the ministry at Our Savior!





## Breaking Down the Great Commission- Vicar Josh Pontious

And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

### Baptism and the Trinity

This is probably the easiest section of the Great Commission for the average church member to brush aside. Baptism is definitely one of those things that we can easily leave in the hands of our pastors! We don't all get to do that (well except in emergency situations, but don't worry about that today).

What's more important to note here, is that when we reach out into our communities and friend circles, and begin intentional processes of disciple making, baptism is important. If a person we encounter is beginning their intentional faith journey hasn't been baptized yet, it would be great if some of the encouragement (not pushing) came from a close friend and not just from the pastor.

Also, just because we're talking with people who don't have much of a relationship with the church, with God and are just getting started with this whole Christianity stuff, doesn't mean that they weren't baptized in the past. If they've ever been baptized at ANY church or by any tradition that uses the Trinitarian formula (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), then it doesn't need to happen again.

That formula given to us by Christ is all we need. Water, Word. Done!

To keep it super simple and easy to remember:

1. Baptism is super important!
2. It only has to happen once, and it doesn't matter much where.

Two more articles left in this series! Next up is a look at the things that we are called to do as disciples ourselves, and how we invite others into those activities and practices. Until then, I welcome any thoughts or questions on this, or anything else that is on your mind. Just shoot me an email ([jpontious@uls.edu](mailto:jpontious@uls.edu)), drop by during regular office hours, or grab me after worship on Sundays.

## Environmental Challenge

For God's Planet and God's People and God's Animals

Eat Those Leftovers !!

After the holidays season you will likely have leftovers from Christmas, New Year parties, family gatherings .... a great way to be a steward to the Earth is to consume your food. And as the year goes on to continue to eat your leftovers. Did you know that Americans throw away 25% of the food they buy ? Not only is this a waste of money but, it is also harmful to the environment. Producing food takes land, water, and heavy machinery. By eating your leftovers you are not only saving money but, also preventing energy waste from food production. Not to mention, you are keeping them from taking up space in a landfill.

**Be The CHANGE God's World Needs !!**



## Enlightenment and Encouragement for Teens

Our Savior's Library offers a multitude of books for Teens !

We have graphic novels, fiction, mysteries, and many others topics to choose from.

Come on in and enjoy a read or two.

~ The Library Ladies



## 2019 Offerings Must Be Postmarked or In by Dec 31

In order to keep our bookkeeping accurate the Congregation Resources Committee has set Wednesday, December 31, as the last date offerings can be hand delivered to the office or postmarked if sent by mail. Thank you as always for your generous support of God's work in the world that is done through the ministry at Our Savior.



## Crossroads Camp Sunday on Jan 12

On January 12 we will celebrate "Camp Sunday" by having Anthony Briggs, the director of CrossRoads Camp, the synod's Lutheran-Episcopal camp in northwest NJ, in worship with us. He will

bring greetings and share in the message with Pastor Wayne during the sermon. Religious overnight camps are cited as having an incredible impact on a child and youth's faith formation and longevity and Anthony will share just what a great experience our children and youth can have at Crossroads. If you've ever wondered about an overnight camp for your child and would like to learn more, this is the Sunday to mark your calendar to attend.

## Mission Quilts Women Take Quilts for Lutheran World Relief Distribution on Jan 13

On Monday, January 13 a group of women from the Mission Quilts and MQ2 quilting ministry will pack up the church van and travel to the Brethren Center in New Windsor MD to drop off over 30 quilts for Lutheran World Relief distribution. They will see how the quilts are process, packed, and made ready for shipping at the center before enjoying lunch and a visit to the LWR national headquarters at the Lutheran Center located at the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. These are the quilts we blessed back in November and we look forward to discovering where they will be shipped around the world. Some of the quilts remained in Camden County to provide warmth to the poor who live in our local community as well. Pastor Wayne will serve as chauffeur and tour guide for the trip.



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship 6:00 p.m. on Jan 19 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; Day of Service Begins at 8:30 a.m. on Jan 20 at Our Savior.

