



Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, November 4

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day

7:00 am – 8:00 pm Polls Open

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 7

10:00 pm Knitters for Neighbors

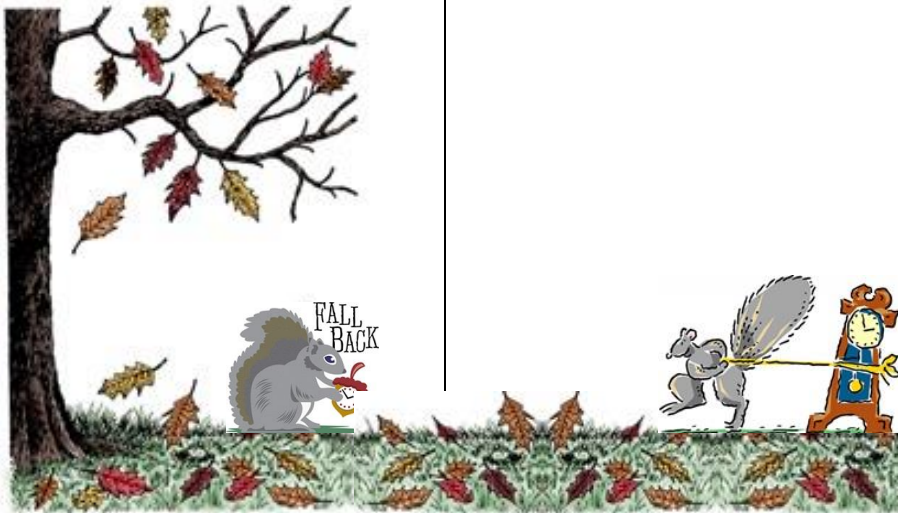
1:00 pm Back Pack Packing

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

Friday, November 8

Saturday, November 9



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The Festival of All Saints will be observed this Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 9:30 am. This annual feast day is a celebration of the entire Christian community, living and dead. It recognizes that those who have gone before us in the faith have blazed a trail for us and reminds us that they, too, are in the care of Christ. All Saints Sunday is the celebration of what our ancestors have meant to us, how their lives have enriched ours, and how our communion with one another in the body of Christ reaches even beyond the grave.

Join us this Sunday as we remember those who can never be separated from us, because they have been forever united to Christ. Since it is our custom to especially remember those who have died since last All Saints Sunday, the following persons will be remembered in our prayers by name:

Nellie H. Byham

Albert W. Kelley

Carol A. Dieffenbach

Rodney "OB" O'Brien

Leonard "Craig" Harris



Sunday, November 3, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Fred Harbaugh, AnnMarie Hohman, Jean Nolan, Diana Rooker, Susan Christ
LAY ASSISTANT: Georgette Copp; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Fred Harbaugh
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Dylan Sherman; **TORCHBEARERS:** Karrah Bair, Brennen Hess;
ALTAR GUILD: Marie Welter, April Gardner
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Don and Mary Ellen Rosenbaum
CANTOR: Carol Waltz; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, October 27: Attendance: **105**; Offering: **\$3,087.08**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died since last All Saints Sunday and who have been forever united to Christ.

The Basket of Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Brenda and Marlin Cromley's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

The Basket of Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of David and Emily Bausinger's 46th Wedding Anniversary.

The White Carnations are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nellie Byham, Carol Dieffenbach, Leonard "Craig" Harris, Albert Kelley and Rodney "OB" O'Brien.

Bible Readings

Sunday, November 3: *Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44*

Monday, November 4: *Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10*

Tuesday, November 5: *Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1; Acts 7:17-29*

Wednesday, November 6: *Psalm 51; Micah 6:1-8; John 13:31-35*

Thursday, November 7: *Psalm 146; Numbers 36:1-13; Romans 5:6-11*

Friday, November 8: *Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Hebrews 9:15-24*

Saturday, November 9: *Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, November 3, 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 Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

Please contact the church office if you or a family member are in the hospital or are ill. Pastor Jeff LeCrone is available for visits or phone calls (*see contact information above.*) The office will also contact our prayer chain leaders so that your fellow church members may pray to help you be restored to wellness. *Prayer is a powerful healer!*



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



Food Pantry Needs: We are in pretty good shape thanks to your generous donations for Harvest Home. However, it is already shaping up to be a tough winter for some folks and we are out of a few things. Needed this week for the pantry: **pudding cups and cereal.**

The Library Corner



Youth – **Circle of Grace** – As crisp autumn air descends on Heather Creek Farm, the kids start to settle into their new home. Christopher is consumed by an exciting new hobby and Sam is drafted for the high school football team. Emily is making new friends. In the meantime severe storms send a serious threat toward Bedford and a dramatic rescue reveals the depth of the bonds that tie this new family together. Book in the Youth Fiction section.

Adult - **The Wit of Martin Luther** - An interesting and entertaining entry into Luther's thought. This little book brings out the sublime religious meaning at stake in the theological thwacks and thuds of the Reformer's life. Found in the Reformation, Lutheran Church history section.



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.*



Official Notice is hereby given of the **Annual Congregation Meeting** to be held on **Sunday, December 8th**. This meeting will be held immediately after worship. Please plan on attending.

The nominees for Congregation Council 2025 are Joanie Jackson, Al Cole and Ron Yeagle. Any voting member may now make Nominations-at-Large. These nominations must contain written assurance that the nominee will serve if elected. Contact Sue Christ, Sherri Holtzman or Larry Solomon with nominations by October 27. *No nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual meeting on December 8th. Thank you.*



The Advent Kids in Mission will be held on December 7th and as always, we'll need some help. If you are able to help please let me know. More information will follow. Thank you for your support. Kathryn Pratt 570-244-6964



White Gifts & Christmas Food Basket Project has begun!

Recipients of white gifts and food baskets are now being identified. If you know a family that could benefit from receiving white gifts or a food basket, please contact the church office by **Friday, November 8th**.



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



Mark your calendar for "**TRIVIA NIGHT**" on Saturday, **November 16**. We will have some new faces. While George Jansson is having eye problems for which he will have surgery, Lyn and Jeff Reitz will be the Quizmasters that evening. They will follow George's format--even the dreaded musical section. Pizza and beverages will be supplied. Please bring a snack to share with everyone. The fees are ... \$8.00 per person; \$15.00 per couple. The beneficiary is Messiah's Backpack Project.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Preschool Bingo Event a success. We were so happy with the turn out. There were approximately 96 people in attendance, many of whom were Messiah members.



**In the presence of our Lord
As we start our Sabbath Day,
Some people choose a place to sit
And then begin to pray
And others choose to read a hymn
And others read a Psalm
Preparing heart and mind and soul
In Worshipful, peaceful calm.**

**We certainly like to greet each other
And share our thoughts and news,
But maybe we could be more mindful
Of those who are in the pews.**

**We could use our smaller voices
Before our worship starts
Maintaining a reverent quiet
That speaks to our souls and hearts.**

**We need your help to lower the level
As we enter God's holy house.
We could all just talk in whispers.
Be as quiet as a mouse.**

Author Unknown



Can't make it to church? Join us live on Facebook!

Worship services will be broadcast on Facebook Live each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. To watch the service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahSouth>.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah's web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

A copy of the worship bulletin will be posted to the web site each week so that you can follow along.

Did you know? Messiah's Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page.