

THE HOPEFUL HAPPENINGS

Penn Hills 15235

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JANUARY CALENDAR—FIND OUT WHAT "CAVITATE" MEANS!

Jan. 19— Worship at 10:30 Sermon: "Tasks of the New Year: Cavitate" (Read Matthew 18, Luke 14, Isaiah 66:1-2), Come and sing: "A Mighty Fortress," "Open My Eyes That I May See," and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Bao Yan will be back. returns from vacation. RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORTS BOOKLET.

Adults Sunday School @ 9:30 in Conference Room, Bill Haley

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Jan. 22 2:00 in the Conference Room, taught by Rev. Trip

Jan. 26—WORSHIP at 10:30 Followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting. Come give thanks and praise to God for all that our church has done in our mission and ministry in 2024. And also hear about our finances.

Monday Night Bible Study—Jan.27.
Call Hilary for information 412-915-3107)

Happy Birthday to Bonnie Lewis- 1/19, Louise Mitinger-1/20, Ruthie Carrick-1/22, Rev. Jay Lewis-1/25, Hamner Williams-1/26, Vonda Racchini-1/28



We welcomed Oijia Ma (on the right with Camila) as our guest pianist. She is from Inner Mongolia (which I learned is part of China. What was Outer Mongolia and now Mongolia is an independent country.)



UNGREENING ACCOMPLISHED— THANK YOU!!

they say, many hands make light work. And thanks to helpers getting boxes, etc., ready ahead of time, all went quickly. Thank you to everyone who helped!





Sermon Notes—"WHO PICKS UP THE DUSTY, RUSTY AND WORN?

Jan. 12—"A Task or the New Year: Declutter" Matthew 10:27-31 "We are a nation of stuff-keepers!" We keep stuff because of: sentimentality, because we might use/need it, and because we don't really treasure ourselves. But God picks us up when we are dusty, rusty, and worn and says "You are worth saving!" Jesus said, "So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. " (Matthew 10:31) Be an agent of change: maintaining yesterday is difficult and time-consuming. Let us create a future that honors God and one another.

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Each of the tables was beautifully decorated! The variety of sandwiches and sweets was delectable! Everyone had a wonderful time at the Christmas party!





















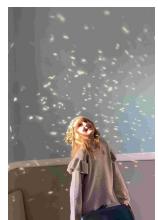
















Look at the fun everyone had! And the Christmas carols helped us all feel like Christmas! We're sorry many people were sick, but thankful they have recovered.

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I have decided to make this newsletter biweekly Thank you for sharing in the delight of seeing many members of our church family and our many special programs! Thank you. David