



The Celtic Cross

January 2019

Letter from the Co-Pastors

Timeless...Outdated...Helpful...Irrelevant...Liberating...Oppressive...Sacred...Irrelevant...

The Bible prompts all sorts of adjectives, both positive and negative, for both Christian readers and non-Christian readers. And even the most enthusiastic Bible study participant will come across passages that are confusing, confounding, or unsettling.

In her book, *Inspired*, Rachel Held Evans, a young mother and wonderful writer, shares her own journey of struggle with the Bible. Growing up in a church-going family, going to a Christian school, she recalls how as a child she “*imbibed the stories of Scripture as a fish imbibes the sea.*” She even made it to her high school homecoming court as the representative of the Bible Club!

But in her 20s, she found the Bible turning into a stumbling block as she dug deeper and looked with different eyes at the Bible: “*It was as if the Bible had turned into an unsettling version of one of those children’s peekaboo books. Beneath the colorful illustration of Noah’s ark was—surprise!—the violent destruction of humanity. Turn the page to Joshua and the battle of Jericho and—peekaboo!—it’s genocide. Open to Queen Esther’s castle and—look!—there’s a harem full of concubines.*” Rather than stopping with her disillusionment, however, she dug even deeper in her effort to understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she found changed her—and helped her rediscover her love for the Bible—but in a different way. And what she found led to the writing of *Inspired*.

What about you? Are you ever confused about something you have read in the Bible? Do you ever find what you read to be a stumbling block to your faith? Would you like to dig deeper and discover—or rediscover a love for the Bible? Then join us in January on Sunday mornings in the Community Room. All of the adult Sunday School classes will join together for the month as we take a fresh look at the Old Testament, borrowing from Evans’ outline: “Origin Stories,” “Deliverance Stories,” “War Stories,” and “Wisdom Stories.” We will look at the Biblical passages themselves rather than Evans’ book, so you don’t need to read her book (although it is a good read!). Our format will be discussion, not lecture. We may not answer all of your questions—or ours—but we do hope that we will all leave with a better understanding of how the Bible means what it means.

We also hope that you will join us for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service that will take place in our sanctuary on Sunday, January 20 at 3:30 p.m. with our choir participating. It will be a great opportunity to worship with neighboring congregations, to build bridges of greater racial understanding, and to resolve to work together for justice. See you Sunday. —Carter and Kerry

Please help us “undecorate” the church on Wed., Jan. 9 at 7:00 p.m.—the more hands the merrier!

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Worship Matters

Sunday Mornings at First Presbyterian

9:15 Sunday School for all ages; 10:30 Service of the Lord's Day

January 6—Service of the Lord's Day
Cherub Choir sings
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

January 13 Service of the Lord's Day
Celtic Choir Sings
Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

January 20—Service of the Lord's Day
Reception to meet and greet Tom Spitko and thank him for ten years of service!

January 27—Service of the Lord's Day
Congregational meeting follows worship

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service, Jan. 20

This year First Presbyterian Church is hosting the congregations of Pottstown for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service at 3:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Our choir will be participating along with other choirs. We hope you will join us for this important community gathering. A reception will follow the service.

Building Bridges

Do you ever wonder how the Presbyterian Church, its leaders and members viewed slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries? According to James Moorhead, professor emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary, Presbyterians held diverse views on the issue. Some were slave owners, some favored a gradual path to freedom, others believed in re-colonization in Africa and others were abolitionists. You can read his insightful and short three page summary titled *Presbyterians and Slavery* at: <https://slavery.princeton.edu/stories/presbyterians-and-slavery> or ask Carter or Kerry for a copy.

"In history, a great volume is unrolled for our instruction, drawing the materials of future wisdom from the past errors and infirmities of mankind." Edmund Burke.

Lectionary Readings

For the week of January 1-6: Isa. 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

For the week of January 7-13: Isa. 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

For the week of January 14-20: Isa. 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

For the week of January 21-27: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

For the week of January 28-February 3: Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting of the Congregation—January 27, following worship

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 28 following worship. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Election of deacons and elders
- Vote on any proposed changes to the salary, benefits, or vacation leave for the pastors;
- Hear a financial report for 2018 and be presented with the 2019 budget approved by Session;
- Receive the annual written reports of the committees and ministries on the congregation;
- Elect 4 at-large members to the congregational nominating committee.

