

The Link

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Takers, Keepers, Givers

Giving goes to the heart of what it means to be created in the image of God. Among the varieties of people I have encountered three groups emerge: takers, keepers, and givers.

The takers might be characterized by a man Michael Lewis mentions in his book, Flash Boys A Wall Street Revolt. (Norton and Company, 2014). The book is about the darker side of Wall Street. The man says, "I'm not happy just to sit in first class. I'm only happy if everyone else I know is sitting in economy."

Grasping, claiming, acquiring, when having has nothing to do with needing but is only the outward manifestation of a sick soul. The takers are the unhappiest people I've met.

The keepers



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hold on to what they've got as though, in the words of the great singer/songwriter/drummer, Don Henley, "hearses come with luggage racks." Keepers have forgotten that what they have was given to them on loan from God. At most, we are temporary stewards of what we have. The keepers live in fear that they will lose what they possess, until their possessions possess them. They are not a happy group either.

But the givers are the happiest people I have ever met.

God does not create because God is driven by need, by insecurities, or by self-interest. God does not create from a relentless desire to take or keep. God creates from boundless love; love that finds its expression and joy in giving itself away.

The core of our humanity, the deep secret of our human identity, the mystery at the heart of all we are is that we are created in God's image and are never truly ourselves, never truly at rest, and never truly

joyful until we participate in God's love which gives itself away. We were created to live this life of God, the Great Giver. When we participate as broadly and as deeply as we can in the culture of giving, our lives find their truest meaning.

When we give, we find ourselves resonating with the life of the God in Whose image we are created. When we give, we discover a happiness and joy that endures.

Join me during this season of consecration. We will have sermons and testimonies about stewardship followed by a Consecration Celebration on November 20 (a fabulous fellowship

event complete with waffles immediately following worship). Look for a letter from the Stewardship Ministry Team and return the Commitment Card. Let's be the givers we are created to be and fully participate in the joy of giving!

Blessings, Pastor Annalie



On The Pastor's Night Stand

After months of anticipation, I was finally able to read “The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation” by Father Richard Rohr. (It was finally released on October 4). Father Richard is one of my favorite modern theologians and I have everything he has ever written, and I get daily devotional emails from him.

The Amazon.com review states, “What if changing our perception of God has the potential to change everything? God is not what you think. Visions of an angry, distant, moral scorekeeper or a supernatural

Santa Claus handing out cosmic lottery tickets to those who attend the right church or say the right prayer dominate our culture. For many others, God has become irrelevant or simply unbelievable.

In [The Divine Dance](#), Fr. Richard Rohr (with Mike Morrell) points readers to an unlikely opening beyond this divinity impasse: the at-times forgotten, ancient mystery of the Trinity—God as utterly one, yet three.

Drawing from Scripture, theology, and the deepest insights of mystics, philosophers, and sages throughout history, Fr. Rohr presents a compelling alternative to aloof and fairytale versions of God: One God, belovedly in communion, as All-Vulnerable, All-Embracing, and

All-Given to you and me. The Divine Dance makes accessible and practicable the Christian tradition's most surprising gift...God as Community...as Friendship...as Dance. Are you ready to join in?”

I invite you to obtain your own copy and join me over a cup of

coffee (or ice cream) and talk about it. If you need assistance purchasing the book, just let me know. If there is enough interest, we can certainly form a discussion group. Happy reading to you!





FORWARD

You'll all no doubt remember our hand bell choir playing during our service last Spring. I've composed an arrangement of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" for this year's Christmas Eve service that requires seven ringers (a



full two octave choir.) At this time I only have five ringers.

If you: 1) read music; 2) have ever been in a hand bell choir, or; 3) have ever thought about being in a hand bell choir, and read music; 4) can commit to the following rehearsals: Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20; 6:30-7:15, just let Mr. Bill know.

Stewardship Commitment for 2017: Thank You

In keeping with the theme in Pastor Annalie's cover article, the Stewardship Ministry Team would like to offer thanks for the giving in our church.

First, and absolutely foremost, thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on all of us.

Second, thanks to the "givers" who contribute so much – financial, time, or talent. Your generosity enables UPC to be a beacon of hope and a source of comfort to so many in our community and beyond. Our outreach touches lives locally and across the world.

In this season of stewardship commitment, please consider increasing your current giving level. With more we can do

more. Pray for guidance, complete a commitment card, and join us for worship and post-worship fellowship on Consecration Sunday, November 20, 2016.

