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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Please get articles to Audrey no later than
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024
 Please have your articles on time. Thank you



PASTOR'S LETTER

As I write this article, our Allegheny River charge is in the last few days of preparing for our Manorville congregation merging together with our Ford Memorial congregation. The final charge conference, and the celebration service, are set for September 29th at the Manorville church building, and then we move to Ford Memorial where we welcome all those who are transferring into the Ford City congregation.

I'm a mess as we get closer to that day. I've only been a part of the Manorville church family for 15 months, but I have come to really appreciate the people of the congregation, the emphasis on reaching out to help others outside of the congregation... sometimes with monetary donations, sometimes gathering supplies for one of the area ministries, and, often, hearing (and seeing pictures) of the ramps or other service projects that some of our Manorville family helped to accomplish together with volunteers from the other churches in our charge.

On top of the people I've come to love, there is that amazing building! The stained glass, the interior woodwork, and the history of how the building came into existence are all part of the faith journey of the people called Methodist in Manorville. I remember my very first Sunday at Manorville and hearing Hyatt Hawk describe his dad's involvement in the team that built that building... in the depths of the Great Depression, none the less!

And if, after just over a year, I'm feeling a mixture of emotions... I can barely begin to imagine how everyone else in the Manorville family must feel... for they've ALL been involved and invested far longer than I've been around.

I remember back to seminary, in the pastoral counseling classes when we studied loss and grief. I had always thought of loss and grief when someone had died. But I learned there are A LOT of losses that trigger grief, not just death: loss of health, loss of job, loss of home, loss of relationships when friends move away (or we do), loss of financial stability, loss of our independence... and loss of the "way things have always been." And that includes when two congregations merge, and when we leave a beloved place of worship behind.

The experts tell us that everyone grieves a little differently than others... and walks through their grief in different ways. Thus some grief-stricken folks will be found crying because of their sadness and there will be others who just want to get to the gym so they can spend time punching a punching bag because they're angry that there has to be any change at all. Others need to withdraw from everyone else for a while and think and process to figure out what they're feeling. All too often, especially in our modern American culture, there's a nagging feeling for some of us that we need to stuff the feelings down and just figure out "What's Next?" so we can get past the bad feelings.

The Bible describes emotions as a gift that God deliberately gave to us as He made us "in the image of God." Yeah, that means that we have emotions because GOD has emotions... and we are modeled after God. Emotions are like the lights and gauges on our car dashboards; indicators of what is right (like the gas gauge on FULL) or what is wrong that needs attention (like that gas needle pointing to EMPTY).

The emotions we feel are indicators that there's something in our life that needs our attention... our thinking and our praying definitely need to be part of those responses... But usually there are other more concrete ways that we can respond that help us as well, A funeral when someone dies, painting an amazing sunset we saw onto canvas, writing down the story of one of our favorite childhood memories, passing on a keepsake to a child or grandchild while telling them the story of how that keepsake came into the family. We donate a book to the library in Rev. Dayton D. Mix memory of Uncle Joe, give a memorial donation to Aunt Sally's favorite ministry. We NEED to find tangible ways to express our grief. Because, if truth be told, the feelings of grief only



come when we have loved... and we want, and need, to express our love.

So here's the challenge ahead. The church family of Manorville has chosen to NOT just close and stop ministering to those in need of Jesus. Instead, they've chosen to join forces with others in the family of faith, just a little ways down the road, and to continue reaching out to others... with the combined strength and resources of the two joined congregations.

So how do we mark, or honor, this momentous change in our story?

I have a couple ideas, but I'm sure there are dozens more that haven't been thought of yet...

Write down your memories of the Manorville Church. How you first encountered the congregation, who were the people of faith you met there? Memories of Vacation Bible School? Sunday school? Choir? Serving on one of the committees or mission projects? Helping with a party or a dinner? Confirmation?

Maybe it was that Sunday school teacher, choir director, organist usher, or even preacher who helped you in your faith? If they're still alive drop them a card or a note telling them how much they've meant to you... or even a simple "Thank you."

ALSO: Maybe you have an old directory or an old picture we could scan as we gather memories... (We'll give them back!)

Find a way to express your memories, and gratitude, for the legacy of faith this family of faith has poured into you... as they prepare to extend that legacy in this new chapter of faith.

