

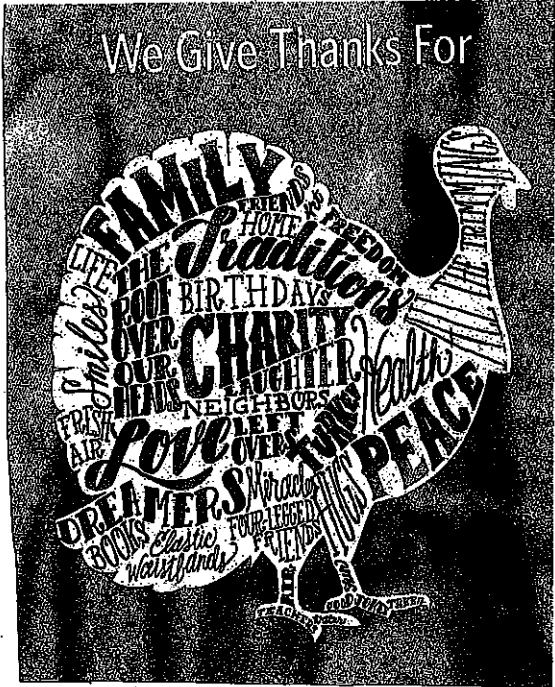
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Monthly Messenger



NOVEMBER 2015



December NEWSLETTER
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TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



November 2015

Do you like pumpkin pie? I find that pumpkin pie is one of my very favorites because it really only comes around this time of the year. Oh, you might be able to find it at other times of the year, but this is when everyone gets their best recipes out of the recipe box and begins to prepare the pie. I like to get up early on Thanksgiving morning and bake two pumpkin pies. It really makes the whole house smell good for the entire day. It also gives us two pumpkin pies to eat!! I like pumpkin pie!

When you make pumpkin pies, do you buy a pumpkin and cook it so that you have fresh pumpkin for your pies? I have never used fresh pumpkin to make my pies. I default to the canned pumpkin but I love mixing the milk, eggs, pumpkin, and those wonderful spices—clove, cinnamon, ginger, and nutmeg.

I don't know about you, but I am making myself hungry for pie! What is even better than making the pies is to be able to share them with someone—sitting down in the evening or the afternoon with a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of pie—a wonderful snack with great company!

So where is the pastor going with this, Paul writes, "But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it" (Romans 10:14-15)? You can make 100 pumpkin pies but if you do not invite someone to join you, how will they ever know that the pie was made for them? If you don't invite that person to your home, the pie cannot be shared.

Wendell Berry wrote a short story entitled *Thicker than Liquor*. The story is centered on the fictional character of Wheeler Catlett and the struggle that Wheeler has with his Uncle Peach. Uncle Peach has a drinking problem that no one wants to recognize and Wheeler has declared that he will never clean up the messes that Uncle Peach gets himself into. The story ends with Wheeler bringing Uncle Peach home, cleaning him up, putting him to bed, and then sitting next to Uncle Peach with Wheeler's hand laid on Uncle Peach's shoulder. Wheeler did this because it was the loving, most gracious way to care for Peach. Sometimes inviting people to church seems like a struggle that we don't want to deal with either. But God can change our hearts about reaching out.

Invitation is a word that we know quite well. We invite folks to the movies, or to dinner, or to just enjoy a piece of pie. Those invitations are much easier than inviting to church. But my word for you through this Thanksgiving and Christmas season will be *invite*. Consider whom you might want to invite to worship with you. Begin to pray for God to open a door for you so that the invitation can be made. Go pick them up if they need a ride! Lay a hand on their shoulder if they balk! What if no one ever told you about Jesus? Where would you be? *Invite*...

Until the whole world hears...