And again, thank you!

Sincerely,

The Stewardship Ministry Team: Pastor Annalie, Rob MacPherson, Fred Hoge, and Greg Permar



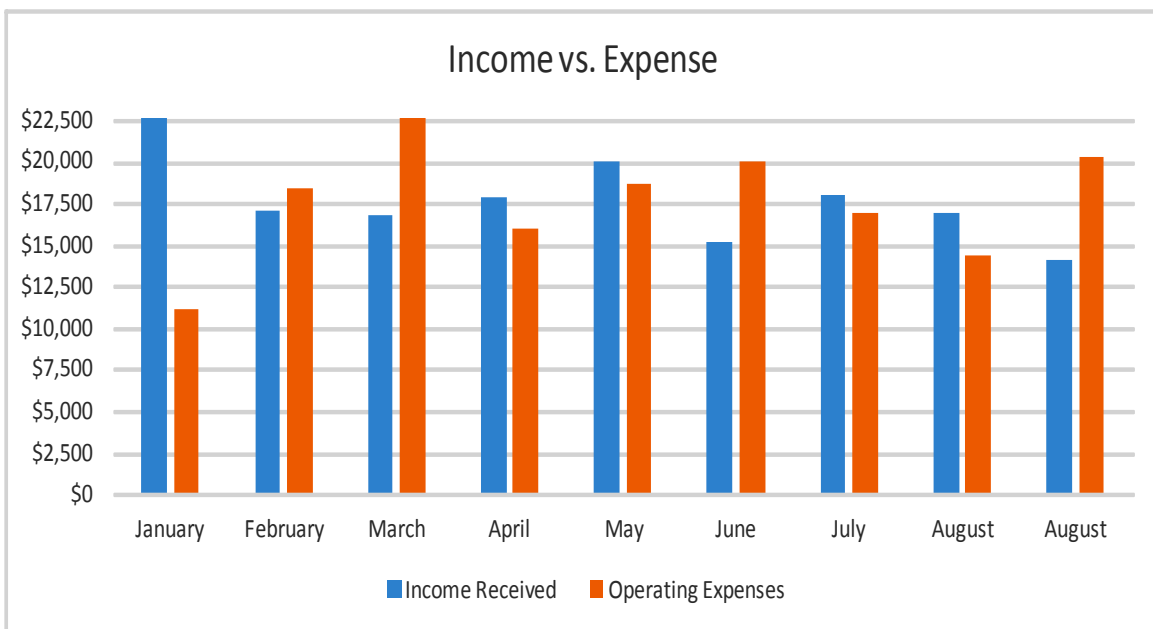
Finance Ministry Team Update



Income and Expenses

As of September 30, 2016, income received (\$158,949) was greater than operating expenses incurred (\$158,356). Offerings for the month of September were less than expenses incurred. There were several quarterly payments made in September, which explains the shortfall.

Thank you for your continued support! See the chart below for a comparison of income received to operating expenses by month.



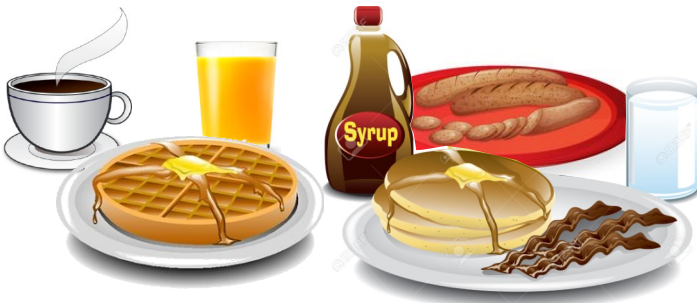
UPC Fund

We have withdrawn \$70,000 from the UPC Fund for repairs for the church roof and gutters and for new church windows. No money has been withdrawn to support operating expenses and our goal is to not withdraw any money for operating needs this year.

Team Actions

The Finance Ministry Team will continue to monitor and report income and expenses on a monthly basis and look for ways to control expenses. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments for the FMT, please feel free to contact its chair, Rob MacPherson. You can do so in person, by phone (610-742-7941), or email (macs-upc@outlook.com). You may also contact the church treasurer, Mary Hewes, by phone at 610-347-2327 or by email at hewesmb@aol.com.

