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PASTOR’S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

The season of Advent is a season of preparation, a time in the Church calendar when we are encouraged to reflect on how to best prepare ourselves for celebrating anew the coming of Jesus to our world.

The season of Advent with its invitation to slow down and to reflect on where we find ourselves in our journey of faith, and to prepare ourselves for the changes the coming of the Lord makes in our lives.

But what is our task this Christmas as we seek again to remember the birth of the world’s Savior Jesus Christ? It is to remember who the Chief Guest at our Christmas celebration is. It is the Word made flesh, Jesus, our Lord. It is the most important celebration in the Christian Year, because in Jesus, God became one of us. That’s the moment when all creation was transformed forever.

Jesus knew what it was to be alive, to live, to love and even to be betrayed—and to die. He was real and not just an idea of a god that knew nothing of the human experience. Jesus Christ is Lord because he became one of us. Had he not become flesh and bone like us, there would be no authenticity.

Our task this Christmas is to make it the best we possibly can with what we have; to live out the story of Jesus come to us. It is to make sure that people who have no one to love or to hold them are held in our Christian

family of love. Let us make the effort to ensure no one is left on their own except by choice, and to guarantee they get a little gift.

At the heart of Christmas is a baby who looked through a child's eyes at the world. He felt the love of Mary and Joseph as they held him. He freely shared the Love of God with the world, giving his utmost for us. This is our Lord, this is our King, and he is the head of the table in the Kingdom of the Resurrection.



The old saying is no one plans to fail; they just fail to plan. So, let's take a bit of time to plan our Advent season. With pen and paper, take time to sketch out your Advent-Christmas plan.

I will do a daily advent devotion on the GPC Facebook page Monday through Friday. Feel free to tune in on Facebook. There are also many online devotional guides for the Advent season. A simple search on any search engine will give pretty quick results in finding one that you like.

Plan to give gifts that matter. You might even make your own gifts to give to loved ones. The value is not in the price; it's in the love with which you give it. Plan also to give the gift of time to those in need. The Tub of Warmth and the G-A Food Pantry can always use donations. The

Chambersburg Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter (<https://www.ccwdis.org>) can always use help for short shifts of less than 3 hours. Staffing a

Salvation Army Kettle is also a good thing to do. We have been given much. It's a blessing to give back.

Giving the gift of time with family is also a way to bless and make good memories. Meals, movie nights with popcorn, or joining in with the Youth Group's Christmas Caroling night (Dec 14th) will make for a wonderful way of observing Advent and preparing for

Christmas. Take your grandkids shopping for gifts for their parents. Or, help them make gifts their family will always treasure. Inviting an unchurched family member or friend to sit with you at one of our Christmas Eve services is a lovely way to share the blessings of the season.

And do take some quiet time to just sit quietly and feel the presence of Christ's Spirit upon you. There are so many ways to observe a memorable Advent-Christmas season without the rush and stress that can frustrate you and ruin all your plans. So, take time to plan and entrust your plans to God.

Blessings this Advent and Christmas Season. Let's make the most of it!

–Pastor Robert Cook

Morning of Christmas Music

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the GPC Sanctuary

Sponsored by the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship

Join us in getting in the "Christmas Spirit" by enjoying a variety of vocal and instrumental musical selections. The group carol singing is always a highlight at the Christmas devotional.

A few of the musicians participating will include:

Linda Shade, *organist*; Sherry Tressler *soloist*; Dave & Anna Lee Kopp, *vocal duet*; and The Marimba Trio – Roger Myers, Jill Work, and Marlin Barnes.



SPECIAL EVENTS

DEE PATTON *Moderator*

The Special Events Committee met on November 3. Present were JoAnne Lewis, Deb Miller, Dee Patton, Becky Sucke, and Sue Thompson. We discussed the potluck luncheon, decorations, and upkeep of supplies.

On December 7, there will be an Advent Potluck luncheon after the worship service. Special Events will provide ham, paper products, and drink. A sign up sheet is on the table by the elevator. Come join us for fellowship.

Greencastle
Presbyterian Church

Advent

POTLUCK
LUNCHEON

Join us on
Sunday, December 7
after Worship

Ham, drinks, and
paper products
provided by
Special Events
Committee



Please sign up so we
know how to plan

The Penn State Mont Alto Chorale Holiday Concerts



Sunday, December 7th - 7 p.m.
Greencastle Presbyterian Church



Tuesday, December 9th - 7 p.m.
Emmanuel Chapel at Penn State Mont Alto

Kick off the holiday season as the Chorale performs many of your favorite sacred & secular songs presented by some of Penn State's most talented students.



