

FIRST FAMILY NEWS



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LETTER FROM THE DONIGIANS

November is the month of the Thanksgiving holiday. We find it a good time to give thanks for the good things in our lives, our relationship with God, our families, our congregation, our health, and our existence.

Many of us give thanks on Thanksgiving by sharing a meal. We are having a meal at the church on Thanksgiving for those who are not celebrating this way at their homes. This meal is one of our kitchen ministries. We are thankful for the many volunteers who make it possible. It seems a good time to recount some of these ministries.

Let's begin with the free Thanksgiving dinner for our members and the community. If circumstances make it difficult to have a special meal at home, Thanksgiving can be a day of

loneliness or discouragement. By having a delicious meal at church, we can celebrate in company with our Christian family.

Our youth program has been flourishing and the summer mission trip with youth and adults has grown. Community dinners have become a major fundraiser for these trips. They keep down the cost so that everyone, who is willing to serve as Jesus instructed, is able to take part.

Our 150th anniversary has been celebrated with several events in which the kitchen played an important part. The old-fashioned pot luck dinner was fun for everyone. The ice cream social on our grounds had excellent attendance. Food was served after our musical concerts, allowing time for participants to mix. The Faith Factory Sunday School

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PASTOR MOYER'S LETTER

One of the most important trees mentioned in the Bible is the olive tree. For the farm laborer, it was a large part of his daily food. Travelers always carried twenty or thirty olives on their journeys along with loaves of bread. Most of their meals were cooked in olive oil. Their light for the evening came from a lantern filled with the same oil. They even made their soap from

olive oil. The olive tree was very important to their lives, and if the olive harvest failed, as it sometimes did, because of bad weather conditions, it brought lots of hardship.

In Habakkuk 3:17-18, we read: "Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines,

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program has a kitchen rotation that is very popular with all ages among the students. Connecting Bible stories with the foods that people ate brings the stories alive and helps the learning process.

In October the free “Third Thursday” community dinner served 119 guests, the largest number to date. This meal allows us to support two groups of people. One is long-time residents of Quakertown. The second is recent immigrants who are struggling to learn the English language. We are able to feed the hungry, just as Jesus requested. We are finding that people linger after these meals, building a sense of community.

Our drama presentations include a dessert bar. This has added an attraction to this “Come and See” ministry of First Church. During Lent we have soup suppers that combine instruction and fellowship. People look forward to these for instruction and fellowship.

In the interest of space we will stop now; however the opportunities for delicious will continue.

Blessings and peace, *Pastors Doug and Joyce*

PASTOR MOYER’S LETTER

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though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food,... yet I will rejoice in the Lord...”

These Old Testament words are so very important! Even when the olive crop fails, “yet I will rejoice in the Lord!” There is a unique and a rare beauty in these words!

As I write these words for our family here at First Church, information and news are still being received from Turkey regarding the recent devastating earthquake. The true magnitude of this disaster is only now being realized. Our hearts and prayers go out to the people who are suffering, as well as to those who have lost their lives - and, I think more on the words... “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord...”

Even when a terrible disaster comes, more terrible than the olive crop failing, I will praise God and give thanks to him. And yet, this is so very hard to do!

We have to have a very special faith to give thanks when things are going wrong. And yet, God’s Word assures us that we can do it if we trust in God’s love and believe that God is with us in bad times, as well as good times.

As we gather around the table this Thanksgiving Day, may we all truly give thanks for God’s love and for God’s ever-present Spirit. And, if there happens to be olives on your Thanksgiving table this year, as you eat that olive, may it remind you to give God thanks for all of life!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

With You In Christ’s Service! *Pastor Don*
The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Moyer
Minister of Pastoral Care and Visitation

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TWO ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS at 10:45 a.m. God Sightings meets in the Parlor, and the Adult Forum Class, lead by Roland "Butch" Felix, at 10:45 a.m. in the former Quilters' Room. Also, a weekday God Sightings class meets in the Parlor on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday mornings at 10:00, Ladies Bible Study meets in the Parlor. Please join us! *(First Church has been experiencing God Sightings all year long. You can start reading the One Year Bible at any time. Talk with the pastors about joining a discussion group today. Read the God Sightings on the bulletin board outside the Parlor to see how God is working in our lives on a daily basis.)*

VESPERS BIBLE STUDY CLASS MEETS ON SUNDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR - We are looking at the fascinating book of Revelation. Join us! Contact Janet Stever with questions: 215-538-1897.

150TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011, we welcome Rev. Judith Youngman, PSEC Interim Minister to assist us in a special worship service, "Looking to the Future with the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, as we celebrate our next 150th Anniversary event. Next Sunday is also All Saints Day, wherein we will recognize those who have passed on in this last year.

MEMORABILIA

MEMORABILIA - To help defray the expenses involved with our Celebration, the Anniversary Committee has ordered several commemorative items that are for sale. **Refrigerator /Car Magnets** and **note cards** (in packages of 5), both sporting the 150th logo, are available for a suggested price of \$5.00. Also beautiful **3-D gold Christmas ornaments** have arrived and are available for \$15.00 or buy two for \$25. These will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Consider sending one to a friend or relative that attended First Church or was married here and moved away. For those that missed the opportunity to buy a Cat's Meow of our church, there are **ONLY TWO LEFT** at a price of \$20. The items are available in the hallway after worship services or by contacting Barbara Stoneback (215-536-1983) or via email at greenmachine49@verizon.net or by inquiring in the Church Office.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & MUSIC SERIES

Nov 6 **Looking to the Future** with the
9:15 a.m. PA Southeast Conference

Dec 3 **Christmas in Quakertown**
7:30 pm Featuring the Festival Choir,
 Sanctuary Bells, and the
 Quakertown Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORK DAY AT CHURCH - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011 - We need help with cleaning and organizing. We will be focusing on the Bathrooms, Fellowship Hall, Parlor, and Kitchen. We will start at 8:30 a.m. and be finished by 12 noon. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please consider giving us a few hours.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - Yes, it's that time of year again! Please be aware that in the case of inclement weather, you may use the following information to check changes in services. Call the church telephone answering machine message which will be updated with the latest information (215-536-4447) or you can check Channel 69 website at www.wfmz.com (click on "school closings," click on "church/worship/libraries.")

PHOEBE RICHLAND - The holidays are fast approaching, and it is time to start preparing for Christmas at Phoebe Richland. Neighbors, employees, family members, and supporting congregations are all invited to share in the opportunity for resident gift-giving. The Christmas parties at Phoebe Richland are the most delightful events of the year. We offer special foods, unique entertainment, and a gift receiving experience with Santa for residents. All of the employees assist with opening gifts, singing, and celebrating the season together. For more information how you might be able to help and participate in this program at Phoebe Richland, please see the posters on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

BETHANY COUNSELING - Bethany Counseling Ministry offers counseling right here at First UCC for issues such as anxiety, stress management, grief, marital and family conflicts, premarital, grief, depression, blended families, child adjustment

problems, chronic illness, plus many others. Bethany Counseling Ministry staff members, Anne W. Cheezum, Licensed Professional Counselor, and John Ries, M.A., Licensed Psychologist, meet regularly here at First Church, offering confidential, affordable, and convenient counseling. For more information or to set up an appointment, call Bethany Counseling Ministry at 1-800-375-9188 or email BCMReading@bethanyhome.org.

IMMEDIATE NEED - A family in our church family is need of a ramp to be built into the front entrance of their home. We are looking for a few adults and youth to help with this project. Contact Bob Quinby at 215-679-2701 as soon as possible.

LIHEAP (LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

You or someone you know may be eligible for help with home heating bills this winter. The Low Income Home Energy Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help keep families safe and healthy. LIHEAP is a federally-funded pro-gram that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. You can call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) project for more information. This is a free service providing information on where you can apply for LIHEAP. Call 1-866-674-6327 or email energy@ncat.org. Or contact the local LIHEAP office at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/grantees/states.html. In these tough economic times, folks may need assistance with paying bills. LIHEAP brochures are also available in the Office.

