

# BAUSMAN NEWS

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## God With Us

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel."*

– Isaiah 7:14

Whose physical presence do you cherish the most? Who, when they are near to you, allows you to feel the most confident, most alive, most protected, most comfortable, most yourself? As a child, hands down, without a question that person was my mom. If I was worried, I went looking for her. If I was feeling down or sick or just rougher for the wear, I sought out my mom. She was the rock and the foundation upon which I stood. And as much as I knew she was there for me, at times I needed to feel that truth in her physical touch and the embrace of her presence.

As much as I know God is there for me, as a rock, shepherd, judge, and friend, there are countless times I have gotten to the point where I needed more than the thought of God being there for me. I needed more than the stories of God's wonder and grace. What I have needed is the touch of God's embrace. What I have needed is the physical reminder that I am not alone, and that God is truly with me in the struggles and the joys of this life.

Every Advent, this is my hope – that Immanuel will come in the still darkness of the night, bearing light and joy to touch upon this world and the depths of my heart. Each

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## Upcoming Events

- 12/7 Second Sunday of Advent  
Keystone Brass  
Angel Tree Blessing  
New Members Joining  
First Sunday Fellowship  
Congregational Meeting
- 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent  
Children's Christmas  
Pageant
- 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Installation of Consistory
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Recital 6pm  
Christmas Eve Worship  
6:30pm
- 12/25 **Christmas Day**
- 12/28 Carol Hymn Sing
- 12/31 New Year's Eve
- 1/1 **Happy New Year!**

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**Sunday Morning Worship 9:30am**  
Available live on  
You Tube and Facebook

# God With Us

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week, as the four candles of Advent are lit, I long for the act to be more than a ritual recalling stories some 2,000 years old. For with each candle my heart yearns for the revelation of Immanuel, God with us, to be made real now.

I wish I could tell you every Advent leads to a Christmas where I find myself fully and tangibly enwrapped in the embrace of God. Yet, the very longing to be found by God changes me, as I seek to discover the true hope of God's love tangibly embracing the world and me.

As you prepare to enter into this season of Advent, what would it mean for you to find yourself in the embrace of Immanuel? How would you be more confident, more alive, more protected, more comfortable, more yourself if you could find yourself in God's loving embrace this year? Though we can't make the embrace happen, we can certainly be those who allow the longing to change us as we open ourselves to the hope of the God who is with us, here and now in our joy and in our struggles. O come, O come Immanuel.

Yours In Christ,

*Pastor Joe*

## First Sunday Fellowship

*December 7 & January 4*

Every first Sunday of the month, following worship, stay for a time of connection and light refreshments. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. To ensure accessibility for all, the fellowship time, with its light refreshments, will be held in the sanctuary.

## Upcoming Worship Highlights

### November 30

First Sunday of Advent | Children Hanging Ornaments | Pew Communion | Nursery & Sunday School

### December 7

Second Sunday of Advent | Keystone Brass | New Member's Joining | Nursery & Sunday School | First Sunday Fellowship | Congregational Meeting following worship

### December 14

Third Sunday of Advent | Children's Pageant | Nursery

### December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Installation of Consistory Members | Nursery & Sunday School

### December 24 – Christmas Eve

Carols & Lessons | Pew Communion | Candlelight Silent Night

### December 28

First Sunday after Christmas – Carol Hymn Sing & Sermon | Nursery | **No Sunday School**

### January 4

Epiphany Celebration | Communion by Intinction | First Sunday Fellowship | Nursery

### January 11

Baptismal Remembrance/Covenant Renewal | Nursery & Sunday School

### January 18

MLK Remembrance | Nursery & Sunday School

### January 25

Nursery & Sunday School



## Christmas with the Keystone Brass

*Sunday, December 7*

On Sunday, December 7 we will be welcoming the Keystone Brass Quintet to perform a pre-service recital beginning at 9:15 AM.