PENN STATE MONT ALTO CHORALE

*****Following the concert on December 7th, attendees will be treated to complimentary Penn State Berkey Creamery Ice Cream***



Since 2014, GPC has been privileged to host the Penn State Mont Alto Chorale for its fall semester holiday concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

It's a great way to begin the Advent Season!

Please consider supporting these hard-working students by inviting your family & friends to attend this meaningful holiday presentation.

CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

**GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Thursday, October 9, 2025
in the Social Room beginning at 6:30 pm**

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Ackerman, JoAnne Lewis, Carole Malin, Dee Patton, Jenn Robertson

Absent: Anne Larew, Racheal Marconi Bowman, Phil Pearce

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

The Moderator was Pastor Robert Cook. Ruling Elder Dee Patton offered a devotion and a prayer.

Clerk's Report: ACTION: Approved minutes of September 11, 2025 Session Meeting.

Worship attendance on October 5, 2025 was 87, Communion celebrated by 84 with 25 livestream views. Church Roll through September 30, 2025 is 148. **ACTION.** Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report September 2025

Beginning Balance	\$38,442.31
Receipts	\$10,670.97
Disbursements	\$20,073.07
Ending Balance	\$29,040.21

ACTION. Approved the September 2025 Financial Report.

Virtual Motion: AFFIRMED THE FOLLOWING MOTION: Approved contract for technical test services provided by Eastern Elevator Services and Sales Company to complete a 3-year Pressure Test of GPC's elevator system as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Labor and Industry with expense not to exceed \$600.00.

Personnel: ACTION: Approved the Covenant of Agreement for Pastor Bob for the period covering September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, as presented; identified an increase of 3.2% for "Total Terms of Call".

Property and Maintenance: ACTION: Approved Advanced Tree Solutions to remove snow and ice during the 2025-26 winter season from two parking lots and all sidewalks on and surrounding church property not to exceed \$650.00 per event (\$400.00 for snow/ice removal and \$250.00 for salt application).

Technology: ACTION: Approved the purchase of a new computer for Office Administrator work station not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Worship: ACTION: Approved Kelsey Marshall, M. Div. as Pulpit Supply Pastor for October 19, 2025.

Christian Education: ACTIONS: Approved use of Social Room on November 26, 2025 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for Thanksgiving Card making activity (cards to accompany Thanksgiving meals). Approved serving dinner at the New Hope Shelter in Waynesboro, PA by the Youth Group on November 16, 2025.

Finance: ACTION: Approved Stewardship Sunday for November 9, 2025.

Nominating Committee: ACTION: Accepted with gratitude the resignation of Emily Johnson from the Board of Deacons.

Outreach and Mission Committee: ACTIONS: Approved the use of the church on Saturday, October 25, 2025, beginning at 10:00 am for a Church Safety Seminar for the GPC congregation. Approved Mission presentation during worship on November 16, 2025, to highlight accomplishments of the September Mission Trip to Laural Mission in Harlan, KY.

Special Events: ACTION: Approved amended motion for Advent Potluck Meal following Worship Service on December 7 or 14, with recommendation for date to be made by Special Events Committee.

Moss Spring Graveyard Association:

ACTIONS: Approved the Joint Meeting of the Moss Spring Graveyard Association Directors and Session to begin at 7:45 pm. Approved Advanced Tree Solutions to trim trees as necessary and potentially remove one tree. Equipment use and labor not to exceed \$2,500.00 for 8-hour workday. Labor to include removal of debris and if necessary, grinding stump of removed tree. Approved the closure of the Joint Meeting and return to the Regular Session Meeting at 7:50 pm.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Bob at 7:53 pm.



**GREENCastle PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION MEETING
Sunday, October 26, 2025**

in the Edwards Room beginning at 11:20 am

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Bob.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Anne Larew, JoAnne Lewis, Carole Malin, Dee Patton, Phil Pearce, Jenn Robertson

Absent: Mary Ann Ackerman, Racheal Marconi Bowman

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

The Moderator was Pastor Robert Cook.

Meeting Purpose: To approve employment of temporary Bookkeeper.

