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PASTOR’S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

Faith is a Muscle

***Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.***

–Romans 5:1-5

We don’t tend to think of our faith as a muscle. Instead, we often feel that we lack faith and it’s somehow our fault. We think God probably isn’t pleased with us. We feel a sense of guilt that we should be stronger in our faith. That guilt just feeds on itself and we get into a cycle of feeling guilty about what sense of faith we may have and then do little to nothing about it.

Faith, first of all is a gift for faith comes to us by God’s Spirit. There is an ample supply. However, our personal sense of faith requires exercise and training. St. Paul described faith as a supernatural gift from God that enables us to hold onto our faith in Jesus Christ, even in the face of



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challenges:

***"By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast".*** –Ephesians 2:8-9

Everyone at every age and stage of life requires some amount of exercise. It keeps the body toned and helps you get done whatever it is that you need to do. When you don't exercise a muscle properly, the muscle slowly fatigues and then it atrophies. Our faith is much like a muscle; the more you work it, flex it, and stretch it, the more strength you gain. And similar to our physical muscles, our faith muscle needs to be "tested to be trusted."

No one goes into a gym and just loads all kinds of weight on the bar and begins to lift it. (I did try that once. I was showing off. The next morning, I realized the price I'd paid to exercise my ego.) You have to build up to that weight through repetitions and sets. Then you rest. The more you lift and exercise your muscles with the weights, the more you can lift and do. Your body is strengthened in not just muscle mass but your entire system benefits from the exercise.

Likewise, with daily walking. You might start out walking a half mile. With daily walks, you could build up to several miles each day. You walk then you rest. Daily walking is one of the best ways to exercise your body but also your mind.

Things come into our life in ways that test our endurance. That is not just physically, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Doctors encourage us to exercise our minds with a variety of brain exercises. They provide a certain amount of resistance that sharpens our focus as those exercises are a brain workout. Those who are

emotionally strong also are tested and thereby strengthened. Your body and brain will thank you for it.

God allows resistance and/or restriction into our lives to assist us in building up our faith muscle, knowing that both resting and pressing are parts of the process. You can't always press when the muscle needs to rest because of some type of restriction – ***"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."*** (Psalm 37:7) However, you can't rest too long when it's time for the muscle to press on through resistance.

Some years ago, one of my older church members, Lester, fell into a pit and broke his pelvis and right hip. After surgery and a few days of resting, he was transferred to the hospital's rehab unit. His roommate, Dominic, was an 88-year-old double leg amputee. He was in rehab to provide some needed therapy.



Lester's goal was to be able to walk out under his own power and go home. Dominic had a goal of being about to wear both artificial limbs and walk to an outlet and put the plug in the socket without assistance. I visited several times each week. They worked faithfully at their

exercises. At week five when I visited them, Lester was ready for discharge. Dominic stood up and said, "Watch this!" With his legs on, he walked over to the wall and calmly plugged in a light fixture. He beamed with joy. Lester and I beamed as well. Each visit I made I always ended with prayer for both men. Dominic said, "With therapy and prayer, I have my strength back."

So, it's not that we do not have sufficient faith. It's that we have not let the resistance or difficulties of life be moments where we can exercise our faith. Thinking of faith as a muscle proposes that faith is

strengthened through practice, testing and resting.

Faith grows through practice: The more you exercise your faith, the stronger it becomes. Faith is strengthened through testing: Faith can be strengthened by stretching it, putting it under pressure, and testing it to its limits. Suffering can strengthen faith: Even times of suffering can make faith stronger and resolute. Our faith becomes a great defense and shield—a source of strength, especially in times that challenge and test us. As we exercise our faith, our spirit gets stronger, fitter and helps us through the hard times.

***"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance"***

—James 1:2-3

James isn't telling us to put on a facade and ignore our pain. He was no stranger to trials. He was the brother of Jesus, which meant he saw the deep suffering Jesus and his family went through, and eventually James himself was martyred for his faith. He reminds us that we can trust God in what we are undergoing because those trials will form in us a spiritual maturity that is strengthened as we remain under the weight of our suffering.