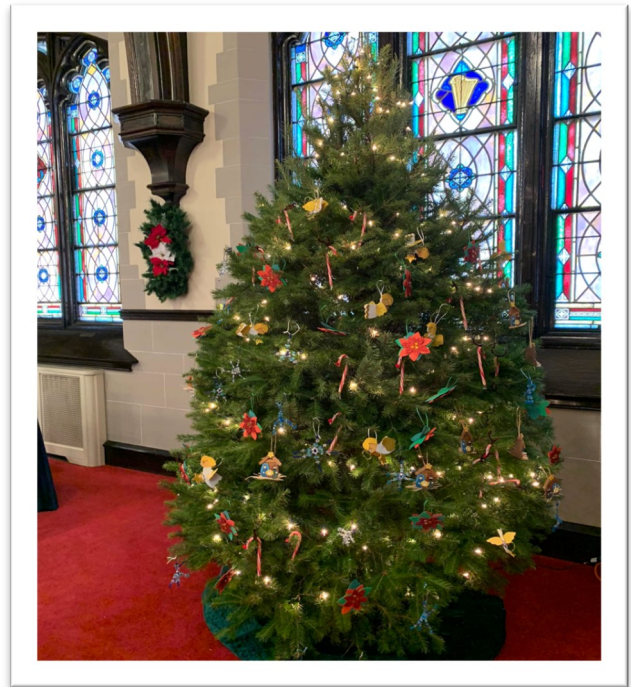
Their musical style ranges from Renaissance to contemporary music and everything in between.

Be sure to invite a friend! This will be a wonderful concert during worship. The Keystone Brass are sponsored by the Bausman Luyben Music Endowment Fund.



## Children's Christmas Pageant

The annual children's Christmas Pageant will be performed during service on Sunday, December 14. Please plan to attend that day to see our youth act out a story telling the real reason for the season! You won't want to miss this special event.



## Christmas Eve Worship & Pre-service Recital

*Wednesday, December 24, 2025*

Pre-service Recital begins at 6 PM

Christmas Eve Worship begins at 6:30 PM

Are you interested in performing for our Pre-Service Recital on Christmas Eve? We are looking for singers, instrumentalists, soloists, or small groups (of all ages) to perform before our Christmas Eve Service.

Please contact Sharon Luyben @ 610-334-6479 if you are interested in singing or playing an instrument.

## Christmas Eve Making Room at the Inn

This year's Christmas Eve service will be held Wednesday, December 24. The pre-recital worship begins at 6pm with worship starting at 6:30pm. Members, if you can walk without concern, please drop loved ones off in the semi-circle drive and then to park a block away from the church. This will allow more open parking spaces along Trent, Penn Ave, and Belmont for guests and worshippers with mobility challenges. Thank you for helping us "make room at the inn!"

# SOAR—Mission of the Month

## Christmas Eve Offering

This year's Christmas Eve offering, unless designated otherwise, will be go to the SOAR General Mission Fund. The SOAR (Service Outreach and Renewal) committee is Bausman's mission committee, reflecting our faith through compassionate action. SOAR helps support a number of local nonprofits and provides opportunities for members to become involved in demonstrating Christ's love through service to the community. Bausman currently supports 14 local ministries who in turn provide services to over 163,000 needy residents of Berks and surrounding counties and has never had a general designated offering.

For those of you with giving envelopes, you will have a designated Christmas Eve Offering envelope. For those wishing to donate online, there will be an option for SOAR: General Mission. All other undesignated offering collected at this service will go to the SOAR General Mission Fund.



Since 1894, Hope Rescue Mission has been a place of refuge for the homeless men, women, and children of Berks County, PA. They offer residential programs that people can work their way through to transition back into the community as productive and independent individuals.

Guests of the Mission are offered spiritual enrichment opportunities where they can learn about the gospel and deepen their relationship with God. Guests are provided case advocacy where they are linked to supportive services such as medical and behavioral health service, education, employment, government assistance (food stamps, Medicaid, childcare vouchers) and housing search supports.

**In January, Bausman will collect all season clothing for both the Hope & Lighthouse Centers. Please bring your items to the church where drop boxes will be set up in the East Narthex.**

**Items that are requested:** Coats; hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses, and new men's underwear sizes small to XXXL.

## SOAR News - *Missions at work*

### **Family Promise - December 1**

Bausman is in its 20th year of supporting Family Promise. Please consider preparing and delivering a meal to a family as they strive to become independent through Family Promise's program. Contact Kathy Errich to volunteer to help these local families in need.

### **Angel Tree - December 7**

All Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts are due back by Sunday, December 7 when they will be blessed and delivered later that week.

### **Christmas Fund - December 7 - 21**

Formerly known as Veterans of the Cross is a special PSEC collection to be taken for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health

premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to lower-income retirees.

