



# The VOICE



## Pastor's Message

Dear Falkner Swamp UCC Community,

Anticipation. Hope. Watchfulness. Joy. These words describe the Advent story. We embody the story in worship liturgy that ends with joyful bursts of "Glory, hallelujah!" on Christmas Eve.

On the heels of Reign of Christ Sunday, where we place Jesus as King ahead of all earthly rulers, in Advent we enter into anticipation and hope for this ruler to appear on the scene in the form of a baby.

In a time when many functions of the church are removed from the building (think destination weddings, funeral homes and memorial gardens), perhaps the enduring role of the church is to continue the cry of John the Baptist, who borrowed from the Hebrew prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." (Luke 3:1-6) In other words, "Repent, turn around. Be ready for the One who comes to restore us."

One could argue that the prophetic cry of ancient sages has been the church's primary purpose all along, and our role as Christians is to believe and be this message in voice, deed, and character.

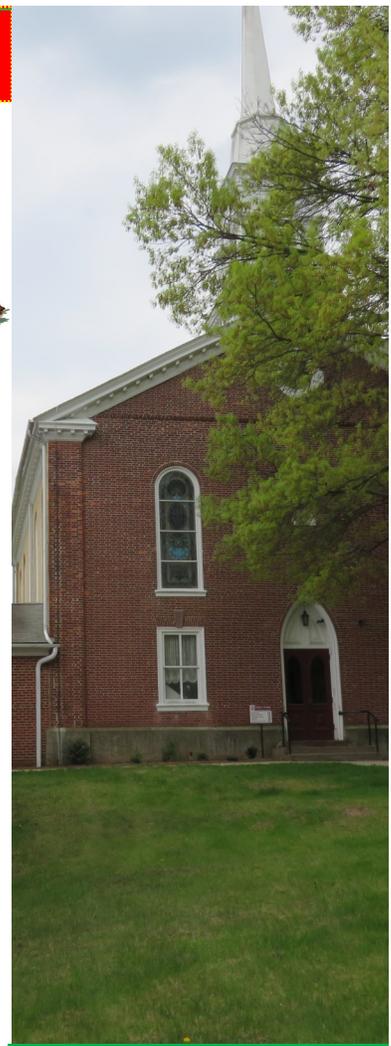
Christians dare to believe that God's kingdom of restoration is here now, even while we wait for the full measure of God's justice and peace to enter at a future time unknown to us. The baby Jesus, who grows up, will challenge us to increase our capacity for love. And in that love, the Christian community may be, as the prophet Isaiah said, "the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in" (Isa. 58:12).

Restoration now, even when three separate wild fires ravaged communities in California, leaving thousands homeless overnight. Broken relationships being repaired, now; hope for those fleeing violence and entrenched poverty, this day; happiness showing up, now, amidst a watershed of grieving tears.

As you anticipate and watch, where can you find hope and bring a broken place a measure of healing? As you count your blessings, where can you be a blessing to one who is forgotten?

These are not more to-do lists; these are "must-be" lists. The prophetic voice of the season calls us not to do one more thing, but to embody the radical love of God whose eye is on the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan among us. Whose eye is on us, and who waits for us to turn in faith and trust that God is making all things new, for all people, and for us to join in that holy work.

Peace be with all of you,  
Rev. Frances



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- December/January Birthdays
- Altar Flowers
- Christmas Eve Services

## LIVING OUR FAITH IN CHURCH SEASONS

### ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

Advent (from Latin, adventus, meaning "coming towards") is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent (December 2) marks the beginning of the church's year.

Advent and Christmas focus both on the past--the coming of Jesus as an infant born into poverty in Bethlehem, and the future--the coming of Christ in glory to fulfill God's loving purposes for humanity. This past and future orientation is reflected in the readings appointed in the church for each Sunday of Advent.

Sunday and Special Day readings this year (Year C, Revised Common Lectionary Cycle of readings) are:

#### **Advent**

Dec 2 – Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10,

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

Dec 9 - Old Testament: Baruch 5:1-9, Malachi 3:-14

New Testament: Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

Dec 16 -Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Dec 23 - Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7

New Testament: Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

#### **Christmas**

Christmas Eve, Dec 24- Old Testament: Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97

New Testament: Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2: 1-20

Christmas Day, Dec 25 - Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96

New Testament: Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

Dec 30: Old Testament - 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26 and Psalm 148

New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Epiphany (from Greek, meaning to show or to manifest) is a feast day of the church's year. Epiphany falls on the last of the twelve days of Christmas. The Gospels for this season all have to do with the manifestation of the identity of Jesus--starting with the wedding at Cana and ending with Transfiguration.