The word "steadfastness" in this passage literally means "to remain under." For someone lifting weights, they have to remain under the weight in order to grow strong. The more they remain under, the more their endurance and strength grows. So it is with our faith. Even though we struggle under the heaviness of tribulation, we can have joy now, because one day, it will all be worth it.

How do we exercise our faith? We trust God and God's promises. We trust Jesus will go through whatever it is with us. And we trust that's God's Spirit will give us the strength we need for the times we face. ■

## WORSHIP

**ANNE LAREW, CAROLE MALIN** *Moderators*

We are working to plan events for the Advent Season. As you know, we will host a Family Friendly Candlelight Service at 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve and a traditional Candlelight Service with Communion at 7pm the same evening. The earlier service will be short and interactive for the children and their families. We will need extra help with the later service, with extra greeters and communion servers to provide the kind of hospitality for which we are known. Please see Anne Larew or Carole Malin if you'd like to help. On December 15, our youth will be taking a big part in the Sunday worship service, which should be a blessing. You will also see some of our confirmands serving as liturgists during the month.

Many thanks to the members of the Worship Committee, who have given their time and talents this past year. This includes Linda Tarr, Emily Jones, Jeff Stouffer, Rev. Robert Cook, Fred Davison, Pam Price, Anne Larew and Carole Malin. Many thanks to Brian Rice and David Rutherford for their faithful presence at our entrances and to Chelsea Johnston, Kim Morrison and others for faithfully preparing the elements of communion each month. Also, a shout out to our Chancel Choir, Bell Ringers, soloists, and musicians under the skilled and faithful leadership of Dr. Fred Davison. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful music program. ■

## Oh Come, Oh Come Emanuel

### Communion Servers and Liturgists

December 1 Communion Servers:

Sheila Gates, Mindy Barnhart,

Randall Ackerman, Mary Ann Ackerman

Liturgists:

Dec 1 Chloe Kingsley

Dec 8 Sheila Gates

Dec 15 Brooklyn Barnhart

Dec 22 Nate Herrmann

Dec 24 TBD

Dec 29 Anne Larew





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**KERI PAPA** *Acting Director of Christian Education*  
**RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN** *Moderator*

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help in the Sunday School classroom thus far. Signups for the next quarter have begun. If you are able to sign up to help this winter, please use the sheet on the table outside the sanctuary. We are looking to fill volunteer positions for December, January, and February.

[PA Child Abuse History Clearance](#)

[Criminal Background Check](#)

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We collected 33 boxes for OCC this year!  
 Thank you GPC for your generosity and kindness.

### UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES:

- December 1st - YG Confirmation Meeting
- December 15th - Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa

All children in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. Youth Group members are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Any questions, please contact Pastor Bob or Scott Peterson.

### ANGEL GIFTS

The CE Committee is organizing a gift collection for children in need through the food pantry. We have started placing tags with wish lists on the tree. All gifts should be new, approximately \$25. Please don't forget to sign your name next to the tag you took. We ask all wrapped gifts to be returned no later than December 1st.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The committee is hoping to have enough interest to host a Children's Christmas program on December 15th. Please contact Keri or Racheal if your children are interested in participating.



*Sue Thompson and Sue Myers bringing gifts for the Angel Tree*

### CAROLING, COOKIES, COCOA

We'll meet at the church on December 15 at 5:45 pm, go caroling around town until 7:00, then return to church for some cookies and cocoa. The rain date is December 14.

### COMMUNITY CAMP 2025

Our theme next year will be TRUE NORTH by Group Publishing. Children will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As campers trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Feeling Crafty? Our goal is to start crafting and collecting supplies even earlier this year. Contact Keri if you are interested in helping!

***Thank you to all who continue to support the Christian Education program & activities!***

Although ALL non-perishable donations are always appreciated, the list below shows our current need.

Monthly more than 120 families are blessed when they visit the Food Pantry. Thank you for the generosity you show to the people who rely on the Food Pantry to help feed their families.

