

**“A Family in Christ”**

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## **THE VINCENT VIEW** **WINTER 2018 Newsletter**

### **Advent: A Promise fulfilled**

Advent marks the beginning of promises fulfilled (approximately 10) the first one being made in Genesis 3:15, “I will put enmity between you (serpent) and the woman (Eve), and between your offspring and hers; he (woman’s offspring) will crush your head and you (serpent) will strike his heel.” What the serpent started with Eve will in the fullness of time, end with Eve’s descendant, crushing or bruising the serpent’s head (a serious blow, life threatening) while the Serpent will crush or bruise the heel of Eve’s descendant (an inconvenience). The promise given is that Eve’s descendant will restore humanity and creation to the original plan (compare Romans 8:18-23)

The promise given to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 “...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” This is a promise that a descendant of Abraham will be a blessing to all of humanity. The Promise given through Eve, will continue through Abraham and his descendants so that this restoration will also be a blessing to all people.

This promise that started with Eve, continues from Abraham and is met again in Moses who is recorded as saying in Deuteronomy 18:15; “The LORD your God will raise up for you and prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.”

From Moses it is shown again in Isaiah 7:14; “The LORD will give you a sign. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (God with us).

Next there is Ezekiel who tells us in chapter 34:23+24; “God will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherds. I the LORD will be their God and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.” We know that King David (or shepherd David) was long dead when Ezekiel shared this promise. Meaning that Ezekiel is speaking about a descendant of David that will become this shepherd whom we understand to be Jesus of Nazareth.

God never forgot his promise made concerning the descendant of Eve. This promise progresses as one scarlet thread in the tapestry of Israel’s history. Sometimes bold and obvious and sometimes all but lost in the confusion of covenant breaking, war, and immorality that resulted in the loss of freedom for God’s people only to be redeemed and restored at some point in the continuing tapestry of Israel’s history.

The season of Advent goes far beyond the birth of a child who becomes a great teacher and martyr for a cause. This child is the promised descendant of Eve who will redeem and restore not only Israel but all of humanity and all of creation.

Let us rejoice in the provision of God for all God's people who trust in the promise and provision of redemption.

Here is the full list of scripture reading is used: Genesis 3:15; Genesis 12:3; Genesis 49:10; Numbers 24:17; Deuteronomy 18:15; 2Samuel 7:11-16; Psalm 110:1-14; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 11:1-5; Ezekiel 34:23+24.

Advent Blessings!  
Rev. Kern

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**EV HOAGIE SALES**  
Orders due the first  
Thursday of each month!  
\$ 4.50 each



Be sure to order by signing up on the church bulletin board or by emailing your orders to Sue Romano at tsthr@aol.com. Orders must be placed by the first Thursday of the month. Orders may be picked up at East Vincent between 9-10 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month!

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**EAST VINCENT CONSISTORY**

- Bill Hoffman, Co-Pres, 610-469-2725
- Dore Dabback, Secretary, 610-495-7086
- Peter Dabback, Co-Pres, 610-495-7086
- John B. Yeager, 610-937-0376
- Tiffany Black, 484-716-4606
- Dale Lynn, 610-948-6637

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> after worship

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**Mission Statement:** "Our mission is to praise God and serve Christ through hearing and doing the Word of God. As caring and supporting Christian disciples, we offer opportunities for spiritual growth, service, fellowship and friendship, and development of our uniqueness both as individuals and a community of faith. We reach out in love to welcome the stranger, give hope to the hopeless, and share the peace of Christ with our neighbor."

The Dabbacks are holding their annual **Carol Sing** on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. All are invited! Bring a dessert to share! The Dabbacks live at 302 Sheeder Road, Phoenixville.



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**DECEMBER Birthdays**

- 7 Andrew Deery
- 10 Nina Robinson
- 15 John B. Yeager
- 15 Jacob Roach
- 17 Jannet Shronk
- 22 Julie Zimmerman
- 28 Zoanne Yeager



**Happy Anniversary**

Dec 11 John Funk & Elaine FitzSimmons

**OFFERING ENVELOPE REMINDER**

East Vincent members are reminded that the two sections on the front of your offering envelopes are for you to designate where your offering is to go. 1) Regular Offering money is used to pay the church's bills: utilities, office expenses, salaries, insurance, Christian Ed expenses, Music & Worship expenses, etc. These funds support our church's budget. 2) Special Offering money is all sent to the PA Southeast Conference and then distributed to support Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). OCWM provides funding from congregations for our UCC denominations at the local conference and national level. Please remember to mark your envelope and designate where your offering is to go.

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LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) from First UCC, Spring City would like to invite the ladies of East Vincent UCC to their Christmas Lunch/Party. Sunday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall is where the festivities will begin. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a funny gift for a gift exchange game. Be prepared to have a great time.



Mary Jane (Brillhart) Umble passed away on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. A memorial service was held at East Vincent UCC and burial in the EVUCC Cemetery.

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The **Christmas Fund offering** (sometimes called Veterans of the Cross offering) is an expression of appreciation and caring to those who served as clergy (and certain lay employees) who are now retired or disabled and financially strained. During this holy time of year, the offering is a profound gift. It helps provide pension supplements, health premium subsidies, and emergency assistance to active or retired clergy families, and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of retirees and to those who disabled. We will receive this offering on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Join us at 5pm for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion. Or folks are welcome to attend the 7pm service at First UCC, Spring City.

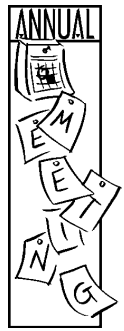
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## JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 Scott McConaghy
- 2 Adam Zentz
- 3 Katie Varner
- 5 Elizabeth Haines
- 6 Lois Funk, Andrew Shronk
- 7 Sandra Kunkle
- 8 Robert Kennedy
- 9 Alexander Yeager
- 11 Caroline Springer, Mia Swymelar
- 12 Michael Roach, Sydney Yeager
- 19 Kelly Yeager

## EAST VINCENT WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

(snow date: Feb 3)  
All reports for the  
Annual Report will be due on  
Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>



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### Worship Leader Schedule:

- Dec 2: the Hoffmans
- Dec 9: Nancy McConaghy
- Dec 16: the Yeagers
- Dec 23: the Dabbacks
- Dec 24: The Hoffmans
- Jan 6: Nancy McConaghy
- Jan 13: the Yeagers
- Jan 20: the Dabbacks
- Jan 27: the Hoffmans
- Feb 3: Nancy McConaghy

If you can't make it on your scheduled Sunday, please try to switch and notify the office.

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## FEBRUARY birthdays

- 5 Paolo O'Reilly
- 14 Nancy Swymelar
- 15 Peter Dabback
- 15 Lila Deery
- 19 Kirian Heffentrager
- 21 Debbie Kowalko
- 21 Adam Sturges
- 22 Don Heffentrager, Jr.
- 24 John Funk
- 25 Michelle Wosczyzna
- 25 Drew Zummo



### Happy Anniversary

- 25 Brian and Whitney O'Reilly