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees at the meeting.

For Elder (three-year terms): Karen Stacks, Donna Force, Gary James, Rosie Roseo, and Barbara Winter

For Deacon (three-year terms): Tim Allen, Megan Zeigler, Tim Detwiler, Becky Bostwick, Marcia Zeigler, Heather Temple, Johanna Costanzo, and Elizabeth Genter

(Filling out last year of three-year term): Leanne Campbell

For Youth Deacon (one-year term): James Thompson and Corinne Hofmann

For Auditor: Scott Detar

Please join us for this annual exercise of democracy and faith.

Blood Drive, January 29, 3-7 p.m.

Do you ever feel like you want to help someone? Now you can, and they won't even know it was you! This is what giving blood is about. Our blood drive is January 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tell a friend or just come yourself. You can schedule an appointment online at www.giveapint.org. Walk-ins are also accepted. If you have any questions, contact our Parish Nurse, Dawn Skelly.

Gathering of Guys IX, Men's Retreat, March 1-2

The women had their retreat in the Fall—now it is our turn. If you would like to get away for 24 hours, do some male bonding without the help of drums, relax, discuss issues of faith and life, and have fun, come join Carter and the guys. We begin on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and we will finish up Saturday afternoon in time for you to be home for dinner. We will gather at the Mariawald Retreat Center just outside Reading. The cost will be \$75 (payable to the church) and if the cost is keeping you from coming, let Carter know. Space is limited so send your check to hold your spot. Questions? See Carter. This year's theme: **“Amazing Grace: I Was Blind But Now I See”**



Live Courageously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE
1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19

Thank you for your commitments of time, talents, and money to the ministry of this church in 2019. And, if you have not had an opportunity to let the church know of your commitment for 2019, it is not too late. You can still obtain a pledge card from the church office, or simply email your financial intentions for 2019 to our financial secretary, Jon Allen, at finsec@fpcpottstown.org by January 14, 2019. All gifts are important!

—Your Stewardship Committee

Spiritual Formation Opportunities

Sunday Mornings (all classes combine at 9:15 in the Community Room)

Inspired: Rediscovering the Old Testament (see p. 1)

January 6: Rediscovering the Old Testament: Origin Stories

January 13: Rediscovering the Old Testament: Deliverance Stories

January 20: Rediscovering the Old Testament: War Stories

January 27: Rediscovering the Old Testament: Wisdom Stories

Weekday Opportunities

- **Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina) Group:** Meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 normally but only on January 15 this month because of the Jan. 1 holiday. Join Kerry and others for a quiet hour of listening deeply to the Scriptures.
 - **Sisters of the Way Bible Study:** 9:15-10:45 a.m. resumes Thursday, January 10 and meets weekly on Thursdays. (Led by Kerry). Childcare provided—contact Kerry.
 - **Next Week's Sermon:** Join Carter from 7:30—8:30 PM on Tuesday, January 8 and 22 to discuss and reflect together on the text for the next week's sermon.
 - **Theology Reading Group:** We will next meet in February at Carter's house to discuss Jurgen Moltmann's In the End, the Beginning: The Life of Hope. If you want to be added to the email list, get a copy of the book, or have any questions, contact Carter.
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Family Faith Formation

New Year, New Habits

The new year is a great time for some self-evaluation. This can be done individually or as a family. I'd like to talk about some family habits/practices that you might want to try this new year.

-Sharing Joys and Concerns. This is something we do at the beginning of most meetings here at church. It is a good practice to do at home with your family. It could be as part of a dinner discussion or maybe weekly. Younger children may need to be reminded what joys and concerns are but it is important for them to think about what things they are happy or nervous about and practice articulating them.

-Taking time to enjoy being together as a family. A lot of families are so busy with school, sports, and events that they rarely just spend time together. This could be a game night, a trip to the playground, or just an unhurried dinner. This year, make a commitment to spending some quality time with family.

