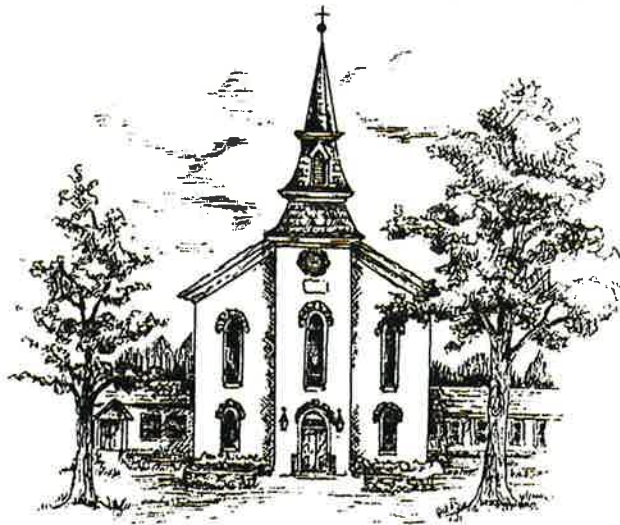




# Inside Wentz's



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Please send your email address to: [office@wentzsucc.org](mailto:office@wentzsucc.org)

*Thank you.*

# From Pastor Tony



*(This is from a decade ago, but still relevant for today. Hope you enjoy the message. ~Pastor Tony)*

*“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’” (Luke 2:10-12)*

“What should I give for Christmas?” It seems like an age old question. Every year around this time, we wonder what to give our friends and loved ones for Christmas. Sometimes it’s rather easy, at other times we may feel completely lost.

Recently, a friend shared with me his family’s experience of gift giving at Christmas. One year the family decided as a group that the exchanging of names, gifts, etc was becoming way too complicated. My friend’s family included not only his children, but grandchildren as well. And, not to mention all the sons and daughters-in-law. You see, he has six children. So, you can imagine how cumbersome it might be.

The plan my friend came up with was in many ways simple, but marvelous. It was decided that each family would contribute towards a family group Christmas gift. Then, on a rotating basis, one family unit would decide what charity or good work the group family gift would support for the year. This way the family shares in the Christmas joy with those in need.

As my friend shared this story with me, I marveled at the simplicity, yet generosity of this plan. No longer did anyone have to ask what I should get for Uncle Harry. So simple!

So generous, as well! This family gift goes to help a community member in need, or a national organization working for the hungry, for peace, etc. Each year, a different way of reaching out is accomplished by this family gift. This process accomplishes far more than another tie in the closet.

In many ways, this approach reminds me of God’s approach at Christmas. From something as simple as the birth of a child long ago, we receive the “good news.” From the cradle of Christ we are reconciled and restored. From that infant birth the world has received so much more throughout the centuries. That’s the spirit of Christmas in which we can rejoice!

So, as you are thinking about what to give this year, you may want to practice something similar as my friend’s family. There are many opportunities for such sharing. The Bethany Home and Oak Park Elementary Christmas Gift giving project is one such opportunity. Maybe your family would like to share a gift of sheep, goats, or other animal through the Heifer Project program. Or maybe there is some local community mission that would benefit from your gift.

Just remember, in this season; let us take time to give our gifts to one another, but also, to explore giving gifts to others in a special way. May the joy of hearing the gift of the good news ring not only in your ears, but in your hearts as well.



