

The altar flowers are given in memory of the Timpson family and the Kamarauskas family by Helen Timpson

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	Dawn Gehman	Hunter Leisey
Judith Greiner	Royce McCrabb	Art Hollinger
Marian Shober	Shannon Brown	Jeff Moyer

COMING EVENTS

Mon, Dec 10 – Benevolence Meeting – 6:00
Bell Choir – 7:00
Tues, Dec 11 – Spiritual Council – 6:30
Church Council – 7:00
Weds, Dec 12 – Choir Rehearsal – 7:00
Thurs, Dec 13 – Bible Study – 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 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 9, 2012
Second Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The First Noel" piano & organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'".

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world. AMEN.

*HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".....no. 184

CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your love is wider than our sight; your grace is more wonderful than we can sing. You come to us as a child in a manger, love us as a friend and save us as a redeemer.

We admit that we are not always ready to receive you. Our world is torn by horrors in distant lands and tensions on our streets. Our communities have children hungry in school and many hungry for work. We busy ourselves to exhaustion, and we carry so worry that turns prayer dry and flattens our joy.

Holy God, stop us long enough that we might hear a song on the darkest night, feel your presence in the midst of common tasks and sense joy and hope that flows from the strength of your care. Come, give us a heart of praise and a song of gladness. In Jesus we pray. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God has made a highway in the wilderness and brought forth streams in the desert! In Christ God has come and we are forgiven.

People: In Christ the walls that divide us from God and from each other. Have been torn down! AMEN!

*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Malachi 4 pg. 779

CHOIR ANTHEM "Creation Will Be At Peace"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-6 pg. 834

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE CREED.....inside front cover of Hymnal

*HYMN "As With Gladness, Men of Old".....no. 202

OFFERING "Gentle Mary, Tender Mary" Heidi McDonough

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory".....no. 190

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)
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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.....	Barry and Pat Harting
Head Usher.....	Jim Moser
Attendance of Dec 2.....	128
Offering for Dec 2.....	\$4,019.00
Month to date offering.....	\$4,019.00
Amount needed to meet budget.....	\$15,284.00
