

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 6 brings us guest preacher, Dr. Rodney Shearer to fill our pulpit while Pastor Lynch is preaching renewal services at Kleinfeltersville UMC. Dr. Shearer is a retired United Methodist clergyman, having served as a pastor, Academic Dean at Myerstown Evangelical Seminary and a District Superintendent. The Singing Pellegrini's will offer special music.

November 13 is Veteran's Day Sunday. Please invite your family and friends to this special service that will include music by Quittie Creek. Althea Hemperly and trumpeter Bob Lemon. Our vets will be recognized and Pastor Lynch will speak on being "Spiritual Veterans." A special offering will be taken to provide servicemen and veterans with Bibles through the American Bible Society by Christmas.

November 20 is Thanksgiving Sunday. We will be blessed with the music ministry of our Sunbeam Choir and Pastor Lynch will bring a thank-full message.

November 27 is the First Sunday in Advent. There will be a Same Day Choir comprised of women. A practice will be held in the chapel at 9:45. Pastor Lynch will preach and we will light the first candle in the Advent Wreath.

NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come into his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and come into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

LOYAL WORKERS

Thank you to all who contributed and helped with the Apple Fest. So far we have earned \$1,147.00. Apple Dumplings are still available.

Thanks to everyone who contributed for our to our Trick or Treat Night. Over 300 bags were handed out, along with tricks for the dogs.

November 12 is our Holiday Bazaar. Our big attraction is our cookie sale. We need everyone's help so start thinking what you would like to make. A sign up sheet will be on the information table in the gathering room. Crafts, bake goods and lunch will also be available. We will also be serving soup by the quart, ham and bean and vegetable beef.

MITTEN TREE

The Loyal Workers are collecting mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Starting in mid November the Mitten Tree will be located to the right of the sanctuary until December 11. Thank you for helping to decorate our Mitten Tree.

PASTOR'S PUN

So, what did the mother turkey say to
her disobedient children?

“If your father could see you now,
he'd turn over in his gravy!”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Thanksgiving is more than a national holiday. It is more than turkey and dressing and cranberry sauce. It is more than a couple days off from school or work. It is more than football games and family reunions (though I love all of the above!).

Thanksgiving is a spirit that pervades the life of a Christian, day in and day out. It is the ongoing recognition of God's love and care for us, His generosity and graciousness towards us.

One of my favorite *Peanuts* comic strips was printed a few days before Thanksgiving some years ago. Lucy is feeling sorry for herself, and she laments, “My life is a drag. I'm completely fed up. I've never felt so low in my life.”

Her little brother, Linus, tries to console her and says, “Lucy, when you're in a mood like this, you should try to think of things you have to be thankful for. In other words, count your blessings.”

To that, Lucy says, “Ha! That's a good one! I could count my blessings on one hand! I've never had anything and I never will have anything. I don't get half the breaks that other people do. Nothing ever goes right for me! And you talk about counting your blessings! What do I have to be thankful for?”

Linus says, “Well for one thing, you have a little brother who loves you.” With that, Lucy runs and hugs little brother Linus as she cries tears of joy. And while she is hugging him tightly, Linus says, “Every now and then, I say the right thing.”

While, what about us? We have a God who loves us. And if that doesn't make us sing a song of thanksgiving, I don't know what would! Now that's something to think about! ~ Pastor John

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The Upper Room daily devotionals for November and December are available in the sanctuary and at the information table in the gathering room. Please take one for yourself and one to give away.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

District Superintendent Joe Tyson will be meeting with our Administrative Council

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Shay Funck

Greeters/Ushers: Barry Smith, Dave Finney, Chris Oleyniczak, Dave Brandt

Scripture Readers:

Sound System Operators:

NOVEMBER 6: Rod Shearer

NOVEMBER 6: Barry Smith

NOVEMBER 13: Pastor Lynch

NOVEMBER 13: Don Brubaker

NOVEMBER 20: Casey Funck

NOVEMBER 20: Dick Lasher

NOVEMBER 27: Bethany Finney

NOVEMBER 27: Barry Smith



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Lisa Dowhower

7 - Evelyn Powell

19 - Diane Miller

5 - Lloyd Grumbein

7 - Paul Leicht

20 - Angela Bloch

5 - Shirley Speraw

9 - Robin Strupp

22 - Heidi Reigle

6 - Jeffrey Patrick

10 - Lois Grumbein

24 - James Floyd

BETHANY YOGA

Breathe, stretch, breathe. Bethany yoga will not be held on Thursday November 3, and the last session of the year will be held on Thursday November 17. Many thanks to Wendy Smith for being our leader.

CARING CUPBOARD REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The Caring Cupboard has invited the churches of Palmyra to put together 150 boxes of personal items to bless the families of our needful neighbors in the new year. Would you consider putting one item in a box each December day? Bring your full box to worship at Bethany or Christmas Day December 25, or the next two Sundays, January 1 or 8. The calendar is on the other side of this sheet. Any questions, please talk with our representative to the Caring Cupboard, Don Brubaker.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes.

Count your friends instead of your foes.

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Toothpaste	2 Deodorant	3 Shampoo
4 Toothbrush	5 Soap	6 Dish Soap	7 Laundry Soap	8 Razors	9 Tissues	10 Mouthwash
11 Hand Soap	12 Toilet Paper	13 Paper Towels	14 Window Cleaner	15 Cotton Balls	16 Antacid Tablets	17 Q-tips
18 Hand Sanitizer	19 Tylenol/Ibuprofen	20 Feminine Hygiene or Brillo Pads	21 Dental Floss	22 Lotion	23 Countertop Cleaner	24 Dryer Sheets
25 Band-aids	26	27	28	29	30	31



Do a reverse Advent calendar!

Help your friends and neighbors have access to basic needs, like the above-listed toiletries! We will collect items through the 2nd week of January, 2017.

Focus on family

Our average family size is just under 3 persons. The items for this box do not need to be large/bulk items. Our families appreciate any help with these items!

Our goal

We would love to give each of our families one of these boxes. We would like to collect a minimum of 150 boxes to help our friends and neighbors.