*Wentz's Family  
Please keep these  
members  
and family and friends of  
members in  
your prayers:*

Lois McConnell	Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach
Pauline Thacker	Thelma Wood	Betty Emma Wells
Kim Metzger	Nancy Domurat	Barbara Reed
Jim O'Donnell	Karl Granlun	Norm Nelson
Robert Darde	John J. Grebe	Rachel Minnick
Jay Fenstermacher	<b>Fran &amp; Mark</b> (friends of the Wenners); <b>Jeff Alisauckas</b> (nephew of the Rubery's); <b>Danny Applewhite</b> (stepson of Gordon Todd, Jr.); <b>Barbie Augustine</b> (friend of Nancy Domurat); <b>Karen Barrett</b> (friend of the Todd's); <b>David L. Boyer, Sr.</b> (brother-in-law of Patti Pursell); <b>Michael Corazon</b> (friend of Gail Reilley); <b>Debbie Deily</b> (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); <b>Kathy Evelhock</b> (friend of Betsy Villareal); <b>Bill Fisher</b> (Brother-in-law of Denise Granlun); <b>Susan Fritz</b> (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); <b>Edward Gresch &amp; Family</b> (Son & family of Bev Gresch); <b>Doug Grunkley</b> (friend of the Domurats); <b>Linda Hauck</b> (friend of the Rubery's); <b>Kathy Heinz</b> (friend of the DuBree family); <b>Bill Heuer, Jr.</b> (friend of the Rubery's); <b>Rich &amp; Shirley Higgins</b> (friend of Bev Gresch); <b>Judy &amp; Julie</b> (friends of the Wenners); <b>Jessica Jannenga</b> (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); <b>Mary Lou Johnson</b> (Mom of Craig Johnson); <b>Nancy Johnson</b> (friend of Nancy Domurat); <b>Jamie Jordan</b> (niece of the Rubery's); <b>Dorothy Klock</b> (friend of Jackie Wolfe); <b>Edith Kallensee</b> (Mother of Georgia Slater); <b>Don Krapf</b> (friend of Kim Klines's); <b>Don Kreger</b> (friend of Craig & Melissa Johnson); <b>Kari Kurtz</b> (daughter of Henrietta & Carl Kurtz); <b>Agnes Lafiata</b> (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); <b>The family of Mary Lawn</b> (friend of Kim Kocsi); <b>Marianne Little</b> (friend of Bev Gresch); <b>Dave and Mary Livezey</b> (friends of the Mower family); <b>Marlee Mintzer-Shaner</b> (friend of the Reed family); <b>The family of Pat Montenegro</b> (friends of the Bickle family); <b>Nathan Morton</b> (Nephew of Stacy Morton); <b>Jamie Moyer</b> (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); <b>Taylor Moyer</b> (granddaughter of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); <b>Mia Nguyen</b> (friend of June Wright); <b>Nunes Family</b> (friend of the Rader's); <b>Brian Peterson</b> (friend of the Congregation); <b>Beth Ann Phipps</b> (niece of Craig Johnson); <b>David Roper</b> (nephew of Bev Wilkie); <b>Mary Jane Roth</b> (mother of Megan Roth); <b>Hank Ryzner</b> (grandfather of Bob Darde); <b>Lisa Serrao</b> (friend of the Kessler family); <b>Shackelton Family</b> (friend of Nancy Ricci); <b>Diane Stehman</b> (Mom of Tiffani Todd); <b>Brian Tew</b> (friend of Debi Kinsky); <b>Tim</b> (friend of Allison Vogt); <b>Mabel Weidman</b> (friend of Betty Wilkie); <b>Ty White</b> (friend of Stacy Morton); <b>Wayne Wilkie</b> (nephew of Bev Wilkie); <b>Harry Wilmore</b> (friend of June Wright); <b>Iva Zanoni</b> (friend of the Snyders)	

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Don't forget to use  
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to help support our church.*

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**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS** in the hospital or may need to talk with the Pastor? If so, please inform the church office, or contact Pastor Tony: [pastortony@wentzsucc.org](mailto:pastortony@wentzsucc.org)