Pastor Ade

**JUST A
REMINDER**



**Have you remembered First Church
in your will? What a powerful
way to recognize God's goodness in
a lasting way.**

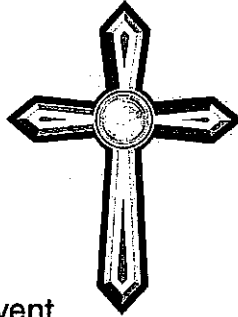
NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 1, 2015

11:00 AM, All Saints Day, Communion,
John 11:32-44, Revelation 21:1-6

November 8, 2015

11:00 AM
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Mark 12:38-44



November 15, 2015

11:00 AM,
1 Samuel 2:1-10, Mark 13:1-8

November 22, 2015

11:00 AM, Christ the King Sunday
Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37



November 29, 2015

11:00 AM, 1st Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

WELCOME CENTER

1 Melissa Flanders
8 Karen Scaife
15 Mert Hellein
22 Ken Pierson
29 Sandy Scherf



READERS

1
8
15 Sarah Heckert
22 Janet McKelvey
29 Valerie Kachur



USHERS

1 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson & Communion
8 Oxford/Kim Yankasky
15 Oxford/Kim Yankasky
22 Albright/Dan Wolfe
29 Albright/Dan Wolfe



SOUND SYSTEM

1 John Yankasky
8 Glenn Krozely
15 Scott Hogamier
22 Janessa Muir
29 Bill Lemons



COUNTERS

1 Krozely
8 Thomas
15 Ternent
22 Stubbs
29 Flanders



ACOLYTE

1 Ryan Bish
8 Hayley Hoffman
15 Hannah Hoffman
22 Gabi Zielinski
29 Ryan Bish



CHILDREN'S CHURCH-Carolyn Gallaher

HELPERS 8 Dixie Rupert
22 Jenny Hellein

15 Dan Wolfe
29 Karen Scaife



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Ministerium sponsored worship service. Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 6:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kittanning.

ADVENT SMALL GROUP STUDY

If you have the courage to add one more thing to your already busy Advent schedule, please consider joining the small group study entitled **Awaiting the Already**. You will be blessed as we take a fresh look at experiencing Jesus Christ in the 21st century Advent Season. It is an Advent journey through the Gospels. Each Gospel, in its own way, leads us on an Advent journey of preparation for Christ's coming. The study schedule—

Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM
Tuesday, December 22 at 6:00 PM





POPCORN SALE

Fall is here and it is popcorn time! For the sixth year we are selling popcorn from Popcorn Palace to benefit Rainbow Road.

Your favorite flavors are back, and there is a new flavor (cheese-caramel)

Popcorn is available in containers of various sizes. The sale ends on

Sunday, November 15th, and orders will be here before Christmas. If you are interested, see Linda Scaife. **WE ASK FOR YOUR PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER AND MAKE CHECKS OUT TO LINDA SCAIFE.** Thank you for your support.



Thank you...



To the VBS Committee at First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for donating the VBS decorations this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Christian Education Committee,
Grace Presbyterian Church

2016 VBS CANS



In the past month (through October 15th) we received 2,240 cans for our 2016 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2015 is 11,258 cans. Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans. Our collection for VBS 2016 continues-so-KEEP THEM COMING! Please continue or start saving aluminum cans (pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans). Drop them off at the church ramp anytime.
Thank you, The Can Man

* * * HOLIDAY GRIEF PROGRAM * * *

Surviving the Season—Remembering loved ones and dealing with grief and stress during the holiday season. Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Bauer Funeral Home. Speaker will be Kelli Connolly, BS, Bereavement Coordinator and Medical Social Worker of Lutheran Senior Life VNA Hospice and Palliative Care. There is no charge and anyone is welcome to attend. Please call 724-545-9464 to make a reservation.



FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Ford Memorial United Methodist Church in Ford City will have the annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th at 12:00 noon-1 PM. Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls/butter and beverage. For reservations call 724-763-1883 between November 1st -21st. The church is handicap accessible.

SOUP & SANDWICH KITCHEN

Open to anyone, and everyone, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at Ford Memorial United Methodist Church, 1024 Fourth Avenue, Ford City, PA from 4:00-6:00 PM. Free to those in need. Run strictly by donations.





AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES...

Not what you want...but what you need! There are some gifts that everyone needs but no one gets too excited about. Instead of the gift that you had been hoping for, you find socks and underwear—a gift that you really need, but it is not the one you were hoping for. This is true of the first Christmas, because Jesus is the gift that everyone needs, but He wasn't the gift that everyone wanted. Join us beginning on November 29, 2015 during the regular worship service!