Fellowship Plans



November

† Pancake Breakfast on Consecration Sunday – November 20, following worship

Menu: Pancakes, Waffles, Sausage, Bacon, Butter, Maple Syrup, Orange Juice, Milk



† Greening of the Church – Saturday, November 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Menu: Cider and Doughnuts



December

† Christmas Coffee – date TBD



Deacons' Corner

Now that the crisp Autumn air has arrived and the leaves are turning beautiful colors, we turn our attention to the upcoming holidays.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner! Please consider ordering your Christ-



mas Poinsettias by using the order form provided in the weekly bulletins. Orders are due by Sunday, December 4th.



Our church always looks so beautiful decorated for Christmas. Blessings to all!



2016 POINSETTIA DEDICATION



Return by December 4 (payment is due with order)
**Unionville Presbyterian Church, 812 Wollaston Rd.,
Kennett Square, PA 19348**

Your Name _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$8.00 each)

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) after worship on December 25 ____ (yes) ____ (no)

DECEMBER 2016 BULLETIN DEDICATIONS

**payment is due with order*

Sundays: 4, 11, 18 (*circle date*) Christmas Eve 5:00 ____ 11:00 ____

Your Name _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$15 per service)

In Honor/Memory of _____



2017 FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**payment is due with order*



Your Name _____

Flowers: \$25 Mixed Bouquet _____ Other Arrangements by Request

In Honor/Memory of _____

Date _____ Please donate to a shut-in (check here) _____



UPWARD

No Homework! Adult Sunday School



The Wired Word curriculum. We will meet immediately after worship in the library off of the sanctuary, beginning Sunday, November 6. Our time together weaves current events with Bible study. There is always a lively discussion

Christian Education is important for all ages. This year we will continue with

and no homework or preparation is necessary!



OUTWARD

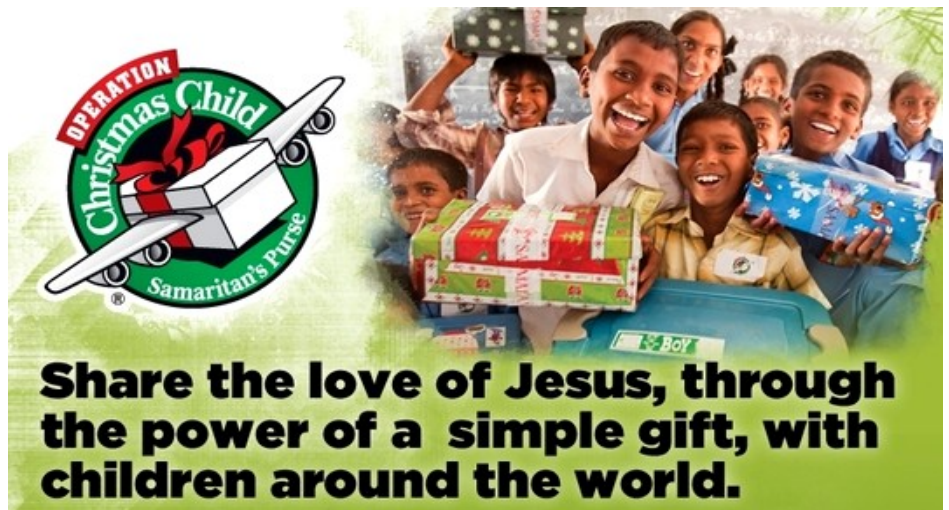
Care and Compassion Lead to Joy and Wonder...

Operation Christmas Child's Gospel Opportunity shoeboxes are filled with care and compassion by you, opened with joy and wonder, and followed by the knowledge of the love and grace of Jesus, by millions of children in need worldwide!

Shoeboxes and brochures will be available in the narthex beginning

October 23rd with a return date on November 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Becker at

bobellenb@gmail.com or [610-793-2361](tel:610-793-2361).





COMMUNITY

NEW BEGINNINGS *Festival*

to Stop Human Trafficking

on **Sat. Nov. 5, 2016** • **10am~2pm** at
Elam United Methodist Church • 1073 Smithbridge Road • Glen Mills, PA

festival • food • family
activities for kids of all ages



A FUNdraiser...

Proceeds will benefit the local survivors of human trafficking at **Dawn's Place** and **New Day**.

For vendor information please contact Carol Metzger at **610-793-4387**

For Event Information call **302-479-9444**

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***Thanksgiving is a Perfect Time to
Reach Out to the Community and
Make a Difference***



The Religious Council of Greater West Chester invites everyone to an interfaith community service project and worship service to benefit a number of local community groups* in need. This is a terrific opportunity for families of diverse backgrounds to gather and take an active role in serving our community.