**GIFT GIVING TIME- Wentz's Giving Tree:** This year Wentz's will be providing gifts and clothes for 12 children from the North Penn School District, Oak Park Elementary School. Each child is allowed to request a gift card, toy, and clothing item not to exceed \$30.00 each. Please choose a gift tag from the giving tree and return it to the church, with the card, by December 17<sup>th</sup> for our youth to wrap. If you are purchasing a gift card, please give it to Cianne Landis, Pastor Tony, or Kim DuBree to secure. Thank you for your generous Christmas Spirit! If you have any questions, please contact Kim DuBree (215)527-9963 or [kim-dubree@gmail.com](mailto:kim-dubree@gmail.com)



**COLLECTION**

for the Animals

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS:** The Sunday School will be collecting items for animal shelters/rescues so please keep this in mind while you are shopping during the holiday season. Items include: food, beds, blankets, toys, etc. We are asking that you drop these items off after the Christmas Bazaar. Please see Debi Kinsky for more details.





## CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

8:30am Early Service & 10:45am Blended Service with Communion by Intinction

Sunday, December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent

Christmas Cantata at the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship

Sunday, December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

Christmas Pageant at the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship

Thursday, December 21 ~ Longest Night Service with Communion at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent 10:45 a.m. Service

(No Sunday School or Early Service) &

Christmas Eve Services with Communion at 5, 8, & 10:45pm

Sunday, December 31 ~ Service of Worship at 10:45 a.m.

(No Sunday School or Early Service)

# **Wentz's United Church of Christ 67th Annual Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Located at 3246 Skippack Pike (Route 73)**

**Lansdale, PA 19446 (Worcester Township)**

**Less than one mile West of Route 363**

**9:30 am to 2:00 pm RAIN OR SNOW!**

**Original Recipe Homemade Christmas Cookies**

**Bake Shop, Soup, Hoagies, Dining room**

**Book Nook, Jewelry**

**Gourmet Gifts, Christmas Gifts & Boutique**

**Christmas Past and Attic Treasures**

**610-584-4855 or visit [www.wentzsucc.org](http://www.wentzsucc.org)**



## **Bake Booth**

Attention to all bakers of Wentz's! Linda Gregory, Arlene Rubery and Barb Bustard want you to know that they look forward to your delicious baked goods you make for the Bazaar Bake Booth. This year the Bazaar will be on **Saturday December 2nd**. If you are struggling with what to bake, here are some suggestions: Brownies, LOTS of pies, cakes, muffins, breads, and cupcakes. **NO COOKIES PLEASE. Please label what the item is and if it contains nuts.** Thank you in advance for helping us make our booth a success!

Save Your  
Items for Our  
Attic Treasures



and place them in the Trolley Shed. Please make sure all electrical items are in working order before donating.

BOOK  
NOOK



Please place your donations of books and dvd's in the Trolley Shed for the Book Nook.



## 2017 Bazaar Chairpersons

Bazaar occurs December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As Uncle Sam would say we need you!



This is a big and fun event in our church calendar. And even if you can only spare an hour or two that day, with any facet of the bazaar please contact the chairperson of where you would like to help. If you just want to volunteer where needed, please call Hilda McFarland or email: [hl\\_mcfarland@hotmail.com](mailto:hl_mcfarland@hotmail.com)

Advertising – Laura Bickle  
Attic Treasures – Hilda McFarland  
Bake Table – Linda Gregory/Barbara Bustard /Arlene Rubery  
Book Nook – Julie Hefelfinger  
Christmas Gift Boutique – Brenda Morris /Ginny Fontaine  
Christmas Past – Donna Figurelle  
Cookie Baking – Rita Cipriano  
Cookie Packing – Patty Purcell  
Cookie PreOrders – Betty Wilkie  
Cookie Bazaar Sales – Betty Wilkie/Kathy Bustard  
Dining Room – Luncheon – Kathy Wells  
Hoagies – Youth Group (Donna Broderick)  
Jewelry – Vera Hubbard and Ann Kulp  
Parking Attendants – Rick Wilkie  
Security – Wentz's Church office

### WENTZ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DECEMBER 2, 2017

The Christmas Bazaar will be here before we know it, so just a reminder that the Christmas Gift and Boutique Booth is looking for:

-**HOMEMADE** items (Jellies, jams, candies and any other goodies) for the Gourmet Gift Table.

