



## Quakertown United Methodist Church

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December 2017



# Giving

It's often been noted that we give gifts to people on their birthdays, but when Jesus has a birthday we give gifts to each other.

Well, what can we possibly give to the one who has everything? For example, he owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10). Why does God want our gifts?

Maybe because God wants for us what is good for us. It's good for us to give. It's hard to give and not feel cheerful. And "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Think about the gifts God gives to us: salvation, grace, forgiveness, love, access to him through prayer, and the list goes on. God doesn't want us to hoard our gifts from him, but to pass them along. Happy Birthday, Jesus. I give you myself.

M.B.S.

## *Bread for the Journey Life Group*



Have you ever wondered about Joseph, the man God chose to be Jesus' earthly father? Join us this Advent season as we explore Adam Hamilton's Faithful - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph. Come journey with us. We begin with a DVD, as we learn more about Joseph and what he has to say to us today. Bread for the Journey meets in the parlor Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Contact Gale Hewitt at [ghewitt4@gmail.com](mailto:ghewitt4@gmail.com) or 267-218-2479 with any questions.



# A Christmas Message

By the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Robinson



The message of Christmas is often lost in the secular world of consumerism, commercialism and materialism. In the Gospel story of Luke, we are told of the Christmas message. It's meaning is simple, yet profound.

First, the Christmas message is a message of 'fear not.' This message came to Mary when she was told, 'Fear not, for you have found favor with God.' It was the same message to Joseph in a dream in Matthew 1:20, "Fear not to take Mary as thy wife."

Second, the message of Christmas is a message of great joy to all people. That night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, the angel announced good news of great joy to all people. It was a message of the Savior's birth — a Savior available to all, one through whom all could be saved.

Third, the message of Christmas is a message of peace and good will to all, a reminder to us to show grace and love in all we do.

Lastly, the message of Christmas is a message that we must share. After the shepherds saw the babe lying in a manger, they "made known abroad the saying which was told to them concerning this child." All who have faith in Jesus as Savior shall share the message of joy, hope, love, and peace.

Best wishes for a blessed holiday,

*Pastor Tony* 😊



## Youth Babysitting Day



Babysitting at QUMC by the Youth Group, Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Youth can sign up for part of the day or the whole day. Parents are asked to sign children up for this day of free babysitting. Lunch will be provided. Please inform adult leaders of any allergies.



## Just A Reminder...

Sunday morning is a time for learning, worship, fellowship and reflection. People with church business to discuss should use email or the telephone to communicate, rather than Sunday mornings.

## The Education Endowment Grants 2017



Over the past few years, several of our members have left bequests to the church. Some people specified that their money be used for facility needs and some for the continuing ministry within the church. To ensure that the church has the use of these funds for future needs, we established an Endowment Fund to manage some of the non-specified or unallocated funds.

We keep the fund growing by reinvesting 30% of the income back into the Fund. 70% of the income is to provide grants to qualified students who pursue formal education beyond high school.

The following grants were given out on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 26, 2017:

Aaron Besch, Matt Cornelius, Amanda Hafler, Zach Korpics, Abbie Miller, Blake Miller, Charlie Miller, Aislinn Strohecker, Nicole Umstead, Ryan Umstead, Haley van den Burg, Adam Whittaker, Tyler Whittaker, Graham Wilson

Once the applicant has met the criteria, the grants do not have to be paid back. Donations can be made to the Endowment Fund at any time to help this ministry grow. Planned giving in one's estate is one way, but you may give a gift at any time or make an ongoing gift by including "education Endowment" in the memo portion of your check or on your envelope.

Since the first year of the program in 2007, we have awarded 94 grants totaling \$28,800. We would like to thank all those who have made it possible to provide this assistance to our college students.



## Opportunities To Be In Mission

- FEAST Food Pantry items for December: baking supplies (sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder, spices, etc.)
- Kensington Area Christmas Gifts: There will be a Christmas tree in the narthex with names, ages, and gift suggestions. Please take a name and share God's love with a child at Christmas.
- Ham Dinner Update: We served 181 meals and netted a profit of \$1,798 for mission outreach. These dinners would not be possible without your help and support. Thank you so much!
- Thank you to everyone who donated turkeys and side dishes for Jerusalem House and the surrounding community in Allentown for Thanksgiving Dinner.

## *Holiday Candy Sale*



United Methodist Women will be selling homemade fudge, chocolates, chocolate pretzels, handmade earrings, prayer boxes, prayer beads, and other stocking stuffers, Sunday, December 3 following worship services. Please consider supporting the work of UMW by stopping by to do a little shopping after church.



