



## The Open Door - December 2024

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*"Striving to Do What Christ Tells Us through Scripture"*

Reminder:

Communion is now being served using  
gluten-free bread only.



### Fun Fellowship Night!

On Monday, December 9th, we will hold a  
potluck dinner and game night at 5:30 PM.  
Please bring a dish to share for about ten people  
and your favorite game.



We will be serving breakfast on Sunday,  
December 1st, from 8:30-10:00 AM.

If you picked a tag from the Angel Tree,  
Sunday, December 1st is the last day to bring the  
gifts in to allow time for distribution.

Please return them unwrapped with the tag  
securely attached.

The Deacons would also like to thank everyone  
who participated in the Operation Christmas  
Child shoeboxes.



The last day to order poinsettias for  
the Christmas Eve service is Sunday,  
December 8th.

Red or white are available; they are \$4.50  
for a six-inch pot.

Order forms are in the bulletins and you can place  
and payment in the offering plate or you can stop  
by the church office Tuesday through Friday,

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been  
moved to Sunday, December 15th  
right after worship..

At that meeting, we will elect Elders and Deacons  
and go over the new budget for 2025.

The terms of Pete Newman and Theresa Taylor  
as Elders are expiring.

The terms of Juanita Rivera, Yvonne Rodriguez  
and Wayne Taylor as Deacons are expiring.

The Consistory is lifting before you a slate that  
includes:

Pete Newman and Theresa Taylor for Elders,  
who are running unopposed,  
with **two** positions open.

The Consistory is also lifting before you a slate  
that includes:

Diane Jiorle (who has previously served as a  
Deacon,) Juanita Rivera and Yvonne Rodriguez for  
Deacons, who are running unopposed,  
with **three** positions open.

Copies of the budget are in the narthex.  
All may attend, however, only those who have  
gone through the membership process are  
eligible to vote.

Articles for the January *Open Door* are due by Monday, December 16th.

Please e-mail them directly to the church office, bshklch@ptd.net, or leave them in the church office mailbox in the narthex.



Very happy birthday wishes to:

Carmen Martinez - December 22

### Notes from the Deacons:

Bushkill Emergency Corp. is our local ambulance service and our Deacons support them with a yearly donation.

The Corp was started in 1965 and was all volunteers. They cover 400 miles of roads in Monroe County, now as a paid company. The medics, EMTs and drivers are the first people who will most likely save the person's life on the way to the hospital or to a place where a helicopter is waiting to take the patient faster to a hospital.

They rely on donations and memberships to pay most of the costs since insurance only pays a small amount of the cost.

Remember, it is the law to move over to the side of the road when an ambulance is approaching in either direction with their lights on. Someone's life is counting on it and say a prayer for all in the ambulance.

**If you have a mid-week prayer request for our e-mail prayer team please e-mail Jen Schoonover, schooent@ptd.net or call/text her at 570-534-5752.**

### Financial Report - MaryAnn Conza

10/01/24 to 10/31/24	1/01/24 to 10/31/24
Income 7,397.46	Income 118,179.89
Expenses <u>10,202.15</u>	Expenses <u>149,511.36</u>
<b>(\$ 2,804.69)</b>	<b>(\$ 31,331.47)</b>

The offering envelopes will be in the narthex in December. If you were not assigned an envelope in 2024 and would like envelopes in 2025, please contact me at (570) 588-6095. Also, let me know if you no longer wish to receive your assigned envelopes. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, you should contact the church office.

*"Keep your roots deep in Him and have your lives built on Him. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always be thankful."*

Colossians 2:7

Blessings to you all,  
MaryAnn

### A Note from The Angel's Closet



Thank you to all who have filled our basket in the narthex with donations. We appreciate your homemade blankets, clothing, diapers and the wipes. Your kind and generous support is such a blessing to us. With your help, we have given out 189 bundles so far this year!

**The *Our Daily Bread* devotional is always available in the narthex -- feel free to take a copy and some extras for your family or friends.**