-**HANDMADE** items (Craft items that would be great gift items)

Any questions call Brenda Morris (215-290-0905) or Ginny Fontaine (610-489-1284)

*All items need to be delivered to the church by December 1, 2017*



## Kitchen & Dining Room Help Needed



Kathy Wells is looking for Kitchen help, someone to supervise the dining room servers, a cashier, and servers. Please see Kathy if you would like to help.

WE ALSO NEED HELP CLEANING UP THE KITCHEN AFTER THE BAZAAR.



Christmas Past Booth

Please place your unwanted, gently-used Christmas Decorations in the Trolley Shed.

## JEWELRY BOOTH



Please remember there is a box in the Guild Room for costume jewelry donations for the Christmas Bazaar. Any condition of jewelry is accepted as we can sell broken things or single earrings to crafters. Old jewelry boxes in any condition sell well, along with men's jewelry. We have also had good luck selling evening bags. Time to clean out! We will also pick up items if needed. If you want some of your jewelry evaluated we will tell you what the value is before you make the decision to donate. Any questions call Ann Kulp or Vera Hubbard.



From the Wentz Kidz for November:  
We are Thankful!

- For the new playset donated by one of our families.
- For the friendly faces who say hello to us and wish us well.
- For the love and support we have been shown every day.
- For the friendships we have built during "the process."
- For a loving God who has placed amazing children on our path.
- For the elevator that helps our kids with mobility needs.
- For the fire alarms that keep us safe.
- For emergency lights that kept us calm when we lost power.
- For friends who donate apple juice. And cookies.
- For teachers willing to take pay cuts and reduced hours.
- For an abundance of supplies donated by friends
- For VBS lessons that resurface months later. Wow God!
- For Pastor Tony
- For Miss Cianne.
- For heat and lights and love on cold stormy days
- For coffee.
- For each other.
- For the toys that brighten our days.
- For the oven that we use every week for Alphabet Cooking
- For fellowship hall when we can't play outside.
- For our trustee friends who replace lightbulbs and fix stuff.
- For you.

~ Kim Bauer, Director, Wentz's UCC Preschool





# Youth Group News

All youth group members need to complete the Wentz's UCC Information Sheet with your insurance information in order to participate in youth group events. This form can be found online at: [www.wentzsucc.org](http://www.wentzsucc.org) and on the youth group bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

*Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.*



**Saturday, December 2**—Christmas Bazaar. Youth, please be at Wentz's at 9am for your assignments. We will be selling Hoagies at the Bazaar. Proceeds from our Hoagie Sale will benefit our Youth Group.

**December 3 @ 6:30pm, Youth Group Meeting**



**Sunday, December 17**—Oak Park Gift Wrapping after church.



**Sunday, December 17**—Christmas Pageant at the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship. Followed by lunch and Christmas Caroling.



## A Special Holiday Collection for Bethany Children's Home

Please join us in helping youth who will be residing at Bethany Children's Home this holiday season. Through your special gifts you will create new positive memories in their life. For many this will be their first Christmas with personal gifts. Bethany youth are between 12 and 19 years of age. **We kindly ask that all items are new. We are unable to distribute used items to the youth.** We appreciate age-appropriate gifts with the consideration of parental warnings, modesty and safety.

**Activity Items:** Art and Craft Kits, Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils/Markers, Paint By Number, Card Stock, Paint Brushes, Glue Sticks, Stress Balls, Model Car Kits, Hand Held Games, Board Games, Scrapbook Paper, Sharpies, Wooden Bird Houses/Wooden Crafts to Paint, Stretched Canvas (various sizes), and Canvas Boards

**Cottage Needs:** Small bins with handles to hold toiletries, wash cloths, bed pillows, twin mattress pads, twin sheet sets, bath towels, pool towels, shower curtain liners, shower curtain rings, kitchen dish towels.

