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Worship 9:45 AM

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724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM



DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than
SUNDAY, November 14, 2021. Thank you



Pastor Deb's Message

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. Ephesians 1:3



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a kid, I never liked going to the dentist (Sorry, Mark). But I really liked the waiting room. My dentist always had the most recent copy of the Highlights magazine. I loved that kid's magazine. I especially loved the hidden object page. I could spend a long time pouring over the black and white drawing, carefully looking to see if I could find the dog or the baseball or the apple. It was very satisfying to spot what I was looking for. It certainly made the dentist appointment just a little more appealing.

Paul is writing to the people in the congregation in Ephesus. This scripture is part of his greeting to the church. Paul begins by praising God, who is the Father of Jesus Christ. Paul reminds the church that they have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. But what exactly is a spiritual blessing? How do we know we have them?

Spiritual blessings are not readily apparent to us and certainly not to those around us. Our spiritual blessings include the new life we are given when we are baptized in Christ. They include our redemption from death because of the sacrifice of Jesus. Our spiritual blessings are the forgiveness of our sin, our inheritance of eternal life, the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, and the knowledge that we have been chosen by God for God's purpose.

As we come to the Thanksgiving table this month, let us put aside our gratitude for the material things of this life and let us raise our praise to God for the hidden, spiritual blessings that are ours for eternity. Like the girl in the dentist's waiting room, let us pour over the pictures of our lives searching for the spiritual blessings that are surely there. The world may not see them, but we know by faith that they are ours. And when we find them, let us give thanks to God for God's amazing grace in giving us the treasure of heaven, Jesus our Lord!

I still like looking for hidden objects. If only they had a Highlights for adults, I would subscribe. Yet I am grateful, that with careful looking and humble searching, I will find the priceless spiritual blessings from God throughout my life.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb



Terri Wells's Message

My fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,



I do believe there is an invisible knob, that every year on our birthdays, the knob gets one more turn. I also believe that with every turn that knob makes, it increases the speed of time. Because, the older I get, the faster time seems to go. It is hard to believe that the 2021 holiday season is upon us. I find it is good to take time and reflect on thoughts like this. This is one of the things I love about this time of year. As I sit, in a small wooden hut, crossbow in hand, just me, God, and sometimes the little mouse that likes to visit my hut, it makes me physically have to slow down in life. I watch and wait, for that "Monster Buck" to walk by me. I have time to take in all of God's amazing glory. I watch the chipmunks and squirrels as they gather their winter food. I hear the many species of birds, with all of their individual songs that make them unique, singing praises to our Lord. I see groundhogs, sit up on their back sides, and take in all the world around them. Thanksgiving is more than having turkey and all of its sides, Thanksgiving is about slowing down in life. It is about taking time to reflect on what was. It is a time to reconnect with the important things in life. It is time to give God the glory for all he has done for us and all he will do for us. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And Thankful." Colossians 4:2

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

November 7 2021,
24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalms 127,
Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

November 14, 2021,
25th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 1:4-20, Psalms 113,
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8



November 21, 2021,
Christ The King Sunday
2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalms 132:1-12,
Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent
United Methodist Student Day
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalms 25:1-10,
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36



CHARGE PICNIC LOST & FOUND

We have found a purple dish cover and a red plate left at the charge picnic. If anyone is missing these items, they are in First Church office.



CHARGE THANK YOU'S



Church & Charge Family,

Mom was so blessed to have such people, brothers & sisters in Christ in her life. Your cards, phone calls and well wishes meant so much. Thank you for your love and thoughtfulness.

Mary Ruth Serene Family



Dear Lynn, Tim, and ramp builders,

I cannot thank you enough for your wonderful gift. My ramp has enabled me to go outside anytime in my power wheelchair. I've been able to spend time in my garage and outside in the fresh air. I am beyond words with gratitude. Bless you all!

Mike and Pat Ravotta

RAMPS OF HOPE RECEIVES 2021 ACCF GRANT

We are pleased to announce that Ramps of Hope, Indiana District was one of 36 nonprofits chosen to receive a grant from the Armstrong County Community Foundation at their Annual Dinner this year. Our award is in the amount of \$2500. This grant will greatly help us to meet the needs of some Armstrong County residents who need a ramp but who do not have the financial means to afford one. With this grant, we will be able to supplement whatever funds they can afford to donate in order to be sure they get the ramp. We are honored to have our ministry chosen for this award and are extremely grateful to the Foundation, the Board of Directors, Executive Director Jodi Beers and Executive Program Assistant Emily Seyler.

Lynn Sibley and Tim Scaife, Armstrong Ramps of Hope

Rediscover the gift of Advent that comes without packages, ribbons, and bows.

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.