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RICE MIXES  
PASTA MIXES  
POTATO MIXES  
CANNED PASTA (Chef Boyardee)  
TOOTHPASTE  
TOILET PAPER



## **GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY**

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to drop off the food donations.*

ALL MONETARY AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY AT 57 W. BALTIMORE STREET, GREENCASTLE, PA 17225.



### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**First Thursday of each month**  
DECEMBER 5  
6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Second & Third Wednesday  
of each month**  
DECEMBER 11 & 18  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

### **LOCATION**

Greencastle Presbyterian Church  
57 W. Baltimore Street (Lower Level)  
Greencastle, PA 17225

In the event of inclement weather, notification will be on the Food Pantry voice mail 717-597-8333 ext 2, the Facebook page, and WRGG 93.7 FM radio.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Greencastle-Antrim-Food-Pantry-100068316596839/>



### **TO REGISTER FOR SERVICES**

Must reside in the greater Greencastle-Antrim area with verification of name and address. Provide number and amount of total income of all persons living in the household



## MISSION /OUTREACH

### CANDACE RUTHERFORD & SCOTT PETERSON

*Moderators*

#### Meeting held November 13, 2024

**In Attendance:** Candace Rutherford, Chair, Pastor Bob Cook, Debbie Wine, Brian Rice, Polly Coulter, Mary Ann Ackerman, Scott Peterson

**Absent:** Debra Miller

Pastor Bob opened in prayer.

#### Items Discussed:

Candace shared that Mr. Eby continues to gather items for Hurricane Helene Relief at his business near Cearfoss, MD. Shady Grove Ruritan also continues to gather and send items. The committee will advertise a collection that will occur in Jan/Feb time frame. The community will be notified of the collection as well as the congregation.

**Heritage Christmas:** Supplies will be purchased from Ace Hardware (popcorn and bags.) Brian will supply a propane tank and large pot to heat cider and will purchase cups and bags of pre-popped popcorn at Johnnies. More volunteers are needed to help with this event so a sign-up sheet will be posted. Sandwich sign and possibly feather flags will be used at the square to identify our church. Polly will coordinate with Sue about making 200 stickers to be placed on the popcorn bags that contain the Christmas Eve service information. Debbie Wine will make an announcement asking for donations of cider for this event.

**Bookmarks:** Polly and Sue Miller worked together to create a Bookmark that can be used for outreach at various events and in the sanctuary. The bookmark states church information.

**Old Home Week:** Several people have volunteered to be

on this subcommittee. A meeting will be scheduled to begin planning events. M/O has asked that a representative from all Session committees attend the meetings and participate in the planning.

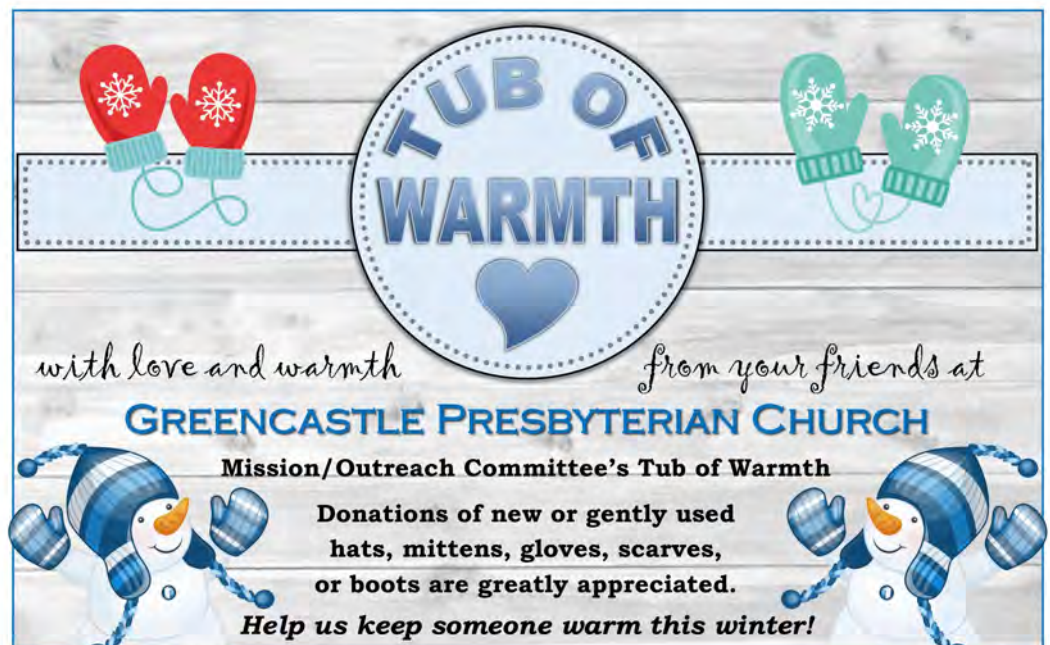
**Little Free Library (LFL):** Books were recently sorted and are now housed in plastic bins in the Hodge Room. Debbie Wine, Kim Morrison, and Mary Ann Ackerman will take two-month turns to cover the next six months of tending the LFL. Scott had a suggestion made to him about possibly getting a bench to put near the LFL. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**PR Volunteer:** Candace requested someone from the committee volunteer to act as a PR person, taking charge of Facebook posts, announcements in the bulletin, etc. No one volunteered at this meeting.