## Take Note

Special Church Conference, Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., Room 109/111. The specific purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect the 2018 leadership positions as outlined in the QUMC Officiary
2. Adopt the 2018 budget

A church conference is a special meeting for all members of the congregation; accordingly, all are invited and encouraged to attend.



# Holiday Worship

## Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Set-Up\*

## Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens with Lovefest

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Festival Worship featuring Children's Pageant

## Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (no Sunday School)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service

7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

## Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## Sunday, January 7

12 noon Christmas Tree Removal\*



\*Men of the church are needed. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

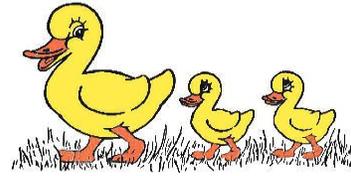


Another fraud alert...

The callers identify themselves with a legitimate sounding "Hello, I'm from..." They then ask if you can hear them - they want you to say "yes," which will get them your permission to go into your accounts. They then go on from there to get you to push a button on your phone and they are in!



# Family Matters



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to: Donald Diehl - December 8; Carl Hunsberger - December 21;  
Jean Savage - December 29; Elaine Wentz - December 31.

Note: Birthdays are recognized for members 80 or older.

**BAPTISMS:** On November 12, Wyatt Logan Schwartz, born to Matthew and Nikki on March 23, 2017.  
On November 19, Julianna Marie Spray, born to Brian and Kimberly on July 15, 2017.

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

*"I have been overwhelmed by the loving care and kindness of this church family during my recent hospitalization and surgery. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits, and messages truly lifted my spirits and inspired me to do all that was necessary for my recovery. I am blessed beyond measure to worship and serve our Lord and Savior with all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"*

*Melea Rupert*

*"The Friendship Circle would like to thank all those who helped make the Fall Rummage Sale a huge success. We raised over \$3,100! Thanks to all who donated items, baked, worked in the kitchen, helped set-up, helped clean-up, and worked at the sale. We sincerely appreciate all of the effort put toward the Fall Rummage sale. Please be sure to note the week of April 16, 2018 is the Spring Rummage Sale!"*

*Becky Petko*

*Dear Friends,*

*"Our 2017 Purses for Purpose Bingo was a huge success! Your donation of \$400, allowing us to purchase a beautiful purse for the event, was greatly appreciated. Your support makes it possible for our organization to assist many homeless individuals, children, and disadvantaged families without our community on a path to self-sufficiency.*

*Our group, and the number of people we are reaching, continues to grow and we are inspired by the level of awareness, interest and support we continue to receive from many local businesses, individuals, and organizations such as yours.*

*Your support is greatly appreciated! Please continue to keep our organization in mind as we work to support the less fortunate in our community. We are a non-profit corporation and your donation is tax-deductible."*

*Thank you and God bless, Karen L. Hammerschmidt  
Founder and President, Quakertown Community Outreach*



# Welcome to Our New Members



Michael Deng & Adhieu Yout  
(Achol, Akok)

164 Park Ave., Apt. 211  
Quakertown, PA 18951  
267.373.7031

Carl & Carol Duke

1353 Gruversville Road  
Coopersburg, PA 18036  
215.252.0992

Jerry Elder

466 S. 9th St., Apt. F205  
Quakertown, PA 18951  
215.529.5549

Janet Garger

1942 Freier Road  
Quakertown, PA 18951  
215.538.1331

Christina Mazzella  
(Abby, Anna)

3096 Village Drive  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
484.538.8976



## A LOOK *at the* BUDGET

Revenues through the end of October 2017 - \$240,726.39

Expenditures through the end of October 2017 - \$233,974.01

### Important Notes:

1. We ask that you continue to be prayerful about the 2018 QUMC Budget as it pertains to the mission of stewardship that God has for our church. Please remember that there is a special focus on addressing the needs of our youth in the proposed budget.
2. Thank you to all the members and worshipers for turning in your commitment cards. As we all are well aware, the budget process is informed by the intended contributions of our membership.



# Thankful for their Service



It's Christmastime again and our nation reaches out to young men and women in the military. Can QUMC do any less, when we have six young men currently serving? Here are their names and current addresses. They'd love a Christmas card and possibly an occasional card or note.

Some are limited to receiving cards and letters only, so we'll make that a limit for all six. We will be updating all information as needed and will add another young man in August.

Please contact Liz Cole (215.536.2046) for any information you need.

