

The Friendly Flyer

ACKERMANVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



From the Pastor's Desk ~

I found this poem in a devotional book written by Larry Stookey called *This Day, A Wesleyan Way of Prayer*. I was looking for a Christmas something and this one touched my heart. I decided to share it with you.

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
when Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was no room
for Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming Thy royal decree;
But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
and in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.
there is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest and birds their nests
in the shade of the forest tree;
but Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
in the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou cam'st, O Lord with the living word
that should set Thy people free;
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
they bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.
There is room in my heart for Thee.

When heaven's arches shall ring and her choir shall sing
at Thy coming in victory,
let Thy voice call me home, saying;
"Yet there is room. There is room at My side for thee!"
and my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when Thou comest and callest for me.

Emily E.S. Elliot, 1839-1921

May this touch your hearts and lead you into the New Year with a yearning for
Jesus in your own life.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Alice Ann

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Faith-Sharing Training Event

Our 2017 annual Faith-Sharing Training Event will happen **March 18, from 8:30 AM to 2 PM, at New Hanover UMC**. Our guest presenter is the **Rev. Terry Teykl, a leading "prayer evangelist"** and popular speaker and author. He travels the world encouraging churches to develop and strengthen prayer ministries as a means of revival and transformation.

Teykl, the founder of [Renewal Ministries](#) and [Prayer Point Press](#), has authored several books, including *The Presence-Based Church*.

Please let me know if you are interested in going. This is a great course for Christ Servant Ministers and anyone who is interested in ways of sharing their faith.

Blessings,
Pastor Alice Ann

The United Methodist Church The Philadelphia Area Episcopal Office

Peggy A. Johnson,
Bishop
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Greetings to you in this new year!

The week of January 8-14 Eastern PA Conference prayed for the Commission which was set up by General Conference in May 2016. The purpose of the Commission is to study the paragraphs in our current Book of Discipline that pertain to homosexuality, pastors who are homosexual and same-gender weddings. There are plans to have a special session of General Conference in early 2019 to vote on the findings and suggestions of this Commission. Those serving are:

Bishops: Greg Palmer, Debra Wallace-Padgett, Robert Schnase, Grant Hagiya, Rosemarie Wenner, Ciciaco Francisco, John Wesley Yohanna, Eben Nhiwatiwa
US Clergy: Tom Lambracht, Jorge Acevedo, Tom Berlin, Donna Pritchard, Tom Salsgiver, Jessica Lagrone, Jasmine Smothers, Casey Langley Orr, Brian Adkins

Central Conference Clergy - Alfiado Zunguza, Helen Cunanan, Guy Mande Muyombo

US Lay Persons: Alice Williams, Dave Nuckols, Scott Johnson, Patricia Miller, Matt Berryman, Myrungrae Lee, Julie Love, Leah Taylor

Central Conference Laity: Mazvita Machinga, Jacques Umembudi, Aka Dago-Akribi Horntense, David Field

In addition, the Commission has been coordinated by Bishops: Sandra Steiner Ball, David Yemba and Kenneth Carter

They will begin meeting this month. Please pray for these people by name each day this week. Please pray in your churches on Sunday. Please hold prayer

Slate Belt Free Community Meals

1st Sunday of every month:

East Bangor United Methodist

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm • 610-588-4453

2nd Sunday of every month:

Crossroad Baptist

S. 2nd St., Bangor

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm • 610-588-3966

3rd Sunday of every month:

Ackermanville United Methodist

1410 Ackermanville Rd., Bangor

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm • 610-588-7818

4th Sunday of every month:

First United Methodist

3rd St., Bangor

12:30 pm - ? • 610-588-4673

Last **Saturday** of every month—Hospitality Luncheon:

Faith United Presbyterian Church

218 W. Penna. Ave., Pen Argyl

11:30 am – 1:30 pm • 610-863-4447

Please share this information so that those who are in need can find a free meal.