Virtual Zoom Advent

Call in or Log in to 4 weeks of Advent Study with Terri Wells
Studies will be Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14
From 7:00 PM till 8:00 PM

Please email Terri at twells@indianacountypa.gov to be added to the Zoom List



SOUND SYSTEM

7 Tim King
 14 John Yankasky
 21 Gabe Smith
 28 Tim Scaife

COUNTERS

7 Scaife
 14 Williamson
 21 Ternent
 28 Yankasky

USHERS

7 Oxford/Mark Ferguson
 14 Albright/Dan Wolfe
 21 Albright/Dan Wolfe
 28 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski

BELL RINGERS

7 Logan Green
 14 Wyatt Green
 21 Olivia Green
 28 Carlee Beers



MISSIONS FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER

Our church family received a Thank You note from HAVIN for our donation of personal/home items and \$600.00 donation.

Our November missions is two-fold:

- 1) To continue donating canned goods/boxed items for our LOCAL FOOD BANK. Items especially needed are: canned veggies, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, canned pie fillings, pie crust packages (not frozen), canned tuna or salmon, canned soups, stews or chilis & peanut butter. Please bring in on or before November 24th.
- 2) UNDIES for the HOUSE OF THE CARPENTER. We continue yearly to donate money for people who go to "the Underwear Room". Our monies will provide brand new underwear for men, women, teens & children. Do you know that these "unmentionales" are the most under-donated, yet most needed item of clothing for the needy? Providing new underwear improves the lives of people, helps their cleanliness & warmth, and brings an unspoken sense of dignity and well-being! Give generously...it will bring a smile to your heart and sunshine to your soul.

Missions Team, Meaghan & Janet

COME OUT FOR "A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM:"

WHEN: December 11, 2021
WHERE: Covenant Center
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM



Come experience the fells of that first night
 The food, the smell and the sounds, if we
 do it right
 Come one, come all, to see the King
 And listen closely as the gentlemen sing

There will be a craft if you wish to do
 So definitely bring the children too
 Light snacks to peruse and to taste
 Some of them MAY go to your waist

Be prepared to have some fun
 To learn all about God's only son
 We hope to see everyone there
 And let us know if you can help prepare!!



God answers knee mail. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please call the office 724-548-4312 or Sarah Heckert 724-543-1083.

NOVEMBER SIFT LUNCHEON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

"Come See The Blind Man Healed by Jesus" Rev. Walter Marr

MENU: Turkey & Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Green beans, Cranberries, Rolls & Butter, Cake

**Reservations by
 Monday, November 15th**



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES



2022 VBS ALUMINUM CANS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We continue our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity
Cans Received September 15th-October 15th—4,626
Total cans received through October 15th—18,538



Thanks to ARC Manor for 80 cans and thanks to C.W. (Manorville) for 942 cans. Many thanks to everyone who is saving aluminum cans and bringing them to the church-at the ramp at the back of the church. If you haven't been saving aluminum cans, please start-soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food-Aluminum only-not "TIN CANS", food, soup, etc.

Thank you, The Can Man, Jim Ternent

THANK YOU



Dear First Church Family,

There are not enough words to fully express our gratitude for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss. When we had to decide where to hold the funeral service, our desire was always to honor my husband at our church, where we were married and our kids were baptized. Pastor Deb's words were inspirational and truly honored Keith's life. WE deeply appreciate the support and kindness from all the members of the church. Thank you for the cards and messages of support and for hosting the luncheon so we could eat together and celebrate Keith. He will be missed by many.

Lorie Williamson & Family

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Tim King | 16 Grace Edwards |
| 4 Logan Green | 18 Sarah Heckert |
| 4 Cindy Volek | 19 Diane Weibel |
| 6 Karen Scaife | 20 Tony Krozely |
| 9 Christopher Hankey | 20 Anita Smith |
| 11 Joshua Fiscus | 20 Greg Toth |
| 11 Katie Smith | 21 Peyton Zielinski |
| 13 Rachel Snow | 22 Mert Hellein |
| 14 Sarah Fiscus | 29 Kelly Hoffman |
| 14 Killian Vandevort-5th | |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------------------|
| 1 Bruce & Jayna Harkleroad |
| 13 Pastor Deb & George Kociban |
| 15 Harry & Michelle Waldenville-24 years |
| 26 Roy & Bobbi Williamson-61 years |



We extend our Christian compassion and concern to:

Lorie Williamson and the family on the death of her husband, Keith Williamson. Keith passed away on Monday, September 27, 2021. Keith is survived by his parents, Roy & Bobbi Williamson; Son, Nathan (Julie) Williamson; daughter, Ellen Williamson; grandson, Levi Williamson and a granddaughter on the way. He will be missed.

To the family of Grace Trudgen. Grace passed away on Friday, October 15, 2021. She is survived by her sons, Larry (Carol) Trudgen, Rev. Terry (Judy) Trudgen, Daniel (Dancene) Trudgen and daughter, Darlene Welsh. Grace also had 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She will be missed.



