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December Birthdays

1 st	Rodney Leech Skip Hastings Brad Jarvis
2 nd	Logan Ramsey
4 th	Lloyd Houston Potter
6 th	Ward Snyder
8 th	Kathleen Black
10 th	Lindsey Ramsey
12 th	Elaine Higgins
13 th	Pat Deacon
14 th	Riley Potter
15 th	Judy Goodbar
16 th	Betty Lee Potter Sprinkle
19 th	Brian Jarvis
20 th	Scott Fairburn
21 th	Mary Jarvis Linda Wilder
23 rd	Sarah Hildreth
25 th	Jesus
26 th	Melissa Gualtieri Sarah Treger
29 th	Brittany C. Smith Andi Grace Potter
31 st	Larry Ramsey

Anniversaries

7 th	Doug and Stephanie Ballard
12 th	Larry and Karey Ramsey
30 th	Steve and Ruth Ann Hildreth



A Note from the Pastor, Rev. Kevin Channell

Dear Friends,

You have heard of the twelve days of Christmas. No, I am not going to tell you the meaning of the song, which of course has nothing to do with the Christian catechism. However, how about the Twenty-Four Days of Advent. Have you heard about that one? No. Well let me tell you about it.

This year, I am, through the suggestion of one of our wise church women, will be challenging our church members to the Twenty-Four Days of Christmas. Here is how it will work. Actually, it is rather painless as most challenges go. There are twenty-four chapters in the Gospel of Luke. If, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, we begin reading one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day, we will have read the entire Gospel by Christmas Eve as a church.

I think that is a marvelous idea, and a wonderful thing of our church to do together. So, beginning this coming Sunday, December 1, I challenge each member of Collierstown Presbyterian Church to begin the Twenty-Four Days of Advent with me. I look forward to our journey through Luke in Advent together.

Happy Christmas, Pastor Kevin and family

Each Sunday at Collierstown Presbyterian Church

9:45 a.m. -- Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. -- Youth Sunday School
11:00 a.m. -- Worship

Witness and Congregational Care Committee:

Merry Christmas from the Witness and Congregation Care Committee. Once again this year our committee will sponsor a Christmas card exchange. The mailbox will be in the sanctuary beginning December 1 through December 21 and on that day cards will be placed in sanctuary.

Please only send cards to members that regularly attend worship service we will not mail any cards to people that don't attend.

This month our congregation has an opportunity to support retired Ministers and their families with a special Joy Gift offering December 22.



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM RETURNS:

You may choose from these ministries:

- (1) Back Yard Missions,**
- (2) Jamie Martin Memorial Scholarship**
- (3) Massanetta Springs Youth Camp,**
- (4) Relay for Life**
- (5) PCSUA Missionaries in Ethiopia.**

Write your check to "CPC – Alternative Christmas" and on the memo, write which organization you wish to donate your gift!!

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Please contact the office should you need a copy of the CPC Friends and Family Directory when completing your Christmas Greeting Cards



LOCAL MISSIONS

RARA Food

Items needed for the month:

Pasta, Sauce, Flour and Sugar



ANNUAL DINNER YEAR END INFORMATION:

A Big Thank You!

The 2019 Annual Church Dinner is history now and what a wonderful event it was! We increased the number of meals served, had great support from the church family, and were blessed with wonderful weather. Our goals of extending hospitality, serving others, and sharing our fellowship were foremost in all we did in preparing for the day and on the day itself.

There is one last thing that needs to be done and that is to thank you for all the effort and work you did for this year's "Dinner Day." I never worried about whether the various aspects of the day would come together from purchasing the supplies needed, to preparing the buildings and grounds, cooking the food, securing a work force, publicizing the event, gathering items to sell in the Bazaar, to cleaning up and putting it all away. Each member had an important task that fit and functioned together resulting in a successful day that brought honor and glory to God. It is always a humbling and an amazing experience to step back and see how God works through us when we seek Him together in all that we say and do.

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your help in making this year's Annual Dinner a success on so many levels.

Blessings,

Mary Jarvis, 2019 Annual Church Dinner Chairman

YEARS IN COMPARISON

Year	totals
2014	838
2015	875
2016	937
2017	1007
2018	908
2019	949
Grand Total	5514

THE ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER: A REFLECTION

The day was bright and somewhat crisp as autumn settled on the Collierstown Presbyterian Church and its community. The activity level was busy but relaxed and warm. Church family and friends laughed and worked together to serve others. They offered an array of warm and tasty foods that were topped off with sweet slices of cake and pie and mugs of hot coffee. The atmosphere was relaxed and happy even as shadows lengthened and day turned to night. Many left with handmade treasures and home baked goods to enjoy as they remembered a day loaded with hospitality, good “eats,” and much kindness. Tired legs and sore feet may have been the order of the day but were quickly forgotten with the satisfaction of a “Dinner Day” well done. Furniture was moved back into place, spills were cleaned up, and food packaged and put away. The warmth of the day along with the pleasant aroma of good food lingered on as the lights were turned off and the last door closed.

