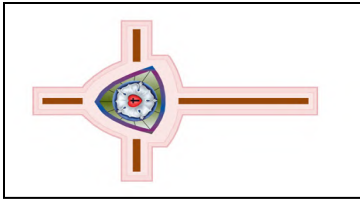


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*Choose
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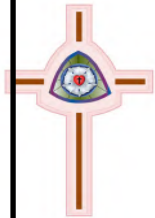
Joshua 24:15

*Join us for Worship
Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.*



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CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Angie Berger Secretary	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Robert Carl	570-590-7281	Feb. 2025
Ken Dengler	570-933-5144	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-205-6241	Feb. 2024
Darlene Stank	570-875-1644	Feb. 2025
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024

Youth Representative - Vacant

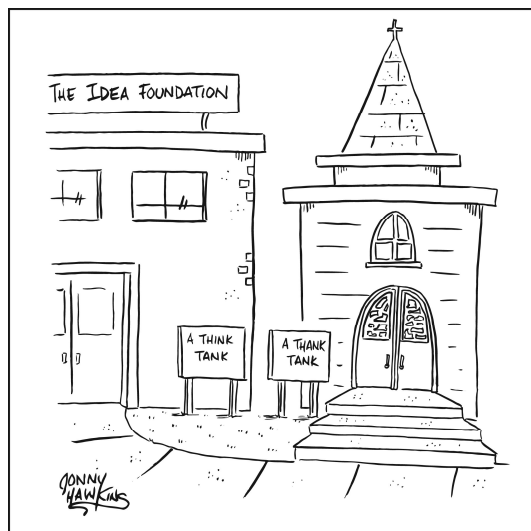
DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana D. Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

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Status of Accounts as of September 30

Total amount in checking account: \$90,763.79.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2022 Annual Budget of \$185,997.00 is \$15,499.75

September income was \$10,717.41.

Expenses for September were \$9,251.49, resulting in a gain of \$1,465.92.

Benevolence Gifts through September were \$6,960.00 (46% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)

STAFF

Parish Administrator	Debbie Hall	570-875-1591
	office@christsunited.org	570-789-9722
	Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:00	
Director of Music	Jamie Johnson	570-590-1678
Treasurer	Ann Marie Dillman	570-449-2021
Indoor Custodian	Ann Ray Begis	570-590-2729



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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Evangelism/Outreach
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
Endowment Fund
Mutual Ministry
Nominating
Personnel

Christ's United Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.

Messages from our Members:

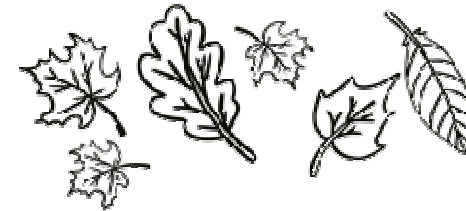


A letter has been received. Would you hire this Pastor for Christ's United?

Ladies and Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I would like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been. I'm over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places I've left town after my work has caused a riot and disturbances. I must admit that I've been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not good, though I still get a great deal done. The churches I've preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I've not got along well with religious leaders in towns where I've preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not good at keeping records. I've been known to forget whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you.

Signed: The Apostle Paul

The Evangelism and Social Ministry teams have reached out to numerous members of the congregation that have not attended worship in a while. Many have not returned the survey or come to worship. Many were glad we called and talked to them, however,



Christian symbol



TRUMPET—In the Old Testament, trumpets, often made from ram's horns, called people to worship or war (and often promised victory). Joshua and the Israelites used trumpets to fell the walls of Jericho. Under Gideon, the small Israelite army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the Midianites into surrender. The New Testament says trumpets will sound at the Last Judgment and the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 11, a



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seventh trumpet proclaims God's final and complete triumph.

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Do we have a full-time pastor? The simple answer is: No.

