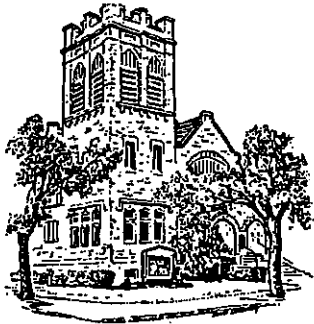
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NOVEMBER 2017

**DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE,
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**



CHURCH STAFF
PASTOR: Pastor Wade Berkey
CHURCH SECRETARY: Audrey Green
PIANIST: Emily King
SEXTON: Valerie Kachur
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Brenda Beers
NURSERY ATTENDANT: Linda Powell
MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:
Carolyn Gallaher, Sally Krozely
June Pollard, Linda Scaife, Carol Wolfe,
Kathy Coleman

WORSHIP: 11:00 AM
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



Matthew 5:1-12 (The Message)

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

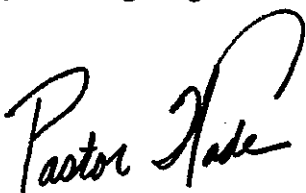
“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

“Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even—for though they don’t like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

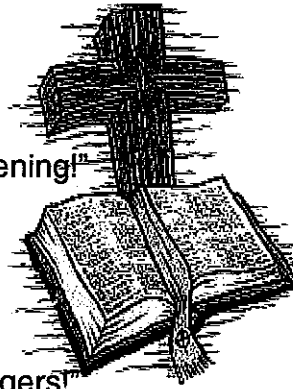
Sometimes, we are called to remember the basics! Be blessed as you wrestle with the words of Jesus Christ in your hearts.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Pastor Wade

NOVEMBER WORSHIP



November 5, 2017
 11:00 A, All Saints Sunday
 James 1:19
 Sermon Series: Outflow!
 Sermon Title: "The Value of Listening!"

November 19, 2017
 11:00 AM, Christ the King Sunday
 Luke 2:29-31, Isaiah 40:5
 Sermon Series: Outflow!
 Sermon Title: "A Lifetime of Serving Your World"

November 12, 2017
 11:00 AM
 Luke 8:18
 Sermon Series: Outflow!
 Sermon Title: "Listening to Strangers!"

November 26, 2017
 11:00 AM, First Sunday in Advent
 Galatians 4:4
 Sermon Series: The Christmas Experience!
 Sermon Title: "At Just the Right Time!"

WELCOME CENTER

5 Melissa Flanders
 12 Sarah Heckert
 19 Beverly Patton
 26 Mert Hellein



READERS

5 Meaghan Volek
 12 Mary Jo Lipski
 19 Mert Hellein
 26 Bunny Bocian



USHERS

5 Oxford & Communion
 12 Oxford
 19 Albright/Dan Wolfe
 26 Albright/Dan Wolfe



SOUND SYSTEM

5 Janessa Shriver
 12 Bill Lemons
 19 Hayley Hoffman
 26 Dave Yanoschick



COUNTERS

5 Krozely
 12 Thomas
 19 Ternent
 26 Yankasky



ACOLYTE

5 Ryan Bish
 12 Bella Aires
 19 Joey Kachur
 26 Ryan Bish



BELL RINGERS

5 Hallie Hoffman
 12 Rowin Huddleston
 19 Khloe Mack
 26 Carlee Beers



PLEASE REMEMBER

Charge Conference is on November 12, 2017 at 12:00 PM, after our Regular Worship Service, in the Sanctuary.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There will be a Kittanning Ministerial Association sponsored Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Kittanning.

ADVENT

Our church will recognize Advent beginning on Sunday, November 26, 2017. We will celebrate Advent on December 3, December 10th and December 17th. On Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, we will celebrate two Christmas Eve Services. There will be a family Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 AM and a Traditional Candlelight/Communion Service at 8:30 PM. Let's celebrate Advent and Christmas together.



Everyone is invited to come help decorate the church for Christmas. We will decorate Tuesday, November 21st beginning around 8:30 AM. We are usually finished around noon.



PASSING THE TORCH

It is hard to believe that we have been with the congregation of First Church for two months and will soon be wrapping up our stay in Kittanning. God has been up to some amazing things as the Mission Outreach Team has been discerning relational outreach possibilities.