The Haddonfield Council of Churches invites area residents to join local clergy in a worship service commemorating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday night at 6:00 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church located at the corner of Lincoln and Douglas Avenues in Haddonfield. In a time when conflict and violence are seemingly rampant in our nation and world we look to those leaders who have inspired us with a mission and ministry of peace as a means to resolve differences and tension among peoples. There will be a Day of Service rather than a day off on Monday, Jan 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Remembrance for our youth and any adults wishing to join them in various projects here at the church and within the community. Please gather in the Parish Hall by 8:30 where participants will be provided with different locations to spend three hours in service. Please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech for more details on the worship service and Jaime Frazier-Baldwin for the day of service activities.



## Newcomer Orientation Set for Jan 25 from 2:00-5:00 in Room 112

If you've been a guest in worship once or for the past year and are interested in learning more about the ministry at Our Savior, especially if you would like to join as a member, we invite you to the Newcomer Orientation being held on Saturday, January 25 from 2:00-5:00 in Room 112. Each person/family will receive a Congregation Information Binder that contains:

- A Pictorial Directory
  - A Congregational History overview
  - A Time & Talent survey to assist in getting you connected to ministry
  - A Leadership Contact Page
- Membership Form (for those interested in becoming Voting Members).

Then prepare to learn some new faces and names in the congregation on Unity Sunday, the next day! New members will be received into the congregation of Our Savior at the one worship service at 9:30 before the annual meeting and brunch following the service. A photo will be taken of each family to help in putting names with faces.

## Meet Our Newest Members



Melinda, Tom & Liam Matula

## My Father's House

It's a new year and the crew who provide weekly meals for My Father's House is looking to enlist new cooks. How about you? All you have to do is prepare a simple meal (entree, side, dessert) for the 15 women in MFH's addiction recovery program. Deliver it to MFH in nearby Gloucester City if you can, if not, no problem, delivery arrangements will be made. The 2020 calendar is wide open so consider signing up today for the Tuesday of your choice to make a meal and make a difference in the lives of those working hard to turn their lives around. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and online at <http://bit.ly/MFHdinner>. If you are interested but hesitant, Michele DiGirolamo will answer all your questions. (856-905-5098 or [michele245@gmail.com](mailto:michele245@gmail.com)).



## January 2020 Regular Events

| SUNDAYS                                                                                                                                                                        | MONDAYS                                                                                                             | TUESDAYS                                                | WEDNESDAYS                                                       | THURSDAYS                                                                                                                                                            | FRIDAYS | SATURDAYS                         |
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| 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Services<br>9:00AM Coffee Hour<br>11:45 AM Cherub Choir<br>12:30 PM Youth Choir<br>1:15 PM Youth Bell Choir<br>6:30 PM Confirmation/Oasis | 5:00-8:30 ChildrenSong in Choir Room<br><br>7:00-8:30 Possibility Players - PH<br><br>7:30-9:00 PM Bible Discussion | 10:30 AM Pastors' Pericope<br><br>2:30 PM Staff Meeting | 9:30-11:00 AM Bible Discussion - Room 112<br><br>4:00 PM Tai Chi | 9:00 AM Handyman Group<br><br>5:00 Kids Vocal Choir<br><br>5:45 Kids Bell Choir<br><br>7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Adult Bell Choir<br><br>8:00 PM – 9:30 PM Adult Vocal Choir |         | 10:00-12:15 SJ Bilingual Families |

