

Calendar of Events



Sunday, October 13

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, October 14

5:30 pm Sit Happens

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm WELCA meeting

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, October 17

1:00 pm Back Pack Packing
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm NA

Friday, October 18

Saturday, October 19



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Joyful Restoration

By Captain Jan Pemberton

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Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:2

I have been watching old episodes of a renovation show located in a charming little Mississippi town. This show features a couple who restores old houses. They can see that these homes have great potential to be restored to their former glory or maybe look even better. This show sometimes has renovations that are purely cosmetic with a little demolition, and sometimes it has a total redo from the foundation to the roof. We see that during the episode that parts of the home are reused or renewed. When these restorations are complete, they take the homeowner to the newly restored home.

Our walk with Christ is similar to this show of restoring homes; it is one of restoration. We need to come alongside the carpenter to allow Him to take down walls that we have built up and let Him tear them down; even if we like those walls and are comfortable, the process of restoration of our faith, our hearts, our souls, and our minds is a tough one. We know the process of restoration is needed, but we, as humans, are stubborn and think we are strong enough for anything. But we know the truth, we need a little refinement and restoration. We see in Philippians 4:6, ***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*** When we finally give ourselves over to the Lord for restoring our relationship with Him, with our friends, family, and even others in our lives, we see those walls come down, and we can see the new creation created by the master carpenter, Jesus.

When the Lord gives us restoration, we know that we can be refreshed, renewed, and a new creation, just like when we renovate a home. We see that when Christ renovates us, both the inside and out, we have been restored, refreshed, and renewed while also keeping what made us unique. Remember, when we allow God to change us from the inside, our renewal and restoration shines through making even a change with our outward expressions and interaction with others.

Questions to ponder:

- Are we willing to be restored by Christ?
- What steps can I take to achieve restoration?
- Are there people in my life that can help me during my restoration process?
- When God has restored me, how can I help others with their restoration?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for your Holy Spirit, to help restore our Soul. Thank you, Lord, for giving us the ability to let the walls we build to come down and be rebuilt by you. Sometimes, we think we are doing just fine, but deep down, we know we need you and your Holy Spirit to renew, restore, and fill us with your love, confidence, and joy. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen!

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Arch Watkins, Rita and Dave Strickler, Jimmy Gardner
LAY ASSISTANT: David Bausinger; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Rhonda Koch
ACOLYTE: Karrah Bair; **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Gary and Connie Hess
CANTOR: Candy Watkins; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Jody Fullmer

Sunday, October 6: Attendance: **104**; Offering: **\$7,758.38**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Pat Michael, by her loving son, Dan Michael.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Richard Michael, by his loving son, Dan Michael.

The Sanctuary Lamp burned in memory this week for Albert Kelley's birthday on October 6th, by his wife Marcella.

Bible Readings

Sunday, October 13: *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31*

Monday, October 14: *Psalm 26; Obadiah 1-9; Revelation 7:9-17*

Tuesday, October 15: *Psalm 26; Obadiah 10-16; Revelation 8:1-5*

Wednesday, October 16: *Psalm 26; Obadiah 17-21; Luke 16:19-31*

Thursday, October 17: *Psalm 91:9-16; Genesis 14:17-24; Romans 15:7-13*

Friday, October 18: *Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:1-9; Revelation 17:1-18*

Saturday, October 19: *Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:10-15; Luke 22:24-30*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, October 13, will be Janet Stroble, ALWL. Next Sunday, October 20, will be Pastor Amme.

Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a PastoralEmergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

Articles for the Messenger and Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon.



Food Pantry: *Items most needed this week* are peanut butter, jelly, tuna, mixed fruit or any canned fruit, cream of mushroom soup, tomato soup, baked beans, egg noodles, misc. pasta, canned and boxed potatoes, coffee, hot chocolate, pudding packs, saltine or Ritz crackers, fruit drinks, hot chocolate, tea, and jello.



Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. *All are welcome!*





This is part of the Seasoned Helpers Ministry. God’s Helping Hands, Serving Family, Friends, and Neighbors during times of change or unexpected need. This committee reaches out to those who are elderly, home-bound, in nursing homes or those who just need a friendly visit. For more information please contact the Church Office at 570-326-9171.



The Missional Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help with “Hearts that Care”, a part of the Seasoned Helpers Ministry. This committee will do wellness checks, home/hospital visits, provide transportation as needed. If you are interested in this mission please sign up on the sign-up sheet provided in the Narthex. For more information call the church office.



Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet in Shaheen Hall on **Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.** **The Rev. C. Angelique Labadie Cihanawyz**, executive director of Sojourner Truth Ministries will be the guest speaker.

Mark your Calendars: November 16th at 6:00 pm is “Trivia Night”.



Church Women United -World Community Day Celebration, Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. at Pennsdale Trinity United Methodist Church, 658 Village Road, Muncy.

**January - September 2024
Profit and Loss Summary**

Fund Name	2024 Budget Jan – Sept.	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Overage or Shortfall
General Fund	\$135,000.00	\$179,710.00	\$157,165.96	\$22,544.33
Rebuilding Fund	\$62,250.00	\$30,258.50	\$121,479.47	(-\$91,220.97)
Children’s Ministry	\$6,000.00	\$7,703.18	\$6,450.03	\$1,253.15
Preschool	\$37,260.00	\$3,680.00	\$4,678.90	(-\$998.90)
07/01/2024-6/30/2025				



Thank you to everyone who helped set up and decorate the Sanctuary for Harvest home and blanket Sunday. It looked beautiful.



Mountie
Backpack Program

The Mountie Backpack Program is ready for the new school year.

Bagging is on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Shaheen Hall. Needed again are two volunteers to deliver the food bags on Fridays to all three schools in the SWASD. Please contact Dianne Larson, 570-220-3702; Connie McLaughlin, 570-326-3618, or Mary Schultz, 570-772-8021. *Many hands lighten the load.*



MISSION TO SEAFARERS Did you realize that **90%** of **everything** we wear, use, and consume, come to us by merchant ships, operated by 1.5 million seafarers? On ships for 9 to 10 months at a time, the seafarers face many hardships: storms, piracy, abandonment, and loss of contact with their families. Often the only contact they have beyond the ship, the Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support. Join in the Chaplains' mission of showing Christ's love.

Remember Matthew 25: 35, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Help fill gift satchels that the Chaplains deliver to the seafarers in the weeks before Christmas. Each satchel should contain the following:

- 1 sweatshirt, unhooded or hooded (preferred) – size M, L or XL**
- 3 pair of socks, thermal or white gym**
- 1 casual pullover T shirt – size M, L or XL**
- 1 heavy knit winter cap**
- 1 can of nuts or large bar of chocolate**
- Christmas card**

NO ADDITIONS AND NO SUBSTITUTIONS

Items need to be at the church by **October 30**. *Thank you*



Dresses and Britches for Africa

Please help the needy children of Africa by sewing dresses and/or britches. Shirts, pillowcases and trim are available in the Narthex on and under the table displayed, also included are the instructions. For questions contact Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message. *Thank you.*



2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Jane Elizabeth Newlin and Everett Mason Batschelet Memorial Scholarship to Penn State University is available each year to one qualifying high school senior who will be attending any of the Penn State University campuses and is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

The amount of the scholarship is \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester) and is renewable for up to four years as long as the student remains enrolled in good standing in a Penn State school.

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the scholarship for the 2024-25 school term:

- **Alyx Taylor** just started at Pennsylvania College of Technology this year as a freshman majoring in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Alyx plans to focus more on the Emergency Management Side and, since enrolling at Penn College, is already involved in the Emergency Management Club, Outdoor Club, and the college Pep Band.
- **Nicholas Cremer** is a sophomore this year at Pennsylvania College of Technology and very much enjoys studying in the field of cybersecurity. Nick also enjoys working at the Potting Bench and has been on the dean's list every semester so far.
- **Lauren Peck** is a junior at Pennsylvania College of Technology, majoring in Aviation Maintenance Technology with plans on pursuing a career in Avionics after graduation. Lauren is currently deployed in Africa with the Air National Guard where she serves as a Radio Frequency Technician.

All three recipients report that they are ***very appreciative*** of the scholarship and the opportunity it affords them to pursue an education that will lead to a rewarding future.



Tickets for the Preschool "Gift Card Bingo" on Saturday, October 26th, at 11:30am are available before and after worship on Sundays in the Narthex, in the church office or by contacting Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021. We are still taking donations of gift cards, themed baskets and baked goods for the event.

The deadline is October 18th for the gift cards and themed baskets. Baked goods are due Friday, October 25th by noon in the church office or bring to Independent Fire Company on the day of the event.