Have a great New Year!

--Jeff

Music and Recreation in January

For children in grades 2-5. Resumes January 9, 2019. If you have not been able to make it for the fall semester, come join in for the spring! We will meet at the usual time, 4:30 to 5:45. We can't wait to see you all there!

Seekers' News

Junior Seekers, Grades 6-8

We have an amazing spring line-up of events. Hope you all can make it, it's gonna be a great time. The full calendar for Winter/Spring is available on the Seeker's Bulletin Board.

Sun. January 13 6-7:30pm; Try Not to Laugh Challenge: We will gather for dinner then test our skills at keeping a straight face. It will be an evening of laughs and giggles.

Sat. January 26 6:30-9pm; Sky Zone: High flying adventures at Sky Zone. Drop-off at church, pick-up at Sky Zone. Please bring \$5.

Advisors: Mike Lipsky, Sarah Pinard

Senior Seekers, Grades 9-12

Looking forward to a great new year. So many fun events coming up!

Sat. January 5 12:30-5pm; Snow Tubing: Head to Bear Creek for a fun afternoon of snow tubing. Drop-off and pick-up at church. RSVP by January 3. Please bring \$15.

Sun. January 13 After Church to 3pm; Escape Room: We will venture out to Elite Escape in Exton to test our teamwork and problem solving skills. Bring a lunch to eat at church.

Advisors: Kim and Phil Wheelles, Gwen and Tim Allen

Seeker's Parent Meeting:

We are planning a meeting of parents of youth in January to discuss both your perspective of the Seeker program and also how we at the church can better support you as parents of youth. If you would like to be a part of this discussion, please contact Jeff.

High School Bible Study:

Starting January 8. This will be a weekly discussion of Bible topics, theology, and current events. Every Tuesday from 7-8pm at the Pinard house: 541 N Charlotte.

Daily Devotions for 2019

Looking for a book of daily devotions? The Spiritual Formation Committee will make available copies of *Guideposts 2019* which is a daily devotional book for your reading pleasure. The committee subsidizes the cost so that church members can purchase them for only \$5 a copy. You can pick up a copy in the church office or from Jeff Pinard on Sunday mornings.

Fellowship Opportunities

MEN'S BREAKFAST—Saturday, January 12 at 8 a.m.- 9 a.m.

Kurt Holloway is our chef. Carter will lead a devotion. Questions? Contact Carter

PRIME TIMERS We are not meeting in January and February. Stay tuned!

FAITHFUL FRIENDS YOUNG ADULT GROUP—Sunday, Jan. 6, lunch.

Meets for lunch on the first Sunday each month. This month, we will meet around noon on January 6 at Sly Fox. Questions? Or to get on the group text list, contact Carter or Kerry.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS WITH CHILDREN, Saturday, January 12 at 5 p.m.

We are meeting at church where there are plenty of toys and running room for children. Bring a side or beverage and the church will provide the main course. Questions? Contact Jeff.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY—Wednesdays, January 9 and January 23 at 12:30 p.m.

Create prayer shawls to offer loving comfort for our church family and the wider community. Beginners welcome! If you have any questions, contact Jane Barndt. We meet in the library.

CHRISTIAN ENTREPRENEUR GROUP—Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

For entrepreneurs, business owners, former business owners, future business owners, those interested in business ownership, sole proprietors, and professionals. Questions? Contact Mike Ferreri (610-246-8426) or John Macdonald (610-823-8852).

FAITH AND NATURE GROUP—Winter Hike, Sunday, February 17

By popular demand we are returning to one of our favorite spots for a winter hike, Nolde Forest. Located just outside of West Reading and Shillington, this sanctuary offers well maintained trails, beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife. Bring the whole family for a great day outside. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:15pm. You may also meet us at Nolde at 2:00pm.

Sign up on the bulletin board, please include your cell phone number and indicate whether you will be meeting us in the parking lot or at Nolde. Questions? Contact Mike Deegan at mdeegan2882@comcast.net, or by phone: 484-524-8072(home), 610-564-4167 (cell).

