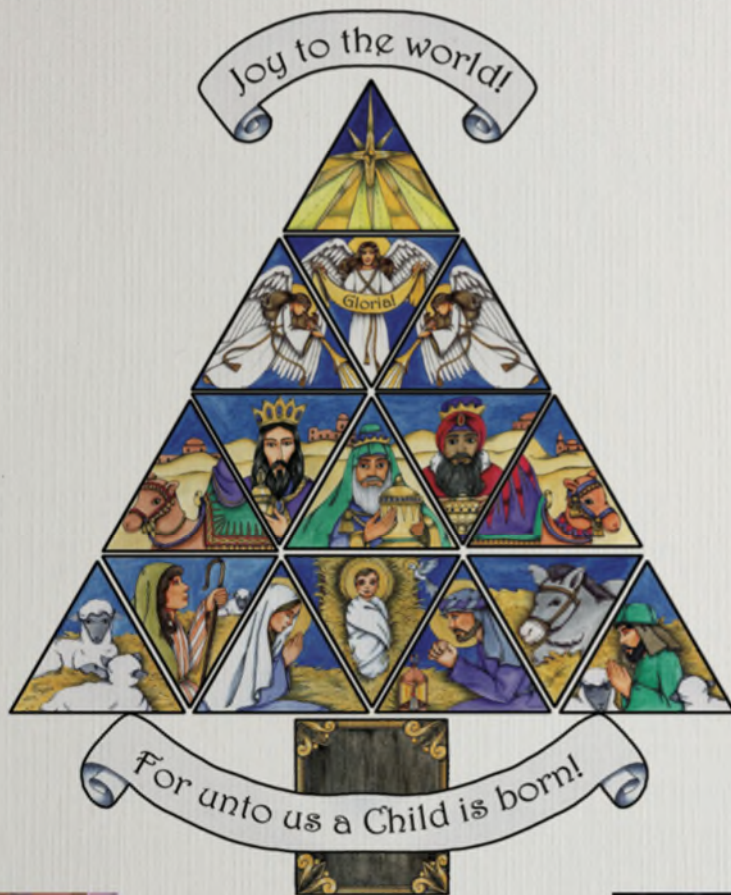


An Advent Jazz Service



The Buzz Jones Quintet
Susan Hochmiller, vocals



Sunday, December 5, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Myerstown United Church of Christ
306 West Main Ave., Myerstown, PA 17067
717.866.5252

Come One!
Come All!
Invite your neighbors!

The **expectation** of the Christ Child is **enhanced** by this **exciting** group and **extraordinary** worship

Following the worship time, everyone will meet in the Gathering Area to greet the musicians and enjoy some goodies.

This service will be live streamed but not recorded.

This worship experience begins at **10:00 am.**

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Christmas Card Exchange

December



December 5
2nd Sunday in Advent
Advent Jazz Worship
Buzz Jones Quintete
10:00 am

December 12
3rd Sunday in Advent
Rev. Dr. Marissa Laviola
Penn Central Conference
9:00 am

December 24
Christmas Eve
Rev. Rick Luciotti
Penn Central Conference
6:30 pm

December 19
4th Sunday in Advent
Rev. Nora Foust
Penn Central Conference
9:00 am

December 26
1st Sunday after Christmas
Festival of
Lessons & Carols
9:00 am

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The Christmas Card Exchange returns this year.

- 1. The card boxes are on a window sill in the Gathering Area.**
- 2. Please bring cards for persons who currently attend in person. and place them into the correct alphabetical slot.**
- 3. There is a Members-in-Care box that will be sorted by the Care Team on Dec 12th. The Members-in-Care list is next to the box.**
- 4. Cards must be picked up by January 9th.**

DECEMBER

1	Annabel Hemperly	10	Rita Lentz	21	Sheryl Runz
2	Teresa Wolfe	10	John Mentzer	22	Marion Houtz
4	Jared Rosen	15	Douglas Bohannon	23	Trey Faust
5	William Brown	16	Joyce Mitstifer	25	Betty Arnold
6	Tyler Faust	18	Helen Rabold	25	Richard Firestine
7	Gavin Bicher	19	Mary Beth Diehm	25	Richard Wartluft
	Fern Patrick	20	Travis Bicher	28	Kara Frantz
8	Theodore Batdorff	20	Megan Thomas	29	Gia Zimmerman
	Brian Gibbel	21	Marsha Eisenhauer	30	William Behney

BIRTHDAYS

Christmas swirl background from 123FreeVectors.com

Attend

	LiveStream	InPerson
3 Oct	17	34
10 Oct	13	33
17 Sep	15	30
24 Oct	18	39
31 Oct	13	41

LiveStream is the number of *households* viewing the service not necessarily the number of people..

