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Monday, Wednesday, &
Thursday

9:30am - 12:30pm

Tuesday & Friday
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Property Committee is responsible for the church property from grounds to roof and everything indoors from basement to ceilings.

It's an education. For example, there are nearly a dozen individual roofs on our building, ranging from the smallest above the South Findley Street entrance to the main roof. There are six electrical panels to check when a breaker goes out. And, of course, there are different people to call when there is a problem.

People in our church help, too. Dana Hartman and Arlene Shields generously provide the flowers that adorn our grounds spring, summer and fall. Joel & Donna Anderson pitch in to maintain the landscaping with everything from spreading mulch to pulling weeds to using a blower to clear off the parking lot.

Keeping the boilers going can use up time, too. The need for minor tweaking to a major service call can arise at any time. But, know this: You may hear clanking, banging and hissing coming from the radiators on a Sunday morning. Anyone who has served on Property hears the heat working.

Thank you to everyone for their support.

Wick Divelbiss
Property Committee



MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:45am Children's Rehearsal
No Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship w/Vivian Shaeffer
12:00pm Deacon's Annual Christmas
Salad Luncheon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:45am Children's Rehearsal
9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship w/Gary Lyon
12:00pm Congregational Meeting
12:30pm Session Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
10:00am Tuesdays @ 10
2:00pm Community Meal Prep

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
4:00pm Community Meal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
11:30am Choir Rehearsal

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Financial Update & Attendance - November 2025

	Offering	Attendance
November 2nd	\$ 2,195.00	41 (0 online)
November 9th	\$ 3,085.00	44 (0 online)
November 16th	\$ 730.00	42 (0 online)
November 23rd	\$ 640.00	40 (0 online)
November 30th	\$ 1,060.00	44 (0 online)

October 2025 Financial Statement

	Current	Year to Date	Budget
Receipts	\$ 14,632.57	\$106,284.59	
Disbursements	\$ 19,815.65	\$ 98,751.07	\$207,512.00
Total	\$ (5,183.08)	\$ 7,533.52	

*** (The above figures are subject to change and audit) ***



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 24. In addition to the ambience of our lovely decorated sanctuary, this special evening will feature annual highlights including the lighting of the Advent wreath, carols, scriptural lessons, communion and traditional candlelight during the singing of Silent Night. Please feel welcome to invite friends, family, neighbors and members of our community to join us for this very special worship service in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:45am Children's Rehearsal
9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship w/Church Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service & Communion
w/Vivian Shaeffer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
Happy Birthday Jesus!
Office Closed
No Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
No Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship (Hymn Sing)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
No Tuesdays @ 10

Thank you!

Thank you for celebrating Sallye's life with us in your prayers, cards, visits, and memorial donations. Your loving encouragement through the years has been a true blessing. Bob Barrett & Family

Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays will continue to meet every Monday in December from 10am-12pm in the Seminar Room.

Mahjong Mondays are beginner-friendly, with all levels and Punxsutawney community members welcome. Don't know how to play Mahjong? We'll teach you!

Community Meal Musings

It's hard to think about food and eating following a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings....but, the community meal won't wait. Planning, shopping and preparing must go on along with all the other Christmas preparations that occupy the time of this month for the volunteer team. A sweet treat, an additional side dish and an invitation to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be additions to the December meal package.

Goodwill picked up a huge amount of clothing in November thanks to all of you who contributed to add to the collection throughout the year. Thank you and keep up the good work of bringing in bags of wearable clothing and accessories. Every bit helps out.

Special thanks goes out to Jean Hughes who will be leading the team of community meal volunteers throughout January, February and March. She will be counting on teamwork when she reaches out for food preparers.

Anyone in the PCOP family who wishes to have a meal delivered should contact the church office @ 814-938-5560.

Have a pleasant winter and stay warm and safe.

Kind regards,
Donna Anderson

December Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Wednesday, December 17th at 4:00pm. The meal is Ultimate Chicken Nood Casserole, Christmas Salad & Double Chocolate Peppermint Brownies.

Meal prep will be Tuesday, December 16th at 2:00pm. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Donna Anderson.

Church Directory Updates & Envelopes



If anyone has changes or updates that need made to our 2026 Church directory, PLEASE get in touch with the office soon!

2026 Church Directories and Offering Envelopes will be available for distribution in late December.

Prayer List

The Barrett Family
 Duane & Pam Carr
 Barb Hanley
 Kathy Kopp
 Melissa Fedigan
 Matthew Leseman
 The Ludwig Family
 Brandon Biesinger

Please contact the church office to add a name to the newsletter & bulletin prayer lists.