## January 2020 Special Events

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                             | MONDAY                                                                                                   | TUESDAY                                                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                      | THURSDAY                                             | FRIDAY                                                           | SATURDAY                          |
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|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          |                                                                                            | 1 <b>New Year's Day</b><br><br>Office Closed                   | 2<br>9:30 Mission Quilts                             | 3<br>Annual Report Deadline<br><br>7:00-9:00 Frazier Set-up - PH | 4<br>1:00-5:00 Frazier party - PH |
| 5<br><br>11:45 Undeck the Halls<br><br>11:45 W&M Mtg.<br><br>No Confirmation/Oasis                                                 | 6 <b>Epiphany</b><br><br>5:30 Congregation resources Mtg.                                                | 7<br>SW Cluster/District Mtg.<br><br>7:00 PM Toastmasters<br><br>7:00 Social Ministry Mtg. | 8<br>Financial Plan Deadline<br><br>10:00-12:00 Singing Angels | 9<br>Messenger Deadline<br><br>9:30 Mission Quilts   | 10<br>6:30 S-I-S Dinner Out<br><br>3:15-4:30 Girl Scouts         | 11<br>8:00-noon ChildrenSong      |
| 12<br><b>Baptism of Our Lord</b><br><br>Presentation of Baptismal Medallions<br><br>Glass/Angelone Baptisms                        | 13<br>Delivery of Quilts Lutheran World Relief<br><br>2:00-4:00 Local Vocal<br><br>4:45-6:00 Girl Scouts | 14<br>10:00-3:00 HGC<br><br>7:00 PM Toastmasters<br><br>7:00 PM Church Council             | 15<br>7:00 MGB                                                 | 16<br>Messenger Mailing<br><br>Annual Report Mailing | 17<br><br><br>Pastor at                                          | 18<br><br><br>Crossroads          |
| 19<br>Dickerson Baptism<br><br>Dickerson party in Parish Hall<br><br>6:00 MLK, Jr. Worship Mt. Olivet<br><br>No Confirmation/Oasis | 20<br><b>Martin Luther King, Jr.</b><br><br>8:30 AM Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service@LCOS          | 21<br>7:00 PM Toastmasters<br><br>12:00 PM Senior Game Day<br><br>7:00 Adult Game Night    | 22<br>10:00-12:00 Singing Angels                               | 23<br>9:30 MQ2                                       | 24<br>3:15-4:30 Girl Scouts                                      | 25<br>2:00-5:00 Newcomer Class    |
| 26<br>Gallo Baptism<br><br>9:30 AM Annual Meeting/Unity Sunday/Sunday School<br><br>10:00 AM Oasis Babysitting                     | 27<br>9:00-3:00 Yearly Staff Planning Mtg.<br><br>4:45-6:00 Girl Scouts                                  | 28                                                                                         | 29<br>7:00 Book Discussion-Parlor                              | 30                                                   | 31                                                               |                                   |

*The monthly calendar is subject to change. Please check the weekly calendar posted in the Sunday bulletin.*