General Fund	\$ 10,818.00
Church Improvement	\$ 905.00
OCWM	\$ 590.00
Food Bank	\$ 195.00
Honduras	\$ 75.00
HOPE Fund	\$ 25.00
Julius M Ministry	\$ 75.00
Memorial	\$ 350.00
Technology	\$ 25.00

GIVE

Office Hours

Monday:
9:00 am to noon
Tuesday:
noon to 3:00 pm
Wednesday:
By appointment
Thursday:
By appointment
Friday:
9:00 am to noon

The week between Christmas and New Year's will not follow the above. **The Office will be open** on Wednesday, **29 Dec**, from **9 to 2**. On other days, call first.

end of the year Giving

In order for offering to be counted as part of 2021, it must be received in the church office by noon on **Tuesday, Jan 4, 2022.**

The envelope or check **must designate** the intention as a 2021 contribution.

Givelify

Those who contribute through Givelify **are not able** to make 2021 contributions in January 2022 due to the Givelify accounting procedures.

Offering given via Givelify must be placed no later than **Wednesday, Dec 29th.**

Questions should be directed to the Office Manager.

2022 Offering Envelopes are here!



The 2022 offering envelopes are in the Gathering Area. Those attending worship or other activity can pick them up. They can also be picked up at the Church Office during regular office hours.

We have returned to a “box” style rather than the pad from the past few years. These envelopes will fit in a regular letter envelope for the ease of those who use USPS as the means for their church giving.

There are envelopes available for anyone who would like them.



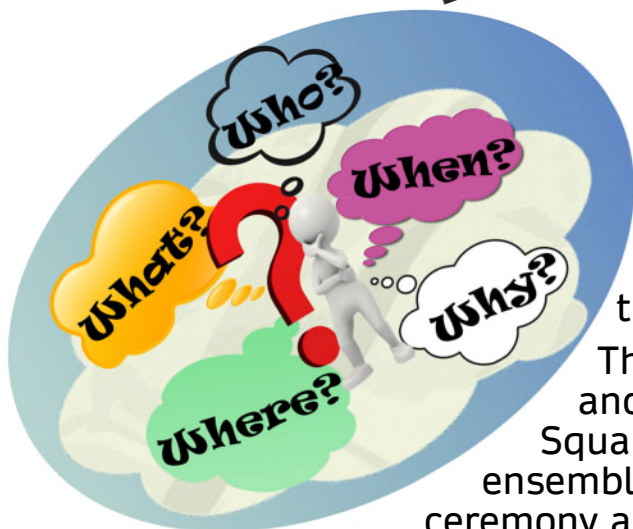
Many thanks to

Marcia Bicher, Bill Arnold, Gabby Bicher, and Gavin Bicher for taking time to get the church building ready for Advent and Christmas.

In December our outreach focus will be The Christmas Fund. Originally called, Veterans of the Cross 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. 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. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering has traditionally been received here in Myerstown on Christmas Eve but this year, since many members are still not attending services in person and may be giving electronically, we invite you to contribute anytime during December. As always, simply indicate the amount you wish to donate on the special line of your envelope or use one of the Christmas Fund envelopes placed in the hymnal racks in the pews.



The Annual Myerstown Holiday Parade returns this week. The event is sponsored by the ELCO Activity Network begins at 3:30 pm.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Carol Sing will commence at 6:30 pm on the Square at Main and Locust Streets. An instrumental ensemble will greet those who gather for the ceremony and accompany the singing.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served at the Isaac Meier House on South College Street.

To the best of our knowledge, four MUCC members graduated this year.

They are the four **B**s:

- B**eamesderfer,
- B**ennetch,
- B**erger, &
- B**ohannon!

If someone's name is not listed here, please contact the Church Office.

2021 grad updates



Amber Beamesderfer

Amber graduated from ELCO High School. She is currently majoring in English, secondary education at Kutztown University. She reports that she is doing well.



Matthew Berger

Matthew graduated from Penn State University with a degree in finance.

Receiving a job offer prior to graduation, he works for Vanguard in Malvern PA.

Matthew lives at 323 Hall St, Phoenixville PA. The best way to reach him is via email: mjberger00@yahoo.com

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Mason Bennetch

Mason graduated from Cabrini University with a BS in Biology, Pre-dental. He reports: I had a great experience at Cabrini and am looking forward to continuing my education for the next 4 years at Temple Dental!

Dental!

Mason said that he has enjoyed making new friends at Temple. He also expressed a thank you to the congregation for the supportive foundation he has received here. The best way to contact him is by email: masonbennetch@gmail.com.

Braden Bohannon

Braden graduated from ELCO High School. He is currently continuing his academic studies at Lebanon Valley College.

Braden wrote: I am blessed to have grown up in such an amazing church. I am thankful for the support I have gotten from many people from the church.



We wish them all success in all of their endeavors.