ACTION: Approved the temporary appointment of Tiara Jade as Bookkeeper beginning as soon as possible. This appointment is effective (with acceptable job performance) until Bonnie Speaks, Financial Manager is medically released to return to work.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Bob and with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 11:36 am.

WORSHIP

ANNE LAREW Moderator

Oh come, oh come EmManuel.....

Advent and the Christmas Seasons are upon us and the Worship Committee is planning on a season to remember. November 30 is the first Sunday of Advent, right after the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be decorating the sanctuary on Saturday the 29th at 10 am. All helpers are welcome! Many hands make light work and it is a joy to transition the worship space with candles, trees and wreaths.

Worship on December 7 will include Communion. We will again have an early family-friendly Christmas Eve Service, starting at 4:30 pm lasting 30-40 minutes. Please invite family and friends with young children to attend. They will have a chance to get up close to the stable and the manger; we will sing carols with a guest guitarist and close the service with candlelight. Our Youth will be helping the children. Should be fun! Our traditional service will begin with a musical prelude at 6:45 pm with worship beginning at 7 pm.

May you experience the peace and blessings of this wonderful season....

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given..."

Liturgists and Communion Servers

Dec 7	JoAnne Lewis
Dec 14	Racheal Marconi Bowman
Dec 21	TBA
Dec 24	David Rutherford
Dec 28	Kara Herrmann

Communion Servers:

Dec 7 –

Pam Price, George Price. Diane Mills, Al Sucke

Dec 24 –

Dee Patton, Racheal Marconi Bowman



BOARD OF DEACONS

DEBRA E. MILLER *Co-moderator*

The Board of Deacons meeting was held on November 13, at 6:30pm in the Edwards Room.

We prayerfully reflect on these highlights from the past month:

1. Connecting with those in our care cells by word, cards, and deeds.
2. Diligence of our prayer ministry.
3. Mailing grief materials that may offer comfort to families during their time of bereavement.
4. Delivering Chancel flowers, November 2, 2025. One bouquet was given to Julia Herrmann which was delivered by Erin Herrmann and one bouquet was given to Mary Ann Ackerman. In addition, the family of Dr. G. William "Bill" Thorne requested the Deacons deliver the funeral flowers to shut-in members and other members on prayer list. These bouquets were given to June Marshall, Virginia Vallillo, Kim Tartaglia, Mary Sauder, and one bouquet was taken to the New Hope Shelter in Waynesboro. The Youth Group and the Mission Committee delivered the bouquet to the New Hope Shelter.
5. Hosting Coffee and Fellowship on November 23, 2025, by Care Cell#3.
6. The Deacons honored Veterans by mailing cards to Veterans who have served and those Veterans currently serving. Poppies were given to those attending the November 9th worship service and a list of Veterans were listed in the bulletin. Members wore or carried the poppies during the service. Deacons request members to provide any updated mailing addresses for

those on the Veterans List.

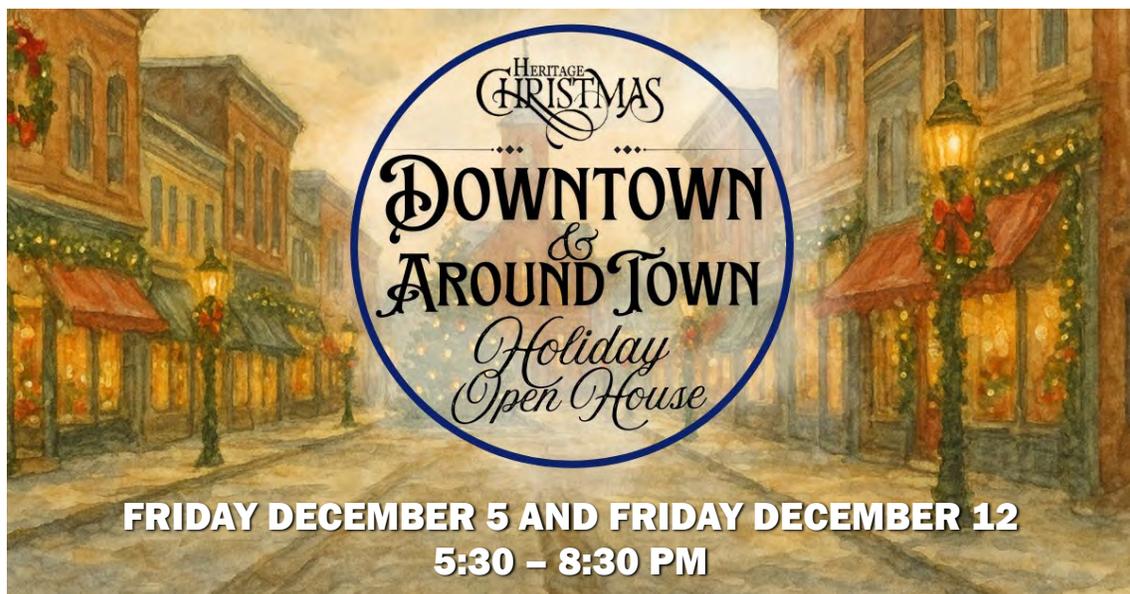
7. Rosebuds were placed in the sanctuary to honor the births of:
 - Sunday, November 9, 2025: Tucker Matthew Brian Kelly, born on October 14, 2025. Parents are Jonathan and Amber Kelly. Grandparents are Matt and Kelly Kerstetter and Brian and Susan Kelly.
 - Sunday, November 16, 2025: Erik Endel Paddrik, born November 4, 2025. Parents are Elizabeth and Mark Paddrik and sister, Maria. Grandparents are Debbie and Ed Wine and Viviana Paddrik.