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## All Envelope Offerings

## Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance

| Month | 5 Year rolling average % | Total Revenue per Budget x Rolling Avg % = 2019 Plan Giving | Actual Monthly Giving 2019 | Actual Giving vs Plan Difference Over (Under) | Actual Monthly Giving 2018 | Actual Monthly \$ Difference 2019 vs 2018 Over (Under) | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | AW-WA - Monthly Diff. 2019 vs 2018 |
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| Jan   | 6.45%                    | \$ 29,811                                                   | \$ 44,273                  | \$ 14,462                                     | \$ 25,472                  | \$ 18,801                                              | 152  | 155  | 145  | 170  | -2%                                |
| Feb   | 7.06%                    | 32,634                                                      | 32,308                     | (326)                                         | 28,365                     | 3,943                                                  | 168  | 186  | 182  | 190  | -10%                               |
| Mar   | 8.42%                    | 38,894                                                      | 33,620                     | (5,274)                                       | 31,668                     | 1,952                                                  | 169  | 202  | 153  | 279  | -16%                               |
| April | 8.95%                    | 41,366                                                      | 40,413                     | (953)                                         | 40,187                     | 226                                                    | 303  | 225  | 281  | 178  | 35%                                |
| May   | 7.39%                    | 34,142                                                      | 37,875                     | 3,733                                         | 34,967                     | 2,908                                                  | 162  | 194  | 172  | 174  | -16%                               |
| June  | 7.87%                    | 36,355                                                      | 35,509                     | (846)                                         | 50,071                     | (14,562)                                               | 165  | 176  | 153  | 144  | -6%                                |
| July  | 6.67%                    | 30,843                                                      | 28,510                     | (2,333)                                       | 31,344                     | (2,834)                                                | 108  | 133  | 122  | 104  | -19%                               |
| Aug   | 7.20%                    | 33,285                                                      | 26,152                     | (7,133)                                       | 28,270                     | (2,118)                                                | 109  | 119  | 122  | 122  | -8%                                |
| Sept  | 7.77%                    | 35,893                                                      | 35,294                     | (599)                                         | 33,775                     | 1,519                                                  | 165  | 172  | 163  | 158  | -4%                                |
| Oct   | 9.30%                    | 42,968                                                      | 28,114                     | (14,854)                                      | 37,652                     | (9,538)                                                | 160  | 162  | 190  | 187  | -1%                                |
| Nov   | 8.40%                    | 38,834                                                      | 38,212                     | (622)                                         | 34,315                     | 3,897                                                  | 180  | 192  | 199  | 183  | -6%                                |
| Dec   | 14.53%                   | 67,151                                                      | -                          | -                                             | 68,157                     | -                                                      | -    | 214  | 181  | 193  | -                                  |
| Total | 100.00 %                 | \$ 462,176                                                  | \$ 380,280                 | \$ (14,745)                                   | \$ 444,243                 | \$ 4,194                                               |      |      |      |      |                                    |

### Average YTD Worship Attendance

|     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 167 | 174 | 171 | 172 |
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### Average YTD Worship Attendance - Comparison to Prior Year

|                   |          |     |    |     |
|-------------------|----------|-----|----|-----|
| Diff. =           | CY - PY  | (7) | 3  | (1) |
| % Diff. =         | Diff./PY | -4% | 2% | 0%  |
| CY = Current Year |          |     |    |     |
| PY = Prior Year   |          |     |    |     |



To my LCOS "family,"

Wanted to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who prayed, showed concern, called and sent cards during my recent surgery for prostate cancer. As I continue to improve, reports indicate I can expect a full recovery.

For that, I am grateful and just feel so blessed for all your support, thoughts and prayers. I only asked God to help me cope with whatever I was facing. He answered by prayers by bringing into my life a wife who stood by me every step of the way and steered me toward healthy eating habits that enabled me to lose 25 pounds; children and family who visited and made sure we had all that we needed; neighbors who sent cards and meals; and friends like you made your love felt. You have helped me heal as much spiritually as you have physically.

Thank you so much, and God bless you.

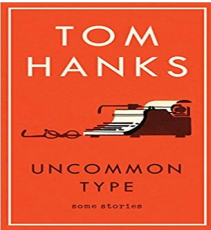
Dave Wyche

### It's Not Too Early To Think About Summer Internships!

College students looking for real life experience in their field of study should contact Interfaith Caregivers about summer internships. Work with people in a non- profit business environment, that provides vital services to seniors and the disabled. Help this community-based organization by working on digital marketing projects, client services, and assisting with grant research

Interfaith Caregivers is a community-based non-profit operating in Haddon Heights and Haddonfield whose mission is to facilitate the independent living of those 65+ and disabled citizens. Contact Nancy DeLaura at [ndelaura@ifchaddons.org](mailto:ndelaura@ifchaddons.org) for more information.





## Fellowship Together Book Club

The book we will be starting with is titled *Uncommon Type: Some Stories* by Tom Hanks (yes that Tom Hanks!). Here is a quick link for a synopsis: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/34389773-uncommon-type>

For the time being, I would like to have the first book discussion take place on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 in the parlor, as this should allow for plenty of time to read, even with the impending holiday season. Please contact Sam Wentz if you have any questions: Sam.wentz@gmail.com or 609-922-4973. A limited number of copies are available from Sandy in the office for \$15.



