

December is the month that we collect our yearly **Christmas Joy offering**. There are envelopes in the pews that you may use for giving. This offering will be until the end of December. Please give as you feel you can.

This week's Community Meal . . drew 85 participants in welcomed fellowship.

Appreciation was expressed for the wide variety of homemade desserts, the open arrangement of tables, and the beautiful centerpieces. The large selection of pastries donated by TastyKake and breads from Weiss were a treat. The centerpieces were made by Bonnie and Jim with greens and ribbons remaining from the Advent Breakfast provided by Angela. A ribbon-marked chair provided the opportunity to take the centerpiece home. Carol played special music and our crew of faithful volunteers pulled off a festive evening.

Impromptu ministry moments take place throughout the evening as a number of those who come speak with the pastor, ask for prayers and guidance with several often meeting later. Several have worshiped with us and others through the service posted on our website. Leacock's community meal has inspired others to offer a community meal with Grace Point beginning the second Tuesday of January and Keystone Church still in planning.



Three jokes from the evening—Why is December such a “cool” month? Because it has “berrr” in the name. Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber? It needed a trim. What do the gingerbread people use when they injure their legs? Candy canes.