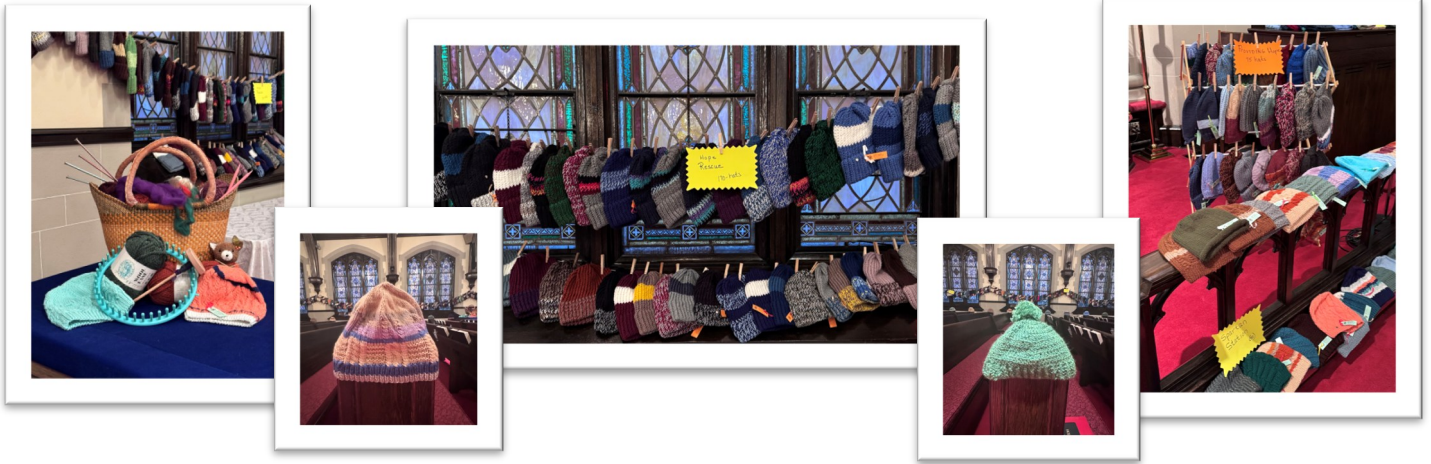
### **Financial Support - December**

Due to the yearlong generosity of Bausman's members, financial support is available for the following missions:

Bethany Children's Home (Eck Cottage) - \$300  
Hope Rescue Mission - \$200  
Lighthouse - \$200  
Hannah's Hope - \$300  
Salvation Army - \$300

### **Hope Rescue Mission and Lighthouse - January**

During the month of January there will be a clothing and personal needs drive for Hope Rescue Mission (Men) and Lighthouse (Women & children)



## Knit Hat Ministry

On November 23, over 1,000 knit hats were blessed and packaged for delivery to the following missions:

- Bethany Children's Home - 60
- Family Promise - 60
- Hope Rescue - 200
- Lakota Indians of Turtle Island, SD - 210
- Lighthouse Mission - 60
- Mission Reading - 75
- Providing Hope - 135
- Reading Recreation - 60
- Safe Berks - 50
- Salvation Army - 60
- Spartan Station - 40

*Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers on Mine, even the least of them, you did it for Me. ~ Matthew 25:40*

## Poinsettia Sale

The final orders for poinsettias are due on **December 15 with a delivery of December 24 (Christmas Eve)**. The Christmas Eve delivery will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service and may be taken after the service or left in the sanctuary to be delivered to our sick and shut-in members. Poinsettias will be provided by Penny Hill Farm.

Orders can be given to Lori Moser at [lmoser928@gmail.com](mailto:lmoser928@gmail.com), 610-678-7395, press #, Bonnie Shiner at [blshiner@comcast.net](mailto:blshiner@comcast.net), 610-488-1671 or drop form off in the church office or offering plate. Each poinsettia is \$11 and are available in four colors. Payment should accompany your order.

# THANK YOU

The SOAR committee would like to thank everyone who has so generously supported our missions this year. You have helped Bausman make an impact on our missions and the community. You have unselfishly provided food, meals, clothing, gifts, books, backpacks, and luggage. You have prepared and served meals, donated money for disaster relief and knitted or crocheted hundreds of hats. You have been a blessing to the missions and without your help and support we would not have been able to successfully help those in need.