We look forward to serving by:

1. Mailing Christmas cards to members which will include flyer listing 2025 Holiday Schedule.
2. Offering Home Communion to our shut-ins.
3. Hosting Coffee and Fellowship on 12/21/25 by all Deacons.
4. 2025 Budget review and Budget needs for 2026.

Our next meeting is changed to Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 5:30pm.

We encourage you to contact your Deacon to share your thoughts, concerns, and ways we can serve you as well as reporting any change of address, phone numbers, and email addresses. We ask for your prayers as we serve GPC.



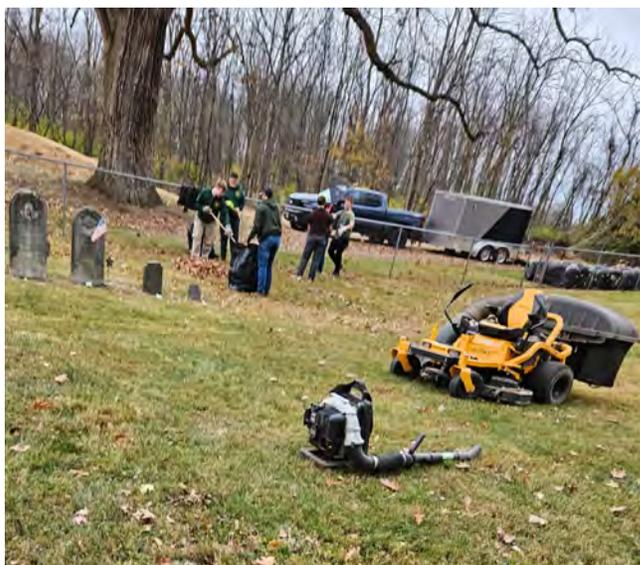
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

CAROLE L. MALIN Moderator

Advanced Tree Solutions addressed the church property trimming trees, cutting some shrubs & removing tree stumps. This same business will be managing snow removal of parking lots & sidewalks on the church property. Thanks to all for the support and help as we strive to make the church property & Moss Spring cemetery safe and attractive.

Clean-up at Moss Spring Cemetery with Scouts, Brian Rice, and Bryan Larew. Hard work putting in over 15- 20 hours.

Thanks to all for your amazing work.



GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

717-597-8333 ext. 2 gafodpantry@gmail.com

Thursday, December 4 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10 & 17 • 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

CEREAL PASTA SAUCE IN CANS OR PLASTIC

RICE MIXES PASTA MIXES BAKED BEANS

SALAD DRESSING CANNED CHICKEN

Any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.

Call or email to schedule a time to drop off the food donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PANTRY!