## God Bless LCOS Angels

### Advent Giving Tree 2019 Update

by Betsy Kuehn

**"I tell you, whenever you did  
this for one of the least of these,  
you did it for me."  
(Matthew 25:40)**

Once again the people of Our Savior have put their faith into action with their generosity. A huge thank you and well done from the Social Ministry Committee to everyone who took Advent Giving Tree tags and bought the gifts or donated money to purchase gifts. We started with 240 tags and ended with 199 tags taken and 41 tags left. Also, in addition to the \$2500.00 budgeted for the Giving Tree, a total of \$620.00 was contributed to the Advent Giving Tree fund as of 12/8/19 to purchase gifts for all of the left-over tags. The gifts are given to children, teenagers, young adults, adults and families through the following organizations.

**Urban Promise** – provides Christian outreach and education programs for children and youth of Camden.

**My Father's House** – a court mandated substance abuse counseling center for male and female teenagers and adults.

**Caring Hearts Ministry** – provides support for individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families.

**Pantry Families** – families in our area who are regularly provided with groceries from the LCOS pantry.

**Glenview School in Haddon Heights** – children of low income, needy families.

**Garfield and Tatem Elementary Schools in Collingswood** – children of low income, needy families.



## January Worship Leaders & Volunteers

**Altar Guild:** Arlene Stolarick, Becky Bogina

**Communion Assts:** 8- Laura Oakes

**10:30-** Joe DiDario

**Counters:** Tom & Jeanne Grimes, Deb Hartigan, Paul Knauer

**Ushers:** 8- Bill Neveling, Laura Oakes

**10:30-** Mike & Amy Stolarick

### January 5

**Coffee Hour:** Worship & Music & Communications

**Readers:** 8- Bill Neveling **10:30-** Jen Rhodes

**Acolytes:** 8- Rob LaBarge, Caroline & Emily Asselin

**10:30-** Grace Ewing, Abby Ryan, Peyton Rhodes,

Lilia & Cleo Cottone

**Pantry:** Marianne Aponte, Steve & Debbie Cain, Jerry Murphy

### January 12

**Coffee Hour:** Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs

**Readers:** 8- Laura Oakes **10:30-** Joe DiDario

**Acolytes:** 8- Rob LaBarge, Logan Gebhart, Jack Turner

**10:30-** Hailey & Dylan Melcher, Andrew Smith,

Amelia, Grayson & Bennett Wright

**Pantry:** Heilman Family

### January 19

**Coffee Hour:** Christian Education & Sunday School

**Readers:** 8- Kristine Monsen **10:30-** Bob Williams

**Acolytes:** 8:00- Rob LaBarge, Seba & Javi Miller

**10:30-** Kate & Matthew Morris, Robby Pineiro

**Pantry:** Millie King

### January 26

**Coffee Hour:** No Coffee Hour, Annual Meeting Brunch

**9:30-** Lourdes Demers

**Acolytes:** 9:30- Rob LaBarge

**Pantry:** Deery Family



## What do you really need for Christmas?

What do you really need for Christmas? What are the little traditions, moments, melodies that let you know, Christmas time is here? For music nerd me, it is squeezing in listening as much of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" as I possibly can before heading off to Christmas Eve services, it's the glorious chord on "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing" in the hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful"... but it's also the peace that immediately sets in in my heart when I hear the opening notes of "Still, Still, Still" or "Silent Night" – or both of those things together, as you heard at the end of our Lessons and Carols service.