## The Christmas Fund

*For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund*

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Over the past few years, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church have increased dramatically.

In such a time as this, the need for the Christmas Fund is more urgent than ever.

United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you! The offering envelopes will be available from December 7– 21, 2025.

“...WHEN THEY SAW  
THE **STAR**,  
THEY WERE FILLED  
WITH **JOY**...”  
MATTHEW 2:10

**Donate to The Christmas Fund**

Your care and compassion will make a tangible difference in the lives of our ministers, church workers, and their families in need.

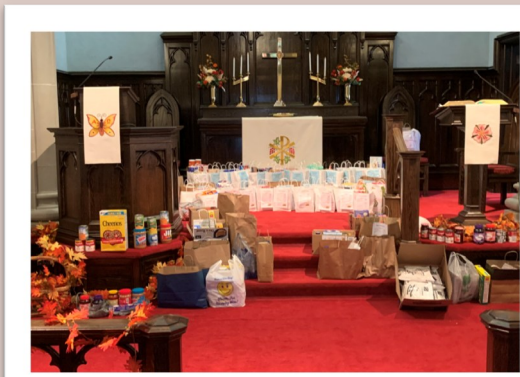
THE CHRISTMAS FUND

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www.christmasfund.org

The Pension Boards  
United Church of Christ, Inc.

Donate Online Here!



## Bausman's Generosity is Outstanding

On November 16 we blessed the food and personal care items you so generously donated to your neighbors in need.

**WOW! - 652.7 POUNDS OF FOOD**

Deliveries were made as follows:

Calvary UCC Food Pantry in Reading - **295.9 lbs.**

New Journey Community Outreach - **178.9 lbs.**

Spartan Station / Wyomissing School District - **177.9 lbs.**

An outstanding outpouring of your love.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”  
~ Matthew 25:35*

Thank you Bausman.



## Soup Sale

"Bausman's Annual Soup Sale! Mark your calendars for January 27-31 and keep your eyes out for more details, including pre-orders and volunteer opportunities."

## Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Potpie dinner on November 8, 2025 by helping to make the dinner, purchased food, sponsored items needed to make the potpie and baked cakes. The dinner was very successful and the fundraising committee could not have done it without the support of our congregation and all of the wonderful volunteers. God Bless all of you!

## Redner's Receipts

Thank you for submitting your Redner's receipts and those of family, friends, and neighbors. Collected receipts have raised over \$500 this year for Bausman's ministries. As we approach the holiday season, here are a few quick reminders:

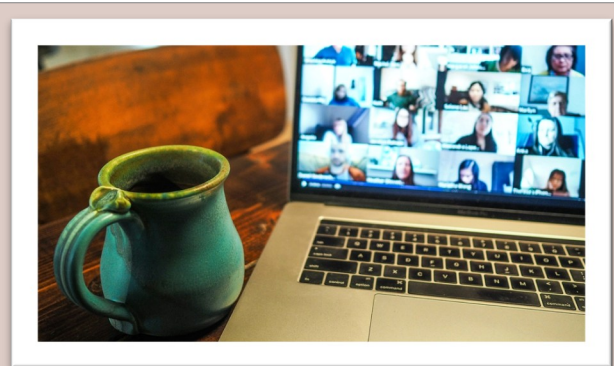
- You must scan your Redner's Rewards Card with each purchase for the receipt to count
- Submit receipts directly to the office, place in the office drop box or the east narthex collection box, or in the offering plate
- Redner's gas receipts do not earn the church rewards

Please don't staple or tape receipts together (it makes it harder to process them)

## Bausman's Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, December 7 at 10:30 AM*

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on December 7. It will begin by 11am following the worship and refreshments welcoming Bausman's newest members. The meeting will include election of Consistory members, the proposed 2026 budget, updates on capital projects, and other updates. There will be an online option for attendance. However, to attend online you will need to register in advance of the meeting to receive a link to the private YouTube channel on which the meeting will be broadcast.



## Planning to Attend the Congregational Meeting Online?

**Advanced Registration is Required** for those seeking to attend the December 7 Congregational meeting online and is only available to Bausman's active members. The meeting will be broadcast on Bausman's private YouTube channel.