**Laurel Mission Presentation:** Polly has volunteered to do a pictorial presentation about Laurel Mission in Jan/February during a worship service. When a date is determined, Session will be asked to approve it.

**Welcome Gifts:** Scott and Pastor Bob have been working on a welcome gift for visitors to GPC. The gift being considered is a jar of honey (honey from a hive at Camp Krislund) labeled with a sticker which provides church information.

**Next Meeting: Tues, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.**



## PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

**DAVID LINDECAMP** *Moderator*

As I mentioned last month, please mark your calendars for the following.

**Saturday, December 7th, 2024 at 9am** – Fall Clean-up at the Moss Spring Cemetery with the Boy Scout Troop 99. Again, we would appreciate any and all support to keep this piece of our heritage looking great,

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS STARTED:

- Last month I mentioned how we had begun to gather quotes for repairs to the roof of the Education wing of the church. Review of the quotes led to more questions and those answers have led to additional questions on the best way forward. We will update you as we have more direction on our way forward with this project.
- Also, we have been discussing improving the right-of-way at the Moss Spring Cemetery. This information has been presented to the Session for discernment. Again, we will update you as we have additional information.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Fall clean-up at the church occurred on Saturday November 9th. Thanks to Bryan Larew and Brian Rice for their efforts in keeping the property looking great.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**ANNE LAREW** *Moderator*

We are hard at work discerning who will serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Our plan is to have a slate of seven individuals who represent the different demographic groups of our congregation. We are hoping to have a Special Called Congregational Meeting in January to present and approve the slate. Please pray for our Committee as we continue to seek God's plan for our church.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Join our congregation on Sunday evening, December 8 for our annual Advent Potluck Dinner starting at 5 PM... followed by a public holiday concert from the Penn State Mont Alto Chorale beginning at 7 PM.

The evening will end with a complimentary Ice Cream Social featuring Penn State Berkey Creamery ice cream.

The 15 voice choral ensemble, along with some of their families, will be joining our church family at the potluck dinner. The evening presents a combination of tasty food, terrific holiday music, and wonderful community outreach for our church.

**Please plan to join us on December 8!**



Want to save taxes on your **RMD's (Required Minimum Distribution)** while giving to the Greencastle Presbyterian Church? If you're currently subject to taking an RMD from your rollover IRA or pension plan, you can make any part of your distribution non-taxable if you donate directly to GPC. By giving directly from your IRA/pension to the church, the funds you donate are not taxed, possibly reducing your overall tax bill while you continue making your charitable contribution to GPC. If you think this is something you'd like more information about, the process and the benefits of taking the distribution this way, talk with Fred Young.