Health Ministry News

As we embark on a new year, your health ministry team is here to help! Please continue to bring us your ideas and health concerns so that we can help you be the healthiest you in 2019!

To start off this year we have an entertaining and energetic speaker coming on Feb 24th. Rita Leinheiser is a social gerontologist from Abington Hospital who speaks on variety of interesting topics. Her first presentation, "Maximize your Memory" will be fun-filled and scientific!

As many of you make your resolutions and plans for 2019, be sure to set aside time for **rest!** Setting aside time for rest of body, mind and spirit produces health benefits that are well documented but is often put at the bottom of our self care goals. Good quality rest shows benefits in better memory, a healthier immune system, relief of depression and stress, improved energy and more. Not only is getting enough sleep essential, but restful downtime is as well. Whether it is a mindfulness journal, a meditation app, an enjoyable book, or just quiet time listening to what God has to say to us, we will improve our health, renew our spirit and honor our bodies the way God has intended. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)

—Dawn

Thank you! Thank you!

- To Rosie Roseo and helpers who coordinated making our sanctuary and church buildings festive for Advent and Christmas. Thanks to Gary Rhoadarmer for coordinating the snacks for Hanging of the Greens and for the Junior High Seekers who helped prepare Operation Backpack holiday treat bags.
- To Linda Cybart and her able Worship Committee who pulled together many 'behind-the-scenes' details for Advent and Christmas worship.
- To all those who made it possible for us to deliver 150 gift bags of clothing and pajamas for children to the Cluster for distribution at Christmas—and to Sara Kehs for coordinating it all.
- To the Mission Committee for coordinating the collection of soup for food baskets at the Cluster and organizing the Alternative Gift Giving Opportunities.
- Thanks to all who helped cook and serve our church's December Community Meal. Thanks to all who donated socks, gloves, hats, and scarves for our guests.
- To Karen Plumadore, Jo Ann Bathurst, and Walt Desiderio and all those Prime Timers who sang Christmas carols at Manatawny Manor.
- To Donna Force and the Nominating Committee for working hard to put together a slate of officers to nominate at the annual meeting.
- To Linda Cybart, Chef John Livezey and to all of the Deacons and kitchen crew for their hard work preparing and serving another delicious and festive breakfast.
- To all who worked with Jo Ann Bathurst, Jeff and Sarah Pinard to put on this year's Christmas pageant, including Diane Land, Gwen Allen, Bob Hartman, Andy Lane, all the parents who got their children to rehearsal, and our great stage and stable assembly and disassembly crew!
- To Deb Voytko, Cindy Foust, and all of the musicians and choir members who helped us give glory to God through music in Advent and on Christmas Eve.

Church Family News

Please keep in your prayers the following members who have been ill, injured, or hospitalized recently: Don Grim, Sara Grim, Suzanne Fritsch, Gene Dugan, David Voytko, Jeannette Feroe, Dana Feroe, Bethann Straub, Bradleigh Barcus, Kayla Hofmann, and Peggy Cressman

We send our condolences The Family of Earl Decker, Lynn Reichenbach, and family, Joan Brasacchio, and the Weller and Feroe families, Carolyn Geyer and family.

We celebrate the birth of Wade Feroe, son of Tim and Dana Feroe.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members (cont. from p. 10)

Sharon Stahl - 463 Chalfont Place, Reading, PA 19606-(610) 888-0499—Email: sharon.lynn.stahl@gmail.com. Sharon was born and raised in Pottstown, PA. She is a graduate of Pottsgrove School District. She now works as an IT Compliance Analyst at Penske Truck Leasing. She lives at home with her fiancé, Matt, and her dog, Carson.

Jennifer Watt - 466 Old Schuylkill Road, Pottstown, PA 19465—(610) 608-1840—Email: jbowe49@yahoo.com. Jennifer is a mother of three children, and married to a wonderful husband and father. She is a local to the Pottstown area and has been teaching art for twenty years.