Questions, comments, and votes will be communicated in real time by YouTube's chat function. The meeting link will be emailed to all registered participants 5-10 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Registration can be accessed through Realm or by using the QR code:



# Announcements

## Constitution & Bylaws Update

A review of Bausman's Articles of Incorporation (the founding legal documents for the church) has revealed a need to further investigate and likely update Bausman's Articles of Incorporation. This concern was affirmed in a detailed conversation with the Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference (PSEC). Due to the legal nature of this Pennsylvania corporate law document, we are currently exploring the PSEC's recommendation to contract with their legal counsel who has assisted several churches regarding their articles of incorporation. We plan to have more information available at the December 7 congregational meeting. Inevitably, this will delay the Constitution and Bylaw process.

The Constitution & Bylaws team members are Mike Ritter (chair), Marcelino Colon, Sue Showalter, Sue Wentink, Nevin Hollinger, and Pastor Joe.

## Site Assessment & Accessibility Study

With a near 100% guarantee of receiving a grant from the Berks County Community Foundation, a ministry team is exploring options for a site assessment and accessibility study for the church. The goal is to provide a "Master Plan" roadmap for major maintenance and improvement needs as we pursue the work of making Bausman's facilities physically accessible to all. The site assessment has been described as a home inspection for public buildings. Areas of special concern are: basement water infiltration, eastern exterior wall cracking and masonry repair, and sanctuary lighting. The accessibility study will focus on options for an elevator, installation of an ADA ramp, doorways, and other design needs. Look for more information at the December 7 congregational meeting.

## 2026 Offering Envelopes

Starting December 7, envelopes for 2026 will be available in the East Narthex for pickup. Please pick yours up by the end of December to minimize the number of offering envelopes that need to be mailed. You are also welcome to assist friends, family members and neighbors by picking up and delivering their envelopes to them. If you can't find your offering envelope please contact the church office.

## Qualified Charitable Distribution

As we approach the end of 2025, we want to remind you of the opportunity to make charitable contributions in a way that can benefit both you and Bausman. If you are 70½ or older, you can make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** directly from your IRA to the church. This counts towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) without increasing your taxable income. By making a QCD before the end of the year, you can help support the ongoing work and ministries of Bausman, while reducing your taxable income for 2025.

We encourage you to consider making a QCD to Bausman this December or setting up this option for 2026. Please consult with your financial advisor or tax professional for more details. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## End of Year Giving

For tax purposes, offerings postmarked 2025, or received in 2025, will be included on your 2025 giving statement. All offerings postmarked 2026, or received in the offering plate in 2026, will be recorded on your 2026 giving statement.

The one exception is if you used a 2026 offering envelope. All 2026 offering envelope contributions are held and counted as 2026 offerings. If you would like to make a contribution in 2025 towards your 2026 pledge, please contact the Financial Secretary, Cece Wagner, to ensure your contribution is accounted for accurately.

# Announcements

## Managed IT Services Onboarding In Process

We are pleased to share, in a relatively smooth process, all of Bausman's computers have been onboarded with our managed IT provider's security and monitoring software. By December the security software will have completed its learning phase and security settings will be fully established. Additionally, around that time, Bausman's network settings will also be updated and more fully secured against outside threat and improper use. This includes the introduction of a filter that will limit the type of content that can be accessed through Bausman's Wi-Fi access points.

Beyond these behind-the-scenes upgrades, we are in the process of reconfiguring how the church's information is stored. The goal is to establish a file sharing system that will allow committees and membership at large to have direct, secure access to relevant files and other information. This buildout will be paired with the launch of utilizing Realm's communication platform and a move to Realm as the church's primary communication channel for committees and groups. This transition will first be explored with Consistory to work out any issues before rolling out this resource to the rest of the congregation.

This process will proceed over several months to ensure a supportive and intentional rollout that includes the development of training videos, written guides, and hands-on support. Look for more information in the February Newsletter!

## Sound System Enhancements Coming Soon

We are excited to announce the final planned enhancements to the sound system is scheduled to take place on December 5. Just in time for the heart of the Advent and Christmas Season. These improvements include:

1. Replace the chancel floor microphones used

for welcome and announcements and special music with microphones that pick up sound from a broader range.

2. Disconnect old chancel microphone floor jacks, that have ground fault issues, and install two new jacks along the base of the chancel stage.
3. Install a piano microphone to benefit the livestream and general sanctuary sound.
4. Install an easily accessible power switch for the sound system.