If there is any doubt, please call the respective churches.

Sponsoring Flowers and Bulletins

2016 Flower and Bulletin sponsorship charts are now in the narthex. Sponsoring altar flowers is a simple way to glorify God and beautify the altar. They can be placed in honor of someone, in memory of someone, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone, or just to give thanks for God's blessings. Your sponsorship and dedication will be printed in the bulletin for that Sunday. The same goes for sponsoring bulletins.

The cost for sponsoring altar flowers is \$40 (quoted recently by Albanese Florist) and the cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$10. Please consider signing up. First, write your name and dedication on the chart. Second, if sponsoring flowers, call Albanese Florist (**610-588-0441**) or J.C. Bloom Designs (**610-588-3855**) and place an order with them under the Ackermanville UMC account. Third, place the cost of flowers (or bulletins) in the offering plate on Sunday in a separate envelope, designating that it is for the cost of the flowers or bulletins. **Thank you.**

meetings this week in your churches and in your districts. Consider attending the Conference-wide prayer meeting at Lima UMC, 209 N. Middletown Road in Lima, PA on Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm. Nothing happens apart from prayer.

Pray that God will move in a mighty way and that we, as a denomination, may remain one in Christ Jesus.

Joining you in prayer,
Bishop Peggy Johnson

January Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jack Yetter | 22 Rachelle Speer |
| 3 Barbara LaBar | Morgan Heckman |
| Keith Steinmetz | Ann Nicoletti |
| 5 Kyle Overfield | 23 Mary Kay Ratzman |
| 7 Denise Butz | 24 Evelyn Jennings |
| 9 Joe Carcione | Ridgley Hughes |
| 14 Heather Pongracz | 25 Renee Pongracz |
| 17 Brad Heckman | 26 Dave Doll |
| 19 Craig Ackerman | Cindy Peck |
| 20 Benjamin Hawes | 30 Doris Vroom |
| Jenna Lane | |
| Cindy Doll | |



January Anniversaries

- 14 Kay & Barry Young

Greeters & Ushers

- January 1 Janice & Dell Roberts
 January 8 Holly & Porter Sussick
 January 15 Ruth Ann & Barry Mueller
 January 22 Nadine & Ridge Hughes
 January 29 Kay Young & Maci Herman

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 February 5 Cheryl & Raymond Pagotto
 February 12 Viola & Jack Davies
 February 19 Kay Young & Maci Herman
 February 26 Bonnie & Jim Commins



Publicity

If you have an event that you would like publicized, please contact Holly Sussick.

E-Mail Change: holly.sussick@foxroach.com
 Phone: 610-588-8235

Keep Them Coming

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| ⇒ Ink Cartridges | ⇒ Old Prescription Glasses |
| ⇒ Weis Receipts | ⇒ Toilet Paper |
| ⇒ Campbells Soup Labels | ⇒ Paper Towels |
| ⇒ Box Tops for Education | |



- Postage Stamps
- Birthday and Anniversary cards to be sent out

February Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gregg Peck | 19 John Dugey III |
| 5 Bill Ruggiero | 21 Sharon Herman |
| 6 Kyle Sussick | Sarah Hawes |
| 8 Karla Lane | 22 Amy White |
| 9 Tony DeAnglis | Jayla Parry |
| 17 Tiffany Johnson | 24 Jamie Impeciati |
| Rebecca Kopp | 27 Sherwin Williams |
| 18 Emily Johnson | 29 Ray Pagotto |
| Casey Stockman | |



February Anniversaries

- 7 Cindy & Gregg Peck
 14 Dale & Ferlin Harris
 24 Suzanne & Randy Mason



Prayer Chain

We are blessed here at AUMC with a prayer chain. You can submit prayer requests through Pastor Alice Ann and receive prayer requests through email or phone. If you are not a part of the prayer chain and would like to be, please contact Pastor Alice Ann for the email portion and Janice Roberts for the phone portion.

