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# Journeys

A PUBLICATION OF CARVERSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, WE WELCOME YOU HERE.

## From the Pastor's Pen

### SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR JANUARY

Practically every Sunday in January is special!

**January 7** - Communion, guest preacher Rev. Susan Scott

**January 14** is the Sunday in Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend. It will also be the day we celebrate Epiphany by carrying candles to the front of the church, expressing our commitment to let our light shine.

Matthew 5:13-16

Let It Shine

**January 21** is recognized by Protestants and

Catholics as Ecumenical Sunday. We join with others around the world, and with Christ, in his prayer that we may all be one.

John 17:21-24

How can we be one?

**January 28** is our Annual Congregational Meeting following a luncheon after worship.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Members of One Body



## Important Notice

A Congregational meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**. The purpose is to vote on 2 bylaws- one providing liability coverage for church officers and a second bylaw regarding the dissolution of church assets when/if the church closes (hopefully many years down the road). A copy of the proposed bylaws is available in the church narthex or by contacting the office to obtain a copy.

## Another Very Important Announcement

Please remember to get your articles for the Annual Report to the office **NO LATER** than Friday, **January 5, 2024**. Please be prompt. Save the date for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, **January 28, 2024**. A covered dish lunch will precede the meeting.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a newsletter editor(s) to take over producing the newsletter beginning with the February issue. We also need someone to deliver church contributions to the Food Pantry after January. Donations are dropped off at the Pantry, 470 Old Dublin Pike in Doylestown, on Wednesdays between 1:30 PM-3 PM. Contact Sue Wulf with questions about either.

## *Holy Communion to Start the New Year*

As we welcome a new year in our lives and the life of our church, we will welcome the Rev. Susan Scott as our guest preacher on January 7. You may remember her as she led our worship service in October. Rev. Scott will be leading us in the sacrament of Holy Communion as well as delivering the message. Please join us.

## Ceremony of Lights



On Sunday, January 14, we will hold our traditional Ceremony of Lights during our Epiphany worship service. Each family or individual is invited to bring a candle in a holder from home to be lighted from the Christ candle, and then placed on a table in front of the altar. This has become an important ceremony for us as we share our light with the world. This symbolizes our dedication to our church and our mission of sharing God's love with all whom we meet in our daily journeys. Rev. Charles Mansfield will be back with us to lead worship and share in this ceremony.



## What's the Book Group Doing?

The Book Group is meeting again! On Monday, January 8, we'll begin the New Year right back at Plumsteadville Inn enjoying lunch at 12:30 and discussing The Messy Lives of Book People by Phaedra Patrick. Lynn Simpson will lead the discussion. Planning ahead, in February we will be discussing The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies by Alison Goodman. Here's to a 2024 filled with good reading!



## HOLIDAY THANKS

Christmas decor was everywhere inside and outside our beautiful country church making it look so festive for the holidays! Our heartfelt thanks to all who created the beautiful holiday decor, and special thanks to our Scouts for hanging the festive wreaths outside.



## PRAYING HANDS

Here is a list of those who would benefit from receiving cards. We encourage you all to reach out to these people as it will mean a lot.

### Card List for January

Catherine Halper-P.O. Box 564, Lahaska, PA 18931

Judy and Frank Le Vien-6264 Point Pleasant Pike,  
Doylestown, PA 18902

Sally Seeton- 1850 Lower Mountain Road West,  
Furlong, PA 18925

Gordon Keckeissen- 555 N. Broad St., #508A,  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Jack King-503 Windrush Bay Drive, Tarpon  
Springs, FL 34689

DJ Kling- P.O. Box 195, Carversville, PA 18913

Jim Cleaveland-26 N. Lafayette Ave., Morrisville,  
PA 19067

Lon and Pat Pritchard- 1131 West Kings Highway,  
Coatsville, PA 19320

Marta Strait- The Colonnade at Carrollwood, Marta  
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## CHURCH CANCELLATION INFO:

When we are experiencing inclement weather or possible loss of power, a message will be left on the church phone indicating a cancellation of the church service.

Please take a minute to call the church (215-297-5166) before venturing out, only to find there will be no service. (*Individual phone calls will not be made.*)



## Wisdom From a Snowman

It's ok to be a little Bottom Heavy.  
Don't get too much Sun.  
Everyone Nose Carrots are good for you.  
Be a Jolly Happy Soul.  
It takes a few extra Rolls to make a good  
Midsection.  
It's fun to hangout in your Front Yard.  
Remember, we're all a bit Flakey.  
White is always appropriate.  
Accessorize, Accessorize, Accessorize!  
(contributed by Jan Heebner)