KNIT ONE PRAY TOO meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We would love to see you for this important prayer shawl ministry. Please call Jane Divok if you have any questions 610-346-8773.

FIRST UCC COOKBOOKS - Our very own cookbook is available for you to keep or give as a gift. The cost is just \$8. This is NOT a fundraiser - the \$8 covers the cost of printing. The cookbook is in the Church Office. Checks should be made payable the First UCC Church School Association.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR - The Quakertown Community High School Choir is proud to sponsor an evening with the world-renowned Westminster Choir. This is the top choir from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. They perform regularly with the world's best orchestras and conductors,

including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic, and many others. Recent Quakertown graduate, Maggie Montoney (class of 2010) is a sophomore at WCC and a member of this choir. The Westminster Choir will be appearing here in the high school auditorium on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. Please plan on joining us for a wonderful evening of music, from one of the world's best choirs! And please invite anyone you know who loves music! For more information or questions, please contact vpchorus@qmpo.org.

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

FAITH FACTORY help needed. We are in need of a co-teacher for our First Family class. Do you enjoy working with children up to 3 years of age? Do you have some time to introduce these young minds to the good news of Christ? We would be honored to have you join the team. We are also looking for a volunteer to act as a guide for one of our groups. This responsibility includes leading the children to their workshop and assisting the teachers with keeping the children on task. Time for this is 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Sundays. Please contact Linda Friday for more details and information.

DECEMBER 4 - CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP IS COMING! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lots of crafts and fun for everyone!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION - If you have some items in excellent condition that you no longer want, please donate them for our Holiday Silent Auction at the Christmas Workshop on December 4. Money made from this helps fund the Christmas Workshop and Church School Association. Please bring your items to the Church Office. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP CRAFTERS NEEDED! 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, November 9. Come to a short get-together to see what crafts are available and claim one to teach to folks at the Christmas Workshop, to be held on Sunday, December 4, 3:00-6:30 p.m. Contact Janet Stever with questions or comments, 215-538-1897 or janetstever@gmail.com

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Melba Wark, who passed away on October 12, 2011.

CREATIVE ARTS DRAMA TEAM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our upcoming seasonal community production - "**Miracle on 34th Street**" and our ever-popular **Dessert Café** - Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. Members from our church and also people from the community make up this amazing and talented cast.

TICKETS for the Performances & Dessert Cafe are available: Advance Discount Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 4-12 and Senior Citizens \$8; At The Door: Adults \$10, Children 4-12 and Senior Citizens \$10. We would love to have all of our First Church family plan to invite friends and family to come out and enjoy an afternoon or evening of wholesome and fun entertainment. Reserve your spot now. We are taking reservations for tables of six or more.

For more information about the show or about our drama ministry, contact Nedra Fritzing in the Church Office or by email at drama@firstucc.net.

2011 COMMUNION SERVICES

The last Holy Communion of 2011 will be celebrated on the Sunday, November 27, 2011 at 9:15 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, October 23, Haley Rene Hoffman was baptized. Haley was born on June 11, 2011 and is the daughter of David and Andrea Hoffman, and the baby sister of Logan.

On Sunday, October 30, Wyatt John McFetridge was baptized. Wyatt is the son of Angela and Michael

McFetridge, the grandson of Kerry and John Clarke, and the great grandson of Harriet Wolfinger. Wyatt was born on May 26, 2011.

Congratulations to Kathryn Kooker and Jason Egner who were married on Saturday, October 22.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Stoneback and Paige Hill at the birth of their son, Chase Michael, on Friday, October 21, 2011. Chase Michael is the brand new grandson to Denise and Barry Stoneback, Sr.

COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

A summary of the regular meeting of Church Council was held on September 12 is as follows:

- The resignation of Kasey Jones, deacon, was read; Kasey is enrolled to take classes at Bloomsburg University in the fall. Betty Zuck was welcomed and thanked for agreeing to finish the term left vacant by Kasey.
- A thank you note was read from members of the deCycles group in appreciation to First Church hosting the group while on tour this summer.
- Poinsettias need to be ordered early for the December 4 Christmas House Tour.
- With the vacancy caused by BCIU, the nursery is being moved to Room 2, to be a little closer to the Sanctuary. Carpets in Rooms 2 and 3 will be cleaned and deodorized.
- The youth were given approval to paint the corkboards in Room 3.
- Linda Friday started on September 12 in the position of Director of Christian Education.
- White choir gowns have been cleaned for the upcoming season.
- Two hot spots will be installed as soon as possible to enable wireless internet in the building.
- Thanksgiving meal will be held on November 24 at 2:00 p.m.
- Youth fundraisers of selling Pizza Hut cards and holding a WalMart bake sale have been approved by council.
- Property Committee reported that the Sanctuary roof has a leak which is being looked at by the roofers, as well as replacing some of the missing slates.
- Stewardship Committee reported that contribution statements through August 31, 2011 and campaign letters, Faith Promise Cards are being sent out.
- Women's Guild: The offering of October 9 will go to the Bethany Children's Home.

- **Youth Council:** Bob Quinby is the council liason for youth council.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for October 11, 2011.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For your information, here is a list of the most current needs of the Quakertown Food Pantry, but they are grateful for any and all food donations received: **canned pasta, oatmeal, and soup.** Also, the Food Pantry will be trying to put together Thanksgiving meals to their clients, so donations of cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes, gravy, etc. would be very much appreciated. If you aren't sure what to donate, please consider monetary gifts or gift cards to local grocery stores to help the pantry purchase food. Please make checks payable to "Quakertown Food Pantry." The Quakertown Food Pantry thanks you for your help.

GOD SIGHTINGS WEEKLY

READINGS

10/29/11/4 Lamentations 1:1-Ezekiel 11:25,
Philemon 1:1-Hebrews 6:20, Psalm 101:1-105:36,
Proverbs 26:20-27:2
11/5-11 Ez 12:1-23:49, Heb 7:1-10:39, Ps
105:37-109:31, Prov 27:3-13
11/12-18 Ez 24:1-38:23, Heb 11:1-James 2:17,
Ps 110-117, Prov 27:14-28:1
11/19-25 Ez 39:1-Daniel 2:23, James 2:18-1
Peter 4:6, Ps 118-119:80, Prov 28:2-14
11/26-12/2 Dan 2:24-11:1, 1 Pet 4:7-1 John 3:6,
Ps 119:81-121:8, Prov 28:15-28

HARVEST HOME

Through Sunday, November 20, 2011, the Sunday School is collecting canned and non-perishable goods for the Bread of Life Meal and the Quakertown Food Pantry. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the food bins in the Narthex and by the Fourth Street entrance. Thank you for all contributions. Any questions can be directed to Linda Friday.

MISSION NEWS

CHICKEN AND MORE CHICKEN DINNER NOVEMBER 19, 2011 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. All you can eat (baked chicken, barbeque chicken, chicken wings, and fried chicken). Dinner includes full salad bar. Cost of the dinner is Adults \$10.00, Children

(ages 5-12) \$5.00, and Children 4 and under are Free. Take outs are an extra \$1.00. Tickets are on sale now. All proceeds from the dinners go to benefit the 2012 Mission Trip. Any questions, please contact Bob & Wendy Quinby at 215-679-2701 or by email at logcrest@hughes.net.

LAST CHANCE FOR 150TH SHIRTS - They will be available to order until November 20 when the last order will go in. Don't miss out on your chance to get one of these shirts. Please see Bob and Wendy Quinby to order your shirts or call 215-679-2701 or logcrest@hughes.net.

MISSION TRIP 2012 is looking for a few people that think they could never go on a Mission Trip because they feel they could not go out to the sites and work. Well, we have the job for you! Come along to help prepare our meals. This would be the breakfast each day along will three or four dinners. If you have interest in this, please see Bob and Wendy Quinby for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST CHURCH

First UCC is a giving and receiving community of faith. We affirm that the earth and all its people belong to God. We seek to grow in Christ. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit:

- to worship God
- to provide a safe place
- to offer hope and support
- to welcome strangers and
- to serve others.