OCTOBER LECTIONARY READING

October 6, 2024

20th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

*Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26 or 25,
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16*

October 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

*Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15,
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31*



October 20, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Job 38:1-7, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c,
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45*

October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

*Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8,
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52*



PASTOR APPRECIATION 2024

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and the Staff Parish Committee asks that you show your love and appreciation to both Pastor Dayton and Pastor Terri.

The Allegheny River Charge churches have been blessed by the presence of both of our leaders and as Paul tells us, "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17)

Please set aside some time, especially this month, to express your gratitude to each of our pastors. Perhaps you can send a personal note or better yet express your thanks in person, and as always, we ask that you remember each in your daily prayers.

Be sure to let Pastor Dayton and Pastor Terri know that you appreciate their labor in the name of God.

**Join Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball
Saturday, October 26, visiting the Indiana District**

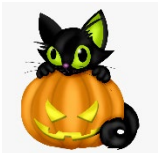




FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

COUNTERS

6 Bureau
13 Bureau
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27 Scaife



USHERS

6 Oxford
13 Albright
20 Albright
27 Asbury



ACOLYTES

6 Logan Green
13 Wyatt Green
20 Caden King
27 Caitlyn Kachur



LIVE STREAM

6 Ray Johnson
13 Steph Hankey
20 Sue Hankey
27 Brenda Beers



BELL RINGERS

6 Olivia Green
13 Elizabeth Mix
20 Jocelyn King
27 Chris Hankey



WELCOME CENTER

6 Sarah Heckert
13 Melissa Bureau
20 Karen Scaife
27 Beverly Patton



SCRIPTURE READER

6 Sarah Heckert
13 Dan Wolfe
20 Brenda Beers
27 Valerie Kachur



SOUND SYSTEM

6 Tim King
13 Jeff Hankey
20 Tim King
27 Carlee Beers



WESTERN PA UM CONFERENCE BALLOT UPDATE

Thank you to all members who returned a Household voting ballot last month. Our church will be reported as a TRADITIONAL HOUSEHOLD on our annual Charge Conference Summary Form. There were 274 ballots sent out, with 74 returned. Of those 74 returned, 62% voted for Traditional, 23% Blended and 15% Progressive.



MISSIONS UPDATE

Our September mission was Rise Against Hunger. We had a group of 9 from First Church go to help pack meals on September 14th. Our church also contributed \$1059 to this mission. Overall, the churches donated \$9838.39 to Rise Against Hunger, sponsoring more than 20,000 meals.

OCTOBER MISSION



Our October mission is for Caring Friends, a card outreach from First Church. We are collecting cards (holiday, birthday, thinking of you, etc), stamps and donations to help cover the cost of this mission. Please use the basket on the rail to drop off cards and stamp donations. Monetary donations can be marked and dropped in the offering plate.

RAINBOW ROAD

Rainbow Road Preschool is now hiring a teacher (supervising or assistant) for the 2024-2025 school year (3 day a week program). Experience and Degree in Elementary Education preferred. Please send a letter of introduction and resume to RAINBOW ROAD PRESCHOOL, First United Methodist Church, 301 N Jefferson St., Kittanning PA 16201. Salary and position will be determined after review of qualifications.



CALLING ALL VOICES

Church Choir has started and we would love to add some new voices! We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Library room through October. Please come and join us! See a current choir member for any questions





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Brandon Schrecengost
 6 Patrick Wolfe
 7 Matthew Kachur
 10 Frank Kiss
 10 Joshua Mix
 11 Melissa Bureau
 13 Connie Bish



14 Harry Waldenville
 15 Brad Volek
 21 Rowan Vandevort
 22 Lance Zielinski
 28 Ryan Cornman
 30 Hayley Hoffman



3 James & Diane Weibel
 8 Ryan & Sally Cornman-13 years
 30 Rob & Sue Hankey-43 years

We welcomed Scott Jamison into our church family on Sunday, September 1, 2024.



THIRD GRADE BIBLE

Traditionally we have given Bibles to our students as they enter 3rd grade. Congratulations to Chris Hankey for receiving his Bible on September 8th.

THANK YOU'S



Dear First Church,

Thank you so very much for allowing us to borrow your awesome VBS décor! We really appreciated it.