The huddle time at ARC Manor Addiction Recovery Center was filled with brainstorming possible developmental and relational connection and spiritual discovery. The staff there are excited about opportunities that can be made available for their clients. Some of the ministry ideas that we brainstormed are as follows: weekly dinners cooked and eaten with the residents, game night, music jam sessions held at the ARC, cookie baking, Christian-based recovery programs...and the list goes on. We will continue to pursue these ideas as a team and follow the Lords leading as He directs the way.

Another possibility of outreach is using the community rooms of the public housing towers for developmental relationship building. Getting to know our neighbors and their assets will help us develop new friends in new places. We talked about having a talent expo that would showcase some of the hidden talents of the residents, cook and eat a meal together, possible support group for addiction recovery (especially nicotine, since all housing is to be smoke-free soon), Bible study, worship service...these are all ideas that were discussed.

There will be lots of exciting ways to get involved in living out the great commission. Please stay in close touch with the Mission Outreach Team as they continue to grow and discern God's leading. The team will promise to keep you in touch with the happenings and how you can get connected.

As we leave Kittanning to new adventures that the Lord has for us, know that you will continually be in our prayers as you venture out in loving others outside the walls of your church. Remember the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:24, "The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it!"



YOUTH NEWS

Attention all Youth (ages 12-18)

SPARK 2018 has been announced...The dates are January 19-21, 2018. The speaker is April Diaz, worship will be led by Josh Price and music by Unspoken. This is a great opportunity for young people to get excited for God. This experience is open to any youth that wants to attend and experience a weekend full of praise, fun and excitement. Youth do not have to be a member of our congregation or any church.

If you wish to attend or have any questions or any ideas for fundraising, please contact Melissa or Brenda. They accompanied our youth for a couple years and are planning to continue the tradition. They will be arranging future fund raising events, to allow as many young people to go to this event as possible.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

PRESCHOOL

Jocelyn King
Caden King



1ST AND 2ND GRADE

Chelsea Beers
Max Dimond
Ashley Yankasky
Evva Yanoschick



3RD-6TH GRADE

Carlee Beers
Dane Dimond
Hallie Hoffman
Kelly Hoffman

Financial Dashboard –September 2017

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Stewardship Income	\$10,981	\$119,270
Budget Requirements	\$14,758	\$132,822
Difference	-\$3,777	-\$13,552

*Estimated FUMC Giving Units: 265
Giving Units Providing Support This Month: 55*



Conference Apportionments

Amount Paid YTD	\$9,425
Budget Amount YTD	\$16,974
Difference	-\$7,549

You Can't Outgive God.



Update from "RISE AGAINST HUNGER"

A big THANK YOU to Mary Jo Lipski, Kathy Piechowicz, Kathy Coleman, and Sarah & Joe Heckert for participating in The recent packing of food. A total of 76 Volunteers participated, packaging 26,810 meals. A total of \$7,774.25 was raised by 7 churches to package this volumn of food.
THANK YOU!!

2018 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

Our Vacation Bible School Aluminum Can collection for Habitat for Humanity continues:
Cans received September 15-October 15—1,019

Total cans received since end of 2017 VBS—6,843

Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans. Our collection for VBS 2018 continues-so-KEEP THEM COMING! Please continue or start saving aluminum cans (pop, tea, fruit juice, health drinks and beer cans). Drop them off at the church ramp anytime. Thank you, Can Man

SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is fast approaching and we are looking for a few able-bodied people to shovel and snow blow the steps, ramp and sidewalks around the church. If you are able, please let Mary Jo Lipski or the church office know.



TURKEY DINNER

First United Methodist Church
Covenant Center
332 North Water Street
Kittanning PA

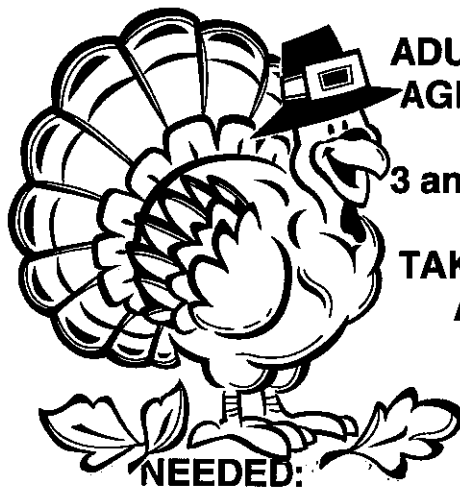
FRIDAY, November 10, 2017
4:30-6:30 PM

MENU: Turkey with all the trimmings

ADULTS-\$9.00
AGES 4 THRU 12
\$4.00
3 and under-FREE

TAKE OUTS ARE AVAILABLE

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NEEDED:

Pies-Call June Pollard 724-543-4920
Helpers-Call Tim Scaife 724-664-5346

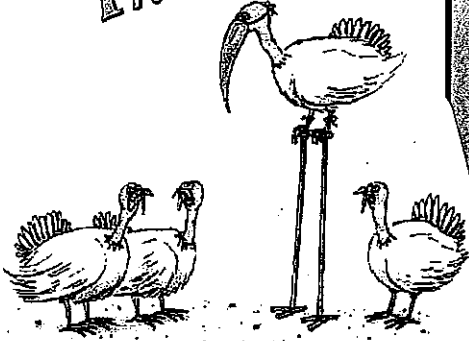
FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

Thursday, November 9, 2017
6:00 PM

Covenant Center
PROGRAM: Thanksgiving
Potluck Dinner
Christmas Family Planning



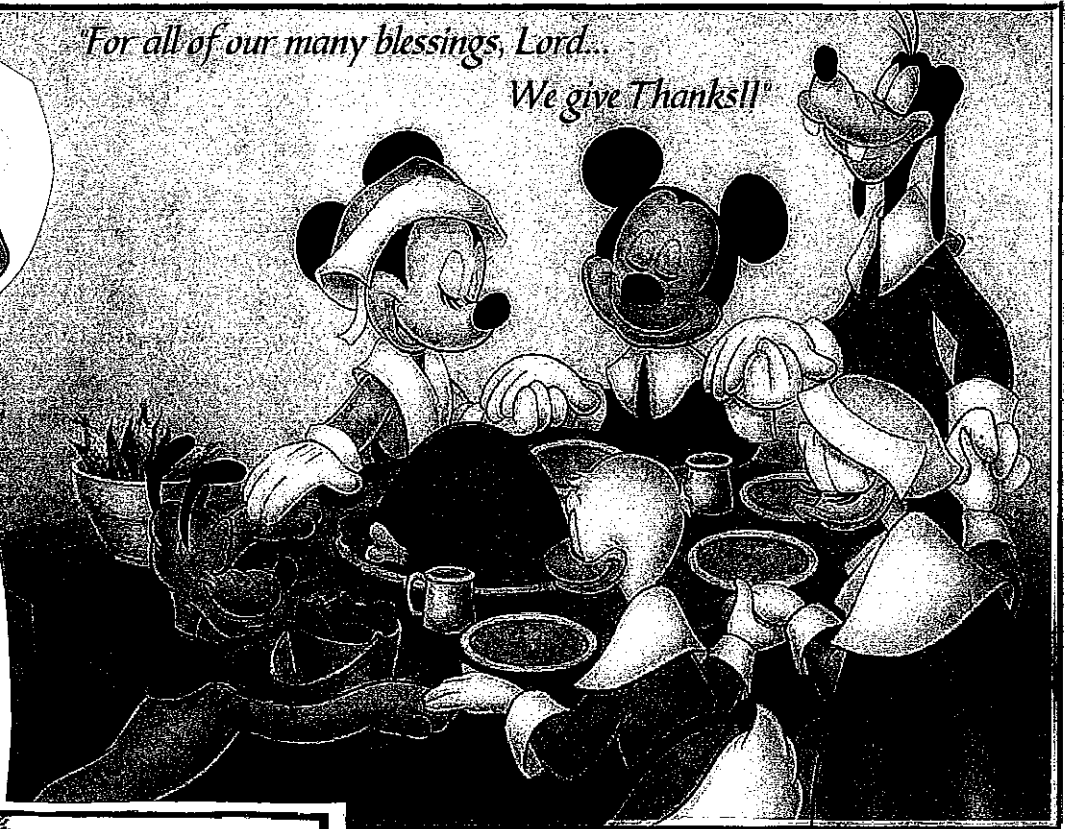
Happy Thanksgiving



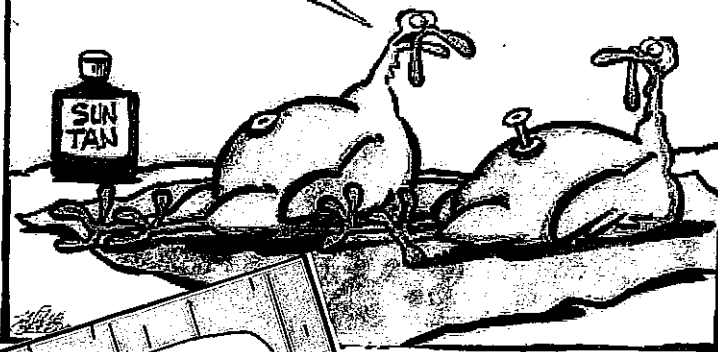
"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."

"For all of our many blessings, Lord..."

"We give Thanks!!"

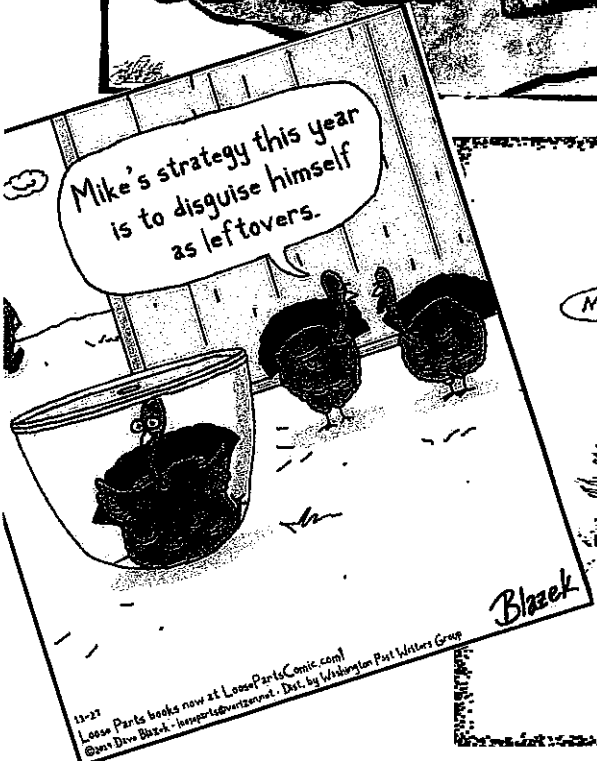


"YOU'D BETTER GET OUT OF THE SUN, RALPH... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DONE."

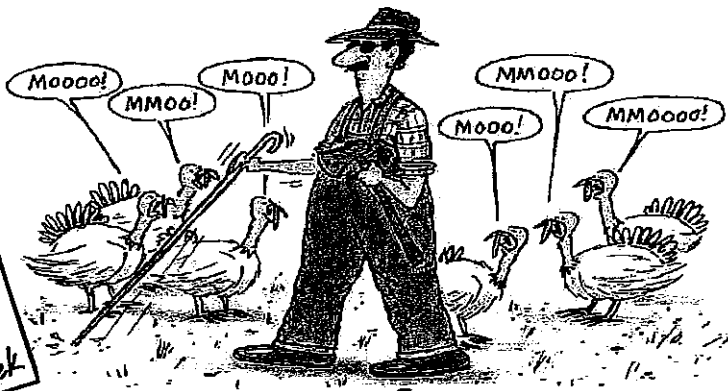


"Go to Google, then type: How To Uncook A Turkey."

Mike's strategy this year is to disguise himself as leftovers.



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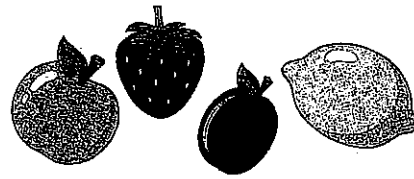


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THANK YOU'S



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, phone calls and hugs at the time of our dad, Bob Schaeffer's, death. A special thanks to Mert Hellein and Jenny for filling in for Sue and Audrey's Sunday School classes and making the nice prayer chain for us. Thank you to Dr. Jim Hooks for playing the organ & Emily King and the choir for singing "The Lord's Prayer" at the memorial service. Thank you to the nursery attendants for taking care of the large group of children during our dad's memorial service. (It got pretty loud in the nursery.) Thanks to the funeral committee for the lovely cookie and ice cream fellowship following the memorial service. It was much appreciated by the family. A big thank you to Pastor Wade for only being a phone call away at this very difficult time for us.

Bob Schaeffer family, (Sue Hankey, Audrey Green, Patty Heasley, Bill and Brian Schaeffer)

Thank you for your donation to restore our basement. We are making progress. We are now looking for something to put on our floor. We had carpet and linoleum. Want something we can hose the dirt out with. Thank you and God Bless.