These enhancements are possible due to the generous contributions and grant money previously received for the livestream and sound system installation.

## Property Update

Recently the property committee focused on catching up on some deferred maintenance projects that needed to be completed. It became apparent that trimming the trees needed to be done for safety reasons. With the help of an anonymous donor, we were able to have the largest trees on the property trimmed. The large oak off the driveway, on the west side of the church, was the biggest concern as it had a lot of dead branches overhanging the driveway and building. The committee also had the main water shutoff valve replaced. This had been on our radar for some time as it was not in working order. We are also working with Advanced Comfort Specialists to replace the thermostat in the sanctuary. The existing thermostat required a relay system that may have failed. Advanced Comfort Specialists will install the new thermostat when the part becomes available. Additionally, the committee continues to gather roofing estimates to address the water issues we've been experiencing from the north narthex to the southeast stairway.



# Keystone

## CONFERENCE

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Keystone Conference Beginning – January 1, 2026

At the end of 2025, the 63-year existence of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference (PSEC) will come to an end. The Rev. Bill Worley will be officially retired as Bausman's Conference Minister and the Pottstown Conference offices will close. The same will be true for the Penn Northeast, Penn Central, and Penn West Conferences of the UCC as the Keystone Conference officially comes into full existence on January 1, 2026.

Some of the highlights to be aware of:

1. Roughly 530 congregations will comprise the new Conference
  - a. Most congregations are in the state of Pennsylvania
  - b. 3 congregations are located in Maryland
  - c. 1 congregation is located in New Jersey
  - d. Berks County is the most densely populated county of UCC churches with 47 churches
2. Transitional Executive Conference Minister will be The Rev. Dr. Carrie Call (current Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference)
3. Three Regional Ministers will oversee search and call and other matters pertinent to their region: (map of the three regions can be found here: <https://psec.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Associations-Regions.pdf>)
  - a. Region 1 (Bausman's region) Transitional Regional Minister will be Rev. Kevin McLemore (current Associate Conference Minister of PSEC). Will span from Philly to York and the Maryland boarder to Northern Berks County.
  - b. Region 2 Transitional Regional Minister will be Rev. Nora Faust (current Associate Conference Minister of Penn Central Conference). Will span from New Jersey to Harrisburg and from Allentown to the New York boarder.
  - c. Region 3 Transitional Regional Minister will be Rev. David Ackerman (current Conference Minister of Penn West Conference). Will span from Harrisburg to Ohio and from Maryland to New York.
4. The Keystone Coaching Coordinator will be **Rev. Joseph A. Motz** (current PSEC coaching coordinator and Penn Central Church Futures Commission Committee member)
5. Local Associations will be responsible for more care, oversight, and independent functioning than has been historically undertaken within our region, which will require more direct support from the members of the Association's congregations.
6. Most Conference and Association committees and processes will be in a state of transition, restructuring, ending, and beginnings over the next 12-24 months.

## Consistory Highlights—October 2025

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| <p>1) Consistory approved the September Financial/Treasurer’s Reports. Treasurer, Bob noted that we were able to pay over \$10,000 in HVAC boiler repairs from the checking account.</p> <p>2) Consistory approved Tom Reardon to serve a second two-year term as chair of the Faith Legacy committee and Mike Ritter to serve a second two-year term as chair of the Generosity committee.</p> <p>3) Mike Ritter presented the first draft of the Constitution for consistory to review and suggest changes. Mike will be back at the November meeting with an updated Constitution. The plan is to bring updated Bylaws to consistory in</p> | <p>January and to the congregation in March. The church’s Articles of Incorporation have been sent to the Conference for review.</p> <p>4) Pastor Joe reported that January 1st, the Keystone Conference will come into existence replacing the four existing Pennsylvania conferences. The first meeting will take place November 22nd with Bob &amp; Sue Showalter and Mike Ritter delegates from Bausman.</p> <p>5) Shelby reported Cece Wagner and Sue Showalter agreed to a second term on consistory and Maureen Longenecker, Peggy Brown and Sue Wentzel have agreed to serve first terms.</p> |
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## Financial Report—October 2025

### Year to Date Operating Financials

	2025 Actual	2025 YTD Totals	Budget YTD	Variance to Budget YTD
<b>General Operating Fund Unrestricted Revenue</b>	\$ 31,033	\$ 290,544	\$ 270,937	\$ 19,607
<b>General Operating Fund Expenses</b>	\$ 33,772	\$ 284,473	\$ 287,927	\$ 3,454
<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>	\$ (2,739)	\$ 6,071		

### Commentary

Revenue rose slightly to 7.2% over budget and expenses came in 1.2% under budget YTD as of 10/31/2025. Expenses exceeded income for the month of October due to three payroll periods this month.