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES



HELP YOUR YOUTH ATTEND SPARK: JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022

All youth, 6th-12th graders are Welcome to attend, the cost TBA

YOUTH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Contact Melissa Bureau or Pastor

Mark the number of cookie by the type of cookie. All cookies are sold by the dozen

_____ Sugar-assortment w/wo sprinkles

_____ Raisin Filled

_____ Orange

_____ Neiman Marcus

_____ Kiss

_____ Total dozen @ \$8.50

_____ Snickerdoodles

_____ Total dozen @ \$7.50

Amount Paying \$ _____

Payment Method _____

Name _____

I would like to donate money/supplies: _____

Any questions or to place an order: call Melissa 724-859-2607

*Deadline to order-December 5, 2021

*Pick up date-December 19, 2021@Covenant Center
After 11:00 worship

JOIN ALL FOR BOWLING FUN Saturday, November 13, 2021 7:00-9:00 PM at Kings Lanes



Who will knock down the most pins
And who will have the overall win
Join us for some bowling fun
On November 13 from 7 to 9, no pun!

At Kings Lanes we will see you there
We are bowling, no need to style your hair
Just sign up by first of November
We'll need to have a good number

There are snacks you can buy
So if need energy to hang and fly
Bring your family and some friends
And lets bowl for fun that never ends!!

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

PLEASE SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 1ST.

Call the church at 724-548-4312 to sign-up or
see insert in bulletin.

UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

The October 4, 2021 meeting of the UAUMW was held in the Kittanning Cottages with 9 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of "The Purpose of the UMW", led by President Karen Wolfe. Hostess: Carolyn Ingram, Devotions: Karen Wolfe, Minute Missions: Donna Shaffer, Prayer Calendar: Peggy Say. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old Business:

Gideon Bibles: Decided not to give extra at this time since donations were made previously.

Henderson House: Donation possibly later.

Salvation Army: Will donate \$200 to help provide food and housing for people in the Kittanning area.

Community Action Agency: Motion made and passed to donate \$200 for the Food Bank.

Blessings in a Backpack: Motion made and passed to donate \$260 for this organization.

Donations for World Gospel Missions and Heifer International will be considered at another time.

We made \$250 selling hoagie coupons and \$199.96 selling hot dogs at the Hot Dog Hut. Peggy Say will get us 10 more books of hoagie coupons as more coupons were requested.

New Business:

Starting in 2022, instead of having a luncheon at our meetings, we will have a dessert and beverage. This motion passed unanimously.

Will send 5 birthday cards in October for conference.

We will be collecting items for Blessing Bags for Community Action until October 31. Karen and Dave Wolfe will deliver items to the Agency.

Thank Banks donations will be collected on Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Our Christmas party will be December 6, 2021. Peggy will inquire about menu available from Market on Reynolds. We will furnish desserts and beverages.

Meeting closed with the reading of the UMW Prayer.

Motion made and approved to adjourn meeting.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lori Goepfert

8 Donna Titus

18 Marilyn Lundberg

21 Corey Shaffer

24 Vaila Clever

24 Viera Clever



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Melissa Palm

23 Fred Burdett-93 years

25 Shirley Bryan



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 Eva & Jim Say

22 Shirley & Mark Bryan



MANORVILLE LINK PAGE



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Bishop Cynthia More Koi-Koi will be with us on **November 7th at our 9:45 AM** service to share God's Word with us. Our All Saints' service is where we will honor our loved ones who have passed on to a greater glory. ALL PEOPLE FROM THE CHARGE are invited to join us. Reservations are being accepted for seating. Call the church office at 724.763.1254 and leave your name and requested number of attending and a phone number. Reservations are also required for the luncheon at noon as our space is limited. Catering is by Garda's with their delicious chicken romano & ham plus all the trimmings. Bakers from our church are supplying cookies for dessert.

This is a moment never to be repeated in our history-130 years of continued ministry in Manorville. God has been with us and has never failed us even in our darkest moments. Former members, especially, are invited to join us in our celebrations. GOD IS GOOD!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Cameron Lewis Welch | 22 Catherine Waldenville |
| 4 Randy Reesman | 28 Elaine Waldenville |
| 6 Joshua Walker | 28 Nicole Zielinski |
| 6 Tessa Shaul | 30 Carol (Reesman) Snyder |
| 11 Heather Arblaster | 30 Natalie Toy |
| 20 Xenia Zielinski | |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 26 Mike & Paige Querry



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- APPLE PIE
- BEANS
- BREAD
- CORN
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- GRAVY
- HAM
- MASHED POTATOES
- MILK
- PUMPKIN PIE
- ROLLS
- SQUASH
- STUFFING
- SWEET POTATOES
- TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY

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