

CONNECTION POINT

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long-time worshiper, we welcome you to participate in the life of CUPC —its activities, studies, missions, fellowship and worship. Please take a moment to write in the Friendship Pad to let us know how we can be of assistance. If you have a pastoral or spiritual concern, please let our pastors know.

ADULT CLASSES
Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45 AM in the Christian Education Building

Faith & Fellowship Bible Study: Join us in Room #101 as we study God's Word and share in a time of prayer and discussion.

What is a...the...Trinity? Is God one or is He three? Is this taught in the Bible or just someone's idea? We'll explore this topic with the study "The Mystery of The Trinity" by R.C. Sproul. Please join us in Room 103. Study led by Larry Miller.

Wisdom and Traditions: As we look at wisdom and traditions from the Bible, we'll be studying in the Books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and the Gospel of Matthew. Class is suitable for any level student. Led by Gary Yarbrough in Room G-02.

Home Grown Parenting Study: As a parent, it's common to have questions about raising a Christian family. In this study, parents share the joys and challenges of raising a child as we explore ways to nurture a fuller faith in your children and yourselves! Led by Rev. Geoff Rach in G-05.

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve December 24th
 Family Worship Service 7:00 PM
 Candlelight Worship Service 11:00 PM



Christmas Day: December 25th
 Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM

HAT & MITTEN TREE IS HERE!

Please help us decorate our tree...by giving hats, mittens, gloves & scarves! These items will be distributed through the Food Pantry and local school nurses.



The tree is located in Fellowship Hall!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th
9:45 AM Sanctuary
 Join in celebration with our youth for this very special Christmas program.



Live Nativity Scene
TONIGHT @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM
 Presented by
Canonsburg-Houston Ministerium

Located in the Luksis parking lot adjacent to the Borough building in the center of Canonsburg. There will be a living nativity complete with live animals (including a camel), Christmas caroling, special music and more!

Active Christian Seniors Christmas Luncheon: Tomorrow at 11 AM

Join us for a fun white elephant gift exchange and lunch tomorrow, December 11th. The fun begins with the gift game at 11 AM.

If you want to have fun with this unique switchero game, bring a wrapped item of under \$5 that starts with an "S" for Santa. Let's see how creative you can be! Please DO NOT list who the item is from.

You do not have to participate in the gift portion to join us for a tasty baked pasta lunch at 12 noon.



*****TONIGHT at Canonsburg UP Church*****

Annual Advent Potluck Dinner- 5:00 PM

There will be a wonderful atmosphere of love and laughter as we come together in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Fellowship, Outreach and Renewal Committee will provide the main course, rolls and beverage. Please bring a very generous Potluck favorite dish to share.

For variety, may we suggest the following:
 A-G Side Dish (Potatoes, Pasta, Veggie)
 H-P Salad, Appetizer, Etc.
 Q-Z Desserts

Please remember to bring your place settings (plates, utensils, cups). See you there tonight!

Vesper Service and Concert- 6:30 PM

The service brings the atmosphere of an old English Christmas Vesper Service. It combines the use of Bible lessons and music with traditional and modern Christmas carols for congregational singing.

Lightwave International & Canonsburg U.P. Church Present

4th Annual CHRISTMAS LASER SPECTACULAR

An All Ages Holiday Music and Laser Light Show!

December 16th & 17th
 Showtimes: 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM
 Suggested Donation: Adults \$10/Children \$5 (12 and under)

Location: Canonsburg U.P. Church

Purchase tickets today in Fellowship Hall or online at www.canonsburgup.org

100% of every ticket dollar helps families in need here in our community.



IRRESISTIBLE INVITATION: THE HOME OF GRACE

Now that our church is knee-deep in *Irresistible Invitation: Responding the Extravagant Heart of God*, you may be wondering where all of this is going. Yes, there's been talk about Commitment Sunday happening next week in our very own "home of grace." But are you still unsure about what that means? Making a commitment to your church family is so much more than a pledge of money. Being committed—truly being part of the family—means doing your part in all areas: prayers, presence, gifts, and service. It means being willing to offer whatever you have for a cause you believe in—and whatever you can give to a God who's already given so much to you. As we approach the grand finale that will be Commitment Sunday, then, search your heart for any areas where you may be holding back from God—or from others around you. How can God help you overcome those fears, doubts, and discomforts so that you can run unencumbered into the very arms that made you? This morning, as you prepare to hear a message related to this study, take a moment to look around. No doubt, you'll see faces you recognize, but also some others that you don't. If we really are the family of God, these folks are your relatives.

So why not introduce yourself? It doesn't have to be anything formal, and it doesn't have to be awkward. Just take a moment to look someone in the eye that you don't know, and say hello. If they're reading this too, they'll know exactly what you're after: building a new sense of community, a true home of grace where there's room—and a warm welcome—for all.

Upcoming Events

Sun., Dec. 11th-	<i>Music Appreciation Sunday Advent Dinner 5:00 PM Vesper Service 6:30 PM</i>
Mon., Dec. 12th-	<i>Active Christian Seniors Luncheon 11:00 AM Budget Committee 7:00 PM Prayer Team 7:00 PM</i>
Fri., Dec. 16th-	<i>Christmas Laser Spectacular 6:00 & 7:30 PM</i>
Sat., Dec. 17th-	<i>Food Pantry Distribution 9:00 AM—Noon Christmas Laser Spectacular 6:00 & 7:30 PM</i>
Sun., Dec. 18th-	<i>Stewardship Dedication Sunday Congregational Meeting—After 11AM Service Sunday School Christmas Program 9:45 AM Workcamp Meeting 6:30—8:00 PM</i>
Mon., Dec. 19th-	<i>Committee Meetings (As Scheduled) Session Meeting 6:30 PM</i>
Fri., Dec. 23rd-	<i>Church Office Closed at Noon</i>
Sat., Dec. 24th-	<i>Christmas Eve Worship Family Service @ 7:00 PM Candlelight Service @ 11:00 PM</i>
Sun., Dec. 25th-	<i>Christmas Day Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM</i>

Weekly Events

Worship Service	Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Cherub Choir	Sunday	9:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 AM
Monday Crew	Monday	9:00 AM
Bowser - Small Group	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Men's Breakfast	Wednesday	6:30 AM
Pastor Bible Study	Wednesday	1:30 PM
Bell Choir	Wednesday	6:30 PM
Chancel Choir	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Thursday Night Together	Thursday	6:30 PM
Kearns - Small Group	Friday	7:30 PM

IN NEED OF CHILD CARE THIS MORNING?

8:30 AM	Infants—5 yrs.	2nd Floor Nursery (Room 203)
9:30 AM	Infants—2 yrs	2nd Floor Nursery (Room 203)
11:00 AM	Infants—2 yrs.	2nd Floor Nursery (Room 203)
11:00 AM	Children 2—5 yrs	Main Floor Nursery (Room 102)

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THE CHURCH: OUR IDENTITY AND FUNCTION

Rev. Tom Hamilton • December 11, 2011

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Pam Walker... *Director of Pastoral Care*
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MISSION STATEMENT OF CANONSBURG U. P. CHURCH

*TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST TO OUR
MEMBERS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD OVER WITH CARE,
COMPASSION AND CHRISTIAN LOVE TO ALL WE MEET.*

***Please remember to turn cell phones on silent or
vibrate during worship service***

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