Invite Someone Today!



Upper Room

The January-February Upper Rooms are now available in the Narthex.
 Please help yourself!

January 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Office Hours 9 am-Noon Choir Practice 7:30	5 Office Hours 9 am-Noon	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 SB Medical Center 2:15 Disciple Fast Track 6:30	9 Office Hours 1:00-4:00 pm	10	11 Office Hours 9 am-Noon Choir Practice 7:30	12 Office Hours 9 am-Noon Trustees Meeting 7 pm	13	14 Men's Breakfast TK's 7:30 am
15 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Disciple Fast Track 6:30	16 Office Hours 1:00-4:00 pm	17	18 Office Hours 9 am-Noon Choir Practice 7:30	19 Office Hours 9 am-Noon	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Community Meal 4:00-6PM Disciple Fast Track 6:30	23 Office Hours 1:00-4:00 pm	24	25 Office Hours 9 am-Noon Choir Practice 7:30	26 Office Hours 9 am-Noon	27	28 Young Hall Rented
29 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Disciple Fast Track 6:30	30 Office Hours 1:00-4:00 pm	31				

February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Office Hours 9am-Noon	3	4 Soup Bowl Saturday
5 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 SB Medical Center 2:15 Disciple Fast Track 6:30	6 Office Hours 1:00-4:00 pm Administrative Council 7 pm	7	8 Office Hours 9am-Noon Choir Practice 7:30	9 Office Hours 9am-Noon	10	11 Men's Breakfast TK's 7:30 am Followed by work At church
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FEB. 4, 2017

Soup Bowl

SOUP BOWL SATURDAY IS COMING!

Donations of items and services are needed for the tricky tray and silent auctions. Please bring your donations to Cindy Doll. And of course, a variety of soups will be needed!

Thank you!

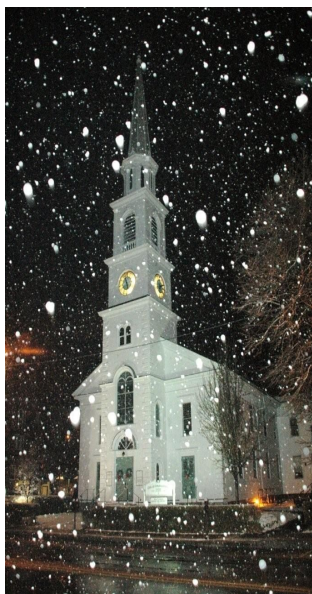
"If it Snows!!!"

1. Check your email and/or phone/voice mail to see if Sunday School and Worship or your event is cancelled or postponed.

2. While you're shoveling snow at home, remember, the church needs volunteers also, to shovel the walks and steps. If you are able, please come down to the church to shovel.

Thank you.

If you have any concerns about coming to worship, then please stay home. Coming to worship is not worth a dented fender or a broken bone.



Items Wanted

Our Sunday School Classes are collecting painting projects and/or painting supplies for 8 yr old Madison who has been diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, which is a cancerous tumor on her adrenal gland. Madison enjoys painting! Our children will be sending her monthly packages filled with these items and Love to help her during her chemo treatments.

Ideas for items: acrylic paint tubes/bottles, paint brushes, Paper paint-able items ex. wooden items, ceramic, window clings (plastic)

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store." As I got a little closer the door came open wide, and when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels, they were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store; and all you couldn't carry, you could come back for more the next day.

First I got some Patience, Love was in the same row. Further down was Understanding. You need that everywhere you go. I got a box of Wisdom. A bag or two of Faith. I just couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, for He was all over the place. I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run the race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some Grace. I didn't forget Salvation - for Salvation that was free. So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's WILL. When I went up the aisle I saw Prayer and I just had to put that in for I knew when I stepped outside; I would run right into sin.