2025 Christmas Poinsettias

IN MEMORY OF:

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

John & Tillie Wine
by Ed & Debbie Wine (*red*)

Joe & Leona Cain
by Ed & Debbie Wine (*red*)

Carl & Peg Strausner
by Lu Ann Hager (*red*)

Tom & Josephine Stouffer
by Jeff & Margaret Stouffer (*red*)

Don & Treva Luck
by Jeff & Margaret Stouffer (*red*)

Our parents
by George & Pamela Price (*red*)

E. L. & Pauline Miller
by Albert & Debra Miller (*white*)

Owen Eversole
by Albert & Debra Miller (*white*)

Wayne & Mary Lou Riddle (parents)
by Mary Ann & Randall Ackerman (*red*)

Anthony Tartaglia
by Kim Tartaglia (*red*)

Lester Stone
by Kim Tartaglia (*white*)

Becky Dietrich
by Kim Tartaglia (*pink*)

Bob & Mary Edna Snyder
by Weslie Johnson (*white*)

Beatrice Dunster
by Nancylee Moore (*red*)

Ken Dunster, Sr.
by Nancylee Moore (*red*)

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

Elmer Peterson
by Candace Rutherford (*red*)

Carolyn Rutherford
by Candace Rutherford (*pink*)

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Young, Sr.
by Fred & Debbie Young (*red*)

**My parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest McIntire
and my brothers & sister**
by Fred & Debbie Young (*red*)

Michael Schnebly
by Anne Larew (*red*)

Sydney Hudson Barnes
by Anne Larew (*red*)

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

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

**Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Greene -
Bill's parents**
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (*red*)

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

**Dr. & Mrs. M. E. Faith -
Kathryn's brother & sister-in-law**
by Kathryn & Bill Greene (*red*)

My mother, Matilda Johnson
by Polly Coulter (*red*)

My sister-in-law, Marie Johnson
by Polly Coulter (*red*)

Tony's father, Forrest Coulter
by Polly Coulter (*red*)

**Our parents, George & Betty Sucke
and George & Janice Davison**
by Becky & Al Sucke (*white*)



2025 Christmas Poinsettias

IN MEMORY OF: CONTINUED

Mr. J. Fred & Myra Davison, Sr.
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*red*)

Mr. Joseph F. & Marie Davison, Jr.
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*red*)

Mr. Gus & Ozella Grisi
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*red*)

Mr. William & Dee Brehm
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*red*)

Mrs. Nan Muntzing
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*white*)

Mr. Larry Sheteron
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*white*)

Mr. Lyman Snurr
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*white*)

Mr. Bill Koser
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*white*)

Mrs. Gail Ruccolo
by Dottie & Fred Davison (*pink*)

**Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joesph Shultz
and Mr. & Mrs. Omer Grosh**
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Grosh (*red*)

Our son, Matthew Joseph Grosh
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Grosh (*red*)

Jessye Ritter
by Linda Tarr (*red*)



IN HONOR OF:

Pastor Bob & Choir Master Fred (*red*)

Guest Musicians (*white*)

Pastor Nominating Committee PNC (*pink*)

Jan Appleman
by Susan & Richard Bell (*white*)

Don & Helen Hager
by Lu Ann Hager (*red*)

Our children & grandchildren
by George & Pamela Price (*red*)

Bill & Kathy Kendall
by Weslie Johnson (*white*)

Dot Wilson
by Lu Ann Hager (*red*)

Karol & Bob Keller
by Lu Ann Hager (*red*)

Aiden Miller
by Albert & Debra Miller (*red*)

Laiken Smith
by Albert & Debra Miller (*red*)

Aubrey Smith
by Albert & Debra Miller (*red*)

Reagan Smith
by Albert & Debra Miller (*red*)

Madeline Miller
by Albert & Debra Miller (*white*)

Raymond & Norma Ackerman (parents)
by Mary Ann & Randall Ackerman (*white*)

Cora Crider
by Anne Larew (*red*)

Evelyn Thompson
by Sue Thompson (*red*)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN *Moderator*

KERI PAPA *Acting Director*

COLLEEN SEIDEL *Youth Group Leader*

Our committee will be taking a break for Advent this month. Our next committee meeting will be January 6th, 2026

Come join us in January to help build our Christian Education programs which include Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Studies, Faithful Families events and Community Camp.

THANK YOU!

Church family, Thank you so much for your incredible generosity in participating in both our Angel Tree ministry and our Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection this year. Because of your kindness, children and families—both here in our community and around the world—will feel the love of Christ in a very real and tangible way.

Sunday School - WE NEED YOU!