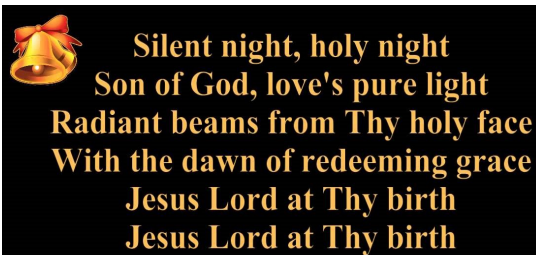
These days, it seems that Christmas needs so much more to "happen" – holiday parties, gift exchanges, endless cookies baked, presents bought and and and... after all, didn't even the three kings bring Jesus presents? Because *clearly* what a newborn needs is some gold and myrrh – surely if it had been three wise women, they would have brought more practical gifts? All jokes aside, I do understand that it was the idea of bringing the best of the best for the newborn King, which is why three wise men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the short opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" (listening to it is another beloved Advent/Christmas tradition for many), inspired by the story of the three wise men, the three kings meet the poor child Amahl and his mother. The mother, desperate for money to keep the house warm and herself and her child fed, takes some of the gold. As the kings realize what has happened, Melchior lets her keep the gold as he sings these beautiful words:

*The child we seek doesn't need our gold. On love, on love alone he will build his kingdom.*

*His pierced hand will hold no scepter. His haloed head will wear no crown. His might will not be built on your toil.*

*Swifter than lightning, he will soon walk among us. He will bring us new life...*

I encourage you all to mindfully find your "Now it feels like Christmas" moments, and I pray that you find those moments surrounded by those you love, or singing Christmas carols, or in a quiet morning or evening in a warm home or sanctuary. We do not need gold or presents to know it is Christmas in our hearts. May the peace of God be with you during this season and always.



*Pauline Worusski*



## 2020 Coffee Hour Schedule

**Jan. 5** – Worship & Music & Communications Committees  
**Jan. 12** – Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs  
**Jan. 19** – Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School  
**Jan. 26** – NO COFFEE HOUR, Unity Sunday  
**Feb. 2** – Confirmation & Oasis  
**Feb. 9** – Altar Guild  
**Feb. 16** – Ushers, Lay Readers  
**Feb. 23** – Mission Quilts  
**Mar. 1** – Outreach & Fellowship Committees, Greeters  
**Mar. 8** – Personnel & Property Committees  
**Mar. 15** – Social Ministry  
**Mar. 22** – Sisters~In~Spirit  
**Mar. 29** – First Holy Communion Cake  
**Apr. 5** – Congregation Resources & Counters  
**Apr. 12** – Easter, No Coffee Hour  
**Apr. 19** – MGB  
**April 26** – Cherub, Children & Youth Choirs  
**May 3** – Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School  
**May 10** – Muffins With Moms  
**May 17** – Confirmation, Oasis  
**May 24** – Worship & Music & Communications Committees  
**May 31** – Altar Guild  
**June 7** – CONFIRMATION RECEPTION  
**June 14** – Ushers, Lay Readers  
**June 21** – Donuts With Dads (Last Official Coffee Hour)

If your group is responsible for Coffee Hour your chairperson will get an e-mail the week before. You should have a person or two to set-up and clean-up. Suggested items for Coffee Hour are: sweets, cheese and crackers, bagels and cream cheese, fruit, grapes, juice and half and half. Coffee Hour starts at 9:00 and is over at the start of the 10:30 Worship. Clean-up may be done at 10:30 or after the 10:30 Worship. Thank you! It would be wonderful if the committee or group members would join us for Coffee Hour!

**A DAY WITHOUT  
COFFEE IS LIKE...**

Just kidding. I have no idea.

## HELP WANTED

The Fix-It Team formerly known as The Handyman Group is in need of reliable, weekly volunteers on Thursday morning from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. We are a weekly fixit group dedicated to keeping the church in good working order. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer, 856-429-5122 or just come by any Thursday morning to help out. Snacks, coffee and fellowship provided. Welcome to our new member, Jim Frazier!!! Please consider joining us.



## Attention Seniors!

### Senior Game Day

*JANUARY DATE IS:*

*Tuesday, January 21*

*at 12:00 noon*

~ Bingo, Pinochle, Bridge,  
Mexican Train ~

Come out and Have Fun!

