

The altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pannebecker by Art and Karen Pannebecker

~This evening at 5:00 a live Nativity is being conducted in the Adamstown Grove. Everyone is invited to attend and begin the Advent Season with a reminder of what this season is all about. The Live Nativity is sponsored by Peace UCC, St. Paul's Lutheran and Gehman's Mennonite Churches.

~**REMINDER** – Coffee Hours are scheduled for Jan 20 and Feb 24. If you are interested in organizing or helping, please sign up on the secretary's window as soon as possible.

~You will be able to order Christmas Poinsettias on before and after worship on Sunday, Dec 2, 9 & 16. The cost will be \$6 per plant.

PRAYER REQUESTS

John McDonough	Ernie Shupp	Hunter Leisey
Royce McCrabb	Art Hollinger	Shannon Brown
Jeff Moyer	Taliana family	

COMING EVENTS

Sun, Dec 2 – wrapping of Colonial Lodge Christmas gifts after worship in fellowship hall

Tues, Dec 4 – Colonial Lodge Christmas Party – 6:30 pm

Wed, Dec 5 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00

Thurs, Dec 6 – Bible Study – 7:00

Mon, Dec 10 – Benevolence Meeting – 6:00

Bell Choir – 7:00

Tues, Dec 11 – Spiritual Council – 6:30

Church Council – 7:00

Mon, Dec 17 – Bell Choir – 7:00

Sat, Dec 22 – Altar Guild places poinsettias in sanctuary 9:00 am

ADVENTS EVENTS

Sun, Dec 2 – First Sunday of Advent – Communion will be served

Sun, Dec 9 – Hanging of the Greens following worship. Please stay following worship to help us decorate the church for Christmas. A potluck dinner will follow.

Sat, Dec 15 – Youth Christmas Babysitting 2-5pm

Sun, Dec 16 – **Youth and Children's Pageant** during morning worship.

Caroling – We will meet at the church at 2:30 and depart at 3:00. Afterwards you are invited to the home of Pastor Bill and Janis for refreshments and fellowship

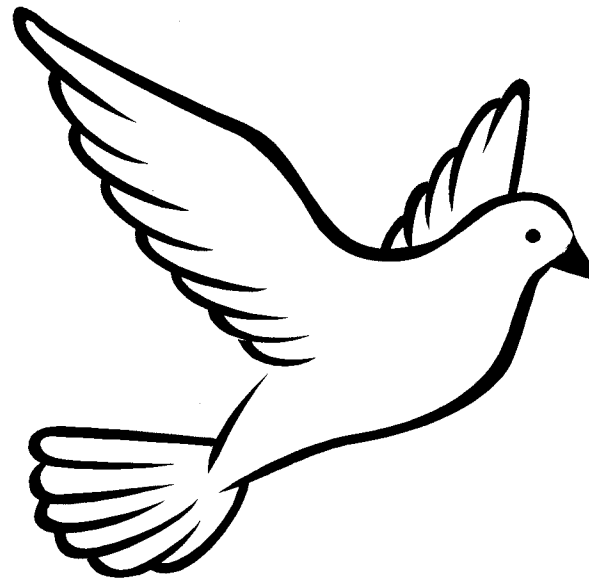
Mon, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:30

PEACE

United Church of Christ

Denver, Pennsylvania

*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 2, 2012

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Adoration" *piano & organ*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be. **AMEN.**

***HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".....no. 86**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, we have the best of intentions, wanting to create memorable celebrations of your incarnation. We confess, though, that we get off track. We are dazzled by shiny lights and beautifully decorated trees, yet fail to be your light to a hurting world. We run from one holiday event to the next, yet fail to stop and be a Good Samaritan to those who need food and shelter. We sing Christmas carols at every opportunity yet fail to share the Good News of your love to those for whom the holidays bring depression, grief, loneliness and despair.

Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us a joy in the sacred, in the simple, and in being in your presence as redeemed children of God. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Jesus came because God loves us, all people. Jesus came and because of that we are forgiven!

People: May God's light of grace shine in us all! AMEN!

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 338**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 pg. 960

CHOIR ANTHEM "In the Bleak Mid Winter"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:25-28 pg. 857

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***THE CREED.....pg 23 of red hymnal**

***HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together".....no. 210**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Dan & Pat Hall

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 356**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***COMMUNION LITURGY (Sanctus pg.).....pg. 27-29**

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence".....no. 83**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

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

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org) ... William 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 and Dixie Schweitzer

Acolyte.....TBA

Greeters.....Ronald and Maxine Burky

Head Usher.....Jim Moser

Attendance of Nov 25.....102

Offering for Nov 25(includes thanksgiving eve).....\$3,005.00

Month to date offering.....\$14,921.02

Amount needed to meet budget.....\$15,284.00