



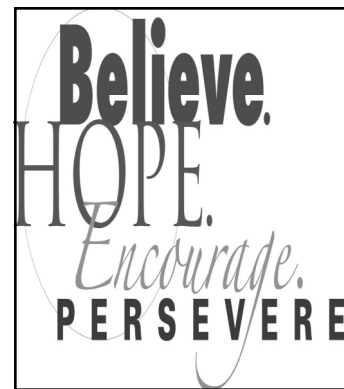
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**January 2012**

**Greeters:**

- Jan 1 Penny Lighty and Margo Mathias**
- Jan 8 Marlin and Judy Biesecker**
- Jan 15 Myrma Matesevach and Carol Wilsbach**
- Jan 22 Linda Balmer and Michael Horst**
- Jan 29 Barry and Sally Snook**

**Nursery Duty:**

- Jan 1 Open**
- Jan 8 Judy and Abigail Packheiser**
- Jan 15 Suson and Hayli Grace Akakpo-Martin**
- Jan 22 Open**
- Jan 29 Open**

\*\*Nursery Attendants are needed for the nursery. Please consider helping out so that others may enjoy church services as well. Thank You for your help and continued support.

**Acolyte:**

- Jan 1 None- Communion**
- Jan 8 Carly Heindel**
- Jan 15 Hayli Grace Akakpo-Martin**
- Jan 22 Carly Heindel**
- Jan 29 Shelby Luther**

**December Ushers**

Joanne Harter, Mary Ellen Baer  
Charles Wynn, Mike Heindel

**JANUARY CHANCEL FLOWERS**

- Jan. 1 In memory of Miss Grace and Miss Ruth Brandt, and in appreciation of the Pastor's annual income from this Memorial Fund, by the Congregation
- Jan. 8 In loving memory of John W. Sours, Jr. from Nancy, Jim and Hannah Sours
- Jan. 15 In loving memory of Henry Heiser and Billie, Chuckie and Charles Baker from Carol Heiser and family
- Jan. 22 In loving memory of Mom and Dad's 65th wedding anniversary from the Pearce family
- Jan. 29 In loving memory of Bob and Dennis Higgins from Ethel Higgins

**BULLETIN DEDICATIONS**

- Jan 1 In honor of the staff by Donna Thompson.
- Jan 8 In honor of our grandchildren by Grammy and Pop Pop Yeich
- Jan 15 In honor of Rachel Elizabeth Potter's birthday by Anthony and Karen Potter.
- Jan 22 In honor of our sons' families, Tim and Robin, and Chris and Amy, by Dick and Mary Ellen Baer.
- Jan 29 In loving memory of her son, Dennis, by Ethel Higgins.

**A FEW REMINDERS:**

**CANCELLATION OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES DUE TO WINTER WEATHER:**



In event we have to cancel church services or activities please tune in to ABC27 SNOW WATCH

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**Chancel Flowers**

The Deacons Committee will send a reminder postcard to each Chancel flower sponsor at the time of the order. The cost of the CHANCEL FLOWERS is still \$22.50 per order. Please make the check payable to The Presbyterian Congregation with the date of the Sunday sponsored in the memo section of the check to assist Diane with recording the payment. The check should be put into a separate envelope marked Chancel Flowers and either mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday.

If at anytime you would like to add a Centerpiece or have any questions or concerns, please call church office 944-4322

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On behalf of the entire Church Staff, We give thanks to all of you for your generous gifts to the staff during the Holiday season. God Bless you all.

Pastor Potter, Diane, Jay, Shirley and Atah

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Presbyterian Congregation is ...  
A body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love and fellowship.*

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Please place your articles or information either in the offering plate (mark it "newsletter"), or in mailbox marked "NEWSLETTER."

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT CHANGE \*\*\*\*\***

Please note change in e-mail for newsletter editor...Please submit any articles to

[AAMSAM1106@gmail.com](mailto:AAMSAM1106@gmail.com)

**Please make the change the old email address is no longer in use. Articles sent to the old address will not be received.**

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2012

- Jan 17- Deadline for Feb newsletter
- Jan 24- mail out newsletter
- Feb 21- Deadline for March newsletter
- Feb 28- mail out newsletter
- March 20- Deadline for April newsletter
- March 27- mail out newsletter
- April 17 - Deadline for May newsletter
- April 24 - mail out newsletter
- May 22 - Deadline for June /July newsletter
- May 29- mail out newsletter
- July 17 - Deadline for Aug/Sept newsletter
- July 24 - mail out newsletter

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NEWS and NOTES

**NOW HEAR THIS....**

**A SINCERE THANK YOU..** to all who sent Christmas greetings and gifts during the holiday season. And please accept my **thanks** for the Christmas gift presented to me at the Christmas covered dish dinner December 11. The kindness and generosity of the congregation is deeply appreciated. You are wonderful and I am blessed. THANK YOU, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
*Pastor Don Potter*

**JANUARY 1, 2012:**

Start the New Year by joining with us for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 10:30 AM. In the bread and cup of Christ's table, we are spiritually fed and nourished to face the opportunities of 2012. There will be no Church School January 1, but classes resume January 8 at 9:15 AM for ALL ages.