An extraordinary expense of \$1,543 for HVAC control boards and surge protectors was paid out of the general operating fund thanks to the continued generosity of our members and thanks to an anonymous donation, a \$2,100 bill was paid for ramp lighting.

The generosity of this congregation is truly a blessing. Your support of this church and our mission work is making an impactful difference in the lives of many.

### Overview & Projections

Total Assets as of 10/31/2025	\$491,996
Total Investments as of 10/31/2025	\$380,118
General Operating Unrestricted Funds as of 10/31/2025	\$29,458
2025 Budget Income	\$323,157
Total Income to work with	\$352,615
2025 Budget Expenses	\$343,136
Projected Operating Unrestricted Funds as of 12/31/2025	\$9,479

## December 2025 Worship Attendants

	7	14	21	Christmas Eve *24 <i>Pew Communion</i>	28
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Baer				
<b>Welcomer</b>	Lori Moser	Cece Wagner	Bob Showalter	TBD	Shelby Brunner
<b>Head Usher</b>	Gary Rhoads	Nevin Hollinger	Mike Ritter	TBD	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Rhoads, Stan Graeff, Margie Baer, Rodney Baer	Bruce Longenecker, Mary Moll, Kathy Errich, Tom Reardon	Kent Hollinger, Tom Wentzel, Sue Wentink, Renee Dietrich	Nevin Hollinger, Tom Wentzel, Anne Anders, Shelby Brunner, Jodi Reardon, Patti Shuttlesworth, Jim Payne, Cindra Payne	Margie Baer, Rodney Baer, Gary Rhoads, Sue Rhoads
<b>Elders</b>	<i>*Jodi Reardon, Shuttlesworth, Jim Payne, Cindra Payne, Michele Wolfskill (choir) (*These Elders uncover and cover the elements.)</i>				
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Nevin Hollinger	Bibba McKemy	Lori Moser	Kim Rank	Jodi Reardon

### In Case of Worship Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather

In the case of winter weather and there is a need to cancel worship due to poor conditions, cancellation information will be posted on the following platforms:

- The church answering machine message
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - [Bausman's Facebook](#) page
- WFMZ.com - Under [Business and School Closings](#)

### New Headphones for Hearing Assistance Devices

“The new headphones work great!” These are the words from a guest after using our new listen assistance headphones. The new headphones have adjustable headbands and soft, non-porous ear pads, which allow for a comfortable fit and easy sanitation after each use. The headphones connect to small, personal receivers, with individual volume control, that receive audio directly from the sound system. These are a great resource if you are missing words or straining to hear.

The hearing assistance devices are available at every worship service by the Penn Avenue sanctuary entrance.



## December & January Birthdays

12/2	Christopher Warner	12/21	Maria Colon	1/15	Debra Brubaker
12/6	Nancy Reuter	12/23	Melissa Blickley	1/17	Joan Kellenberger
12/7	Marjorie Huyett	12/27	Megan Anders	1/18	Denise Magalotti
12/12	Michele Wolfskill	12/30	John Hibschan	1/21	Randall P. Ulmer
12/14	Sam Brown	12/31	Jon Scott	1/22	Olivia Motz
12/17	Leslie Bell	1/1	Lizzie Luyben	1/23	Jenn Joiner
	Sharon Gery	1/3	Drew Warner	1/26	Carol Laibe
	Jane Bitner	1/6	G. Thompson Bell	1/27	Rod Baer
	Ryan Stone		Tyler Rank	1/28	Emma Stone
12/19	Mary L. Moll	1/7	Siena Carlino	1/30	Carsten Waetjen
	Chris Blickley	1/10	Judy Burkey		



## Anniversary

12/11	Joe & Krista Strohl
12/23	John & Elaine Meinhart
12/30	Marc & Laura Waetjen
1/2	Jacob & Nancy Brown
1/9	Sam & Peggy Brown