NOVEMBER MISSIONS

November's mission will give us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Nepal women and their families. We will collect money to send to **Trade for Freedom**, a ministry that employs and discipled women, some of the most vulnerable in Nepal. Our money will help these women remain in a safe, purposeful work environment, enriched with God's love, strength, and courage as they earn a dignified living. **Trade for Freedom** exists to give freedom, dignity and hope to those who need it most.

Philip and Melanie Ewert, niece of Tom and Sandy Scherf, are the founders of this ministry. This compassionate Christian business partners with ethical businesses that employ the most vulnerable women and discipled them in the love of Jesus Christ. These partners are on the front lines addressing such issues as human trafficking, modern day slavery, and extreme poverty. Our contribution will fuel efforts to serve women who have endured severe hardships.

You might want to check **Trade for Freedom** out on facebook.com or online www.tradeforfreedom.com

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Pray for this business, these women and their children, and your gift of love. God bless.

NOVEMBER'S LIBRARY NEWS

The following children's books have been added:

"Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein This is a book of poems and drawings.)

"Something from Nothing" by Phoebe Gillman (This book's story is adapted from a Jewish folktale.)

"The Mysterious Giant of Barletta" by Tomie De Paola. (This book's story is adapted from an Italian folktale.)

The following books have been donated to the adult section of our church's library:

"It's Anybody's Ballgame" by Joe Garagiola

"The Fireman's Homecoming" by Allie Pleiter (This is a large print book.)

"Before the Dawn" by Carolyne Aarsen and


"Sweet September" by Tricia Goyer (These last 2 books belong to the Home to Heather Creek series.)

READING A BOOK GIVES US SOMEWHERE TO GO WHEN WE STAY WHERE WE ARE.

Carol Wolfe, Librarian




NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Tim King	16 Gracie Edwards 
1 Elsie Morda	18 Sarah Heckert
4 Logan Green	19 Jack Heim
4 Cindy Volek	19 Luci Morda
6 Karen Scaife	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
16 Christopher Christie	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Bruce & Jayna Harkleroad
 25 Fred & Gail Blaney-54 years
 26 Roy & Bobbi Williamson-55years



TURKEY DINNER
NOVEMBER 6, 2015
4:30-7:00 PM

MENU: Turkey with all the Trimmings

ADULTS- \$9.00

AGES 4-12-\$4.00

3 AND UNDER-Free

Take-outs are available

It's a GIRL!

Congratulations to Natalie and Cameron Vandevort on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Elizabeth Vandevort. Rowan was born Wednesday, October 21, 2015. She is 5 lbs and 17 inches long. Rowan is the granddaughter of Audrey & Bernie Green and the great-granddaughter of Bob Schaeffer.

SIFT LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 19th
12:00 Noon

MENU: Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Pumpkin Pie

PROGRAM: Walter Maar

Reservations are **Due by Monday,**

November 16, 2015 by calling 724-548-4312 or emailing the church at fumchurch@windstream.net



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

Thursday, November 12, 2015
 7:00 PM

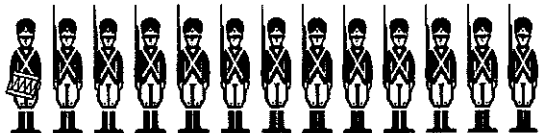
Covenant Center

PROGRAM: Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner,

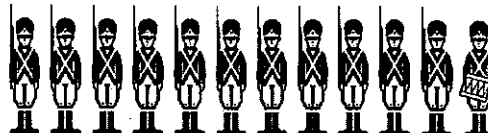
Christmas Family Planning

DEVOTIONS: Linda Cornman

HOSTESSES: Laurie Lemons,
 Sandy Scherf



YOUTH NEWS



The youth would like to take this time to thank everyone that attended or donated to the spaghetti dinner in October. Anytime we can share a meal with family and friends, is time well-spent.

Activities for November and December will be announced when details are worked out. We hope to do some local Christmas caroling, baking of cookies and serving at the women's Christmas dinner on December 10th



Information has been received in the office for SPARK 2016: This event is a weekend Revival for youth and their leaders. Our youth have participated in this event for many years and have found it to be the necessary boost to their faith. **Any youth, 6th through 12th grades**, are welcome to attend this event. So if you know of any youth that could use God in his/her life, please stop by the office or speak to Melissa Flanders for further information and applications.