MUSIC NEWS

CHRISTMAS IN QUAKERTOWN - Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas in Quakertown concert on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m., featuring the Festival Choir, Sanctuary Bells, and the Quakertown Band. It's a great way to begin the Christmas season, so be sure to join us, and tell your friends!

SPONSORS NEEDED - If you would be interested in helping defray the costs of Christmas in Quakertown, please use the First UCC Music Series coupon on page 10 of this Newsletter and place it in the offering plate or drop it off or mail it to the Office. Thank you for your support.

POINSETTIAS

Christmas poinsettias are placed in the church every year “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” family members or friends. Many people are already on the list for the yearly flowers and are billed automatically. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia and you are not currently on the list, you may **call the Church Office** and give us your name and how you want the tribute to read in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. The cost this year is **\$6.50**. The deadline for ordering plant(s) will be **November 25, 2011**. The poinsettias will be arriving at the start of Advent in time for Christmas in Quakertown and the Quakertown Christmas House Tour.

STEWARDSHIP

Looking for an opportunity to share your time or talent with our members? Our Care Committee will be restructuring and there will be ways you can answer Christ’s call to serve. Watch for upcoming announcement asking for your help.

Our Harvest Home special offering will be collected on Sunday, November 20. This offering will be evenly split for two worthy causes. Half of the offering will be used to support First Church’s local benevolence mission. This fund is used by the pastors to assist people in our church and local community who are in need. The other half of the offering will be donated to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference’s Special Assistance for Retired Pastors. Some of our pastors who retired years ago are now in need of special assistance. Because the retirement income of these pastors is low, the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference supplement the cost of their health benefits. As we give thanks for God’s blessing, let us share with others in this time of Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Dinner will be served here at First Church at 2:00 p.m. for everyone that is interested. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you will be coming so we can plan accordingly. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the preparation of the dinner, and we are

looking for donations of turkeys and hams as well. Please see Bob & Wendy Quinby for more information.

THANK YOU’S

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to my dear friends and colleagues in the Chancel Choir for recognizing my ten years at First Church with a wonderful song. I am especially grateful to Gregg Reighard and Denise Parker for putting their considerable talents together and taking the time to write an original composition of such beauty and feeling. I was incredibly surprised and honored, and I continue to be blessed, as I have been these last ten years, by the love and generosity of the many people with whom I have worked and played at First Church. Thank you all for enriching my life beyond measure. *Pat Conrad*

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Lasagna Dinner by cooking, set up, clean up, and baking desserts. Great Job!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2011 Crop Walk by donating money, walking for donations, or by baking cookies and brownies for the rest station here at First Church. Please turn in your envelopes to the Church Office. If anyone wishes to contribute, it is not too late. *Barry Tice*

We express our thanks to Barry Tice for overseeing another successful Crop Walk. First UCC was well represented and Barry does an excellent job coordinating this worthwhile event. Thanks, Barry!

In Appreciation of our Extended Church Family: As some of you know, we are getting married, and then being transferred to North Carolina. We wanted to express our appreciation to all of you that have been such a big part of our lives. Your never-ending support and guidance have meant so much to both of us over the years. There are no words to convey how we feel, so we’ll keep it simple and say Thank You! You all will be missed and we will keep you in our prayers. God bless! *Jason and Kathryn (Kooker) Egner*

Thank you to all the volunteers that baked cupcakes,

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donated toppings and icing, help set up, and spent time at our Autumn Alive booth. We helped the children in our community make over 110 snowmen and fall leaf crafts! Not sure how many cupcakes we went through but they sure did enjoy those tasty treats! Special thanks to Kathy Walp for organizing the crafts! Be sure to check out the pictures in the hallway outside the Church Office.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next Women's Guild meeting is Tuesday December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Pastor Joyce will be leading us in a Christmas Communion service. Kathy Walp will instruct us in making angels for our members who are shut-in. Everyone is welcome. If you need a ride, please call Barbara Stoneback at 215-536-1983.