The Church family and their friends returned to their homes taking the memories of the day with them. The camaraderie and fellowship they had shared covered them just like a comfortable family quilt. As a handmade quilt with its layers lovingly stitched together, so had the day been. It hadn't been put together overnight but over a period of time that involved much labor over many hours. Now it offered warmth and comfort to all who had been involved in creating it. Its backing was God himself who gave the day purpose. On that backing had been placed the “batting” designed to give the quilt its warmth. Comprised of food donations and hours of preparation were layers of prayers designed to help the quilt hold the air creating its warmth. The final layer, the quilt top made of fabric pieces, reflected those who had been a part of the day's experience. The Holy Spirit had stitched the layers together in a design that now conveyed God's love to all.

The Annual Dinner Day's goal of extending hospitality by showing love and concern for others had been met. It bore witness to Jesus Christ and drew others to Him. Thank you for being a part of Christ's body in this family of faith.

Submitted by: Debbie McCormick, PW Communications Coordinator





COLLIERSTOWN COOKS

The CPC ladies are launching a new column in our monthly newsletter. This month features a few of our favorite Christmas recipes.

Raynelle's favorite cookie recipe

Old Fashion Peanut Butter Cookies

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix first 4 ingredients until well blended. Beat butter, peanut butter and sugars in large bowl with mixer until light and fluffy. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture, beating well after each addition.
3. Drop tablespoonfuls of dough (I use a cookie scoop), 2 inches apart, onto baking sheets sprayed with cooking spray. Flatten each, in crisscross pattern, with tines of fork. If you prefer, stick a chocolate Kiss in the middle.
4. Bake 8 to 10 min. or until golden brown. Cool on baking sheets 3 min.; remove to wire racks. Cool completely. ENJOY!!!

Donna's favorite pumpkin bread

From Taste of Home - double for 2 loaves

- 1-2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup California Walnuts, optional
- 1/2 cup raisins, optional

Preheat oven to 350°.

Combine first 8 ingredients. Whisk together eggs, pumpkin, oil and water; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in walnuts and, if desired, raisins.

Pour into a greased 9x5-in. loaf pan.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 65-70 minutes.

Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

Debbie's favorite Cranberry pie

In a buttered pie pan or plate place:

- 2 cups of washed whole cranberries
- 1/2 cup of chopped nuts (I use pecans.)
- 1/3 cup of sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine:

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 scant cup of flour
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup of melted margarine or butter
- 1/4 cup of vegetable oil

Preparation Directions:

1. Pour contents of mixing bowl over the ingredients in the pie pan.
2. Bake 50 minutes in a 325 degree oven. Top will be lightly browned.

I often make this in a 9 inch square baking dish and cut into bars.



Notices

FROM CHURCH STAFF:

If you have a meeting scheduled or another function that requires use of the church building, please make a note on the calendar in the main hallway. Doug uses this calendar as a guide.

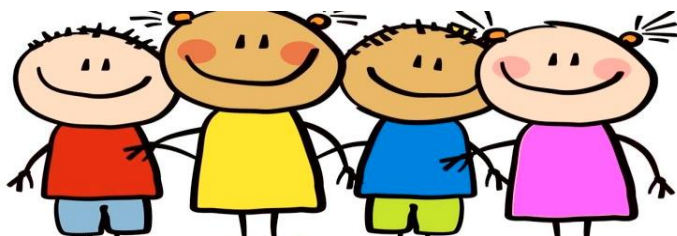
Also, please note the deadlines as set by session for all church notes, bulletin materials and newsletters:

*“Weekly Bulletin deadline is 9 a.m. Thursday.
Newsletter deadline is 12 p.m. on the 21st
of the month.”*



CPC Youth and Community Youth:

Details of the Angel Tree shopping, Caroling and Children’s Christmas workshop have yet to be ironed out. Stay tuned.



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“TIMELESS NATIVITY” Practice schedule below

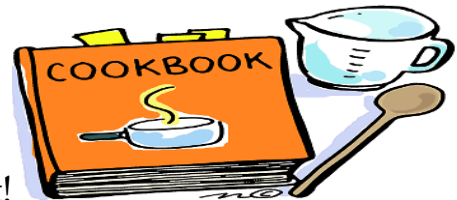
Christmas Concert will be
Tuesday Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Dec. 14
around 10:00 am or
1pm as a last rehearsal

Performance on Sunday Dec. 15 during worship.

Call Kelly Harris if you are interested and need more information at 540-461-0247.



Need a gift, our CPC cookbook would



be perfect!

Contact Joyce Reid who is our cookbook librarian.
Purchase copies directly from her.

The price is \$10.

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