



GERMAN ADVENT-CHRISTMAS



A candlelight service of Word and Sacrament in the German Language (Hochdeutsch) will be this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7:00 pm in Huff's Union Church, Alburts, near Mensch Mill Conference & Retreat Center. Sponsored jointly by the PSEC Worship Mission Team and Huff's Union Church, worship materials will be printed in both German and English, and everyone is welcome.

The service will be a liturgy of scripture lessons with traditional German Advent and Christmas carols, concluding with Holy Communion (optional for those whose faith communities do not permit intercommunion). Huff's Church Pastor Jane Kropa and Conference Minister Russ Mitman will preside along with other leaders in the Conference. Dr. Mitman stated: "This is an opportunity for German-speaking persons— particularly those not active in a church—to be in touch with their roots. It is also a good opportunity for those studying or wishing to learn German—including high school and college students—to participate in a meaningful worship experience in the language."

There will be a time for fellowship following the service; donations of cookies will be appreciated. For more information contact Huff's Union Church at 610-845-2626 or email office@huffschurch.com.

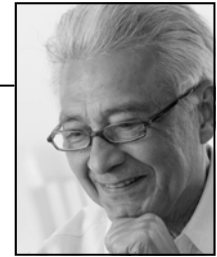


NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATIONS: The Conference books for 2009 will close on **January 14**. Any money received at the Church House after this date will be credited to 2010. (*If you send money for 2010 before Jan. 14, please indicate clearly that it is for Jan. 2010.*)



PRAYER PARTNERS - Your prayers are welcomed today for the congregation of Salem Belleman's UCC, Mohrsville, and Rev. Bruce W. Potteiger, as they serve those in need and celebrate their Mission Trip Teams helping near and far.

2009 Christmas Offering



During the four Sundays of Advent we prepare our churches, our homes, and our lives for the coming of the Christ Child, the Promised One, God's own Son. As we do, we are reminded that we are an incarnational community, embodying Christ's love and care in our relationships - especially with those in need because they hold a special place in the very heart of Christ.

For 107 years the Christmas Fund Offering has been the way that members of the United Church of Christ and its predecessors embodied Christ's compassion and care to those who serve our church. In 2008 the Pension Boards Ministerial Assistance Program, on behalf of the UCC, provided \$1,597,490 to individuals and pastoral families in need. Because of the severe economic downturn in 2008, pastors and lay employees of the church with limited resources are experiencing increased financial stress, resulting in an unprecedented number of requests for Ministerial Assistance compared to prior years.

To offer support, please prayerfully consider your response to the 2009 Christmas Offering and give to the best of your ability. Think of the ways your life has been touched by a retired pastor or lay employee of the church, and honor their ministries with a special gift which will help others like them in these difficult financial times.

The Christmas Fund offering is taken at different times during the month of December in local churches throughout the UCC. Watch for this offering in your local church and give generously.

EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

For brochures, flyers, on-line registration and a full list of meetings and events visit www.psec.org
Check Conference Calendar or Event Contacts for cancellation information

Tues., Dec. 8, 7 pm - Theology with a Twist at the Kutztown Tavern. Theme: *Theology and the Arts* with Rev. Dr. Reiss Potterveld, President of Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Tues., Dec. 15, 9:30 am - Service of Word & Sacrament, Church House Chapel. All are welcome!

Thur., Dec. 17, 7 pm - Tavern Talks at the Trappe Tavern, Trappe, PA. Theme: *Living in a Pluralistic World* with a guest from the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia.