

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

January 30, 2022 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.....It's about learning to dance in the rain."

Vivian Greene

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Arise, Your Light Is Come" - Ruth Duck

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Come, gather together like those who sat at Jesus' feet so many years ago.

People: We gather with joy, because we too want to be followers of the Way of Christ.

Pastor: I tell you the Christ Spirit is with us, calling us now to life and love.

People: Let us thank God for bringing us together and showing us the Way of the living Christ Spirit. Amen

***HYMN** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 53

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Gail Ricciuti)

For all things bright and beautiful, for all things dark and mysterious and lovely, for all things green and growing and strong, for all things weak and struggling to push life up through rocky earth, for all human faces, hearts, minds and hands that surround us, and for all nonhuman minds and hearts, paws and claws, fins and wings, for this Life and the life of this world, for all that you have laid before us, O God, we lay our thankful hearts before you. In Christ's name. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Pastor's Choice

SPECIAL MUSIC - Jody Scalise

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

PRAYER RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY "I'm Gonna Sing *with* Over My Head" - Arr. by T. D. Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "The Ways of Blessing in this New Year"— Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "For All the Blessings of the Year" No. 568

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go Forth With A Song" - S. Albrecht & J. Althouse

*POSTLUDE

*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

Announcements

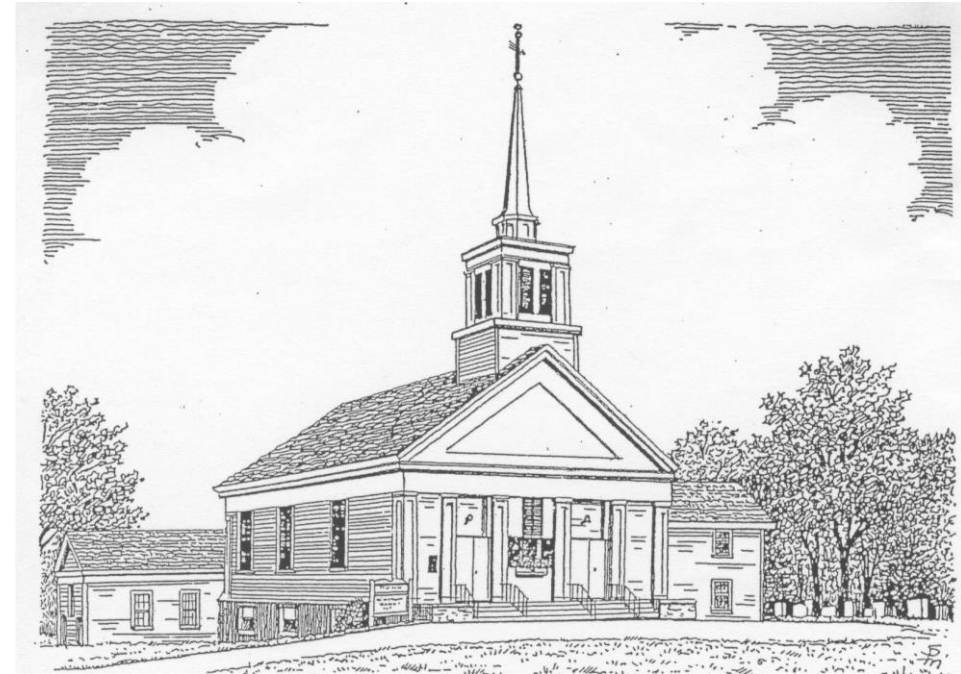
Penny Mollison is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of February, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday in February call Penny at 413-628-3231.

We are collecting baking ingredients, such as flour, sugar, salt, baking powder/soda, spices, chocolate chips, etc, for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry for the month of February.

If you did not pick up a packet of reports from officers and committees for the year 2021 last week, there are still some available in the entryway.

The abbreviated **Annual Meeting** will be held today immediately following the Worship Service. The meeting will be held socially distanced in-person here in the sanctuary, and will be broadcast via Zoom. The only items to be reviewed and voted on at the meeting will be the 2022 Budget and any other pressing financial concerns, the list of Officers and Committees for 2022, and the revised By-Laws with minimal changes. All other Committee and Officer Reports will be held for a later date, as was done last year. If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Paul Willis at 413-625-2649.

You will notice that the 30 new black Bibles have been randomly distributed throughout the pews. Unfortunately the page numbers are not quite the same as the red Bibles, even though they were purchased from the same company. Page numbers from both the black Bibles and the red Bibles will be noted each week in the bulletin for the scripture readings.



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