"AFTERNOON TEA" The next afternoon tea will be on Sunday, December 11. Mark your calendars to enjoy some tea and finger sandwiches with our curious teen girls. They are excited to spend some time learning and enjoying stories from your life. Get to know our church family teen girls, as well. Contact Nedra Fritzingler in the Office should you have any questions.

WOOFI PROJECT - Reminder: The Women's Guild has Woofis for sale. Woofi is an adorable "puppy". His "dog tag" says "Precious are the feet who bring the Good News" and "Jesus loves you." Woofi shares God's love with children around the world. The proceeds from the sale of these stuffed animals spread the news to children around the world and makes it possible for the guild to provide Woofis to babies baptized here at First U.C.C. and to children in our congregation that are ill. Woofi is available for

purchase at a cost of \$20. This makes a very meaningful gift for any occasion and would be a great Christmas gift idea. A Woofi would be an appropriate gift for a dog lover on your Christmas list as well as for a baptism, confirmation, or during an illness. If you would like to see Woofi or read more information, please see the display on the table in the back of the church. To purchase a Woofi, contact Kathy Walp (215-536-1293) or Barbara Stoneback (215-536-1983).

REDNER'S TAPES - Please remember to use your Pump Perks/Save-a-Tape card when you shop at Redner's and turn the receipt into the Church Office or the Women's Guild. The card that allows the guild a percentage of each receipt **is the same card that is used for gasoline points**, so please use it when you shop at Redner's.

You don't have to participate in the gas program to help the guild, but using your card also gets you a discount on gasoline at any Redner's Quick Stop or at certain Sunoco and Citgo Gas Stations ,if you choose to participate. The AM PM mini mart in downtown Quakertown is the closest place to use the Redner's Pump Perks discount and you don't need the receipt to get the gasoline discount.

This is our major source of funding for Guild projects such as the college student's Love packages and our holiday shut-in remembrances. If you don't have a Redner's card, you can pick one up along with an informational brochure on the table in the Narthex. All you need to do is give your card to the cashier **before** your items are rung up and turn in the receipt. We have been informed by Redner's that they cannot accept incomplete receipts. The part of the slip that

GROCERY CERTIFICATES - If you shop at Giant, please consider purchasing gift cards from the youth group. They work the same as money. Just fill out this form at the bottom of this page and place it in the office and we'll order your gift cards. You'll have them in just a few days. Thank you!

GROCERY CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM
Please make your check payable to: FIRST UCC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Name _____ Phone _____

Store	Qty.	Denomination
<input type="checkbox"/> Giant	_____	\$50
	_____	\$20
	_____	\$10

GIANT - Total in Dollars _____

ORDER TOTAL \$ _____ **CHECK #** _____ **or CASH**

You will receive a call when your certificates are in. *Thank you for your support!*



notes "Today's Contributions" must be included. If you want to cut the Pump Perks portion off, please cut on the dotted line **below** the "Today's Contribution" on the slip. We cannot turn in slips without this information. Thank You.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THIS MONTH

LAY READERS:

11/6 Bill Palmisano
11/13 Kathy Walp
11/20 Steve Clark
11/27 Dean Wilson

ACOLYTES:

11/6 Elizabeth Melton/Brett Wagner, substitute
11/13 Brett Wagner/Alex Conrad, substitute
11/20 Alex Conrad/Chet Friday, substitute
11/27 Chet Friday/Liam Fletcher, substitute

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

11/6 Kelly Charlton
11/20 Gwyn Clark

USHERS: John Edge, Barry and Cheryl Tice, TJ Long

GREETERS: Art and Cheryl Bryan, Dean Wilson

FIRST FELLOWSHIP: Staff and Evangelism Committees, Janet Frey, chair

YOUTHWORX

Bake Sale At Walmart. - Saturday, November 5 at 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We are looking for baked good donations to help sell and raise proceeds for our YouthWorx expenses throughout this school season. If you are willing to provide some yummys, please contact Nedra Fritzingler in Church Office. All baked goods to be brought to the Church Kitchen by Friday or even dropped off at the Walmart entrances where our tables will be set up on Saturday, November 4.