Justin Donahue:

E1 Donahue, Justin Joseph  
527 I Avenue, Unit 2585  
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311  
Parent's phone: 215.529.5742

Seth Gray:

Seth Gray  
1200 Harrison Creek Blvd.  
Apt. 12-101  
Petersburg, VA 23803  
Parent's phone: 215.538.0415

Josh Korpics:

Joshua Korpics  
P.O. Box 431118  
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055 USA  
Parent's phone: 215.529.5750

Tyler Ringwald (Kyra Ames' husband):

Tyler Ringwald 37 BS  
P.O. Box 3001  
APO, AP 96543  
Kyra (nee Ames) Ringwald  
10050 Kaelem Ct.  
Summerset, SD 57718  
Kyra's parent's phone: 215.538.1049

Jacob & Christine (nee Sterner) Swearingen:

Jacob & Christine Swearingen  
1261 Airborne Dr.  
Unit a JBER AK 99506 USA  
Jake's parent's phone: 215.538.7513

Eric Tascarella:

Eric Tascarella  
2470 Mill Road  
Quakertown, PA 18951



**FROM THE TRUSTEES:**

**Building Use Policy – Quakertown United Methodist Church**

Welcome to QUMC. We are pleased for your show of interest in using our beautiful church facility. The purpose of this policy is to assure that the use of the buildings, grounds, and equipment is confined to religious, educational, social, service and other character building functions and activities. Church activities take priority over outside building requests. Requests must be made at least one week in advance of the event.

**Below are general rules for the use of the church.**

1. The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, games of chance and tobacco are prohibited
2. Children and youth must have adequate adult supervision (of at least two adults per Safe Sanctuary regulations of the United Methodist Church).
3. Fundraising by non-church groups is prohibited.
4. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters and the like are prohibited within the church building. They may be allowed outside with prior approval of the Board of Trustees.
5. Decorations and personal items must be removed immediately following an event.
6. Building use requests must be made through the church office which ensures necessary paperwork is completed. Any questions regarding use of the facility will be referred to the Board of Trustees for final approval.
7. The Sanctuary organ is not available for use except by the church organist unless specific arrangements have been made with the church prior to the event.
8. HVAC requests must be made in advance of the event and will be handled by church office personnel. No one outside of church personnel or church membership is authorized to adjust thermostats.
9. Rice, bird seed and confetti *inside* or *outside* of the church is prohibited.
10. Use of church sound equipment is by request only and operation of that equipment is by authorized church representatives only.

**Rules Specific to the Sanctuary and Kitchen**

The sanctuary is to be used only for worship activities excepting community outreach programs approved by the Board of Trustees in advance. Food and drink in the sanctuary is prohibited. Kitchen use by any outside group must be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to scheduling building use.

**Keys**

A key to the church will be made available so that the building is accessible on the scheduled day or use. There is a sign-out procedure for church keys, which need to be returned no more than 48 hours after the event.

**Building Fees - Quakertown United Methodist Church**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>
Sanctuary	No Charge	\$400
Miller Hall (reception or rehearsal dinner)	\$250	\$400
Miller Hall (shower, party, banquet, etc.)	No Charge	\$200
Sexton Fee	\$75	\$75
Organist Fee	Negotiate directly with Organist	
Clergy Fee	Negotiate directly with Organist	



**Building Use Form**  
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Individual/ Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Responsible Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Function/Purpose:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Date(s) for requested use: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment request (including HVAC and sound system):

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Request use of the following area(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Miller Hall

\_\_\_\_\_ Pavilion

\_\_\_\_\_ Parlor

\_\_\_\_\_ Sanctuary (Need Trustee Approval)

\_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Initials

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen (Need Trustee Approval)

\_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Initials

Office Use Only: Name	Date	Office Staff Initials
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Key Issued To: _____	_____	_____
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Key Returned By: _____	_____	_____
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<b>BUILDING USE APPROVED</b>	_____	_____
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# December 2017

## Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>** SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</b> 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship				1 6:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Dinner	2 9:30 a.m. Youth Babysitting Day 10:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Set-Up
3 ** UMW Fudge Sale 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group	4 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	5 7:00 p.m. Trustees	6 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	7 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Radical Hospitality, Praise Band	8	9 Quakertown Ministerium Christmas Carnival
10 ** 3:00 p.m. All-Church Caroling 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group	11 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	12 7:00 p.m. Annual Church Conference	13 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	14 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band	15	16 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Plain & Fancy
17 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Festival Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group, Kid's Club Christmas Party	18 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	19 7:00 p.m. Leadership	20 6:30 a.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	21 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band	22	23
24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Family Service 7:30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> 	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Church Office Closed - Happy Holidays!</b>						
31 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship						