

January 2019

Sixth Sense

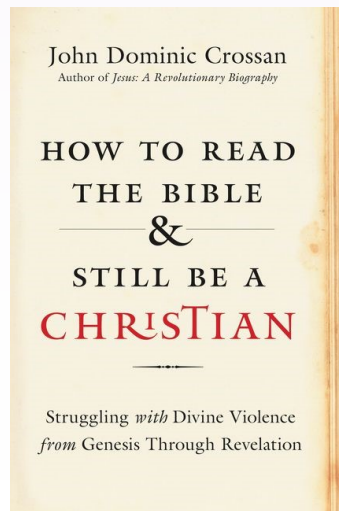
From the Pastor

"Epiphany" means manifestation or revelation. At the Epiphany of the Lord we celebrate the manifestation of God's saving purpose to the world. Just as the magi came from a distant land to worship the Christ child, God's covenant of grace is extended to all people who believe the good news of Jesus Christ. The symbolism of light is important-not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it suggests the dawning of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. As people of faith in the new year, we are called to bear Christ's light in a world that needs good news.

I hope that God reveals ways you can be a bearer of the light in the new year.

Peace!

Vincent



Adult Education Opportunities in January

January 6, 13, 20, 27: "How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian" (Sunday School hour) – with John Dominic Crossan's book as a guide, we will explore the challenge of reading our Holy Book that contradicts itself, and puzzles as much as it illumines. Buying and reading the book is not required, but encouraged. Participants will have an opportunity throughout the class to think, pair, and share.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Pastor Vince resumes his midweek examination of the Sunday lectionary texts on Wednesday, January 9, at 10:30 am in the Church Parlor. Come join us for fellowship and conversation!

Lectio Divina – We resume our holy reading of the Sunday Gospel lesson on Thursday night, January 3, at 6:45 pm in the Church Parlor. Join us for a meditative experience of the Biblical text.



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January Worship and Preaching

January 6 – Epiphany,
Matthew 2:1-12, "A
Frightening Hope"

January 13 – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, "Answered Prayer"

January 20 – John 2:1-11,
"Reckless Miracle"

January 27 – Luke 4:14-21,
"Shaped By Stories"

What the Pastor Is Reading

The Great Believers,
Rebekkah Makkai

There There, Tommy Orange

The Perfect Nanny, Leila
Slimani

Educated, Tara Westover

Small Fry, Lisa Brennan-Jobs

Save the Date!

Family Overnight Retreat at Camp Crestfield

May 18-19



Ukulele Club

Ukulele Club for children and youth who want to learn. We will meet twice a month before Sunday school from 9:15 to 9:45 am. Kids in Kindergarten and up are welcome to participate!

We have some classroom instruments for those who are interested in trying it out or feel free to bring your own!

Upcoming dates: January 13, 27; February 10, 24

Please visit the Sixth Church Website at www.sixthchurch.org to read our Child Safety Policy, General Safety and Health Policy, or Fall Children and Youth Calendar.



Youth Group Happenings, January

Sunday School – Sunday school class for junior and senior high will be held each week (10 - 10:45 am) upstairs in Jenny Newman's new office. Join Amy Whipple and Katrina Kennel for discussion on the week's scripture passages, current events, and other assorted topics. There will be donuts and drinks!

Youth Fellowship at Crazy Mocha – Youth are invited for coffee and conversation at Crazy Mocha on Murray Ave. from 6 to 7:30 pm on Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31

Questions? Contact **Jenny Newman** at (412) 720-6392 or Jenny@Sixthchurch.org

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



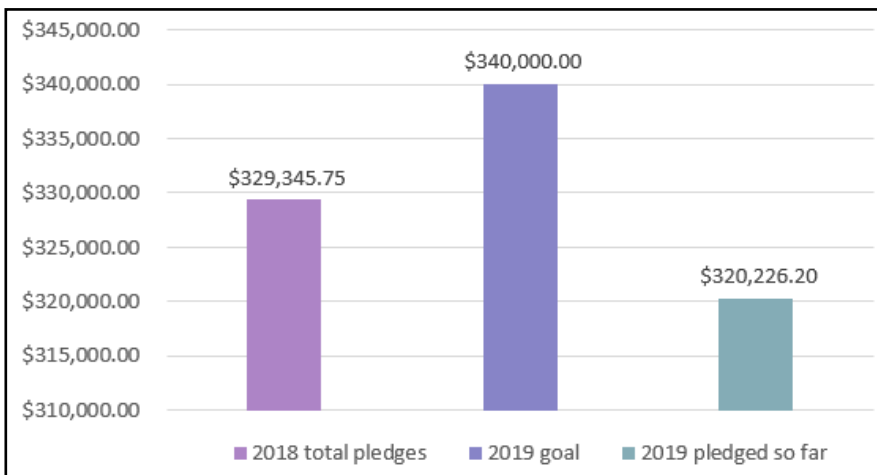
Sixth Church made a fine contribution this fall to the Pittsburgh East CROP Walk. Thank you, everyone, for your generous donations to help fight hunger here and across the globe. We raised \$5,740 – paid by you to support our team of thirteen walkers.