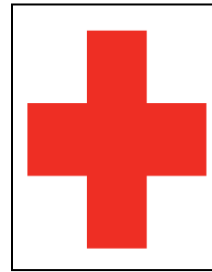
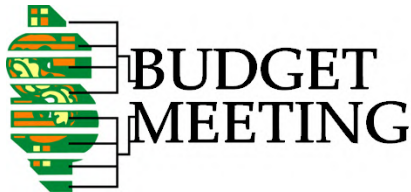
The more in-depth answer is: Is that why we come to worship in the first place? No, not really. Do we come to worship the messenger, or the message? We don't come to worship Pastor John or Pastor Sue, or even the Apostle Paul. Do we? Ultimately, is the messenger not Jesus Christ Himself? There are many faithful members of our congregation who work diligently to provide a message inspired by the Holy Spirit to us weekly. We also have Pastor Dana, supply pastors and special guests. Is that what we need to strengthen our faith? YES! Do we need to come together in worship and Holy Communion, to help us on our journey in life? YES! It doesn't matter if we have a full-time pastor, or a weekly message by a supply pastor or another individual.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

Together we worship as the saints of God, forgiven of our sins, and strengthened on our journey! I invite all of you to come and join us in worship and renew your commitment to JESUS, not a full-time pastor. As we begin a new church year with the Advent season this month, make a new year's church resolution. Come to worship!

Blessings in Christ,

The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 13th following worship. Please take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving and prayer for the blessings from Christ at work here at Christ's United. To help us prepare,



American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, December 5, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Debbie Hall or call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appointment.

30th Anniversary of Christ's United's Church Building

Last month was the 30th Anniversary of the
“new” church building for Christ's United.
We celebrated 30 years of worshipping together
in one building during Fellowship Hour on October 2nd.



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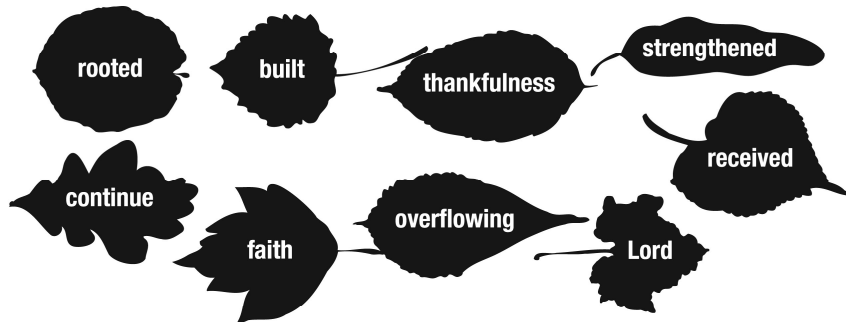




Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness



Church Council Highlights from October

- Cameras are in the process of being installed outside the front entrance and inside the front hallway. The light at the end of front entrance portico will also be replaced.
- Youth Group will attend Hegins Corn Maze on October 23.
- Three letters were received to request this year's Endowment Scholarship. Each will receive \$600.
- Congregational Budget meeting will be held November 13. Proposed budget will be presented to congregation.
- A proposal was received for two options costing \$38,000 & \$48,000 from Bartush Signs concerning the new lighted sign with message board. Project was referred to Property committee for

November Council Contact of the month is Dennis Wolfe

The Council Contact of the Month is the "on call" member of council, the person to contact if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building. If you need to contact Dennis,



Council Member
of the Month

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We Offer our Prayers to...



- October 23** – Randy Fetterolf
Tammy Johnson (D. Price)
Daniel Werner
Families of Lou Ann Olson
Dolores Corcoran (J. Towey)
- October 16** – *Families of Patricia Ludwig*
Howard (Tinny) Snyder
Trisha McGee
- October 9** - Cathy (A. Berger)
James Houser Sr. (A. Berger)
Irene Morgan (B. Andrews)
John Kimmel
Catherine
Family of Ann Snyder
- October 9** - Rev. Linda Bonfiglio (E. Tice)
Rev. Kathy Ash-Flashner (E. Tice)
Mary Kay Cray (K. Hansbury)
Charlotte (A. Berger)
Leroy Berner (D. Berner)
Gregg Sterling
Carla Walters (G. Marquardt)
Family of Jozlyn Reinoehl-killed in auto accident (T. Dengler)

Please continue to pray for: Kay Berner, Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Bobby Liem (B. Liem), Gail Lorady, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute), Richard Shoup, Cheryl Varndell, Dot Zangari, Linda Zerby Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Mark Bennyhoff, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Pennypacker), Edward Emerich (L. Martin), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun), Tracy Maurer (C. Neumeister), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Karyssa Wenrich



2022 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board. Sign up for:

- Altar Flowers \$35.00
Worship Bulletins \$15.00
Special service bulletins \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle \$10.00
Children's Bulletins \$10.00
Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

Altar Flowers Procedure:

Please sign up by the bulletin board for week(s) you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers and call

“Flowers From the Heart”

570-339-2519

to place order.

Cost is \$35.00.

Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.

Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card
Christ's United accepts electronic donations

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to www.christsunited.org or scan the QR code to learn how you can participate.