Food and drinks served

**RSVP: Peg Hartmann 856-745-2459**

**mamahart16@comcast.net**



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**Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Nursery Provided at 10:30 AM**

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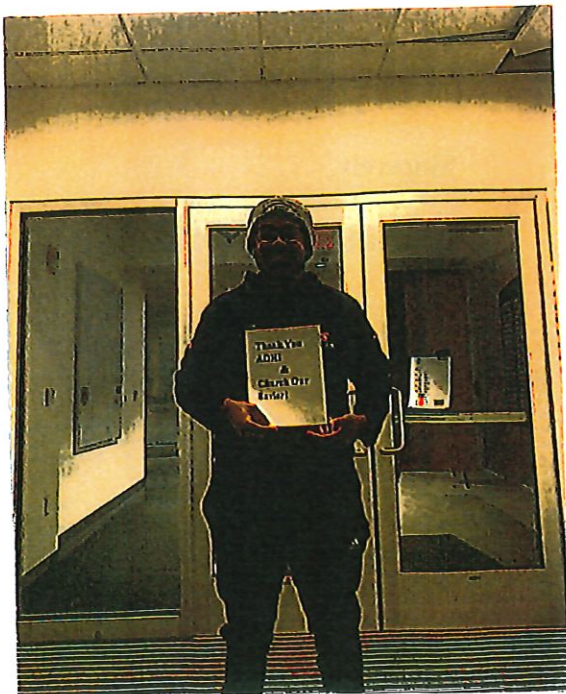


Thank you notes from two of the four college youth from Urban Promise who received assistance from the Memorial Gift Board Scholarship Program. Next month we will feature the last two students.

Dear Church of Our Savior & AOH,

My name is Pierre Joseph, I currently attend Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. I am a combined Business and History major. I chose this major because I see myself going far pursuing a career in business. I plan to one day be the CEO of my own business and manage my company the way I see fit. I also took on history because I have always been interested in stories and believe the past helps us understand the present. History has strong connections with business and the combination of these majors will help me pursue a career as either a businessman, a historian, or maybe both. I am excited to pursue a career that allows me to travel and learn about our world. I come from an immigrant single parent family with very limited financial freedom. I am the first to attend, and will be the first on both sides of my family to earn a college degree. I embrace the pressure and will take great pride as being the first and paving the way for my family when I graduate. I am very interested in raising my status high enough so that I may give back and take care of those near and dear to me. This scholarship has helped me greatly, I am very thankful for your generosity! Prior to receiving this scholarship I was struggling to find a way to pay for my tuition. I am in my final year of college and have worked very hard to get this far. Financially I have not been stable enough to guarantee enrollment in school every semester. With the help of AOH and Church of Our Savior my mind has been put at ease. Being enrolled as a full-time student while trying to make sure I have enough funds to pay for classes, is very stressful. This scholarship has supported me for the majority of my collegiate career, and I honestly am grateful for your continued faith and support in me. It is very motivating and inspiring how generous Church of Our Savior and AOH have been towards me. It pushes me to strive for the best and finish strong. Once again, thank you for your continued support and generosity, it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Sincerely, Pierre Joseph



## **Bryanna Graham**

26 Crestfair Drive  
Camden, NJ 08104  
Phone: (646)345-7025

October 10, 2019

Urban Promise Ministries  
3700 Rudderow Street,  
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Dear Ambassadors of Hope,

I want to share how appreciative I am of you for allowing me to be a recipient of The Ambassador of Hope scholarship. I am honored to be a part of the Urban Promise family. I am proud to be a recipient of your fall scholarship.

I currently attend Rutgers University in New Brunswick as a Sophomore majoring in Business. I hope to graduate with a bachelor's in business, so that I can go to law school. I will be the first in my household to obtain a college degree which puts a lot of pressure on me. Urban has helped me and my family since I was young with the holiday food baskets, back to school supplies, and cost-efficient trips. Urban promise's work in the community and in people's personal lives is inspiring. We are grateful to have such supportive people like Urban Promise.

By awarding me this scholarship, you have allowed me to further my education without any hardship to my family. I can focus on learning and bettering my grades. I hope one day I will be able to help others just as much as you helped me. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Bryanna Nichols-Graham

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