God Bless, Katie Tylinski, Director of Faith Formation.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous gift to our local Blessings in a Backpack. It came at the perfect time as we are gearing up for another school year! We are currently serving 275 students.

Thank you, Milly Atwood



To my church family here at Kittanning,

Thank you so much for helping me be able to afford another year at college. It has been one of my biggest goals to get through college debt free and your assistance has made that possible this year. I'm currently in the first semester of my sophomore year at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and am majoring in computer science with a minor in mathematics. Your scholarship has helped to make that possible.

Thank you. Sincerely, Joshua Mix



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of \$130.00 to the Food Bank at Grace Presbyterian Church in Kittanning. We are so very grateful and blessed by your support. Our food bank is one of sixteen in Armstrong County, and we serve 250 families each month. We are blessed to have a solid corps of over 35 volunteers. Our food bank is completely funded by donations, so every donation is greatly appreciated. We are especially grateful for support from our neighboring churches. We are in this together! Because of donations like yours, the families that come to our food bank do not go hungry! Again, thank you.

In Christ's Service, Kay Owen, Food Bank Coordinator





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES



9:30-10:30AM

Our children and youth Sunday School classes have started again for the year, and we are happy to be back after the summer vacation. Although we love the kids that are already attending, we would LOVE to see a couple more. We have classes for ages 3 years thru 12th grade—tell your friends and neighbors.

Our adult Sunday School class has not started back but we are considering what we want to have. If you are interested in attending a class Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30, please call the church office 724-548-4312 or Sue 724-545-1656 so we can make plans.

OCTOBER SIFT LUNCHEON

THE October SIFT Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at noon in the Covenant Center. The menu will be Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, and Italian Bread. Cookies will be served for dessert. The program, "How to Put Your Garden To Bed for Winter" will be presented by the Penn State Master Gardeners. Reservations can be made from Tuesday, October 1 through noon on Monday, October 14. Please call 724-548-4312. Phone reservations only will be accepted and will be limited to 75. You will need to give a name for each reservation made along with a contact phone number. Please call to cancel as there may be a waiting list. Doors will open at 11:30 AM. Please use the parking lot door. See YOU there!

2025 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

We continue our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity

Cans Received August 15th—September 15th—2,420

Total cans received through September 15th—11,285

Many thanks to everyone who is saving aluminum cans and bringing them to the church—at the ramp at the back of the church. Please save cans from soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food—**Aluminum only-NOT "TIN CANS"**, food, soup, etc.

Thank you, The Can Man, Jim Ternent



FORD MEMORIAL LINK PAGE

MANORVILLE LINK PAGE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Jeanette Dotts
- 9 Paige Reesman
- 13 Maria L. Brocious Corbett
- 14 John Czapor II
- 24 Gabriel Lytle
- 29 Dianna Brocious



- 3 Pastor Sara & Paul Wrona
- 27 Darcy & Shawn Toy

Manorville United Methodist Church 1890 - 2024

The paper fluttered as the wind blew. Stuck in the straggly shrub it was hard to miss. The old man walked through the lawn to pull it out. The lawn needed to be mown. In fact the whole place looked empty, hollow.

Is there anything more desolate than a shuttered church he wondered. The paper turned out to be a bulletin from a year ago. A November bulletinhe thought about Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day. He could still see the writing. He read.

Wow. There were a lot of people on the prayer list. Seemed like a lot of events going on too. They had a nice turnout for their church Thanksgiving dinner and they were helping a family for Christmas who did not have the means to do so.

What happened he wondered? How does a church with so much to offer find itself with the doors shuttered....leaves piled on the steps....no one there anymore?

How many different people were on those prayer lists that year? How many people did their pastor visit in the hospital? How many people did they visit that were shut in? How many families have they helped at Christmas? How many children went through Sunday School? How many church dinners?

How many times did people walk by on Sunday morning , Saturday evenings , summer days, Christmas Eve ...and did they take for granted the lights behind the stained glass windows, the organ music, the singing, the children laughing as they ran up the steps, down the steps....someone yelling at them to get off the steps.

He found himself wondering how much the village would lose with the little yellow church on the corner no longer ... the church.

He remembered what someone once said about shuttered churches....they never return again. Once they are gone..they are gone forever.

Was it such a chore to go to church one day a week? For a couple of hours?