Peace and Joy were plentiful. They were on the last shelf. Songs of Praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself. Then I said to an angel "Now how much do I owe?" He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?" He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

On-Line Giving

DONATE TO ACKERMANVILLE UMC by using our new "On-Line Giving" link on our website. You can make a one-time donation, or set up regular ("recurring") giving with this link. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express are accepted. Click on the "Welcome" tab in the upper left, then click on the "on-line giving" tab on the lower left. Then click on "Click Here".

Thank you for our faithful giving!



Many Thanks to

Meagan Ackerman and Jeff Sandercock
for leading the Sunday School
Christmas program.



"If it Snows!!

NEW INFORMATION!!!

Now, if you suspect that worship, a meeting, or a church event may be postponed or cancelled, you can go to: www.wfmz.com and then click on "Storm Center Delays and Closings." If we have a closing it will appear here on their website. It *may or may not* also appear on TV, on Channel 69, so it's best to check the website instead.



- Jeff & Del did shoveling.
- Jane Ruggiero for filling in as pianist.
- to everyone who donated mittens/hats/gloves.
- to everyone who donated gifts to the PUMP Children's Christmas Giveaway.
- for your faithful contributions of food, etc. to PUMP.
- to all who cook, help out, or donate to our Community Meals.
- everyone who baked, helped out, and supported our 3rd annual Christmas Cookie Walk!! You made this a resounding success!!
- to all who signed up to be AUMC Prayer Warriors, and for all you do.
- Thanks to our AUMC Men's Group for decorating the church for the Advent season, and then for de-decorating.

*Please don't forget those in need
of our prayers.*

*We will have an updated list in the
bulletins each Sunday.*



Prayer List

Please help us keep the prayer list, printed in the bulletin, up to date.

If you would like someone to go on the prayer list, or removed from it, please use a prayer request card found in the pews or email the church at www.ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com.

Thank You

Thank you!

Because of **your** diligence in bringing in your **WEIS Markets** receipts, we have received a check from Weis for \$509.59. Keep 'em coming! Thank you Joan Mutton and Janet Crafa for collecting the slips and tabulating them.

10 fascinating facts about John Wesley and United Methodism

1. John Wesley wrote one of the all-time bestselling medical texts.

Wesley was deeply convicted that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one. To that end, he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled *Primitive Physick*. The book detailed the current knowledge about home remedies and went through 32 editions, making it one of the most widely read books in England. Many of Wesley's cures and tips on healthy living remain widely accepted.

2. John Wesley coined the term "agree to disagree."

Over the years, Wesley had serious theological differences with another popular pastor named George Whitefield. Though they both argued passionately, Wesley reflected on these differences in a memorial sermon for Whitefield by saying: "There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may 'agree to disagree.' But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials. ..." This appears to be the first recorded use of the term. It was a hallmark of Wesley's way of holding to his convictions while remaining in connection with those with whom he disagreed.

3. John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times.

Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships.

4. Wesley had serious doubts about his faith.

Questioning one's faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one's own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith, he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to "preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all of our doubts.

5. "Methodist" was originally a derogatory term.

Though the **origins of the term "methodist"** are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement. Way to own it, Methodists!

6. Wesley counseled people to "eat a little less than you desire."

Staying slim was far from Wesley's goal (1), though he did weigh in around 128 pounds. This was not the result of dieting, but rather of a practice to ensure that people were not ruled by their natural desires, but exercising control over them.

7. Wesley never intended to split from the Church of England.

However, when the revolution happened in the American colonies, most of the Anglican priests returned home. Faced with the fact that none of the Methodists in the colonies could receive the sacraments, Wesley ordained ministers whom he sent to do the same in America (he was practical even when it caused problems). That act was the beginning of the separation that formed the Methodist Church (2) in America. The Methodist Church in England did not officially form until after Wesley's death.

8. Wesley never said this famous quote attributed to him.

It has been on the back of more than one United Methodist youth camp T-shirt: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as ever you can." Though the quote is often attributed to John Wesley and is consistent with his perspective on life, many historians have confirmed there is no record of Wesley ever saying that.