Celebrating God coming to earth in human form, Epiphany reminds us that Jesus comes to the world for all people. Wrapped up in the idea of ta theophania (The Theophany), as Gregory of Nazianzus noted, is the understanding that "God is With Us." We are not alone.

In the birth of Jesus at Christmas, hope has come and has been made known to us. During this part of the liturgical cycle of the church at Epiphany, we not only reflect upon Christ's Baptism but what we are called to do, because of our baptism, in the church and in the world.

This year, the day of Epiphany, which is January 6, falls on a Sunday.

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**Epiphany (First 4 weeks of 7-week Season)**

Jan 6- Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

New Testament: Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 13 – Baptism of Christ – Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29

New Testament: Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan 20 – Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Jan 27 – Old Testament; Nehemiah 8:1-10, Psalm 19

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

A prayer of Illumination before reading Scripture in these seasons:

*Holy God, fill me with wonder and hope at the coming of your light in Jesus. Let these ancient words speak in my heart and illumine my thoughts. Help me see the light of Christ in all whom I meet today. Amen.*

**DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**



- 2 Joanne Lewis
- 3 Ellen Whitfield
- 4 Susan Mercer
- 11 Kim (Fronheiser) Kline
- 13 Amayah Baez
- 14 Patricia Rapposelli
- 17 Penny Zerr
- 23 Corrie Shaak
- 27 Margaret Kline
- 30 Sharon Sgriccia
- 31 Sue Dickey
- 31 Rachael (Schwenk) Connolly

**JANUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**



- 2 Bonnie Beckley
- 2 Jordan Moser
- 2 Samantha Moser
- 4 Derek Helsel
- 5 Jessica Erb
- 21 Carl Keebler
- 21 Glenn Specht
- 30 Kim Albizer
- 30 Cailin Brennan
- 30 Barbara Fabian
- 30 Doris Moser

## Congregational Meeting 11/11/18

Meeting called to order at 10:45 AM.

Bob Schnaars, Consistory President, opened up the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Attendance sheet was passed around to sign to make sure we had a quorum. Jim Kooser passed around copies of the budget. Bob gave thanks to all the current Consistory members. Bob Schnaars is stepping down as Consistory President. Brenda Semach is offering to be nominated for President. Bob will remain on Consistory. Russ Miller commented that Consistory will vote on new President at January meeting. Several new people are coming on as Consistory members. They are Lee Comer, Jane Harvey, Rob Krause, and Wayne Gruver. Russ Miller made a motion to accept these individuals and was seconded by Barb Geary.

Discussion of budget. Questions regarding budget: why the cemetery budget went down. Bob Erb answered that question. With volunteers helping and also Jim Kooser helps with lawn mower repairs. Motion was made to approve the budget by Kim Erb and seconded by Rob Krause. New budget passed.

Rev. Frances talked about her installation on November 18th. Becky Comer updated flower situation. There will be one arrangement for \$25.00 but also need drivers to pick up flowers.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Brenda Semach and seconded by Doris Moser. Meeting adjourned.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,  
Vicki Fronheiser



We held our first meeting and it was well attended and a lot of ideas were shared. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10th @ 7 PM. Keep a watch as many things will be happening.



Robin is planning to oversee the peanut butter eggs again this year. We are going to make them four days a week for a two week period, as we did last year. It is a good fundraiser for the church and the proceeds will go into current expenses.

The dates are:

April 1—4

April 8—11

Many hands make lighter work. We hope that we get plenty of help. It is a good time to get together and share fellowship. We have tentatively planned to sell them at Freed's on April 13.

Keep your eyes open for more information.

Thank you very much,

Robin

## Property Committee



The installation of the air conditioner and heating unit in fellowship hall were postponed due to some medical issues of the installer. He plans to install them in a couple weeks.

We have been getting estimates for the Christian Ed and office doors. The CE doors are getting harder to open and the outside office don't close properly.