Event Date is January 22-24 2016. Registration deadline is no later than January 4th. Discounts for earlier registration apply.

We are attempting to cover all costs for all who ask to participate, so we are going to sale home-made Christmas cookies again this year, information below.

COOKIE ORDER FORM

Select cookie type and amount. Price per dozen is \$5.00



_____ Sugar- trees, snowman, stars, stocking or Santa faces

_____ Orange _____ Raisin filled _____ Peanut butter Kiss

_____ Chocolate chip

Return order form back to church: December 13th. Pick up December 20th, after service.

Name _____ Amount _____ Payment _____

Any questions call Melissa 724-859-2607

Donation of supplies or money is also appreciated.



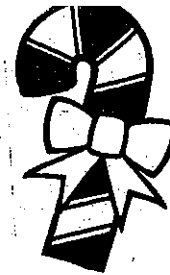
Please Join us for a

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 29th

(First Sunday in Advent)



Immediately following worship in the Covenant Center.
Please bring something to share to the luncheon as directed below. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. See you there!

Last names beginning with A-M: dessert
Last names beginning with N-Z: side dish



All ages are invited to stay after the Christmas luncheon and enjoy more fellowship and fun and make some Advent and Christmas ornaments and decorations.

We'll have 10-12 different items for the children to choose from (or make them all!) and a nativity craft for the adults to make. (very easy, see back of page for picture) Children may want to wear old clothes because there may be some painting and markers being used.

If you are staying for the Advent workshop, please sign up below so we can have enough materials for all.

NAME: _____

CHILDREN CRAFTS: _____ ADULT CRAFT: _____

(Please let us know how many, adults especially, are making crafts)

PLEASE SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 22ND

THANK YOU!

THIS IS THE ADULT CRAFT WE WILL BE MAKING.

It is very simple, gluing paper on wooden blocks.



LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 10th

Covenant Center

6:00 PM

\$10.00 each

Deadline: Sunday, November 29th



Join us for wonderful food & fellowship!

MENU:

Salad

Garlic-herb pork loin

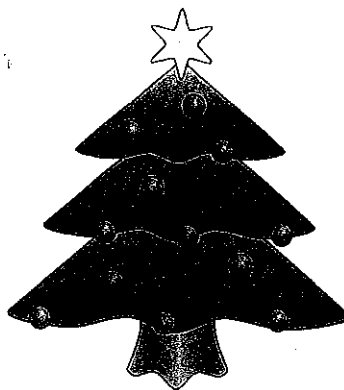
Roast Beef

Parsley red-skinned potatoes

Green Bean Casserole

Rolls-butter

Mini-Cheesecakes



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

NAME (S): _____

PHONE: _____

Please include your \$10.00 for each person you are reserving for.

RENEW REFRESH REVIVE

NOVEMBER 1-4 and 6-7

Time: 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE: Dayton United Methodist Church
105 East Church Ave.
Dayton, PA 16222**

WHO: REV. SILAS WEST

**FOUNDER OF
FAMILY ALTAR HYMN SING**



November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 2:30 PM Lay Servant Ministry School-Manorville UMC	2 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 PM Staff/Parish	3 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	4 7:00 PM Adult Choir 6:00 PM TAG-CC 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	5 7:00 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	6 4:30 PM Turkey Dinner-CC	7 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
8 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUV/CW 2:30 PM Lay Servant Ministry School-Manorville UMC	9 7:00 PM VBS with Cheryl from Cokesbury-CC 7:00 PM Discipleship	10 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	11 REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS 7:00 PM Small Group Study 7:00 PM Adult Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	12 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle	13	14 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
15 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:30 PM Lay Servant Ministry School-Manorville UMC	16 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	17 8:30 AM OVR-CC 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOOD BANK PICK-UP	18 7:00 PM Adult Choir 5:30 PM Kids club Manorville UMC 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	19 12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	20	21 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	23 NEWSLETTER	24 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 pm Small Group Study-CC	25 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27	28 6:30 PM We Surrender-CC
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Luncheon & Advent Workshop-CC	30					

