



December 10, 2017

## Why give to the "Christmas Fund" ?

Our joy at Christmas is a response to God's promise of new life through the birth of Jesus. It is a joy we are called to share widely, through our witness and gifts, both to loved ones and to distant neighbors.

*"It wasn't easy picking up the telephone to share with you my present situation. In fact it was one of the most humiliating experiences of my life although it reminded me that grace still happens. Sometimes we as clergy persons lose sight of God's grace when the negative stuff comes into our lives."*

*"...thanks so much for sharing your time and ministry with me. Your most gracious gift is appreciated more than words can say as I continue to live in the 'meantime.'"*

These eloquent words are from a pastor who is the recipient of the caring and concern of those who contribute to the Christmas Fund Offering.

You have the opportunity to be a part of this ministry that cares for the active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ through your participation in this year's Christmas Fund Offering.

Your gift to the Christmas Fund will not only assist pastors like the one above, but also provide for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and provide Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks next December to low-income retirees.

Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low-income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. This is your opportunity to participate in God's promise of renewal by enabling this ministry of compassion and care.

However you choose to provide your gift, please know that it is truly appreciated and that it will brighten the life of one of God's servants who is facing a moment of personal need.

- from The Pension Boards

# Attention Please!

"Books of the PSEC will close on January 16, 2018. All OCWM contributions for 2017 must be in our office by that date or they will be counted towards 2018 contributions."



## JOIN PSEC'S



Join together with fellow members of PSEC to share, discuss and interpret books authored by our colleagues. Come for one or come for all!

**Location: Trinity UCC, 60 N. Hanover St., Pottstown**

**Time: 9:30 am—12:00 noon**

**Thursday, January 18th**

**w/ Harry Serio**

**Author of:**

**"The Dwelling Place of Wonder"**

**Find out more about this event and how to register by clicking on the link on the PSEC Calendar on the PSEC website ([www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org))**

**There is NO CHARGE for this event.**