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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, &
Thursday
9:30am - 12:30pm
Tuesday & Friday
office closed

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The Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the start of the season of Lent and serves as a reminder not only of Christ's life and death but also our own as we remember "in life and death we belong to God." Please join us on Wednesday, February 18th @ 6:00pm where Debra Dinsmore will lead us into the Lenten Season with a short service that will include the imposition of ashes.

Ceremony of the Lenten Candles

For many, symbolic reminders encourage us to reflect on our personal spiritual journey or they may enhance our understanding of biblical themes. Candles, a frequently included worship symbol, remind us of the presence of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. The lighting of our Advent wreath during Advent and Christmastide is a highlight of our worship services during the Advent season. With hopes to provide weekly cohesion and spiritual guidance as we journey with Christ to the cross, we will include a candle ceremony in each worship service throughout the seven week Lenten season. Similar to our Advent wreath candle tradition, we will join together in a short ceremony that will include music, a responsive litany and scripture. Rather than lighting candles as each week progresses, we will extinguish candles. If you would be willing to take a turn as a leader/reader for this brief litany, please share your willingness with Debra Dinsmore.



Much thanks to Keith Hughes for his carpentry skills in creating our candelabra for our Lenten Candle Ceremony!

February 2026

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
 10:30am Choir Rehearsal
 No Adult Sunday School
 11:00am Worship w/Vivian Shaeffer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
 Happy Groundhog Day!
 Office Closed
 No Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
 10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
 10:00am - 12:00pm Mahjong makeup

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
 11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
 9:45am Adult Sunday School
 11:00am Worship w/Lisa Lyon
 Installation & Ordination of Elders & Deacons
 12:00pm "Souper" Bowl Luncheon
 12:15pm PNC Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
 10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
 10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
 11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
 No Adult Sunday School
 9:30am Deacon Meeting
 11:00am Worship w/Keith Hughes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
 10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
 10:00am Tuesdays @ 10
 2:00pm Community Meal Prep

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PCOP Updates

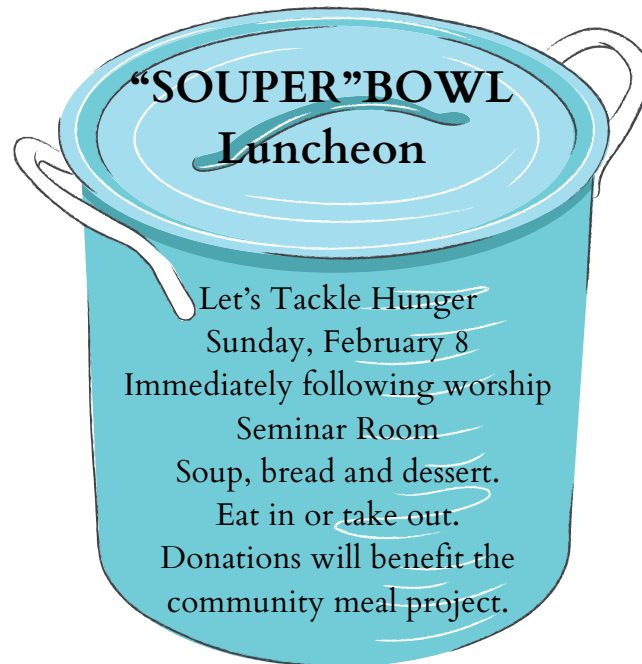
Financial Update & Attendance - December 2025

	Offering	Attendance
January 4th	\$ 5,515.00	36 (0 online)
January 11th	\$ 1,281.00	31 (0 online)
January 18th	\$ 10,450.00	35 (0 online)
January 25th	Worship Canceled - Winter Storm Fern	

December 2025 Financial Statement

	Current	Year to Date	Budget
Receipts	\$ 8,621.53	\$121,401.59	
Disbursements	\$ 9,422.96	\$118,380.53	\$207,512.00
Total	\$ (801.43)	\$ 3,021.06	

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



Liturgist Schedule

February 1: Pam Hogan
 February 8: Marion Asel
 February 15: Lee Blose
 February 22: Debra Dinsmore