9. Wesley believed you could not be a Christian on your own.

He said that we needed to be involved in "social holiness." Though some often think this term is synonymous with "social justice," its meaning is quite different. Wesley believed we could only grow as Christians in community. In his preface to the 1739 hymnal, he was adamant that "the gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness."

10. Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley's lifetime.

The beginning of Methodism (3) was a group of four who called themselves the "**holy club**" at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.

Mission Statement

Growing in Faith by Sharing God's Love.

Picture This☺

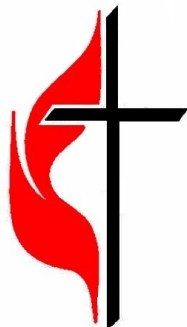
The last pictorial Ackermanville UMC Church Directory is dated 2007! It's been a while! We would like to have photos taken in early Spring for a new pictorial directory. Kay Nell has kindly agreed to be our pictorial directory coordinator. You will hear from her soon with regards to setting up photographer appointments, and other pertinent information. *Thank you.*"



Campbell's "Labels for Education"

are being phased out. They will probably no longer accept these starting August 1, 2017. The labels you gave to the church have been sent to McCurdy School/Ministries in New Mexico. McCurdy was started by the United Brethren, and became an EUB mission and school, and is now, of course, United Methodist. Please continue to bring in Campbell's soup "Labels for Education", and as the August deadline gets closer, they will also be sent to McCurdy.

We **will** continue to collect "BOX TOPS for Education". This has NOT been discontinued, so keep cutting them out and bringing them in. Thank You!



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Liturgists

January	1	Sharon Herman
January	8	Jessica Bonham
January	15	Jane Ruggiero
January	22	Barry Young
January	29	Jeff Sandercock
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February	5	Sue Traviss
February	12	Meagan Ackerman
February	19	Bill Ruggiero
February	26	Sandy Collins

Please contact someone on the list
if you need to switch dates, and contact
Lauranette with the change at
lauranette@gmail.com or 610-588-1611

Remember our members in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living Facilities

Ernest Bartholomew, Rm 135,
4100 Freemansburg Ave., Easton, PA 18045

Bernice Bettini
Walden III, Unit 122,
325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091

Evelyn Jennings Apt. 414B
175 W. North Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

Lorraine LaBarre
Alexandria Monor, Rm. 312
7 S. New St., Nazareth PA 18064

Zelda Dorney
Gracedale
2 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064

Clara Schweitzer
Gracedale
2 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064

Special Envelopes

If you have a special offering/donation (Love Fund, Community Meal, Memorial Fund, etc.) please put it in an envelope (blue & white envelopes available in pews), and list your name and what you are donating to, on the envelope, so we can give you credit at the end of the year. Thank you.

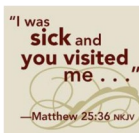
Slate Belt Nursing and Rehabilitation

On the first Sunday of the month, we offer worship at Slate Belt Nursing and Rehabilitation at 2:15pm. We have been blessed by getting to know folks and develop relationships with them. *Consider joining us to share the love of Christ with the folks at Slate Belt.*

Bulletin Information

Weekly announcements for the worship bulletin can be sent to Lauranette at Lauranette@gmail.com.
Thank You!!!!

*During worship, we have **BLAST** bags available for children in the sanctuary. These bags are changed regularly and coordinate with the sermon series. Please help your children see the connections!*



Please let Pastor Alice Ann know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. She would love to support you and your family with a visit. She depends on you to share the information of which hospital the loved one is in. Please also let Pastor Alice Ann know of any other pastoral needs. She is available in the Church Office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-noon. The church phone number is 610-588-7818. You can reach her by email: aabonham@gmail.com. The parsonage number is 610-452-2699 for pastoral emergencies. If you do not reach her, please leave a message. Thank you!