**OFFICER ORIENTATION**

For newly elected Deacons and Elders will be held January 8 and 15 in the Pastor's study from 9:15- 10:10AM. We look forward to meeting with the new officers as they prepare to assume their duties. ORDINATION and INSTALLATION will take place January 22 during worship. Be sure to attend and encourage our new church leaders.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

On January 22 after worship, a meeting of the congregation will take place. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the financial Terms of Call of the Pastor for 2012. This is a requirement of the Book of Order and all members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the Terms of Call will be available before the meeting.

**SATURDAY SEMINAR FOR PRESBYTERIANS**

On Saturday, January 21 a number of workshops are being offered on a variety of topics related to our life in the church. This annual event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of Carlisle Presbytery. Camp Hill Presbyterian Church at 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, will host the event from 8:45AM to 12:15PM and all are welcome. Information about the workshops being offered can be found on the bulletin board near the Morrow Room and on the bulletin board in the bell tower entrance at the back of the sanctuary. Pre-registration is required for workshop choices and lunch. This is a great opportunity for members of our church to increase their understanding of the church and get to know other Presbyterians from across the Presbytery. Lunch is optional and is \$3/person. See Nancy Shank who serves on the Presbytery Christian Education Committee, or Pastor Potter if you have questions.

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Members of the church are encouraged to pay the annual PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT of \$22.58 **per member** for 2012. The Per Capita Assessment pays for the administrative cost (building rent, utilities, salaries, etc.) of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The first envelope in each envelope packet is the PRESBYTERY ASSESSMENT envelope. We thank you for your attention in this matter.

CANCELLATION DUE TO WINTER WEATHER

Please tune in to ABC27 SNOW WATCH for the latest information about the cancellation of worship and church activities when the weather turns blustery!

IMPROVEMENT FUND

Your contributions to the IMPROVEMENT FUND enables on-going repairs and improvements to the church property when needed. In the pew rack you will find an IMPROVEMENT FUND envelop and we encourage you to use it, or mark your gift accordingly. We have a wonderful facility and it takes constant maintenance as does our homes. Your support of this effort is appreciated throughout the year! THANK YOU!

PYC NEWS

All 6th-12th graders are urged to watch the Sunday bulletin for information about upcoming Presbyterian Youth Connection events for January. We wish all of our teens a good New Year as classes resume after the Christmas break.



Are you looking for something new to read? Then check out the church library! The library is bursting at the seams with ten new books. With the renewal of the library budget for 2011, we were able to add some much needed fresh reads. We hope everyone will find something to enjoy, so please “check out “ the new books.



1. **Quiet Strength** by Tony Dungy  
Tony Dungy led the Indianapolis Colts to Super Bowls victory in 2007, a first for an African American coach. This is an inspiring and powerful story.
2. **The Sacred Acre** by Mark Tabb  
When Parkersburg, Iowa is nearly destroyed by a tornado and their beloved football Coach Ed Thomas is killed, the community reels from shock
3. **An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving** by Louisa May Alcott  
This is a beautifully illustrated book about a family that shares a very special Thanksgiving.
4. **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett  
A black maid in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi joins forces with a white socialite to write a tell-all book about what it’s really like to work as a black maid in a white home.
5. **Neighbor** by Ben Daniel  
This book addresses illegal immigration from a Christian view point.
6. **Great Quotes from Great Leaders** compiled by Peggy Anderson  
A collection of timeless wisdom from extraordinary men and women.
7. **God, I’m Ready to Walk in Faith** by Thelma Wells  
This book takes you on a journey to strengthen your faith. It is perfect for individual or group study.
8. **Plain Wisdom** by Cindy Woodsmall and Miriam Flaud  
The true story of two friends from very different worlds who find they have much in common.
9. **Charlotte Figg** by Joyce Magnin  
A funny story about a woman who moves to the Paradise Trailer Park, the friends she makes and the softball team she starts.
10. **The Legend of the Candy Cane** by Lori Walburg  
This inspiring story, written for very young children, reveals the Christian symbolism of the Christmas candy cane. This book was generously donated to the library.