Work day had to be cancelled because of the weather. We may have an inside work day. We will keep you posted.

# DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		More choir rehearsals to be determined				1
2 Communion 1st Sunday of Advent Choir Rehearsal	3 7 PM Music & Worship	4 9 AM Women's Ministries Breakfast  7 PM PRC	5 7 PM Choir	6	7	8  11 AM—2 PM Caroling @ Freed's
9 Hanging of the Greens	10	11 6:30 PM Property	12	13	14	15
16 Youth Sunday, Choir Singing	17 7 PM Consistory	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve details on page 18	25	26	27	28	29
30 Apostolic Sunday	31					

## Sundays at Falkner Swamp:

◇ 9 AM Sunday School ◇ 10 AM Worship ◇ 11:30 Fellowship Time ◇ 7 PM AA Meeting

**Dec. 2**— Communion, Boyertown Area Multi-Service offering

**Dec. 9** — Hanging of the Greens

**Dec. 16** — Youth Sunday, Joyful Noise Offering

**Dec. 23**— Youth skit

**Dec. 30**— Apostolic Sunday, Bob Schnaars leading worship, Future of Falkner Swamp offering

Rev. Frances Hours: (generally) Mondays, varies Tues & Wed mornings & by appt.	Secretary Hours: (generally) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9AM-2PM
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# JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7 PM Choir	3	4	5
6 Epiphany Communion	7 7 PM Music & Worship	8 6:30 PM Property	9	10	11	12
13 PND Meal	14	15	16	17	18	19 Christian Ed Crockpot Cook-off
20 Youth Sunday Cemetery mtg. following worship	21 7 PM Consistory	22 7 PM Christian Ed	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
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◇ 9 AM Sunday School ◇ 10 AM Worship ◇ 11:30 Fellowship Time ◇ 7 PM AA Meeting

**Jan. 6**— Communion, Boyertown Area Multi-Service offering

**Jan. 13** — Install new Consistory Members & Commission Committees, PND Meal

**Jan. 20**— Youth Sunday, Joyful Noise Offering

**Jan. 27** — Service of the Word

**Rev. Frances  
Hours:**  
(generally)  
Mondays, varies  
Tues & Wed  
mornings & by  
appt.

**Secretary Hours:**  
(generally)  
Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays,  
Thursdays  
9AM-2PM

## Consistory Report- November 2018

Greetings from your Consistory, and Happy Thanksgiving!  
And we have so much to be thankful for!

This is a report on what happened at our Consistory Meeting on November 19, 2018.

After attendance was taken, we offered an opening prayer to God once again to give us the guidance to do the work He asks us to do with our church in our community. We also prayed for tolerance and patience among each other as we get ready to end the church year, and wrap up church business as we head into the Christmas season.

I gave the Devotional, in which I read "The Merton Prayer". This is a prayer shown to me by Rev. Frances, and it speaks to the fact that most of us don't know where we are going in life, but as long as we are trying to live through God's word, He is pleased by us. A wonderful, uplifting message!

Minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. We then heard the report from Rev. Frances about her month. As she settles into her 3/4 time position, she is doing more visitations, and more preparation, not only for the next Sunday, but for the next year and even the years after that. Speak to her sometime about her long range plans. Incredibly exciting!!!

Moving on to the Committee reports, the first report was filed by Robin Zerr as head of the property committee. She reported that the gentleman who is installing the air conditioning /heater in the Fellowship Room has come down with some health issues and has had to put the installation of our units on hold temporarily. We pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

Music and Worship reported next. November 21 we had our Thanksgiving Eve service, which exceeded all expectations! 49 people attended; the choir of almost 20 (!) sang "Come Ye Thankful People Come". November 25th we welcomed our new Confirmands, Corrie Shaak, Maggie Brennan, Grace Erb, and Isaiah Baez, into our Congregation. An event of almost unspeakable joy and excitement!! We are so happy to have them in our "family"!! December 2 we will begin celebrating Advent, the preparation for the celebration of Jesus's birth. The Light of the World!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS for DECEMBER 8! That is the Saturday that we will be singing Christmas Carols at Freed's Market. A wonderful time was had by all last year, and we expect it to be even more fun this year!! December 9 is the Hanging of the Greens service, and December 16 is the Joyful Noise offering, with our Youth Sunday. The Choir will also be singing.