YouthWorx Funday Night - Sunday, November 6: It's a "tell you when you get here" evening full of... *well, we'll tell you when you get here* in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to bring a friend!! Begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share, please.

"Miracle on 34th Street" & Dessert Café: November 11-13 in Fellowship Hall - Nedra Fritzingler is looking for stage crew and behind the scenes help for the upcoming community productions, as well as

Wendy and Bob Quinby are asking teens to help as servers during the Dessert Cafe. Contact Nedra Fritzingler if you have not signed up to help in one of these ways. We would love to have every teen help as we provide another seasonal community outreach through this Drama Ministry.

Bon Ton Community Days, Quakertown: November 11 and 12 - Teens are offering Coupon Booklets asking for your \$5 support which helps raise proceeds for our upcoming Winter Retreat Weekend in January. Please see a teen or stop by the Youthworx table in the Narthex for more information. Purchase booklets prior to the Community Days. Thank you for your support of our special group of teens.

Operation Christmas Shoebox. - We continue to ask for your participation in showing God's love through this Samaritan's Purse program. We ask that each church member or family consider filling a shoebox with new items: toys, games, crafts, coloring or writing supplies, toiletries, etc. Select an age group for either girl or boy between ages 2 - 14 and fill a shoebox with gifts of love. Provide children in this world who are living under tremendous difficulties the light of Christ.

Reach out and make some child happy this holiday season. We have empty shoeboxes in the Narthex if you would like to pick up one and fill it. We ask that all shoeboxes **be returned to Julie Interiano or Nedra Fritzingler by November 6.** The teens will be packaging all gift boxes the following week and ship to East Swamp Church, who will be shipping out to their proper destinations.

Pizza Hut Cards - Teens from YouthWorx are also offering Pizza Hut Cards for \$10 which will help cover several ongoing teen expenses throughout this year. Stop by our YouthWorx table in the Narthex or contact Julie or Beth Interiano or Nedra Fritzingler for further information on how to get special deals at this delicious pizza shop. This project will be **available throughout the entire 2011-2012 school season.** Ask a teen!

YouthWorx Regular Sunday Night Out. - **Sunday, November 20 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** - Teens will be involved in new and fun competitions and also planning time for our upcoming YouthWorx Christmas Party scheduled Friday, December 2.

Ladies Afternoon Tea - Our YouthWorx Teen Girls

invite our "seasoned" women, over 55 years of age, to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11 from 11:45-1:15 p.m. for our 2nd Ladies Afternoon Tea. Take time out in this busy time of year getting to know the younger teens in our church family as they, in turn, will get to learn about and enjoy you. Our first Afternoon Tea in the beginning of October was a wonderful success for the 17 ladies and teens, as they enjoyed sharing "personal trivia" questions with one another. Light sandwiches and desserts will be enjoyed while you talk and sip your favorite blend of teas. If you like, bring your favorite "tea cup". Since it "tis the season," can you also bring along one of your favorite personal Christmas photos from the past or a picture of a memory, or just some wonderful memories to share. We ask that you register by Sunday, December 4, if you would like to be part of this very special time. There will be a sign-up sheet at the YouthWorx table in the Narthex or contact Nedra Fritzingler in the Church Office. The girls are looking forward to seeing you there!

teens. For more information, contact Nedra Fritzingler in Church Office.

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY NIGHT YouthWorx events are scheduled every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Youth Winter Retreat Weekend - All teens and church members: Start planning for our next Annual Winter Retreat Weekend scheduled for January 28, 29 and 30, 2012. Please let all teens and friends know they are welcome to join this exciting, memorable, and spiritually-uplifting weekend. By popular demand, we will be returning to Twin Pines Christian Conference Center, Stroudsburg, PA and we will enjoy another weekend with our college friends and speakers, Andrew, Ryan, Trevor, and Greg. Start saving a little at a time and plan to make this part of your life in the New Year. The weekend fee will be \$125 per person. In addition to planning for all our teens to attend, we also extend an invitation to all council members, mentors, and any other adult who would like to come to support and encourage these

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