## BOARD OF DEACONS

**DEB SHANK** *Moderator*

Deacon Meeting October 24, 2024

**In attendance:** Deb Shank (moderator), Polly Coulter, Ben Herrmann, Kelly Kerstetter, Debra Miller, Brian Rice, Virginia Vallillo, Marcie Tinninis (meal coordinator)

**Absent:** Candace Rutherford, Pastor Cook

**Opening devotion and prayer** – Deb S.

Ephesians 2:10 scripture and devotion from *"The Walk"* Calling us and equipping us...hear Your voice and guide us.

**Funeral luncheon report-** Marcie reported on August/September funeral luncheons for families of Bernice Walck and Russ Everetts. A menu was decided upon and volunteers from the Helping Hands Ministry, Deacons, and Special Events Committee supplied the food and helped serve. Deacon cost for these luncheons totaled \$289.31. The support from our congregation was very much appreciated by both families. Everyone that helped with the luncheons was blessed to support in this way. Safe room capacity is still a question. Brian will follow up with this.

**Treasurer report-** Brian reported 72% of our budget has been used to date.

**Certificates for completion of Boundary Training** were given to Ben and Kelly.

We discussed this training as a useful resource. Also discussed was how we might help "break down" boundaries for those who may not self-advocate.

**Care cell reports-** News, praises and concerns were shared. Many care cell contacts were made by Deacons this month. Debra M. volunteered as driver for a Dr. appointment. Debra also delivered October 6 chancel flowers to Cora Crider and Sally Snyder.

Deb S. made two home visits.

Pastor Cook served home communion to:

Julia Dawson on July 9

June Marshall on July 20

Dan Patton in September

Cards from pew: Request for prayers of aneurysm recovery

Request for prayers for individual without comment

Update from prayer list: Follow up for a friend with cancer

**Old Business:**

**Electronic files access:** Ben will send a link for access. Editing privileges will be given for the chancel flower list and Communion list so names may be added as needed.

**Medical equipment loan list:** Sue is in the process of updating the list and shared information in the November newsletter. We will receive a list when completed.

**Reminder** to change Kelly to Deacon Class of 2026 in the directory. Deb alerted Anne Larew (Nominating Committee chair) and Sue Miller has made the change to the online directory.

**New Business**

**Nominating Committee representative:** Brian and Ben are continuing to serve.

**Christmas ornament discussion:** It was decided to mail Christmas cards only this year and include our December service information.

**Deacon budget for next year:** The decision was made to budget additional monies for Sponsored Events such as a spring Lenten luncheon and for the needs of the Helping Hands ministry. Our total budget request will be \$2,000 for next year.

**November devotions and opening prayer:** Ben

**November 3 chancel flowers:** Debra M. & Ginny

**November 17 Coffee Hour:** CC 2 - Debra M. and Deb S.

**Ben closed our meeting with prayer...**

"Let the work done here tonight come to fruition and be to Your glory."

**Next meeting: November 21 at 6:30 pm**



*Deacon's  
Care*





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



*In Loving Memory of*

**John & Tillie Wine**

by Ed & Debbie Wine and family (red)

**Dr. Joseph Cain**

by Ed & Debbie Wine and family (red)

**Tom & Josephine Stouffer** by Jeff Stouffer (white)

**Dr. Don & Treva Luck** by Jeff Stouffer (white)

*My wife, Melissa Wills* by Steven Wills (red)

**Daniel M. Sachs** by Jan S. Eppleman (red)

**Becky Sachs Mackey** by Jan S. Eppleman (red)

**Robert & Dixie Davis** by Terry & Lynn Davis (pink)

**Shirley Cook** by Terry & Lynn Davis (red)

**Russell Everetts** by Jane Everetts (red)

*Kathryn's parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Faith*  
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (red)

*Kathryn's brother, Dr. Mark E. Faith*  
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (red)

*My parents, Arthur & Mary Long*  
by Carole L. Malin (pink)

**Pete Peterson, Husband, Dad, Pappy**

by Scott, Rhiannon, and Candace Rutherford Peterson (red)

**Carolyn Rutherford, Mom & Grandma**

by Scott, Rhiannon, & Candace Rutherford Peterson (pink)

**All our family who await us in Heaven**

by Fred & Debbie Young (red)