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On Dec. 23 the youth will be presenting a short play. A quick note about Christmas Eve: services will be at 3:00 and 7:00. Both will be featuring special music. There will be a play at the 3:00 service, and the 7:00 service will end in candle light. The 7 o'clock service is especially meaningful; it is a time to pause and thankfully reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. A time to take a breath, and say a prayer for whatever strikes you. A time of inner peace in the sanctuary that is our church.

Repeating something I mentioned in my last report, October of 2020 is when we will be celebrating our 300th anniversary. If you can help with this project in any way, please contact Robin Zerr or Brenda Semach. I know they would like the help.

Before closing, I did want to bring up another subject that can be difficult, and that is Stewardship. Over the next several months we will be touching on this again, but basically we are, at the moment, operating with negative cash flow. This means simply that each month we are spending a little more money than we are taking in. If we as a Congregation want to continue to expand our work in the community, we all need to give a little more of our financial gifts from God back to Him, and listen to His direction, so we can continue to offer people a Sanctuary, a safe place where people can see that we have, indeed , "Love in this House".

Respectfully, and with thanks,  
Bob Schnaars, President of Consistory  
Falkner Swamp U.C.C.

*Let us therefore be contrite but without anxiety,  
For powers and Times are not gods but mortal gifts from God;  
Let us acknowledge our defeats but without despair,  
For all societies and epochs are transient details,  
Transmitting an everlasting opportunity  
That the kingdom of Heaven may come, not in our present  
And not in our future, but in the Fullness of Time.  
Let us pray.*

From "For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio," by W.H. Auden,  
20<sup>th</sup> Century British poet



## 2nd Annual



# A Taste of Falkner Swamp UCC Crockpot Cook-Off

We are excited to announce that the youth will again be holding a Crockpot Cook-Off as a fundraiser. The cook off will be on Saturday, January 19, 2019 11 AM to 2 PM. Enjoy a tasty lunch! You get to enjoy as many "tastes" as you want, enjoy them with bread and butter, dessert, and beverages.

**All proceeds will go to Youth Fellowship Programs!**

### **Admission :**

\$7 Adults

\$3 Kids 5-12

\$1 Kids 5 and under



### **Interested in entering the contest?**

We are going to try and have an online Signup Genius as well as a paper registration form for the Crockpot Cook-off this year. We're hoping that it will make it easier to limit each category to 4 dishes to help create some variety. We will also have a "winner" in each category as well as our top 3 "Best in Show" dishes. Registration Forms to enter your Crockpot Creation will be available in the vestibule on December 2 or online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a45acab2ba6fc1-2ndannual>

**Mission Church**  
 SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAYS

January 13-  
 January 27-  
 February 10-  
 February 24-  
 March 10-  
 March 24-  
 April 14-  
 April 28-  
 May 12-

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
 JESUS!**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
 JOIN THE YOUTH FOR  
 A SPECIAL MISSION  
 CHURCH!**

Sunday, December 23  
 during Fellowship!

We will be making Birthday  
 Bags for Boyertown  
 Multi-Service!

Birthday Kits — cake mix, a tub of icing, a drink mix, matching party plates, napkins, cups, candles, and balloons. Extras such as decor, toys, tablecloths, noisemakers, and more are also welcome.

There were many opportunities for contributing this season (Thanksgiving baskets, book collections, gift cards, etc.) Once again, this congregation opened their generous hearts and gave abundantly! Thank you.

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

**CALLING ALL  
 YOUTH!**

**SHOPPING  
 TRIP TO  
 WALMART  
 TO GET  
 BIRTHDAY  
 BAG  
 SUPPLIES**

December 16  
 After Fellowship

Contact Laura Brown if you would like to join us and want to car pool.