Session Digest

At its December 19 meeting, the Session:

- Approved altering the January meeting schedule so committees will meet on January 9, Deacons and the Admin. Budget meeting will take place on January 16, and Session will meet on January 23.
- Received the Treasurers' Report and allocated all money owed to Mission and Capital Improvement through Nov. 30.
- Discussed and approved "Looking Ahead 2019," setting priorities for ministry in the new year.
- Received a status reports from the Stewardship and Nominating Committees.
- Approved the Christmas Joy Offering.
- Approved reception of Melisa Semenas and Andrew Liptock as new members upon their profession of faith in worship on Sunday, Dec. 23.
- Approved the recommendation that the Zeigler Family Foundation gift be managed on a unitized basis by Glenmede within the general Endowment Fund.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Administrative: For the success and growth of our HENS preschool for the sake of the children and families it serves. Mission: Thanksgiving for the wonderful response of the congregation of our various Christmas collections, including the Alternative Gift opportunities. Hospitality: That our newest members will feel connected to God and this community of faith. Spiritual Formation: Prayers for Jeff, Jo Ann, and all leading this year's Christmas pageant; Worship: Prayers for the many hands who participate and lead our Advent and Christmas worship. Nominating: Thanksgiving for a full slate of nominees. Stewardship: Prayers for the successful completion of this year's stewardship drive; Endowment: Thanksgiving for the wise management of our Endowment. Personnel: Thanksgiving for our staff and prayers that they may find rest and joy even as they labor in this busy season.

Joan and Clarence Zeigler Mission Fund Established

The church has received a gift from the Zeigler Family Foundation of Schwenksville, PA in the amount of \$25,000 to establish a fund in memory of Joan and Clarence Zeigler. The fund is established by the Zeigler family to support domestic adult mission trips. Each year, the greater of \$2500 or 4% of the fund balance can be used to offset expenses for travel, food, and housing. While the Fund is not a "permanent" fund like our Endowment, it should be able to support at least ten years of such trips. Thanks be to God!

A New Mission Partner: Coll. of Nursing and Midwifery in Malawi

Our new mission partner is in Malawi and is the College of Nursing and Midwifery. This institution offers nurse and midwife training programs, in a country that is in desperate need of trained, qualified health care workers. With outside support, the college has been able to build a larger dormitory to increase the number of students enrolled to 160 and the addition of the midwifery training program. With continued support, the school hopes to add more dormitory living, a microbiology lab and scholarships to help train the staff. If you would like to learn more about this mission partner, the website is: <https://www.mbfoundation.org/what-do-we-do/international-partners/schools/clive-irvine-school-of-community-nursing/nkhoma-college-of-nursing-and-midwifery/>.

Music Notes

Our music ministry would like to pause for a moment and thank all of our musicians who contributed their time and talents to our Advent and Christmas Eve services:

Kudos to the Music and Recreation kids, the Celtic Singers and Cherubs for the beautiful pageant; “Carriers of the Light.” Under the leadership of JoAnn Bathurst, and Jeff and Sarah Pinard, our children conveyed the beloved story from their hearts and warmed ours!

A heartfelt **Thank you** to the **Chancel Choir and Handbells** for all of their hard work, dedication and talents through the Advent season. Through music, you bring the prayers and hymns of our church “alive”, so that we may be spiritually uplifted, and praise, honor and glorify our God. The preparation of the prelude music for Christmas Eve is such a big undertaking and once again you filled our service with glorious music. My sincere gratitude to Tim Detwiler, Linda Hale, Julie Kovach, Rob Land, Sarah Pinard, Julianna Roseo, Deb Voytko, and Rob Wade for sharing their extraordinary gifts with us, along with our guest musicians: Kathee Zenn Soprano, Rebecca Smith Alto, Janet Marquardt Violin I, Kristen Katzianer Violin II, William Einhorn Viola, and Ross Beauchamp Cello.

Looking ahead to January, The Chancel Choir, after a much needed rest, will return to sing the service on **Sunday, January 6th**, with rehearsal beginning at **9:45 AM**. Rehearsals for both the Choir and Handbells will resume on **Thursday, January 10th**. We also look forward to our **“beginning bell choir” starting on Tuesday, January 15th from 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM!** If this stirs your curiosity, come check it out! No bell or musical experience necessary! Open to all ages! Questions? call the church office or email me at cynthiafoust817@gmail.com.