Liturgist Schedule

December 7th: Joyce Cooper
 December 14th: Debra Dinsmore
 December 21st: Kathy Dinsmore
 December 28th: Bev Divelbiss

Communion Servers - December 24, 2025

Marion Asel, Lee Blose, Doug Chambers, Wick Divelbiss, & Pam Hogan

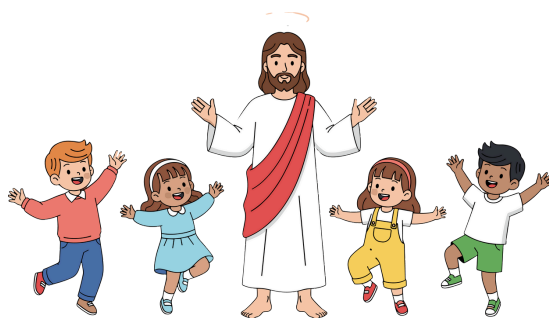
Birthdays

December 11 Kerrin Roberts
 Maryl McGinley
 December 30 Butch Philliber

Adult Sunday School and Tuesdays @ Ten

Throughout December, Adult Sunday School will continue to study a holiday favorite, the classic novel, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Although there will be no study time on December 7 due to preparations for the after worship luncheon, the Adult Discussion group will meet at 9:45 on December 14 and December 21. Additionally, there will be no Adult Sunday School on December 28 or January 4.

Tuesdays@10 will follow a similar timeline with A Christmas Carol. Any and all are encouraged to take part in these gatherings. For those who think they might like to join in, prep is not necessary to participate, and “walk-ins” will fit in easily even if they are unable to attend every session of a series. The more the merrier!!



Children's Sunday School

Our children will continue to meet on Sundays after the Children's Message. The children will be starting to pack the Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child with Marion. All donations are welcome!

Children/Youth

The church children & youth will be leading worship on Sunday, December 21st. They will rehearse on Sunday 7, 14, and 21 from 9:45 - 10:30 and Saturday, December 20 (time TBD) if necessary, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to participate even if unable to be at all the rehearsals. We look forward to seeing you.

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, December 14. At this brief meeting at which all members are requested to be present, we will receive reports from the committees of the Session, the Board of Deacons, the 2026 budget, and vote on a slate of Elders, Deacons and members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Additionally, we will be looking for a small number of members to serve on the annual Audit, and Nominating Committees. Thanks to Rev. Gary Lyon for serving as our Moderator for this Annual Congregational Meeting.

REMINDER

Stewardship Reminder

Although our annual financial campaign to secure funding for 2026 is in its waning days, it is never too late to submit a pledge card. The annual budget will be announced at the congregational meeting on December 14. Sharing your anticipated giving amount in advance of the New Year will go a long way in helping our Church plan for a secure foundation as we venture into 2026. You may drop your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it directly to the church office. Additionally, verbal communications may be made to Roberta Dinsmore or Wick Divelbiss. Thank you!



Weekly Announcements

Please let Kayla in the office know if there are any announcements that you think we need to mention at the pulpit on Sunday mornings or in *This Week @ PCOP*.

Open Dates for December Worship Flower Dedications are still Available!

DECEMBER 7TH

Communion Table:

Urns: In honor of Elena Farley's birthday from Lee & Dee Blose

DECEMBER 14TH

Communion Table:

Urns:

DECEMBER 21ST - POINSETTIAS

Communion Table:

Urns:

DECEMBER 28TH

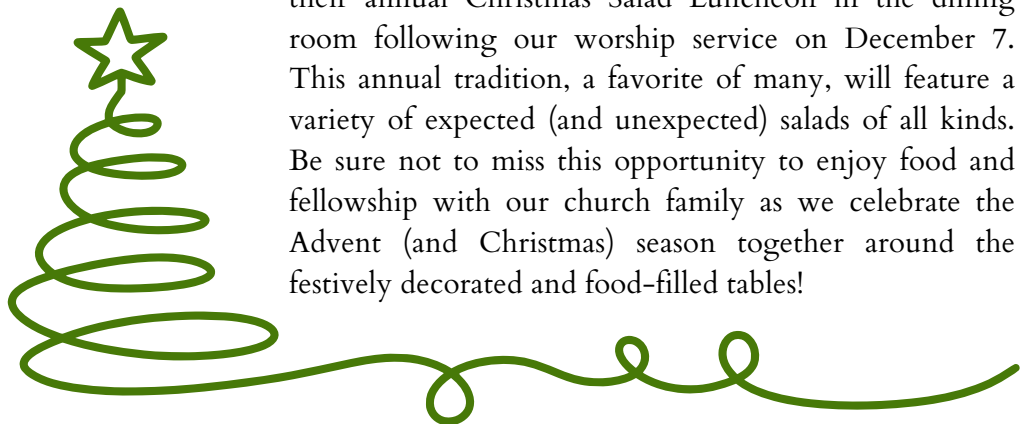
Communion Table:

Urns: In honor of Mykel Farley's birthday from Lee & Dee Blose



Deacon Christmas Salad Luncheon

Once again, the Board of Deacons will be sponsoring their annual Christmas Salad Luncheon in the dining room following our worship service on December 7. This annual tradition, a favorite of many, will feature a variety of expected (and unexpected) salads of all kinds. Be sure not to miss this opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship with our church family as we celebrate the Advent (and Christmas) season together around the festively decorated and food-filled tables!





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