## Falkner Swamp UCC Special Offerings for 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Offering</b>
January 6	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the New Year	Boyertown Area Multi-Service
March 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Church World Service (CWS)
March 10	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	Church World Service (CWS)
March 31	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Future of Falkner Swamp
April 14	Sunday	Palm Sunday	One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) <b>5 for 5</b>
April 18	Thursday	Maundy Thursday	Church World Service (CWS)
June 9	Sunday	Pentecost	Strengthen the Church <b>5 for 5</b>
June 30	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Future of Falkner Swamp
September 8	Sunday	Rally Day	The Mustard Seed Malawi
September 29	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Future of Falkner Swamp
October 6	Sunday	World Wide Communion	Neighbors in Need (NIN) <b>5 for 5</b>
November 3	Sunday	All Saints Day	All Saints Offering for Retired Pastors
November 27	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve	Church World Service-Blankets (CWS) & Food for Multi-Service
December 1	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	Boyertown Area Multi-Service
December 24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve	50/50 Bethany & Christmas Fund <b>5 of 5</b>
December 29	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Future of Falkner Swamp
All Year	Sunday	Weekly Envelope Offering indicate under Benevolence	Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) <b>5 of 5</b>

“5 for 5” denotes the five major offerings coordinated by the national United Church of Christ. Each year churches are given special recognition at the Spring Conference as a “5 for 5” church if the congregation supported each of these 5 offerings.



## *Community Breakfast*

Community Breakfasts will start up again in 2019! The first one is scheduled for February 2, 2019. We hope you can come out and help or just to eat! Tell your friends and bring them along. There will be a helper sign up sheet or let me know you can help when you see me.

Tentative dates for 2019:

Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, Oct. 5, Nov. 2

More to come,

Robin



### **Upcoming Adult Education/Faith Formation Opportunities**

#### **"What is the UCC?"**

Rev. Frances will lead a session for anyone interested in learning more about our denomination, the United Church of Christ. The plan is one two-hour session, a mix of presentation and discussion. To plan the best time, please let her know you are interested by telling her at church, dropping off a note in the office, emailing her, or sending a text with your name to 484-995-2705.

#### **The Gospel of Luke**

In Advent we start a new year of lectionary readings and Luke is the primary Gospel story. Luke's Gospel is often referred to as the best written story of the Good News. Rev. Frances will take us through the reading of this Gospel starting in February.

Time: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, beginning February (Feb 12 and 26), through May

10 AM - 11:30 AM

Place: Church Conference Room

Bring: your Bibles and a willing spirit

## Upcoming Services

Dec 9 - Hanging of the Greens -- Come for this annual tradition - you are probably reading or singing a part! Enjoy the recounting of Advent and Christmas traditions from all over the world as we decorate our tree and sing festive songs.

Dec 16 - Our Choir sings, plus we are given the gift of a special trio of voices. Come to listen to this Advent surprise!

Dec 23 - Our Children offer a Christmas skit as we prepare for Christmas Eve

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services include a drama, "Refuge," as told by the donkey carrying Mary (3pm) and a traditional service of lessons and carols (7 pm). Both services offer Communion.

Jan 6 - the actual day of Epiphany falls on a Sunday! Come welcome Jesus with the 3 Wise Men!

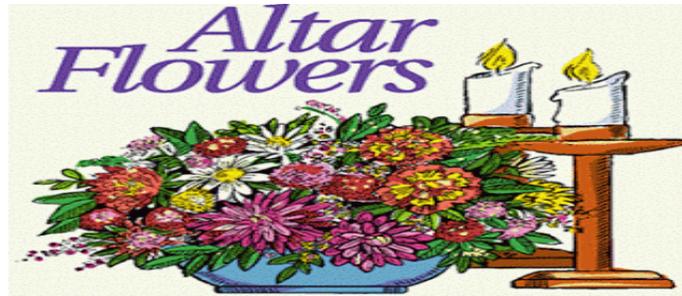
Jan 13 - Baptism of Christ - In our liturgy we will remember our baptism, and we install new members of Consistory and other committees on this day.

\*\*\*The Church Office will be closed the week of Christmas through January 1. Sharon and Rev. Frances will be in on Wednesday Jan 2. \*\*\*



If you are interested in giving directly to the church through your checking or savings account, please ask the office for a form. You can **designate the frequency** (weekly, semi-monthly, monthly on the 1st, monthly on the 15th) and **also specific funds** (general/operating, OCWM, etc.).

All checks dated 2018 and counted by the church counters before or on **January 7, 2019 will be recognized as 2018 gifts** in the church records. Thank you!



