

# The Vineyard

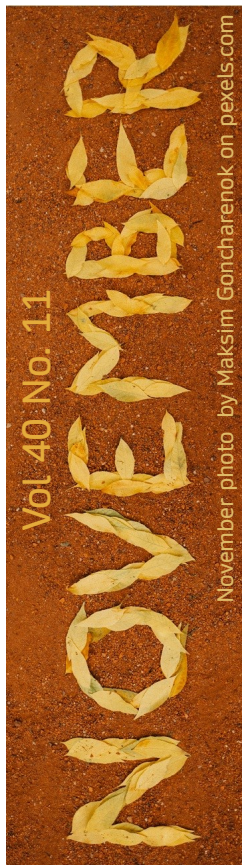
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Sunday

**21 November 2021**

Immediately following  
the morning worship  
service



## Transition

As we move into this new transition, please understand that “things” are moving and changing rapidly. The Church Council is working in consort with the Office Staff to coordinate the flow of information.

Updates will be given before the Sunday worship. Please bear with us as we journey together to Advent and a New Year.

For over 30 years the Buzz Jones Sextet has performed through central Pennsylvania for dinner dances, jazz church services and jazz vespers, public concerts, and private parties in a broad variety of venues.



Buzz Jones is Professor of Music Emeritus at Gettysburg College’s Sunderman Conservatory of Music where he taught theory, jazz history, and composition from 1989 to 2017.

Members include saxophonist/flutist Doug Cook, trumpet/flugelhornist Dale Orris, and pianist Wayne Fox ... all long-time members of The Buzz Jones Big Band. The vocalist for December 5<sup>th</sup> is Susan Hothmiller.

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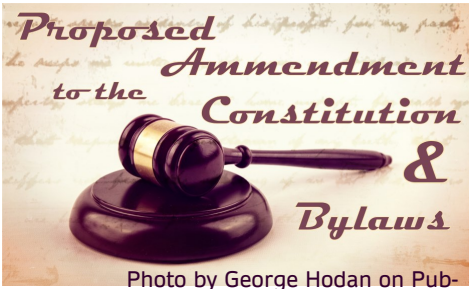


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After receiving a request for a change to the Constitution and Bylaws, the Church Council gathered information including advice from

Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ. The following proposal will be presented at the annual congregational meeting.

Article IV, Property, Section 4.2 currently reads:

Should this congregation be dissolved all its assets, property, and interest of which it shall then be possessed, including any device, bequest, gift or grant contained in any will or other instrument in trust or otherwise made before or after such dissolution, shall be transferred to Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ or its successor.

Upon approval of the amendment, Article IV, Property, Section 4.2 shall read:

Should this congregation be dissolved all its assets, property, and interest of which it shall then be possessed, including any device, bequest, gift or grant contained in any will or other instrument in trust or otherwise made before or after such dissolution, shall be disbursed in a manner accepted by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a duly called meeting of the congregation, in accordance with all existing regulations governing non-profit organizations.

# WORSHIP THIS MONTH

**November 7**  
Remembrance Sunday  
Rev. Keith Miller

**November 14**  
God's Presence in Our Lives  
Rev Keith Tussing

**November 21**  
26th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Bruce Althouse

**November 28**  
First Sunday in Advent  
*Holy Communion*  
Rev. Rick Luciotti



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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Renee Duffy      | 16 | Sara Faust        |
| 3  | Emily Frantz     | 19 | Donald Brown      |
| 4  | James Eisenhauer | 21 | Glenn Bicher      |
| 6  | Joan Hartman     | 23 | Nancy Brown       |
| 8  | Nicholas Garman  | 27 | James Diehm       |
|    | Lloyd Weaver     |    | Dale Ebling       |
| 9  | Larry Mentzer    |    | Darlene Noll      |
| 10 | Jean Uhrich      | 28 | Jennifer Blystone |
| 15 | Bradley Hartman  | 30 | Gene Haag         |

# Christmas is coming ...

## Gift Cards for Christmas

It's time to think about Christmas gifts that are best accomplished by a gift card.

November is the perfect time to place those orders. The closer

the date gets to December, the potential for delivery delays and/or supply limitations increases. Order forms are on the Information Table and Office vestibule.

If you don't see something listed that you would like to order, contact the Church Office.

**Orders due in the Church Office on Monday, November 8th.**

## Poinsettias

Each Advent, the chancel is decorated with red and white poinsettias. This Advent will be no different.

Orders are due on Sunday, November 14th. Forms can be found on the Information Table and the Church Office vestibule. Check or cash is expected with the order.