Why did it seem difficult to walk through those doors and share your smile and your love, your time....to come together as a family willing to be there for all....

When did it become so much about what I feel like doing and not about what I need to be doing?....

Was it so hard to put some money in the plate...so the church could stay alive...pay the electric bill...help one of his neighbors...send food to the food bank...pray ...so many people praying for yet another person in need...to send the school kits and the flood kits to those next door and those far away....

There seem to be so many churches closing...some bulldozed for new buildings....some party and event centers.

There is a quiet dignity still around the building even though no one has been here for ages he mused. Must be God ...wonder how long he will hang around.

(Courtesy of Dianna Brocius)

What more can we say?



UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

UNION AVE. UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The Sept. 9, 2024, meeting of the UA United Women in Faith was held at the Kittanning Cottage Community Room with 7 in attendance. The meeting was opened with the reading of The Purpose and Mission of the United Women in Faith. Hostess: Ellen Nelson Devotions: Karen Wolfe-Love in Action, Minute Missions: Donna Shaffer: Brightlights in Response magazine. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. There were no additions or corrections. The reports stand as read.

Old Business:

1. Received thank you notes from Blessings in a Backpack, Ruth M. Smith Center, Progressive Workshop, Lynn Sibley representing the Ruth M. Smith Center for our donation on The Day of Giving for Warren County, and also a thank you card from Lynn representing the Red Bird Mission for our donation of \$235.00.
2. The hoagie coupon sale was a success.
3. Request from Heifer International and Henderson Settlement for a donation. We have donated to these organizations recently, so it was decided not to donate at this time.
4. The painting class at Manorville was cancelled.

New Business:

1. Certificate of Recognition for the Reading Program for 2024 was received and a 2-star Certificate of Achievement for our unit for 2024.
2. The Indiana District Annual meeting will be held September 21, 2024 @ The Remnant Faith Community. If anyone is interested in going, please see Karen Wolfe.
3. The annual meeting of the United Women in Faith Conference will be held on October 19, 2024 @ Dutihl UMC in Cranberry Twp. And also, via zoom. Please see Karen if interested.
4. Letter received from the Salvation Army introducing their new leaders and requesting a donation. Motion made and passed not to donate at this time.
5. Information received from Community Action Agency. Can donate money for CAA to buy toys for children for Christmas or we can select a family to support. Motion made and passed to support a family for Christmas as we have previously done. Motion was made and approved to give Karen Wolfe \$250.00 to buy gifts for family. Karen will ask for a family with 2 children.
6. A motion was made and approved to give Community Action Agency \$100 for the Turkey Fund.
7. Laurie Potter-Do we want to give a donation to World Gospel Mission for support of missionaries? Donna Shaffer suggested that we give a donation through the church. Motion made to give \$200 through the church if approved by the board. All in agreement.
8. Connections in Kittanning-very much in need of toiletries. Motion made to collect toiletries for Connections. Anyone can donate for this not just the women's group. Please bring items to the church by Sept. 22, 2024.
9. Motion was made and approved to give \$100 pledge to Indiana district for 2025.
10. Our Christmas party will be held at Garda's on December 2, 2024, at 12 noon. We will order from the menu. We will also pick new Prayer Partners.
11. Officers for next year will remain the same as this year. All in favor.

Meeting closed with the reading of the Parting Prayer.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson





UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Claire Brown
- 29 Dave Wolfe
- 21 Carolyn Ingram
- 30 Peggy Say



THANK YOU'S



Dear Friends of UA-UWF,

I want to thank you so much for your generous donation of \$235 to Red Bird Mission in KY in response to my upcoming visit there in September. It really means a lot to me!

Love and Blessings, Lynn

Dear UAUMC,

Thank you for your incredibly generous gift of \$200.00 to Blessings In a Backpack on 6/7/24. Thank you for letting kids be kids-without the worry of being hungry.

Sincerely, Erin Kerr



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WORD SEARCH

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BONES

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GRAVEYARD

OCTOBER

SPIDERWEB

BROOM

FRANKENSTEIN

HALLOWEEN

SCARE

VAMPIRE

CAULDRON

FRIGHTEN

MASK

SHADOWS

WEREWOLF

COFFIN

GAMES

NIGHT

SKILL

ZOMBIE