Beginning January 2019, we will be getting our Altar Flowers from Wendy's Flowers in Gilbertsville. The price will be \$25 for one arrangement. It will be placed on the Altar. If you would like to sponsor flowers on a Sunday morning, please see the Flower Sign-up sheet on the right side bulletin board in the church's vestibule. You can put them in memory or honor of a loved one. You can also choose to supply your own flowers or plants by checking the appropriate box next to the date. If supplying your own flowers, it will be your responsibility to deliver them to church by the Sunday you signed up for. You will be contacted a week or so before your sponsored date as a reminder.

Checks should be made out to Falkner Swamp UCC and placed in the offering plate on the appropriate Sunday. If you would like special wording in the bulletin, please send it to our Church Secretary, Sharon Sgriccia, at [falknerswamp@comcast.net](mailto:falknerswamp@comcast.net) or leave it on her desk in the office. Please contact Becky Comer, Flower Coordinator, if you have any questions.



- ◇ Calendars available on the table in the vestibule, please feel free to take one
- ◇ Hymnbook Angels have returned, \$20 each
- ◇ Birthday cards will be handled a little differently in 2019. Women's Ministries will send them out with a short message to the recipient on behalf of the congregation.

## THE ADVENT CANDLE TRADITION

One of the fondest Advent traditions for both congregations and families is the lighting of Advent candles. The tradition reaches back to pre-Christian northern Europeans. During the darkest days of winter, they lit as many as twenty-four candles on an evergreen-covered wheel or wreath. By lighting a candle a day, they marked time, anticipating the return of the sun's light and warmth. By the 1500s, both Lutherans and Catholics adapted the Advent Wreath as a devotional way to prepare for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.

Today, the Advent Wreath is usually an evergreen wreath placed on a table or suspended from a ceiling or an arch. In the wreath are four candles (usually blue or purple, occasionally one is pink); each candle represents one week during Advent. A white candle is often placed or suspended in the center of the wreath.

The symbols of the Advent Wreath are interpreted in many ways. The circle of evergreens reminds Christians of the eternal and ever-renewing promises of Christ. The lighting of candles, spanning the season, acknowledges the deepening of our preparation and the increasing light that bursts forth at Christmas. The colors of the candles also vary. Often the candles are purple or blue, noting the season's expectations of royalty, liberation, redemption, and hope. For the third Sunday of Advent, occasionally a pink candle is lit. This recognizes a shift of Advent themes in the Bible. The first two Sundays focus on the Bible's prophetic vision of Christ's future and final return; on the third and fourth Sunday, the readings focus on the coming of Jesus, the Christ. The third Sunday traditionally recalls John the Baptizer's call for repentance, and the fourth recounts God's call to Mary and her faithful response. The third Sunday has been identified in some traditions as "Gaudete," a day of joy and rejoicing. Finally, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, a center white candle is lit. The light of Christ is fully present. Jesus is born.



Fastnacht Social will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019. We are looking for performers (talent optional), audience, master of ceremonies, singers and people willing to participate in skits.

**Please save the date and look for more info to follow.**

# Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday Nov 25 we welcomed four young people as members of Falkner Swamp through the rite of Confirmation.

Isaiah Baez, Maggie Brennan, Grace Erb and Corrie Shaak spent a year, from Advent 2017 through Reign of Christ Sunday, to deepen their understanding about our trinitarian God, the United Church of Christ and the wider church, Scripture, and faith practices of study and reflection as well as service to neighbor. We welcome these four to our life of faith and look forward to nurturing their relationship with God in years to come.

**Corrie** is in 8th grade at Boyertown Middle School West.

Interests: Music and going to a personal trainer

**Grace** is in 9th grade at Boyertown Area Senior High School.

Interests: Member of Boyertown Legionettes Twirling Competition Team, art and photography

**Isaiah** is in 9th grade at Boyertown Area Senior High School.

Interests: Video games and Marvel Comics

**Maggie** is in 7th grade at Boyertown Middle School East.

Interests: Listening to music and hanging out with friends

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PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



Monday, December 24th

3 PM—Family Service \*Communion \*50/50 Offering

7 PM—Candlelight Service \*Communion \*50/50 Offering

Falkner Swamp's mission is to be a place of Welcome to All of God's children. To be a place of spiritual retreat for all who seek to know the loving Still Speaking God using the scriptures found in the Holy Bible, the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and utilizing modern interpretations and resources to make the word alive and well in the age we are in.

~From "Constitution & Bylaws," September 29, 2013