We are thankful to all who stepped in to serve our children in 2025 in the Sunday School room or Nursery. We will need more volunteers to step up to make Sunday School available to children each week in the winter. We average around 8-10 kids a week. We have a ready-to-go curriculum available—some even have word-for-word scripts for what to say. Please consider volunteering once a month or every other month. See Keri or Racheal if you are willing to serve your church in this way. Below are the links to get your clearances if you don't already have them. [You can sign up online here.](#)

*****If we do not have two adults each week to serve in the classroom, Sunday School class will be canceled and children will need to stay in the sanctuary with their parents or guardians.*****

Links to Clearances

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.as>

UPCOMING CE EVENTS

12/14 Christmas Caroling, Rain Date 12/13 -

We will first meet in the Social Room for hot cocoa and cookies. We will then be driving around to sing and visit members and friends of the church!

YOUTH GROUP

On November 16, the Youth Group paired with the Missions Committee to serve dinner at the New Hope Shelter in Waynesboro, Pa. The shelter provides temporary housing for men, women and families from Franklin, Fulton and Adams counties. An energetic contingent of 9 youth and 8 adults represented GPC.

Our group arrived with four carloads of goods – dinner, desserts, flowers and donated cleaning items. While a group got to work in the kitchen setting up the service line, under the direction of Kitchen Maven Marcie Tinninis, another group worked on preparing table settings in the dining rooms. Everyone chipped in so the work went smoothly!

About 15 of the shelter's 25 residents ate during the meal time, enjoying a menu of steamers, mac & cheese, baked beans, raw veggies, coleslaw and chips, with fresh apple cider to drink. Dessert included cupcakes, cookies and brownies – and, boy, did they go quickly. We brought enough food that we had at least another meal's worth to leave for the shelter.

After dinner, Crafts Queen Polly Coulter led GPC youth and resident children in making hands-on crafts while the remainder of the group set about clearing the meal space and cleaning up the kitchen. Again, all hands on deck meant the work finished in no time.

A huge thanks to everyone who volunteered for the event and to those who donated items for the event. It was an all-church effort to make this a success. Representing our faith in action is a continued theme for the Youth Group this year, and this event served as a great example of that. **Matthew 25: 35-40**



GPC Youth Group paired with the Mission Committee to serve dinner at the New Hope Shelter in Waynesboro

Sunday, December 14th

All Ages Welcome!

Caroling, Cookies, & Cocoa

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

Hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 14th
meet in the GPC Social
Room @ 5:45 pm

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

*Note this year we will be
driving around the bor-
ough*

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

RSVP to Keri 845•270•9108
by 12/12

(RAIN DATE SATURDAY 12/13)

OUTREACH / MISSION

MARY ANN ACKERMAN *Moderator*

POLLY COULTER *Mission Committee Chair*

December 2025!! What's Happening Now and Reflections of a Year Well Spent

December will be busy for our small but mighty committee. We will be sponsoring our booth again at the Heritage Christmas on the Square on Fridays, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12, 2025. We will be handing out hot cider and freshly popped popcorn as an outreach mission to the community. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please sign-up sheets are in the lobby for booth helpers and cider donations. Help us promote some goodwill in the community and spread Christmas cheer. We have a prime spot too!!

We are excited to host the Mont Alto Chorale Concert on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm. Volunteer greeters and ice cream scoopers have signed up for the event. We are all looking forward to the Ice Cream Social that will follow the concert. It is always such a beautiful assembly of talented vocals to celebrate the holiday season. It has become something to look forward to annually at GPC. I hope to see you all here.



Our Outreach/Mission Committee had a wonderful partner event with the Youth Program on November 16, 2025. Our two groups joined forces to gather donations, prepare a meal and travel to the New Hope Homeless Shelter in Waynesboro, PA. Ms. Colleen organized a great outing and the residents were very thankful for the meal. Outreach provided side dishes and crafts for the children at the shelter. I think our youth received a new understanding of helping others by the efforts of what we did for the residents at New Hope. I would like to thank every who donated to our efforts, everything you gave to the shelter will definitely be used. GPC always responds and it is appreciated.

As the year closes out, I want to reflect on what a busy year we have had! We started at the beginning of the year planning for Old Home Week which wasn't until August and met very regularly. The Old Home Week (OHW) subcommittee worked very hard and did somethings during OHW that had never been done at GPC before. I say, "Way to go!" because I think it was a wonderful success, such as the games for children, new GPC shirts, rolling slide show of what's happening at GPC, arts and crafts for children, church tours, and story time. And to start the week with the beautiful arrangement of music that will not easily be forgotten by anyone! Bravo!