There are still over 20 books outstanding from the last inventory in October. Please check if you have library books hiding in your house, we’d love to have the missing ones come home!!!

Hi Folks! This is Oscar reporting in.

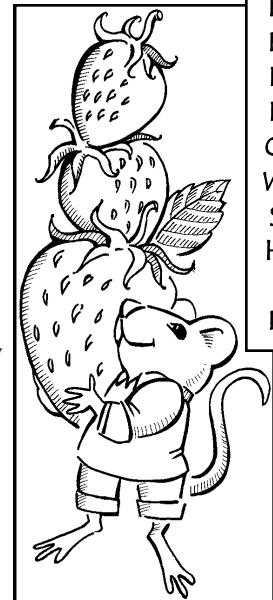
Hi folks! This is Oscar closing out the year and looking forward to a new one. I think I need lessons in how to send emails. I thought I sent Atah the December article and I didn’t. I’m not sure where my little brain was but it certainly didn’t function. I’ll try better this month.

This year has flown by so fast and I am not sure where it has gone. I know we were busy down here at the church.

They have so many activities going on that I just keep going all of the time. December brought a community dinner, a social hour, the Christmas party (that was fun - I got to see a puppet show. It was very good. I hope you were there), the Christmas cantata by the choir and ahead will be the Christmas Eve service. Of course several of those activities involved food and this church has good food. As I write this I am looking forward to the Christmas Eve service. Everything is so beautiful - the decorations, the poinsettias around the church, the Bible readings, and the music from the choir. I like to sneak up and listen and look. Such a special time. I do hope you were able to attend one of the services.

Speaking of music, the choir was really busy this month. They spent many hours with Shirley practicing all of the music for all of the special services. I hear that the choir will be growing starting in the new year. I’ll keep you posted on that score. I’d also like to know what happened to the bass with the bad knee. Surely hope he comes back. I think that one bass gets might lonely back there. I’d go sing with him but I don’t think I squeak in the right key.

I might try sending last month’s article and just maybe the editor might put it in the newsletter. I guess he could also tell me to get things in on time. Funny thing was I sent it in early. You just can’t tell about us mice. I hope you have a good year coming up - a happy and healthy one.



**ADULT FORUM \* January 2012 \* You are invited!**

Sunday mornings before worship in Fellowship Hall \*  
9:15-10:15 a.m.

If nursery is needed, please call Erika Lauffer at 944-4713  
a week in advance.

**Theme - ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE .....working toward a more just and sustainable food system**

All are welcome to join the discussion on how the ways we practice our faith at the dinner table influence the world around us: from our food-purchasing decisions, to our attitudes toward food and the ways we share it. For Christians, eating is a spiritual act because food is sacred. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of stories and teachings about food. The Eucharist is a key part of our faith, but it's more than a Sunday ritual. For early Christians bread was broken at every meal and eating was an expression of their faith. We modern Christians are called to re-establish a right relationship with food: to be mindful of where our food comes from, who has been involved, and how its production and distribution fulfills God's vision of justice – or not.

**January 1 – NO CLASS – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**January 8 – Ann Susemihl**, elder and member of the Adult Forum planning group, will put our theme in perspective by leading a Bible study prepared by our Presbyterian Hunger Program.

**January 15 – Jorja Barton**, director of agency relations of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, will share what she knows about the need for food banks in a society that does not have a fully sustainable, accessible food system to meet the needs of all children and adults.

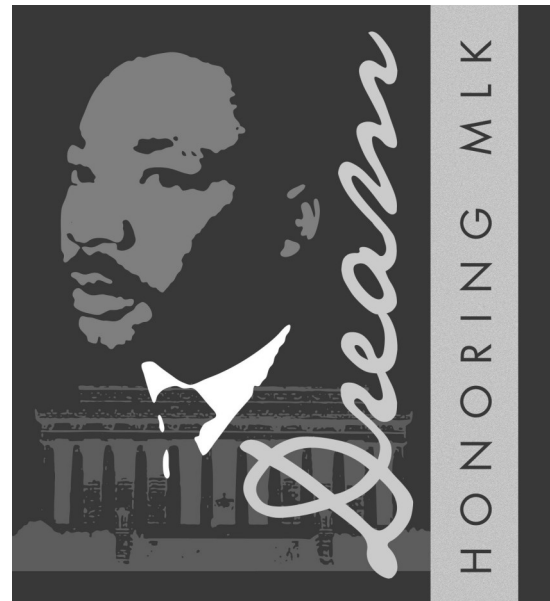
**January 22 – Dru Peters and husband Homer Walden**, owners of Sunnyside Farm, northern York County, will speak about their commitment to make healthy food available to all while respecting the environment. They are members of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) and farmers who bring their produce to the Farmers' Market in Hershey.