We would like to keep them displayed through Christmas Eve. Those not attending the Christmas Eve service can pick them up on Sunday, December 26, after worship.

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Where are you now?

If you graduated in 2021 or have a family member who did, please contact the Church Office.

What's happening these days? Are you in school again? Are you working—what

kind of work do you do?

We would like to "catch up" with our grads and keep in touch this year.

## 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 Church Office will be closed from Thursday, 11 Nov 21 through Wednesday, 17 Nov 21

Many thanks to Annamarie Behm for minding the office while the Office Manager was away.



Dear Friends at Myerstown UCC,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Nairobi. I trust that the Lord has been with you every step of the way, in the midst of challenges due to covid-19 pandemic. Agnes and I are always thankful to God for his care, goodness and provision, in spite of challenges. We praise him too for giving us friends like you who have partnered with us in his ministry. Indeed, God through you has enabled us to continue training leaders of integrity at International Leadership University. The men and women at our institution are change makers in their spheres of ministry, both in the church, and also in society. Recently, one of my former students, and a pastor was accorded an opportunity to engage in God's mission in the United Kingdom. Tobbias Ngala together with his wife and two children will be in the UK for three years. His primary work is to join other pastors for church planting ministry. We thank God for opening such a door for his servant! Our village ministry is also progressing well. Please pray for our men and women who are struggling to make ends meet. Most of these families need foodstuff, solar lamps as well as funds to educate their children.

Regarding family matters, please continue praying for our son and daughter who lost their jobs last year. As we shared with you earlier, David and Joey are still living with us. We are responsible for their upkeep during these difficult days. We praise God that our daughter has recovered from her illness which she had over a month ago. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. We acknowledge with grateful hearts your gift of 800, which you

sent to us through Grace Community Church in October 2021. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your prayer and financial support. May the God of all grace, wisdom and power continually bless you and the work of your hands. Be assured of our commitment to pray for you as God enables us to do so. Thank you.

Your friends in Christ,  
Julius and Agnes

## Did You Know?

Regina Engler, wife of a former pastor, Winfield Engler, has taken up residence at UCC Homes in Annville. Her roommate is Joanne Ondrusek.

For those who may remember her and would like to send a card, her address is: UCC Homes, 550 E Main St, Annville PA 17003.



## Rebecca Sauder Update

We have received word from Becca about her work in Honduras. She reports that it is exciting and fulfilling. For more information, visit her blog.

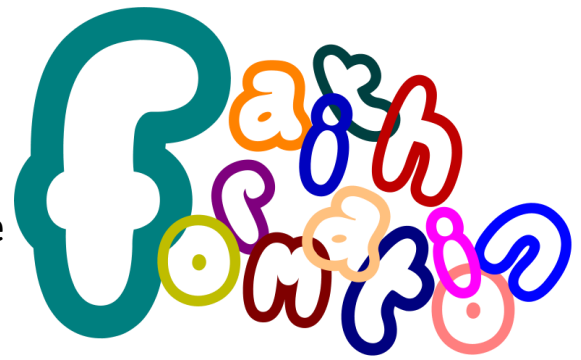
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## October 31st

The Breakfast with the Bible class will welcome Amber and Bruce Althouse. They will be sharing a Bible message, games, and stories of their experiences on the road.

Rev Althouse is a 1995 graduate of Elco High School and a youth minister. He and Amber are currently biking across the country visiting churches as they go.

All secondary school age youth are invited. Please contact Travis or Angie Bicher if you have any questions.



*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*  
Mark 15:12

The **Neighbors in Need** offering, which we will receive during the month of November, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and com-compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives such as voting rights and environmental justice. This year a major focus will be on advocating for legislation aimed at providing permanent, affordable housing for those who are homeless. One-third of NIN funding provides financing for the Council for American Indian Ministry which supports 20 UCC congregations on reservations in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska.

Attendance & Giving

Attendance	
	InPerson
5 Sep	30
12 Sep	33
19 Sep	43
26 Sep	36

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

Giving	
General Fund	\$ 12,438.00
Church Improvement	\$ 1,120.00
OCWM	\$ 830.00
Food Bank	\$ 105.00
HOPE Fund	\$ 20.00
Julius M Ministry	\$ 100.00
Memorial	\$ 1,000.00
Technology	\$ 30.00



## Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction!

Thursday, 18 November 2021

Single Ticket Cost: \$25

*Complete details are on the Bulletin Board  
in the Gathering Area.*

9:00 am

27 November 21

Breakfast at Country Fare  
Reservations & payment no  
later than 21 November 21.

*New  
Horizons*