Congregation of Cherry Run Church



Glory Way Quartet

Southern-style Gospel Concert

Sunday, November 12

6:00 p.m.

at Ford Memorial United Methodist Church
 Corner of 4th Ave. & O'Connor St.
 Ford City

NOVEMBER'S LIBRARY NEWS

The following children's books have been donated to our library:

- "The Berenstain Bears Count Their Blessings";
- "The Berenstain Bears and the Bully"; and
- "The Berenstain Bears and the Homework Hassle".

All 3 of these books were written by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

These 5 books were donated to our church's library by Sarah Heckert:

- "Sunset In St. Tropez";
- "The House on Hope Street";
- "Heartbeat";
- "Mixed Blessings" and
- "Kaleidoscope" all by Danielle Steel

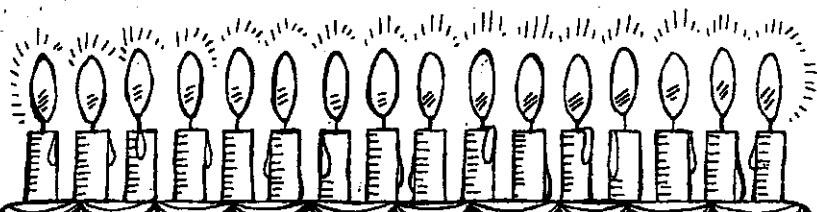
Fall into the Reading Habit

Carol Wolfe, Librarian






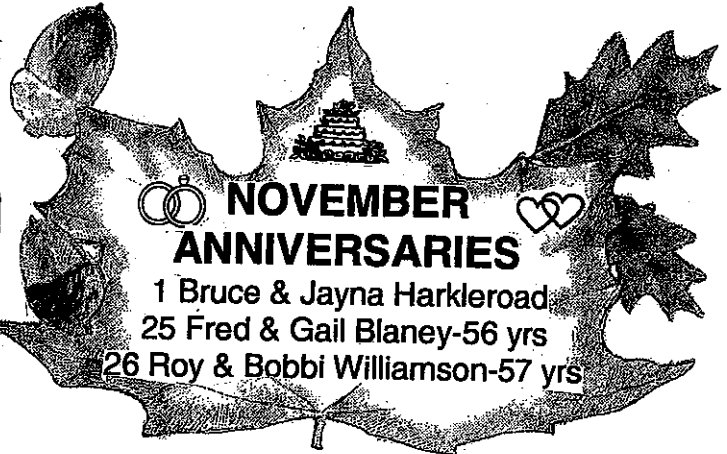
A Free-will offering will be accepted.
 Refreshments following the concert.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--|--|
| 1 Tim King | 16 Grace Edwards  |
| 1 Elsie Morda | 16 Christopher Christie |
| 4 Logan Green | 18 Sarah Heckert |
| 4 Cindy Volek | 19 Jack Heim |
| 6 Karen Scaife | 19 Luci Morda |
| 9 Chris Hankey  | 19 Diane Weibel |
| 9 Greg Lemons | 20 Tony Krozely |
| 11 Joshua Fiscus | 20 Anita Smith |
| 11 Katie Smith | 20 Greg Toth |
| 12 Noelle Lemons | 21 Peyton Zielinski |
| 13 Rachel Snow | 22 Mert Hellein |
| 14 Sarah Fiscus | 29 Kelly Hoffman |
| 14 Killian Vandevort  | |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bruce & Jayna Harkleroad
- 25 Fred & Gail Blaney-56 yrs
- 26 Roy & Bobbi Williamson-57 yrs

PRAYER TIME
Tuesday,
November 14th
at 6:30 PM in the
Prayer Room



Baptized

We celebrated the baptism of Killian Steven Vandevort Sunday, October 15, 2017. Killian is the son of Natalie & Cameron Vandevort and the brother to Rowan. He is the grandson of Audrey & Bernie Green.

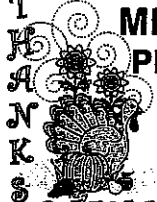
NOVEMBER SIFT LUCHEON

Thursday, November 16th
12:00 PM

Covenant Center

MENU: Complete Turkey Dinner

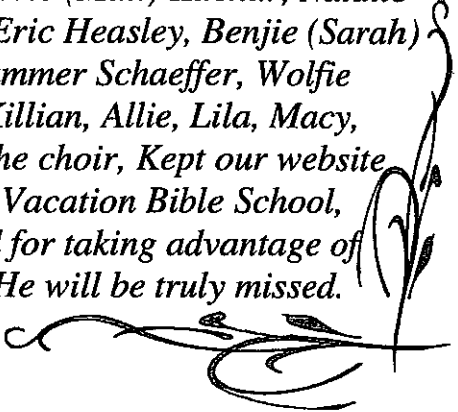
PROGRAM: Concordia
 Reservations due by Monday
 November 13th at noon.



GIVING

With Sympathy

We extend our Christian compassion and concern to the family of Bob Schaeffer on his death Saturday, September 23, 2017. Bob was the father of Sue (Rob) Hankey, Audrey (Bernie) Green, Patty Heasley, Bill (Melissa) Schaeffer, Brian (Catherine) Schaeffer. The grandfather to Jeff (Steph) Hankey, Valerie (Matt) Kachur, Natalie (Cameron) Vandevort, Tony (Robyn) Green, Derek (Tara) Green. Eric Heasley, Benjie (Sarah) Heasley, Miles Heasley, Dylan (Jess) Schaeffer, Katy Schaeffer, Summer Schaeffer, Wolfie Schaeffer. The great-grandfather to Chris, Joey, Caitlyn, Rowan, Killian, Allie, Lila, Macy, Logan, Wyatt, Olivia, Ethan, Ella, Jacob, and Nora. Bob sang in the choir, Kept our website and Facebook page up to date, Helped with Ramps of Hope, SIFT, Vacation Bible School, Missions committee. Bob was known for being a caring person and for taking advantage of any opportunity available that allowed him to give back to others. He will be truly missed.



November 2017

Monthly Prayer Calendar

Consider how God is asking you to pray through these concerns.

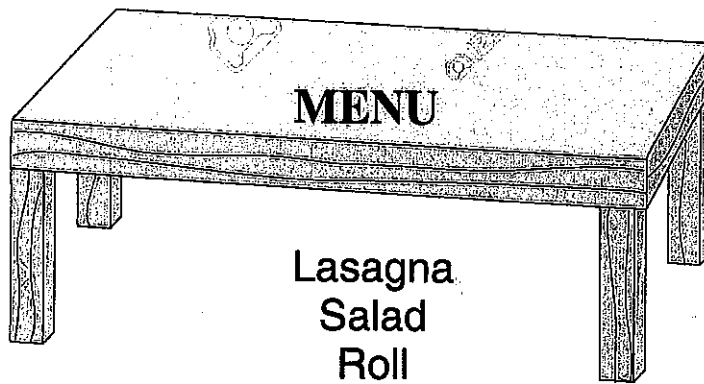
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>Pray for those who are grieving.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for the elementary students of our church family!</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Today is Election Day! Pray for wisdom and guidance in voting.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN as we pray for Kittanning, our church, and our future!</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pray for the President of the United States, Donald Trump.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Turkey Dinner! Whether you come and eat or work at the dinner, pray for the event!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman!</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Charge Conference! Pray for the charge that God places upon our church.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray for the Nurture, Outreach, and Witness Team!</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for the junior and senior high school students of our church family!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN as we pray for Kittanning, our church, and our future!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Who can you be a role model for? Pray about it!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for any couples that you know who are having relationship struggles.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray for someone you know who is in ministry.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Pray for the homeless.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray for the Finance Team as they work on a budget for next year.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray for pastors and the friends that are a part of their support group.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN as we pray for Kittanning, our church, and our future!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Don't spend too much money today!!!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray for the unemployed or the under employed!</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Pray for our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Pond!</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Today is deer hunting season. Be safe and pray for safety.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for John and Christine Zimmerman!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN as we pray for Kittanning, our church, and our future!</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pray for our Bishop, Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koi Koi!</p>		

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH @ 6:00 PM

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO DINNER
WITH THE
ZIMMERMAN'S**

Any questions contact Brenda/Melissa

Dinner is provided by and for the benefit of the Youth



Please RSVP by November 1st

Place this in offering plate or call office.

Yes, I will be attending

_____ **number attending**

LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 7th

Covenant Center

6:00 PM

\$12.00 each

Deadline: Sunday, November 26th



Join us for wonderful food & fellowship!