*Our parents, George & Shirley Price and*  
**Harry & Maxine Morris**

by George & Pamela Price (red)

**Kathryn Welterlen Rees**

by Judith & Craig Welterlen (red)

**Roy & Maria Welterlen**

by Judith & Craig Welterlen (white)

**Hubert & Ruth Williams**

by Judith & Craig Welterlen (red)

*My mother, Beatrice Dunster*  
by Nancylee D. Moore (red)

*My father, Ken Dunster*  
by Nancylee D. Moore (red)

*My brother, Ken Dunster, Jr.* by Nancylee D. Moore (red)



*In Loving Honor of*



*Our grandson, Otis Bell* by Susan & Richard Bell (red)

**The entire fantastic staff of GPC!, (11 people)**  
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (red)

*Rev. Dr. Robert Cook    Dr. J. Frederick Davison*

*Susan Miller    Keri Papa*

*Ryan Hock    Bonnie Speaks*

*Debbie Hock    Bryan Larew*

*Jan Eppleman    Barbara & Paul Grane*

**The victims of Hurricane Helene**

by Carole L. Malin & David Rutherford (pink)

**Our family, we love you!**

by Scott, Rhiannon, and Candace Rutherford Peterson (white)

**Jessye Ritter** by Linda Tarr (red)

**Chris & Racheal Bowman**

by Keith & Cindy Marconi (red)

**Ryan & Brianne Marconi**

by Keith & Cindy Marconi (red)

**The Birth of Jesus** by Rebecca Wertime (pink)

**Sunday, December 15th**

**All Ages Welcome!**

**Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies**

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

**Hope to see you there!**

December 15th  
meet in the  
GPC Social Room  
@ 5:45 pm



We'll leave at 6 pm  
to go caroling  
around town.

Join us for  
hot cocoa &  
cookies back at  
the church afterwards.  
Feel free to bring a  
dozen of your favorite  
cookies and/ or a friend!



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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Matt Kerstetter
- 2 Vickie McClain
- 8 Chris Bowman
- 11 Kelly Kerstetter
- 15 Bob Cook
- 15 Jeff Shank
- 18 NancyLee Moore
- 19 Mary Steel
- 19 Lucy McDowell
- 20 Sue Thompson
- 21 Debra Miller
- 21 **Brian & Bonnie Rice**
- 23 John Stauffer
- 23 Emmie White
- 24 Lisa Walck
- 25 Louise Kemper
- 28 Pam Knepper
- 28 **Ted & Anne Larew**
- 29 Pamela Price

*Morning of  
Christmas Music*

**Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

**9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

**in the GPC Sanctuary**

This special morning of Christmas music will help to get you in the spirit, as you listen to beautiful piano and organ music, enjoy vocal solos and duets, as well as share in joyful caroling. Young and old alike will enjoy this exceptional time together!





## JOYS, CARES, & CONCERNS

**Becky Hess** health concerns *(friend of Ed & Debbie Wine)*

**June Marshall** health concerns

**Nancy McIntyre** health concerns

**Patti Sechrist** health concerns *(submitted by Marcie Tinninis)*

**Alan Shope** health concerns

**Tim Walck** health concerns

**Mary Lou Riddle** health concerns *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

**Steven Bishop** health concerns

**Mindy Grosh** health concerns *(Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law)*

**Michael Paylor** complications from leg amputation due to hit and run accident in 2012 *(cousin of Weslie Johnson)*

**Linda Pittman** health concerns *(submitted by Jan McClain)*

**Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu** *(submitted by Evelyn Lindecamp)*

**Mary Buhl** health concerns

**Cullen Gaston** young child with Leukemia

**Bob & Sandy Seidel** *(submitted by Marcie Tinninis)*

**The Gagne family** mom was diagnosed with acute transverse myelitis *(submitted by Jan McClain)*

**Bill & Kathy Kendall** health concerns *(submitted by Weslie Johnson)*

**Aaron Frick** *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

**Ray Spitz** *(brother-in-law of Ed & Debbie Wine)*

**Sue Angle** health concerns

**Rev. Bill Beck** *(submitted by Patti Divelbiss)*

**Caroline Robinson** going through chemo for leukemia

**Dian Bishop** health concerns

**Dan Patton** health concerns

**The Hammond family** struggling with loss of a loved one *(Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford's cousin)*