**January 29 – Dr. Daniel George**, assistant professor, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey Medical Center, will tell the story behind the purpose and beginnings of the Farmers' Market at Cocoa Beanery in Hershey. He and Dr. Wade Edris who are in the business of teaching and healing are mainly responsible for the market as a way to encourage consumers to buy healthy, locally grown food.

## A New Year's blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown



January 16th

# NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

## **What you need:**

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

## **What you do:**

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an overhand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.

## Deacon's Corner

The Deacons would like to thank everyone that generously supported the Christmas baskets for our homebound members. There were so many goodies that the baskets were overflowing. Everyone on the list enjoyed receiving them. The word is that the congregation was so supportive, someone named Santa may be hiring next December.

In 2012, the Board of Deacons is losing a member and gaining several new ones. We'd like to recognize Gloria Elberti for her years of dedicated service to the congregational family and community. Thank you, Gloria! We'd also like to welcome Sherry Waple, Michelle Harter and Tim Freeborn as they begin their three year terms.

Several of the Deacons' responsibilities are communicating with the homebound members, scheduling and delivering the cancel flowers and coordinating community service projects. If you have any concerns that you believe can be addressed by the Deacons, please call the church office and someone will be in touch with you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members and friends:



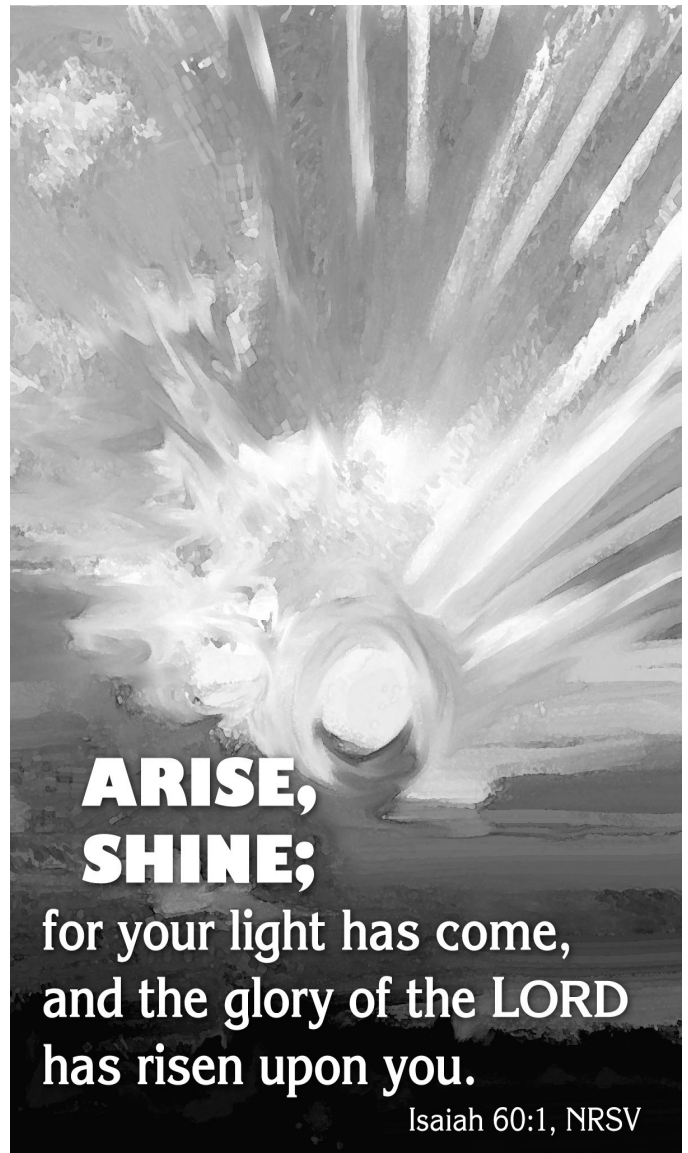
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Cathy Albert	
John Quinn	1/3
Michael Harter	1/4
Linda Eppley	1/7
Jodi White	1/10
Andrew Yeich	1/11
Gloria Agate	1/11
Jeanne Fuss	1/14
Stephen Frommell	1/18
Olivia Yeich	1/19
Charles Powell	1/21
Rachel Potter	1/21
Suson Akakpo-Martin	1/22
Tony Potter	1/22
Sean Tosh	1/22
Tamie Dodson	1/23
Kevin Kable	1/23
Gwen Callison	1/29
Gail Allen	1/30
Mitch Mathias	1/30

*We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:*

January

Ruth and Rick Sweigart	1/16
Gloria and James Agate	1/17



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