Sunday, November 20 at 4 pm service project / 5 pm worship
Westminster Church of West Chester
10 W Pleasant Grove Road, West Chester, PA

Please bring non-perishable food items if you can!
** Act In Faith, The Friends Association and St. Agnes Day Room*

ANNOUNCING...

Annual Chatham Diner Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thursday, November 24th 11:00 to 12:00

(Drive Thru OR Deliveries Only, no eat in available)

We need your help on getting the word out....

The dinner is provided FREE

to everyone who needs a Thanksgiving Meal

(Regardless of income or circumstance)...

Those who might have to work (police, doctors, nurses, etc.)

Or be away from family (students, families visiting other family members),

shut ins, those who live alone, those who don't

have the means to cook, the homeless, etc.

Delivery service is available at

no charge Thanksgiving Day.

Reserve your meal/s Monday, 11/14-Wednesday, 11/23

610-345-0173 – M-F: 9-11 FOR delivery OR drive thru

Thursday, November 24th 11:00 to 12:00

Please let us know if you would like to help by

contacting us at the Diner

610-345-0173 – M-F: 9-11

Or by stopping in the diner.

Donations are gratefully accepted.

Thank you

Community Thanksgiving Service

This year Pastor Annalie and members of the UPC Choir will be participating in a Community Thanksgiving Service.

The service will be Sunday, November 20 at 7:00PM at the Episcopal Church of the Advent (just a couple of miles south on 82). Please join us!



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Leadership of Unionville Presbyterian Church

ELDERS

Moderator: Rev. Annalie Korengel

Class of 2016

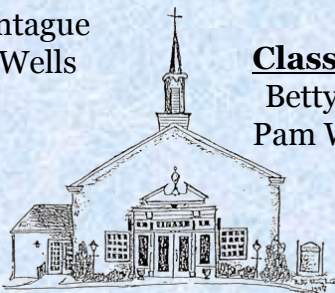
Curt McCray
Sue Minarchi
Cherie Pudleiner

Class of 2017

Rob MacPherson
Pat Montague
Karen Wells

Class of 2018

Mary Ann Gorko
Brooke Holloway-Wren
Michael Mayer



DEACONS

Moderators: Kim Pannell/Mardette Alexander

Class of 2016

Tom Ogurcak

Class of 2018

Betty Hughes
Pam Woodford

Class of 2017

Mardette Alexander
Betty Bryer
Jane Burgarella
Judy Jackson
Kim Pannell
Brian Roberts

STAFF

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Annalie Korengel

Director of Children's Ministry: Lizabeth G. Connors

Secretary: Judy Krug

Financial Secretary/ Treasurer: Mary Hewes

Director of Music: Bill Johnson

November 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Choir 7:00	2 Discussion Grp 9:30	3 LIFE 9:30	4 AA 7:00	5
6 Worship/Communion 9:00 Discipleship Children 9:00 Adult 10:15	7	8 Choir 7:00	9 Discussion Grp 9:30	10 LIFE 9:30	11 AA 7:00	12
13 Worship 9:00 Discipleship Children 9:00 Adult 10:15	14 Finance 10:00 Team Night 7:00 Deacons 7:00	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Choir 7:00	16 Discussion Grp 9:30	17 LIFE 9:30	18 AA 7:00	19
20 Worship 9:00 Discipleship Children 9:00 Coffee 10:15 Community Thgv Service Chrch of Advent 7:00	21	22 Choir 7:00	23	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 AA 7:00	26
27 Serving Sunday Worship 9:00 Discipleship Children 9:00 Adult 10:15 Bake Sale 10:15	28 Session 7:00	29 Choir 7:00	30 Discussion Grp 9:30 Prayer/Praise 3:30			

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DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.

Thankfulness
disrupts
complaining

Tomorrow is never promised,
So today, I am letting all
my friends and family know
How Thankful I Am
that
You Are In My Life

WHAT IF YOU
WOKE UP
today
WITH ONLY THE
THINGS YOU
THANKED GOD FOR
yesterday



I will give
THANKS
to the Lord
with all my
HEART

Thanksgiving is more than a day. Thanksgiving is a way of life. May we always be grateful for what we have. You offer us your perfect love. May we extend that love to those we meet every day. You tell us to give thanks in all things. Let us give thanks today and every day for all of these and celebrate Thanksgiving every day.