Communion Servers

February 22: Debra Dinsmore, Wick
 Divelbiss, Debbie Himes, Jean Hughes

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
4:00pm Community Meal
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
w/Debra Dinsmore

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
11:30am Choir Rehearsal

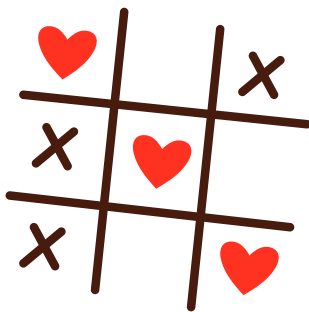
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship & Communion
w/Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays
6:00pm Session Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
TBD - Lenten Study

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
11:30am Choir Rehearsal



Birthdays

- February 2 Donna Anderson
- February 3 Laura Craig
John Hodgson
- February 7 Bob Barrett
- February 18 Max Roberts
- February 20 Loni Studebaker
- February 24 Rick Nesbitt

Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays will continue to meet every Monday in February 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!

February Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Wednesday, February 18th at 4:00pm. The meal is Oven Baked Stew and Strawberry Refrigerator Cake.

Meal prep will be Tuesday, February 17th at 2:00pm. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Jean Hughes.



Adult Sunday School and Tuesdays @ Ten

Our study for Adult Sunday School for the next few weeks or more will be Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name by bestselling author Max Lucado. Through a DVD and discussion, we're learning more about who Jesus was while he walked on the earth. This study offers an intimate view of Jesus and his purpose for us. Upcoming sessions include seeing Jesus as a compassionate physician, great teacher, miracle worker and victorious sacrifice. According to God's plan, Jesus lived among us and is therefore uniquely able to understand us, value us, teach us and save us. All are welcome and encouraged to participate on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Adult Seminar Room or at Tuesdays @ 10. If you have never given Adult Sunday School or Tuesdays @ Ten a try, this study would be a comfortable and easy opportunity.

Tuesdays @ Ten will meet regularly throughout February using Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name by bestselling author Max Lucado.

Children's Sunday School

Our children will continue to meet on Sundays after the Children's Message.

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.



Parking on
 Sunday Mornings

We have a number of folks who have mobility issues & only 2 designated handicap parking spots. The Session is asking that those who are able to, please park on the street or in other parking areas, so that folks with mobility issues have an easier time getting to the building. Thank you!

Open Dates for February 2026

Worship Flower Dedications are still Available!

All Sundays in February and throughout the entire year are available for reserving the flowers that are traditionally displayed during Sunday worship on the Communion Table and Urns. In general, the format for reserving dates, announcement wording and payment remains the same. The congregation is asked to contact Debbie Dinsmore or the church office to request their flower date. Through Kayla in the church office, members are asked to share the wording of their dedication for publication in the bulletin or/newsletter. Traditionally, flowers are dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. The giver's name is also included.

The Board of Deacons will place the flower order with the florist and make payment to the florist on the member's behalf. The Deacons kindly request that members who reserve flowers reimburse the Deacon treasury in turn. Payments (and donations) can be made directly to the church office or in the offering plate. Please mark your check or offering envelope to clearly indicate that your monetary gift is for flower payment (or a donation) to the Board of Deacons. Communion table flowers are \$25.00 and likewise the flowers displayed in the two urns are \$25.00 collectively. With help from an assigned Deacon, buyers are encouraged to take their dedicated flowers immediately following worship. If you choose not to take your flowers, Deacons will share your floral gift with a shut-in member or nursing home.

Contact Debbie Dinsmore to reserve your flower date or any Deacon for more information. Contact Kayla in the church office for wording submission and reimbursement payment. Thank you for beautifying our worship space with your flower dedication and for your support of the work of the Board of Deacons.

FEBRUARY 1ST

Communion Table:
 Urns:

FEBRUARY 8TH

Communion Table: In Memory of my mother Betty Barrick on her heaven birthday (Joanne Mennetti)
 Urns:

FEBRUARY 15TH

Communion Table:
 Urns:

FEBRUARY 22ND

Communion Table:
 Urns:



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**6 MORE
WEEKS OF
WINTER**

