

*Denver, Pennsylvania*

**ADVENT EVENTS**

Sat, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30  
Sun, Dec 25 – Christmas Morning Worship 10:30

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

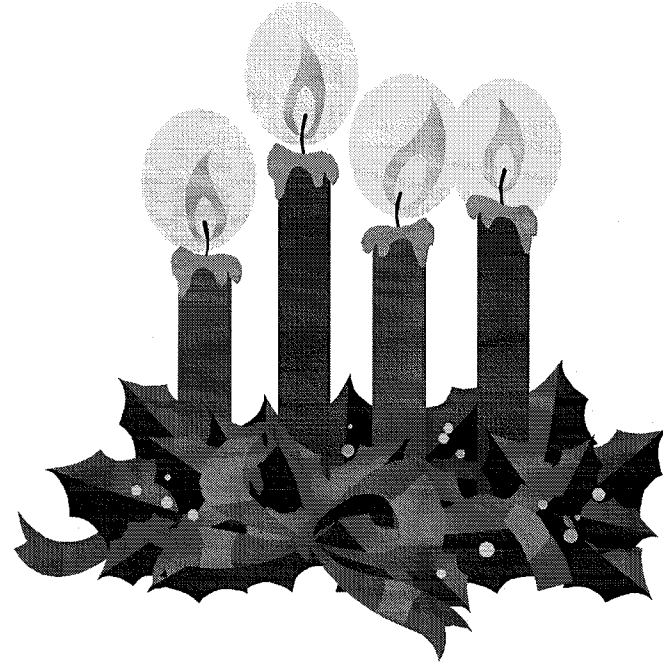
Beatrice Stauffer	Stuart Mohn	Betty Kilakis
Karen Smith	Jim Murrin	Fern McBride
Ruth Ann Zimmerman	Sue Burky	

**COMING EVENTS**

Sun, Dec 11 – Youth and Children's Pageant  
Mon, Dec 12 – Benevolence Meeting – 7:00  
Tues, Dec 13 – Spiritual Council – 6:30  
                    Church Council – 7:00  
Wed, Dec 14 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00  
Thurs, Dec 15 – Bell Choir – 7:00  
                    Bible Study – 7:00  
Tues, Dec 20 – Baking Bunch – 7:00 am

Today is the last day to purchase Christmas Poinsettias. The cost is \$6.00 for a 5 bloom plant. Flowers will be in the church for Sun, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Eve Service on Sat. The poinsettias should be taken home from the Christmas Eve Service.

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
**WELCOME!***



December 11, 2011  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**PEACE**

*United Church of Christ*

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**Thought Before Worship**

**Those who are truly wise still seek the child of Bethlehem**

Gold Hymnal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*"O Jesu Sweet, O Jesu Mild"*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

VOICE - The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. It's light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

VOICE - Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

VOICE - Love is patient, love is kind it is not envious, boastful, arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things Love never ends.

VOICE - We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus

**\*HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly".....no. 194**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son's birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story 'of the Prince of Peace,' Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**+SILENT PRAYER** *(please use this time to confess your personal sins)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader- Do not be held captive by your sin! Jesus came to set us free. It is in Christ that we are forgiven!

People- **It is through Christ that we are reconciled to our God.**

**AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:6-23

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**YOUTH and CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**

**CHRISTMAS PUZZLE**

How we are all a part of God's picture

*Picture Perfect Plan*

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Manger Throne*

*Here We Are, Been Following a Star*

*The Whole Story Medley*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Becky & Nate Moyer

*Where Are you Christmas*

Allyson Butz

*Silent Night*

Youth Choir

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "Away in a Manger".....no. 187**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

**POSTLUDE**

(those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

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Church website.....	www.peaceunitedchurch.org
Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org)....	William E. Hoch (335.0387)
Organist.....	Mrs. Virginia Tobias
Assistant Organist.....	Mrs. Lois Haldeman
Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....	Ms. Olivia Moyer
Treasurer.....	Mr. Michael Madara
Altar Guild Workers.....	Edie Graff & Dixie Schweitzer
Acolyte.....	Emily Woods
Greeters.....	..Children's Pageant
Head Usher.....	TBA
Attendance for Dec 4.....	130
Offering for Dec 4.....	\$4,316.00
Month to Date Offering.....	\$4,316.00
Amount needed each month to meet budget.....	\$15,284.00

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of the Timpson family and the Kamarauskas family by Helen Timpson.