Outreach/Mission also gave six Matthew Anderson scholarships in May to local graduating high school seniors. We wore our blue shirts in February to raise money for disaster flood relief. In July, participated in the Sidewalk Days with our own successful Yard Sale with your donated items whose sales went to the Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund. Of course, we sent five representatives from GPC on the mission trip to Laurel Mission in September for a week. In October, we provided safety training from the Greencastle Police Department.

I wanted to have a little review, and I'm sure that I may have left out a thing or two but my point here is Outreach/Mission has been a super busy committee. We are looking for some more people who has a desire for some adventures in helping others. We accomplished everything we did last year with a small group of wonderfully dedicated individuals. But as our activities are growing so is our need for help. Some of us aren't as young as we used to be, just saying, so what do you say? Come join us at our next meeting, or ask me or any committee member what we're all about. As you know, I'm not shy, so, I'll be start recruiting some more folks to join in the fun and adventures of being a part of the Outreach/Mission Committee. –Polly

CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

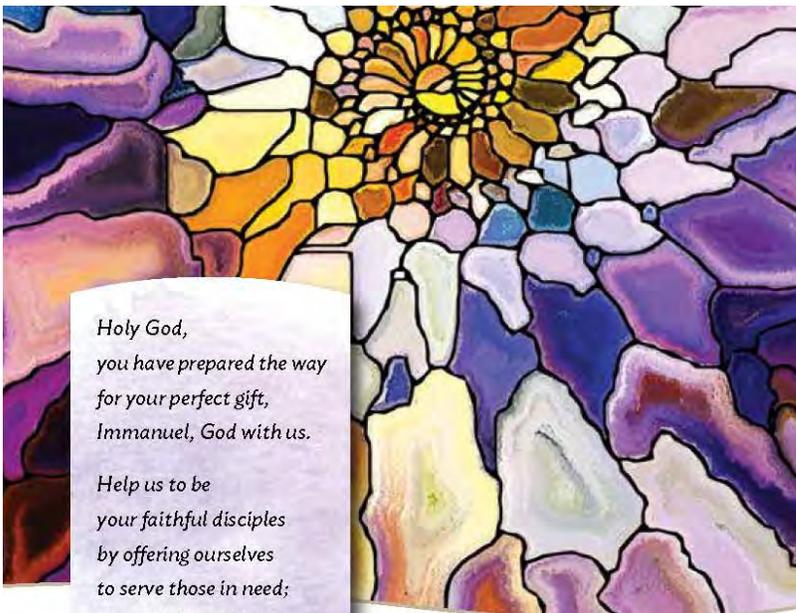
The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



LYNN BLEDSOE



The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



*Holy God,
 you have prepared the way
 for your perfect gift,
 Immanuel, God with us.*

*Help us to be
 your faithful disciples
 by offering ourselves
 to serve those in need;
 through Jesus Christ,
 your Word made flesh.*

Amen.

CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

WAYS TO GIVE



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 to give or visit
pcusa.org/christmasjoy



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Matt Kerstetter
- 2 Vickie McClain
- 8 Chris Bowman
- 11 Kelly Kerstetter
- 15 Bob Cook
- 15 Jeff Shank
- 18 NancyLee Moore
- 19 Lucy McDowell
- 20 Sue Thompson
- 21 Debra Miller
- 21 **Brian & Bonnie Rice (41)**
- 23 John Stauffer
- 23 Emmie White
- 24 Lisa Walck
- 25 Louise Kemper
- 28 Pam Knepper
- 28 **Ted & Anne Larew (51)**
- 29 Pamela Price





**Good and gracious God,
we surrender all worries and concerns
to you, knowing that we are
your beloved children. Our faith compels
that we rest in your infinite mercies.**

June Marshall health concerns

Patti Sechrist health concerns *(Marcie Tinninis)*

Alan Shope health concerns

Tim Walck health concerns

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

Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation
(cousin of Weslie Johnson)

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns
(Weslie Johnson)

Dan Patton health concerns

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

Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer *(Nancylee Moore)*

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

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

Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns
(Scott Peterson)

Sally Snyder health concerns

Chelsea White diagnosed with breast cancer, mother
of young twins *(Emily Johnson)*