## Bulletin Sponsorship

12/7	In Memory of Pearl Harbor Day, by Bruce & Renee Dietrich
12/14	Sue Wentink
12/21	Sue Wentink
12/24	In loving memory of my parents, Libba & Bob Richardson, by Biba McKemy
12/28	Sue Wentink



## Prayer Requests

### Healing & Strengthening

Helen Fisher; Virginia Buser; Katie Burns;  
Erin Humes; Mike McLaughlin;  
George; Rev. Millard Fisher; Lori Moser

### Care & Support

Rosedale UCC, Laureldale and Pastor Selina  
Hamilton; Randy Ulmer; Wisdom &  
Faithfulness For the 2026 Budget;  
Christina Cambell; Lorraine Yahner;  
Tracey Rohrbach

### Comfort in Time of Loss

The Family of Bridget Orner;  
Moretz Family; The Family of Ray Miller

# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point 7:30pm Recovering Couples	2 6:30pm Worship & Music	3 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point 6:30pm New Member's Class	4 10:30am Women's Group 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 11:30am Turning Point	6
<b>7 – Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Keystone Brass</b> 9:30am Worship, Nursery, New Member's Joining, Angel Tree Blessing 9:45am First Sunday Fellowship & Congregational Meeting 1:00pm Wyo Girl Scouts 1 693 3:00pm Boy Scout 4:30pm Girl Scout Troop 192 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 413	8 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point	9	10 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point 2:00pm Generosity	11 10:30am Women's Group 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 11:30am Turning Point 4:00pm Children's Pageant Practice	13
<b>14 – Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30am Worship, Nursery, Children's Christmas Pageant 4:00pm Brownie Troop 11 59 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 413	15 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point Group	16 6:30pm Consistory	17 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point 5:00pm Family Promise Fundraiser 8:00pm Fundraiser Meeting	18 10:30am Women's Recovery Group 1:00pm SOAR 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 11:30am Turning Point	20 12:00pm Private Event
<b>21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Installation of Consistory Members</b> 9:30am Worship, Nursery, Sunday School	22 – Boy Scouts Klondike Prep 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point 6:30pm Property Committee	23	<b>24 – Christmas Eve</b> 11:30am Turning Point 6:30pm Christmas Eve Worship, Carols & Lessons, Communion	<b>25 – Christmas</b>	26 11:30am Turning Point	27 10:00am Sat Women's Meeting
28 9:30am Carol Hymn Sing & Worship, Nursery	29 9:00am Exercise 11:30am Turning Point	30	31 11:30am Turning Point	<b>Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ</b> 1064 Penn Ave Wyomissing PA 19610   (610) 375-9790 <a href="http://www.bausmanucc.org">www.bausmanucc.org</a>   <a href="http://www.facebook.com/bausmanucc">www.facebook.com/bausmanucc</a> <b>Office Hours:</b> Monday-Thursday, 8:30am—1:30pm		

# Hope Rescue Mission and LightHouse



## Clothing Collection

**We'll be collecting all seasons of clothing for men, women and children.**

**Coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses, and new men's underwear in sizes small to xxxl.**



## **JANUARY COLLECTION**



# BAUSMAN MEMORIAL UCC POINSETTIA SALE ORDER FORM 2025

This year we are providing the opportunity for everyone to order Poinsettias for two different dates. The first delivery is for December 7 and the second for Christmas Eve. Poinsettias ordered for the first delivery should be taken immediately on December 7 for use in decorating your home or for gifts during the holiday season. Deliveries for Christmas Eve will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service and may be taken after the service or left in the sanctuary to be delivered to our sick and shut-in members. Poinsettias will be provided by Penny Hill Farm.

Orders must be placed by November 30 or December 15 for each of the respective dates and may be given to Lori Moser at [lmoser928@gmail.com](mailto:lmoser928@gmail.com), 610-678-7395, press #, Bonnie Shiner at [blshiner@comcast.net](mailto:blshiner@comcast.net), 610-488-1671 or dropped off in the church office or offering plate. Each poinsettia is \$11 and are available in four colors. Payment should accompany your order.

\_\_\_ Red    \_\_\_ White    \_\_\_ Marble    \_\_\_ Jingle Bell    \_\_\_ Total #    \_\_\_ Total \$

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Order placed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

*Proceeds from the Poinsettia sale will go toward special music ministries at Bausman.*

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### February Newsletter Deadline

**January 14**

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