The Chancel Choir will be singing several new arrangements of some of our most beloved hymns during the coming weeks! Listen for “Arise and Shine, Your Light Has Come” “Be Still,” “All Creatures of Our God and King,” and “Hallelujah, Amen!” On January 6th the Cherubs will sing “Go Tell It On The Mountain” and on January 13th, the Celtic Singers will offer “Fum! Fum! Fum!”

Deb has planned a number of exquisite pieces as well! “Beach Spring Variations” by Martin, (This is one of four unpublished piano solos that Joseph M. Martin graciously sent to Deb. He said to play them for our congregation but do not share elsewhere! How blessed are we!) Keesecker’s “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow,” “The Quiet Night.” Taylor’s “Wade In the Water,” Handel’s “March,” and Hayes’ “Morning Has Broken” will be performed through the coming month.

We have been abundantly blessed and our hearts are full!

—Peace and Joy to you! Cindy, Deb and JoAnn

Library News

If Kerry’s or Carter’s sermons raise questions in you, or you just want to dive deeper in to the message, the library has plenty of books to help you. The whole left side of the nonfiction section (located to the left of the fireplace) contains all the commentaries, devotional literature, and study bibles to assist in your own study of the scripture, including an archaeological and cultural backgrounds study bibles. There are also many books on philosophy and religion in general. Books about what it means to be Presbyterian or church history can also be found in the nonfiction section. Please come with questions and learn the answers.

Counters Corner

January Counters:

Tom Zeigler (Head) Sue Moyer, Pat Herzog, and Chuck Krueger

Please Welcome Our Newest Members (cont. on p. 7)

Scott and Beth Houting – 1880 N. Pleasantview Road, Pottstown, PA 19464—(484) 624-8227—Email: twisshouting@gmail.com. Scott grew up in western Michigan and moved to the Philadelphia area in 1994 to transfer and accept his current employment at Valley Forge National Historical Park. Scott has two children and step-children. He and his wife, Beth, have three grandchildren. Scott's interests include American military history, historic houses of the Philadelphia region, antiquing with his wife, and golf. Scott and Beth are both historians by training and moved to Sanatoga in 2007 for "the love of an old house." Beth works in programming at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Center City Philadelphia.

Julie Kovach – 1674 Farmington Avenue, Pottstown, PA 19464—(610) 291-4862—Email: Bigringgirl@gmail.com. Julie was born and raised in the Pottstown area. She is the oldest daughter of Richard and Sandra Kovach, and has lived in the area most of her life. She is the proud mother of four sons, Justin (32), Jordan (27), Joshua (26), and Jonathan (23). A private piano teacher for 30 years in the Pottstown area, a musician (pianist), secretary at Pottsgrove Middle School and sister to Cynthia Foust and Eydie Bennett. She enjoys music, sports, cycling, gardening, and the outdoors. She is looking forward to the Adult Sunday School classes, the wonderful music program, and participating in the programs at FPC. She is a graduate of Temple University's College of Music (BS in Music Education and piano) and Pottsgrove High School.

James, Penny, and Blake McClimon—634 N. Evans Street, Pottstown, PA 19464—(267) 994-7473—Email: mcclimonp@aol.com. Four years ago, Penny and family moved to Pottstown from Phoenixville. Drawn to the church as a neighbor and with a desire to serve the community, she looks forward to lifting up the Pottstown neighbors and residents. Penny is most happy surrounded by family, working around the house, enjoying sports, and the family's beloved dog, Gigi. Jim likes to work around the house. He also likes to help neighbors with home projects. He has 24 year old twin boys, Mickey and Blake, who have their own hardwood floor refinishing business. Jim loves sports and his wife, Penny. Blake is a young man who loves Jesus, sports, and music. Blake travels to play music and loves the guitar. He and his twin brother run their own hardwood business.

