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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN THE UCC

Each year, the United Church of Christ's Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship selects recipients for 29 different scholarships and grants that help undergraduates, seminarians and social justice groups pay the cost of their education. To learn more about the application process which concludes on March 1, visit [ucc.org/scholarships](http://ucc.org/scholarships).

## PHOEBE BERKS HOSTS AARP TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Phoebe Berks, One Reading Drive, Wernersville, will offer free tax-form assistance for low to middle income seniors through AARP volunteers. The program will be available Thursday afternoons from January 28 to April 7, 2016, however, no appointments will be scheduled the week of February 1. AARP Tax-Aide is free of charge and open to members of the public over 60 years of age. Complicated returns cannot be done and a reservation is required for assistance. To reserve your appointment, call 610-927-8513. Participants should bring copies of their 2014 tax returns, income and any deduction information pertaining to 2015. For more information on the AARP Tax-Aide program, call 1-888-227-7669.

## MISSIONINSITE 2015 FALL/WINTER UPDATES ONLINE

The latest update for the MissionInsite PeopleView System is available online including current year estimates, 5 year projections, 10 year forecasts for population, households and age are part of this new update. [New registration info available](#). To learn more, visit [psec.org/about-psec/our-partners](http://psec.org/about-psec/our-partners).

## BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME CALLS NEW CHAPLAIN



Bethany Children's Home officially called and received Reverend Kim Kendrick as Chaplain for the home on December 4, 2015. Kendrick is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and is a 2014 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary. Kendrick brings seven years of ministerial experience to Bethany, where she will provide worship and other services for youth and staff.

## WHY THE CHURCH? AT SPIRIT ON TAP - TUESDAY

Join our guest speaker Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister, at Spirit on Tap at 7 pm on Tues, Jan 26 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading for the topic, *Why the Church?*



## Getting to Know:

## Woodcrest UCC

8107 Thouron Ave., Philadelphia PA 19150

Woodcrest United Church of Christ is a small mature congregation located in a quiet residential neighborhood in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia.

**Our Mission:** The Woodcrest congregation officially revised the church's mission statement to more accurately reflect our spiritual growth and how we fellowship with each other and the community: ***"A church that is Bible based, Christ centered, Holy Spirit led and Mission Bound. We are here to glorify God by changing lives through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship and Stewardship."***



**75th Anniversary:** Woodcrest officially celebrated its 75th year during the week of June 7 through June 14, 2015. The theme for the celebration was ***"We've Come This Far by Faith"*** and the week included two special afternoon services, two nights of revival services and a gala banquet.

**Ongoing Activities:** Woodcrest has established a core of ministries and traditions by which we are blessed by others and which serve as a source of blessing for others. We look forward to this new year as we plan for such events as: Elder Diner, Vacation Bible School, Flea Markets, Unity Day, Sunday in White, Family and Friends Day, Thanksgiving basket donations to the community, Move Up Day, Girl Scouts, School supply donations, Veterans Celebration (image), and Everybody's Birthday. We



also look forward to a couple of new events that we started last year- Unity Café and Family Movie Nite.

To learn more about our ministry, visit our website: [Woodcrestucc.org](http://Woodcrestucc.org).



Prayers are requested for the congregation of Woodcrest UCC in Philadelphia.