Tim Reed health concerns

Lynne Leap moderate dementia *(Barry Leap's mother)*

Gail Guyton diagnosed with brain tumor *(Diane Mills)*

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

David Myers health concerns *(Sue Myers)*

Frank Marconi health concerns *(Racheal Marconi Bowman)*

Kenny Reed cancer diagnosis

Todd Smith health concerns *(Marcie & Chuck Tinninis)*

John Stanton brain cancer *(co-worker of Scott Peterson)*

Tom Clopper health concerns *(Cindy Marconi)*

Leslie Moose *(Patsy Lee)*

Donna Bingaman health concerns *(Margery Benson)*

Jason Kinzer health concerns *(Deb Shank)*

Emmie White health concerns *(Jan Eppleman)*

Stephanie, Mike, and Alaina Klingensmith
(Mary Ann Ackerman)

Joseph Hams health concerns

Terri Brust health concerns *(Deb Shank)*

Helen Taulbee health concerns *(Polly Coulter's sister)*

Doc Greenawalt aggressive cancer *(Marcie Tinninis)*

David Pickart health concerns *(Margie Benson)*

Greg Harmon health concerns *(Sarah Harmon's husband)*

Bonnie Speaks health concerns

Cindy Widder health concerns *(Cindy Marconi)*

Donna & Sarah Stillwagon mental health concerns
(Barry Leap's family)

Carla Vickers cancer/mastectomy *(Barry & Beverly Leap)*

Kevin Taulbee health concerns *(Polly Coulter's nephew)*

Brandon Fisher health concerns

Jan Eppleman health concerns

Cora Crider health concerns

Kim Tartaglia knee replacement

Bill Heacox health concerns *(Brian Rice)*

Lynn Anne Robertson Smith recovering from impaired
neuronal communication syndrome *(Jenn Robertson)*

Missy Benson health concerns *(Margery Benson's sister-in-law)*

Joyce Baker surgery *(Margery Benson)*

Remember in your prayers **Rev. Bill Beck**
who passed away November 23, 2025.
*Jesus, we ask for your great compassion on the
family as together we mourn their loss.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2025

Tue December 2

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed December 3

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur December 4

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Fri December 5

Greencastle Heritage Christmas 5:30pm

Sun December 7

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bible Study 8:45am
Worship 10:00am with Communion
followed by Advent Potluck Luncheon
1st Sunday Food Drive
PSU Mont Alto Chorale Concert 7:00pm

Tue December 9

Greencastle-Antrim Women's Fellowship
"Morning of Christmas Music" 9:30am
MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed December 10

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 11

PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS GROUP 1:00pm
SESSION MEETING 6:30pm
DEACONS MEETING 5:30pm

Fri December 12

Greencastle Heritage Christmas 5:30pm

Sun December 14

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bible Study 8:45am
Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Caroling, Cookies, & Cocoa 5:45pm

Wed December 17

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

Sun December 21

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm

Mon December 22

Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Wed December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Worship Service 4:30pm
Candlelight Worship with Communion
Prelude 6:45pm / Service 7:00pm

Thur December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

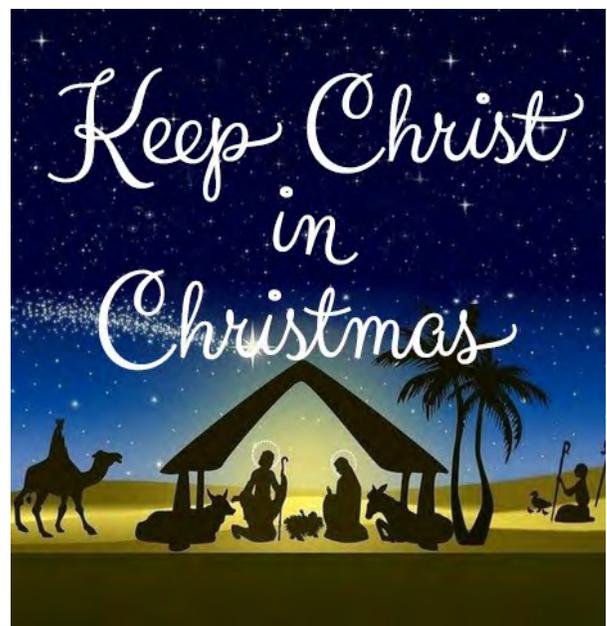
Nativity of the Lord

Sun December 28

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thur January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY



You are invited to
Our Family-Friendly
Candlelight Worship Service



The Nativity

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4:30 pm
Greencastle Presbyterian Church
57 West Baltimore Street, Greencastle, PA

CHILD CENTERED ★ INTERACTIVE ★ CHRISTMAS CAROLS

O Come Let Us Adore Him

7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service with Communion