**Hobbies/Games:** Teen/Young Adult Series Books, Books for grade 1-5 reading levels, jigsaw puzzles, hard bound journals, popular board games.

**Recreation:** Bike Helmets, 21" + Bicycles, Adult Bicycle Helmets, Skateboards, Official Size Footballs, Official Size Volleyballs, pool sticks, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and balls, softballs, rollerblades, swimming goggles, pool toys and noodles, baseball equipment including bats, gloves, balls, helmets and bases, yoga mats, yoga/Pilates DVD's.

**School Supplies:** 1" binders, pocket folders, pocket size daily planners, large back packs, scientific calculators, poster board

**Gift Cards to Support Independent Learning Skills** Walmart, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot, Five Below, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Famous Footwear, Payless Shoes, Game Stop, Boyer's IGA, Redner's, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, AC Moore, Michael's, Hobby Lobby, Red Box and Netflix.

**Teen Girls Clothing: (Juniors and Misses sizes please)** Jeans – Junior/Misses Sizes 0 – 17, Sweatpants– Sizes Small-2X, Panties – size 5,6,7,8, Sports Bras/Bralettes- Sizes Small-2XL, Socks-all types, Pajama pants– all sizes, Long sleeve shirts-all sizes, Winter Coats – Junior and Misses Sizes, Non Hooded sweatshirts – Junior and Misses Sizes, tank tops, slippers, gym shorts.

**Teen Boys Clothing: (men's sizes please)** Sweatpants for men-Sizes Small-2XL, Underwear-All men sizes and styles, Socks-all types, T-shirts-Sizes Small-2XL, Pajama pants-Sizes Small – 2XL, Non-hooded sweatshirts-Sizes Small- 2XL, Winter Coats, white t-shirts – all sizes, gym shorts, slippers.

**Accessories:** Hair straighteners, watches, umbrellas, washable duffle bags, travel bags, electric digital alarm clock with no radio, collapsible hampers.

**Copies of the Bethany Wish List are available at the Welcome Desk. Please bring in your UNWRAPPED gifts no later than December 10. Thank you.**

☼ 8:30am Early Service  
 9:30am Sunday School;  
 \*10:45 a.m. Worship Service/1st Sunday of the month—blended service w/ communion  
 Allegro Ringers during Offertory; Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/Youth Choir, Flute Choir & Youth Band following Children's Message at the 10:45am Service of Worship; 10:30am Prelude Chimes  
 ☩ Summer Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>2</b> 9:30am –2pm Christmas Bazaar
<b>3</b> ☼ 10:45am Blended Service with Communion 6:30pm Youth Group Mtg	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>5</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>6</b> 8 pm AA	<b>7</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>8</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> ☼ Christmas Cantata at the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  Gifts for Bethany Due today.	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>12</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	<b>14</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>15</b> 8pm AA (Men) <u>Articles for January Newsletter Due</u>	<b>16</b> 9am Hanging of the Greens
<b>17</b> ☼ Christmas Pageant at the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 12noon Youth Group Mtg/Gift Wrapping for Oak Park & Caroling	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>19</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>20</b> 8 pm AA	<b>21</b> 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Longest Night Service with Communion	<b>22</b> Poinsettias Delivered 8pm AA (Men)	<b>23</b> 9am Decorating the Sanctuary
<b>24</b> ☼ No 8:30am Service or Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Service Christmas Eve Services at 5pm, 8pm & 10:45pm Candlelight & Communion	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Office Closed 6:30pm AA (Women only)  MERRY CHRISTMAS!	<b>26</b> 7:30pm AA 7:30pm CE Meeting	<b>27</b> 8 pm AA	<b>28</b> 7pm NO Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>29</b> Office Closed 8pm AA (Men)	<b>30</b>
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