Shanna Reimer—475 N. Franklin Street, Pottstown, PA 19464—(610) 763-4347—Email: shanna.hartung@gmail.com. Shanna and her son, PJ, live in the neighborhood and first came to HENS through PJ's lifelong ambition to play on the wooden trains. Shanna is a communications specialist in the energy industry and enjoys all kinds of crafts. PJ is in kindergarten and loves LEGOs. Both Reimers are looking forward to being part of the FPC community.

Melisa Semenas and Andrew Liptock—103 Swatara Circle, Douglassville, PA 19518—(484) 632-8713—Email: melisa.semenas@gmail.com. Melisa moved here recently from Allentown, PA with her fiancé, Andrew. She is a scientist at GSK and spends most of her time with her horse and dogs. She enjoys hiking, kayaking, and volunteering with Noah's Ark Rescue Project and Sanctuary. Andrew works in Exton at West Pharmaceuticals doing quality assurance testing. In his free time, he enjoys playing and watching sports, going to the movies, and fostering animals through Noah's Ark Rescue Project and Sanctuary.

January 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | <p>1 Happy New Year!</p>  | <p>2 Yoga 11 am GS 6:30 pm Bark for Life 6:30 pm</p> | <p>3 Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm No Rehearsals</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5 Sr. Seekers Snow Tubing at Bear Creek 12:30-5 pm</p> |
| <p>6 Sunday School 9:15 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:45 am Worship/ Communion/ Cherubs sing 10:30 am Young Adult Lunch (after worship)</p> | <p>7 Cub Scouts 7 pm</p> | <p>8 Yoga 11 am GS 6:30 pm Christian Entrepreneur Group 6:30 pm High School Bible Study 7 pm Next Week's Sermon 7:30 pm</p> | <p>9 Yoga 11:am Prayer Shawl 12:30 pm Webpage Taskforce 3pm M/R 4:30 pm Relay 6 pm Undecorate 7 pm Eve Prayer 7:15 Committees 7:30 pm</p> | <p>10 Bible Study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm GS 5 pm Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12 Men's Breakfast 8 am Faithful Friends with Children Potluck at FPC 5 pm</p> |
| <p>13 Sun. Sch. 9:15 am Worship /Renewal of Baptismal Covenant Celtic Choir sings 10:30 am Sr. Seekers Escape Room (after worship) Jr. Seekers Try Not To Laugh Challenge 6 pm</p> | <p>14 Cub Scouts 7 pm</p> | <p>15 Yoga 11 am GS 6:30 pm Beginner Bells 6:30 pm High School Bible Study 7 pm Lectio-Divina 7:30 pm</p> | <p>16 Yoga 11 am M/R 4:30 pm GS 6:30 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Admin. Budget Mtg. 7:30 pm</p> | <p>17 Bible Study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm GS 5 pm Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p> | <p>18 Cub Scouts Overnight Camp-In (8pm Friday to 12pm Saturday)</p> | <p>19 Officers' Retreat Camp Innabah 9am-3pm Choir Rehearsal for MLK Service 2 pm</p> |
| <p>20 Sun. Sch. 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Reception for Tom Spitko for 10 yrs. of service (after worship) MLK Community Worship Service 3:30 pm</p> | <p>21 MLK Day Church Office & HENS Closed</p> | <p>22 Yoga 11 am GS 6:30 pm Beginner Bells 6:30 pm High School Bible Study 7 pm Next Week's Sermon 7:30pm</p> | <p>23 Yoga 11 am M/R 4:30 pm Prayer Shawl 12:30 pm Relay 6 pm Comp Friends 7 pm Session 7:30 pm</p> | <p>24 Bible Study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm GS 5 pm Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26 Jr. Seekers Sky Zone 6:30-9 pm</p> |
| <p>27 Sun. Sch. 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Congregational Mtg (after worship) Marriage Course 5pm</p> | <p>28 Cub Scouts 7 pm</p> | <p>29 Yoga 11 am Blood Drive 3-7 pm Moms Night Out 6 GS 6: 30 pm Beginner Bells 6:30 High School Bible Study 7 pm</p> | <p>30 Yoga 11 am M/R 4:30 pm GS 6 pm</p> | <p>31 Bible Study 9:15 am Yoga 11 am Meal 5 pm GS 5 pm Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm</p> | |  |