MENU:

Beef Tips with Gravy & Sautéed Mushrooms

Baked Ham with Pineapple

Vegetable Normandy

Parsley Potatoes

Tossed Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing

Rolls & butter

Mini Cheesecakes

Coffee, tea or punch

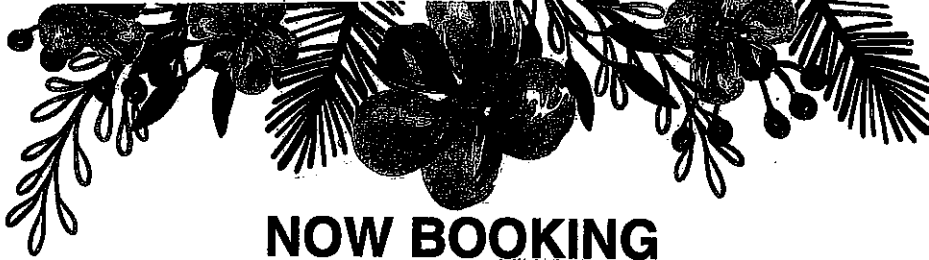


Please return reservations in the offering plate or church office. Thank you!

NAME (S): _____

PHONE: _____

Please include your \$12.00 for each person you are reserving for.



NOW BOOKING HOLIDAY MINI SESSIONS!

It's a fundraising event!

Whispering Pines Farm, 201 Winsome LN, Cabot PA 16023

It's a fundraising Event!

Nov. 3rd, 4th, & 5th

Package Details

\$149.99

10 minutes of coverage

10 digital images

Professional image editing

Online proof gallery

50 Holiday Cards

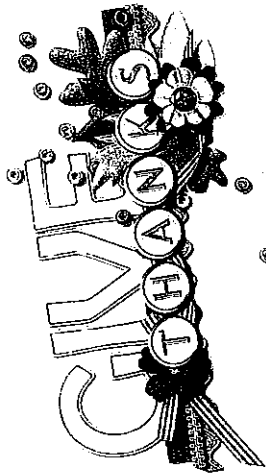
First United Methodist Church is partnering with Nicole Catroppo and Tara Green of Nicole Lee Artistry Photography & TG Photography to offer holiday mini sessions as a fundraiser! Our church will get 10% of total sales from all bookings that **USE THE GROUP CODE FUMC17**

With the help of interior designer, Kerry McCaan, Nicole and Tara have created a variety of stunning backdrop options for your session! They will be tandem shooting for exceptional coverage in only 15 minutes! This is fantastic for families with kids who don't like to sit long! Whispering Pines farm is the perfect location! If you have never been, you will see why when you arrive! Feel free to visit their website: <http://www.whisperingpinesfarmpa.com>
For more info, or to book your session, visit this link: <https://form.iotform.com/72878651384167> use the group code **FUMC17**

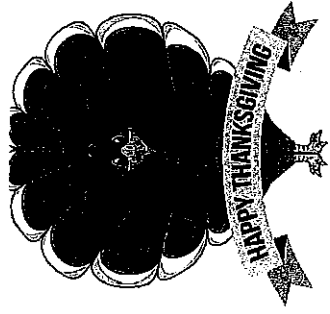
**WE ARE GOING TO CAPTURE SOME BEAUTIFUL
MEMORIES!**






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Nicole Lee Artistry Photography
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Tara Green
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November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5  All Saint's Day 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Choir 11:00 AM Communion 2:30 PM Lay Ministry School-CC	6 CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees	7  8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 PM Staff/Parish 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	1 6:00 PM Adult Choir	2 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	3	4 6:30 PM We Surrender- CC
12 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Choir 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Charge Conference 2:30 PM Lay Ministry School-CC	13 7:00 PM Nurture, Outreach & Witness	14 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:30 Pm Prayer Time 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC Newsletter Deadline	8 6:00 PM Orphans of the Storm-CC 6:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Mission Outreach Huddle-CC	9 6:00 PM Friday Night Circle-CC	10 4:30-6:30 PM Turkey Dinner-CC	11  VETERANS DAY 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Choir 11:00 AM Worship	20 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council Newsletter	21 8:30 AM 3R's (decorate for Christmas) 11:00 AM CCOP-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC FOOD BANK PICK-UP	15 6:00 PM Adult Choir	16 12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	17 	18 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
26 First Sunday of Advent United Methodist Student Sunday (offering) 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Choir 11:00 AM Worship	27	28 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC	22 6:00 PM Adult Choir	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
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