**Bethany Yeager** missionary work in South America *(submitted by Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford)*

**Penny Mohler** battling ovarian cancer *(submitted by Nancy Lee Moore)*

**Cathy Thomas** health concerns *(Beth Taylor's mother / submitted by Sheila Gates)*

**Dominic Frampton** health concerns

**Sue Lum**, recovering from broken kneecap *(Fred Davison's sister)*

**Rowan Stotler** recovering from brain surgery *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

**Vasilija Milanovic** health concerns

**Jane Everetts** health concerns

**Sandra Meadows** oral cancer *(submitted by Kim Tarlaglia)*

**Colin Rinker** health concerns

**Frank & Tracey Toston** health concerns *(submitted by Scott Peterson)*

**Bill Horst** health concerns *(submitted by Cindy Marconi)*

**Tiffany Robinson** health concerns

**Archer Hohl** young child with seizures *(submitted by Mary Ann Ackerman)*

**Leona Cain** health concerns *(Deb Wine's mother)*

**Mary Steel** health concerns

**Sally Snyder** health concerns

**Chelsea White** diagnosed with breast cancer, mother of 2-year-old twins *(submitted by Emily Jones)*

**Beth R** health concerns

**George Price** health concerns

**Tim Reed** health concerns

**Lynne Leap** recovering from a fall *(Mother of Barry Leap)*

**Gail Guyton** recent diagnosis of brain tumor *(submitted by Diane Mills)*

**Skylar Sites** cancer *(submitted by Cindy Marconi & Rachael Marconi Bowman)*

**Cheryl Luger** breast cancer surgery *(submitted by Cindy Marconi & Rachael Marconi Bowman)*

**Marvin & Nancy Rice** health concerns *(submitted by Linda Thomas)*

**Jon Davis** health concerns *(submitted by Margery Benson)*

**David Myers** health concerns *(submitted by Sue Myers)*

**Liz McCarty** health concerns *(Kim Morrison's sister-in-law)*

**Dot Wilson** health concerns

**Cameron Kingsley** auto accident recovery

**Becky Sucke** health concerns

**Virginia Vallillo** health concerns

**Please pray for the family of Doris Henson** who passed away November 15, 2024.

*Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to you, knowing that we are your beloved children. Our faith requires we rest in your great mercy. Amen.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# December 2024

## Sun December 1

### **Worship with Communion 10:00am**

Coffee Fellowship / 1st Sunday Food Drive  
Youth Group Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm

### **Tue December 3**

Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship  
Morning of Christmas Music 9:30am  
CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm  
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

### **Wed December 4**

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Session Agenda Planning Meeting 10:30 am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

### **Thur December 5**

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

### **Fri December 6**

Heritage Christmas in the Square 5:30pm

### **Sat December 7**

FALL CLEAN-UP at Moss Spring Cemetery 9:00am

## Sun December 8

### **Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship

Annual Advent Potluck Dinner 5:00 pm  
Penn State Mont Alto Chorale Concert 7:00pm  
followed by Ice Cream Social

### **Tue December 10**

MISSION/OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

### **Wed December 11**

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am  
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

### **Thur December 12**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING 1:00pm  
SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

### **Fri December 13**

Heritage Christmas in the Square 5:30pm

## Sun December 15

### **Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship

Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm  
Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies 5:45pm  
Youth Group Regular Meeting 6:00pm

### **Wed December 18**

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am  
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

### **Thurs December 19**

DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm

## Sun December 22

### **Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship

### **Tue December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

Family Friendly Worship 4:30pm  
Traditional Candlelight Worship  
with Communion 7:00pm

### **Wed December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### **Thur December 26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

## Sun December 29

### **Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship

### **Tue December 31 NEW YEARS EVE**

### **Wed January 1 NEW YEARS DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### **Thur January 2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

And the Word  
was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us