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CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities



Watch for details
on upcoming



Standard time returns.
Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour on
Saturday, November 5th



Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for
your Thanksgiving table.

What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

PRAYER CHAIN



Each day members of Christ's United bow their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for the ministries of this congregation and people in need.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Mondays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of

Praying Through the Directory

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families. We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their needs and spiritual journey.

This month we pray for:

The Miller Family - Troy & Ashley, Maxwell and Barron

The Wahalec / Clark Family - Amy, Kevin & Carey

The Zak Family - Jacob & Debra

Pastoral Acts

Pastor Dana performed the following:

Baptism

10/9/22 Herbert Joseph Zangari





	16	Melody Bosco		
		Jack Houser		
		Jean Wolfgang		
1		James Dengler	19	Randy Lucas
		William Dillman, Jr.	20	Raquel Snyder
		Robert Nagle		Charles Sweinhart
		Jessica Shadle	21	Breann Barker
4		Dean Krise		Jean Bitting
5		Brayden Koons		Carol Reiner
7		Joshua Coward	23	Tracy Berner
		John W. Wolfgang		Carl Lute
8		Daylon Long	24	Dale Bolich
		Steven Wolfgang	25	Bernie Marquardt
9		Amy Fegley	26	Suzanne Peel
		Jo-Ann Young	27	Cathy Stutzman
11		JeanMarie Brayford	28	Becky Spencer
		Brooke Harris		Garrison Stehr
		Jordan Walter	29	Remington Stehr
12		Deanna Hepler	30	Tammy Dengler
		Connie Weinreich		
13		Rick Walsh		
14		Deidre Dengler		



Sunday, Nov. 6

All Saints Day is a time of both remembrance and celebration as we recognize that God spans all time, and for the family of God life has no end. Those who believe in Jesus Christ are Saints, saved by Christ, and blessed with eternal life.



As we gather we will lift up the names of those Saints who have joined the company of heaven in the past year, since last All Saints Day (November 7, 2021). We ask that you share their names with the church office by calling (570-875-1591), emailing (office@christsunited.org), or filling out the form below by Sunday, October 30th.

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Living with God in a one-story house

We often think of the universe as a two-story house, notes Orthodox Christian priest Stephen Freeman. "We live here on earth, the first floor, where ... everything operates according to normal, natural laws, while God lives in heaven, upstairs, and is largely removed from the story in which we live." Most of the time we feel like we're all alone on our level of the world.

But, Freeman adds, God is "everywhere present and filling all things." Not that God's kingdom has fully come; we know that's not so. And not to discount the promise of eternity. But we don't live apart from God, even now. As Jacob said, "Surely the Lord is in this place. ... This is none other than the house of God" (Genesis 28:16-17).

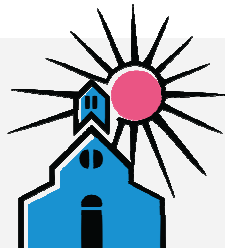
How might our perceptions and behaviors change if we expected to run into God frequently, conversing and enjoying his company not only in

Christ's United Garden Club



Do you love to garden?
Do you like working in your yard?
Do you enjoy plants and flowers?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, join us! We will begin a new ministry here at Christ's United. As part of Jacob Tice's Eagle Scout project, we are starting a garden club. We will meet a few times a year to discuss and work on projects around the church including mulching, weeding, planting of annuals, trimming shrubs, and the upkeep of the church landscaping. Most work will be done in the Spring and Fall to maintain the beautiful appearance of the new Prayer Garden. We hope this club will evolve into even more than landscaping here at the church. A plant exchange? A flower arranging class? A wreath making event? Bring your ideas!