As is the custom, 25% will return to Pittsburgh to support hunger programs at East End Cooperative Ministry and Wilksburg Community Ministry. The larger portion, 75%, supports the far-reaching programs of Church World Service in their work to establish sustainable food programs in many parts of the world.

Thank you, thank you to our walkers and to all who made the walk a success.

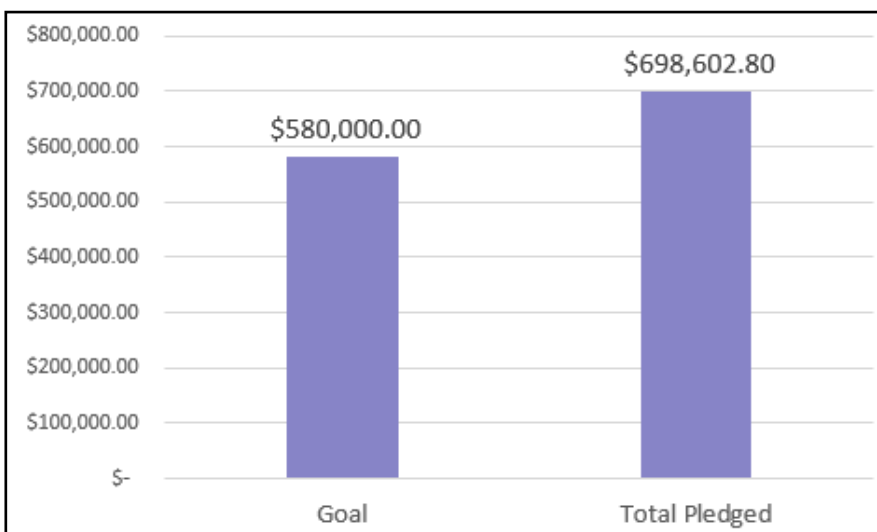
—Sue Koehler

Responses to the Capital and Annual Campaigns



A big thank you to everyone who pledged to the 2019 Annual Stewardship Campaign and the Capital Campaign! We reached 94% of our goal for the Annual Campaign and exceeded 120% of our goal for the Capital Campaign.

We're also incredibly grateful for the hard work of both teams, especially chairs Lauren Ward and Peter Kaplan.



January 2019 – Events and Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Scott Bell	3 Rachel Rothenberg 6:45 pm, Lectio 7:30 pm, Choir	4	5 7:00 pm, NA
6 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Worship 12:15 pm, Returning Elder Meeting (Church Parlor) 7:00 pm, Group of Ten 8:00 pm, NA	7 7:00 pm, NA	8	9 10:30 am, Bible Study 7:00 pm, 14th Ward Democrats	10 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 6:45 pm, Lectio 7:30 pm, Choir	11 Meghan Jones Debbie Phillips	12 7:00 pm, NA
13 David Myers-Newbury 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Worship 12:00 pm, PIIN Core Team (Pastor's Office) 8:00 pm, NA	14 7:00 pm, NA	15	16 10:30 am, Bible Study 7:15 pm, Deacons	17 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 6:45 pm, Lectio 7:30 pm, Choir	18 Jennifer Joy	19 7:00 pm, NA

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20 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Worship 12:00 pm, Executive Committee (Pastor's Office) 12:00 pm, Gun Safety 12:00 pm, Worship Committee Meeting 8:00 pm, NA	21 7:00 pm, NA	22	23 10:30 am, Bible Study 7:30 pm, Session	24 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 6:45 pm, Lectio 7:30 pm, Choir	25	26 Vicki Guy 7:00 pm, NA
27 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	28 7:00 pm, NA	29	30 10:30 am, Bible Study	31 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 6:45 pm, Lectio 7:30 pm, Choir		



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We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.

Food for Thought...



The Deadline for the February newsletter is Jan. 15th. Please email articles and announcements to Amy in the church office (office@sixthchurch.org).

You can also put printed copies on her desk.

Thank you!

“That was my first clue that maybe there was more to astronomy than just looking at the stars for your own pleasure. But even deeper than that was that I would go up-country every weekend to my fellow Peace Corps volunteers’ places and I had a little telescope with me and I had a package of slides that I would show....And everybody in the village would show up for the talks and everybody in the village would show up to look through my telescope. And they would show exactly the same ‘oohs’ and ‘ahhs’ looking at the craters of the moon or the rings of Saturn, exactly the same as when I would set this up back in Michigan. And it suddenly dawned on me, well, of course. It’s only human beings that have this curiosity to understand: What’s that up in the sky? How do we fit into that? Who are we? Where do we come from? And this is a hunger that is as deep and as important as a hunger for food, because if you starve a person in that sense, you’re depriving them of their humanity. And being able to feed this, being able to make a person more human or make them welcome into the great adventure of the human race for the 20th century, going to the moon, things like that, that was really important to them and really important to everybody I talked to. And suddenly — ‘Oh, that’s why we do this.’” — Brother Guy Consolmagno