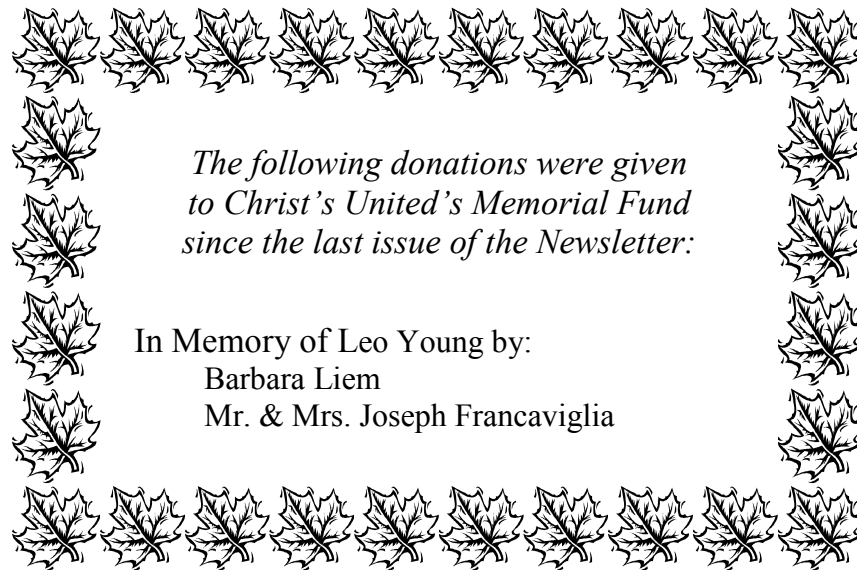
This Is My Church

It is composed of people just like me.
It will be friendly if I am.
It will do great work if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes

If I am generous.
It will bring others into fellowship if I bring them.
Its seats will be filled if I fill them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service,
if I who make it what it is, am filled with these.
Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of



11/12/17	John & Hannah Lisowski
11/12/05	Tim & Deb Hubler
11/14/85	Frank & Peggy Dziczek
11/19/11	Ken & Jen Snyder
11/20/82	Bruce & Jean Bitting



The following donations were given to Christ's United's Memorial Fund since the last issue of the Newsletter:

In Memory of Leo Young by:
Barbara Liem
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Francaviglia

SAVE THE DATE

Christ's United Congregational Christmas Meal—December 11th following the morning worship service. Watch for details and sign up in the coming weeks.



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ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS



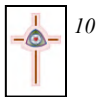
The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that during the worship service on **November 27th**, the following students will receive a \$600 scholarship check to assist in furthering their education:

Deidre Dengler is a Junior at Alvernia University studying Occupational Therapy.

Tyler Wolfgang is a junior at Bloomsburg University majoring in Business Management.

Carey Wahalec is a Freshman at Susquehanna University studying Business/Finance.

The congregation is encouraged to attend this service to show your support and offer prayers for the successful future of the Scholarship Recipients.



Next WELCA meeting will be **NOVEMBER 2nd** at 6:00pm. All women of CULC are welcome to attend.



Knaughty Knotters have resumed knotting quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. No sewing experience is required, just able to tie a knot. For more information contact

Donna Wallace.



Gratitude galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month September through May. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

- November** - Evangelism/Endowment/Stewardship
- December** - Social Ministry
- ~ 2023 ~
- January** - WELCA
- February** - Church Council
- March** - Evangelism/Endowment/Stewardship
- April** - Social Ministry
- May** - WELCA



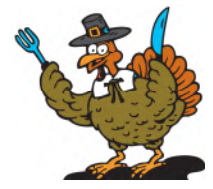
We will be collecting the following items for November:

Stuffing, Gravy & Boxed Potatoes

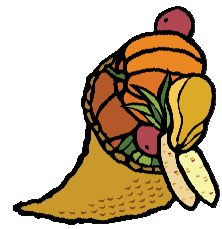
Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday



Serving Our Community of Faith in November:



Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte
November 6	Kay Berner	Angie Berger	Erik Tice	John Kimmel Kay Berner Allen Johnson Terry Neumeister Dorothy Kessler	Vivian Brown AM Angie Berger Donna Wallace	Nelson Berger	Logan Walacavage
November 13	Erik Tice		Becky Spencer			Nathan Berger	—
November 20 Christ the King	Rev. William Zimmerman		Jacob Tice			Ava Hernandez	Blake Olayo
November 27 1st Sunday of Advent	Rev. Robert Reier	Jacob Tice	Barb Stepanchick			Raven Marlow	Hayden Marlow



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	2 10:30 Seniors 6:00 WELCA 6:30 Choir Practice	3	4	5 
6 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship Hour 10:45 Sunday School Adult Sunday School	7 7:00 Church Council	8 Election Day 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	9 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	10 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard distribution 	11 Veterans Day	12
13 9:30 Worship 10:30 Annual Budget Mtg.	14	15 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	16 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 Christ the King Sunday Commitment Sunday 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Adult Sunday School	21	22 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	23 8:30 Newsletter Assembly 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 Worship w/Endowment Scholarships 10:45 Adult Sunday School	28 9:00 Christmas Decorating of the Church 	29 9:00 Knaughty Knotters	30 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice			