

Our Continuing Vision

November 2018

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Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

November 4 – Daylight Savings time ends
Junior High Sunday

November 11 – Annual Congregational Forum
A Prayer: Help! Romans 8:18-39

November 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday – Thanksgiving Dinner, 6 pm
A Prayer: Thanks! 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

November 25 – *A Prayer: Wow!* Matthew 28:1-10

A word from Pastor Jan . . .

As we begin a new month together, I want to thank each one of you for the variety of special ways you have welcomed me into your fellowship. I deeply appreciate the sincerity, the warmth and the love that has wrapped me in such a gracious welcome! May our time together be faith filled and faithful as we offer thanks to the God who loves us all. I'm delighted to be with you!.....Pastor Jan

“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

Holiday Craft Fair this Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm

Over 30 vendors! Walt Markey will have his paintings for sale again and will donate 40% of his proceeds to the church. Be there! We want to make sure you have heard. Nine o'clock starts the shopping spree, but you gotta be done by three!

Thank you Craft Fair Bakers

A big thank you to all the bakers who contributed to our Holiday Craft Fair bake table. I am writing this before the sale, but I know I have already heard from so many of you that I am sure our table will be a big success. This table is pure profit to the church, and thanks to you all it raises a nice contribution for the church programs. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you!.....Nancy Dotter

We host FAMILY PROMISE next week!

Our church family hosts participants in Family Promise this Sunday, November 4 – Sunday, November 11. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. **We need folks to spend the night!** Please see Paula McCutcheon for any questions.

Annual Congregational Forum - Sunday, November 11

We will meet in the Sanctuary immediately following our morning worship. Moderator Dan Biss will lead us through our agenda of reports and business items. Packets are in your church mailbox.

Book Club Sunday, November 11, after Forum

We will discuss the book The Bridge Ladies by Betsy Lerner @ Verna Hartman's home, 207 Hawthorne Ct. N., Wyomissing. Please RSVP to Verna 484-529-6192.

A Common Witness - Monday, November 12, 7 pm

St. Ignatius Loyola, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring, will host this gather of individuals from 4 area churches: St. Peter's UCC, Advent Lutheran, and WCOTB. These gatherings promote learning and understanding of our individual denominations. Everyone is invited to attend and learn about programs while meeting and interfacing with individuals from the other congregations. Light refreshments are provided.

Friendly's Fellowship Fundraiser

On Thursday, November 15, 5-8 pm, Friendly's Ice Cream, 3024 Penn Avenue, West Lawn will share a portion of the dinner proceeds with WCOTB! Please consider enjoying your dinner and great fellowship! We will also be selling baked goods that night, so please help by baking some delicious items for us to sell and/or volunteering to work at the bake table. (NOTE: this offer does not apply to other Friendly's locations).

Fun Friday - November 16, 6 - 8 pm

Mark your calendars for our Fun Friday! All kids ages 3 – 16 are invited to come and enjoy a night of games, crafts, and just letting "loose."

Harvest Home for Thanksgiving

Collections have begun for Harvest Home now through Sunday, November 18. Anything nonperishable: food, paper products, laundry and dish soaps. Also monetary donations are accepted and we will shop for you. You can place your items on the steps in the Sanctuary. You may also suggest a family to receive a basket. Put a slip of paper in the offering with a name and address and how many in the family or give to Sarah Sallada.

You are invited to our Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 18, 6 pm

Come and enjoy a delicious meal with our Church Family and friends in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6 pm! We ask that you bring a covered dish/dessert/bread to share with everyone! Turkey and beverages will be provided. *We are also looking for volunteers to roast a turkey, set up, and clean up. Watch for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.*

Soup Kitchen - Monday, November 19, 10 am

Help is needed to make Hamburger BBQ, provide rolls, carrots, and to be servers, at the New Journey Community Outreach, 138 South 6th Street, Reading. Sign up on the bulletin board

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 21, 7 pm

The Interfaith Worship Service will be hosted at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 99 South Waverly Street, Shillington. Pastor Jan will be participating in this most meaningful service of thanksgiving. Everyone is invited.

Order your Christmas Poinsettias

Our Christmas Poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 23 & Monday, December 24. There is an order form enclosed with this newsletter. There are 2 new colors this year: Burgundy and Ice Crystal. The cost is \$8.00 and the deadline to order is **Sunday, December 9**. Any questions please see Barbie.

Londonderry Village Auxiliary Nut Sale

The following nuts are for sale in one pound bags:

Salted Peanuts \$4.00

Salted Cashews \$10.00

Unsalted Cashews \$10.00

Unsalted Mixed Nuts \$9.00

Deluxe Salted Mixed Nuts \$10.00

All orders due to Vicki Clements 484-332-7127 by **this Sunday, November 4** with a delivery date of Sunday, November 18.

Do the church a service during the church service!

When you share a joy or concern, share you name first. Pastor Jan needs some help in getting to know us. Folks are needed to write down joys and concerns and put in the office in Barbie's mail box. If you are looking for a wonderful way to help us help each other in prayer, record our joys and concerns!

Reminder: *Anyone in the hospital needs to let the Church Office know.* This way our Deacons, Pastor and congregation can hold you or your loved one in prayer. The hospitals and rehab center will no longer let Barbie or Jan know who from our congregation has been admitted.

In Memoriam: Ruth Tabakelis (2/19/37 – 10/23/18). Our prayers are with John and family.

Thank you to our 12 volunteers who worked persistently at the Brethren Servicer Center on Wednesday, October 10. It was a very rewarding day!.....Barbie

Thank you everyone for your contributions for the CROP Walk. Our church raised \$250.00 The CROP Walk committee thanks everyone who contributed.

Thank you everyone for participating in the Coastal Grill Youth Fundraiser. The total food sales were \$682.38 and the youth will receive a check for \$136.47.

December highlights . . .

Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 2

Everyone is invited to enjoy a light lunch after worship and *help decorate our church of the upcoming Christmas season.*

Cookie Sale - Saturday, December 8, 9 am - 1 pm

Take the stress out of Christmas cookie baking. We have the best bakers in Reading, baking up a cookie storm! Cookies make great office gifts, teacher gifts, hostess gifts, and you can freeze them! (Just label them "Squid" or "Liver Pate" to keep cookie monsters at bay.) When you need them, unfreeze them. All sorts of homemade cookies of your Christmas cookie tray so buy double – cookies for now and cookies for Christmas. Any leftovers will be for sale after worship on Sunday, December 9.

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 8, 9 am

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast and great fellowship! The children will be making take home crafts, and then we will have a special “visitor” who will have a treat for everyone! Gifts from parents are **NOT** required.

Jeffrey Krick, Jr. Elvis Christmas/Gospel Show

Come and enjoy a wonderful night out on Sunday, December 9, 7 pm in our Sanctuary. Doors open at 6 pm. There will be a freewill offering.

Christmas Mystery Brunch - Saturday, December 15

Mark your calendar for another exciting Mystery Brunch!

Be a part of Spreading Christmas Cheer

Sunday, December 16, Children/Youth ages 2 and up and adults will be singing Christmas songs and handing out cards to residents at the Berks Heim. Volunteers to aid in transportation and supervision are needed. We will leave the church lobby at 10:15 am and return approximately 1:30 pm. We will sing for about an hour and then stop for lunch and fellowship on our way back. Please see either Sue Blatt or Vicki Clements if you plan on your children attending or if you could join us.

Brethren Disaster Ministries

WCOTB has reserved the dates of April 7-13, 2019, for our next BDM rebuild trip at Lumberton, North Carolina. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer, can let Dan Biss or Ted Noble know within the next month. Also, White Oak COTB is seeking volunteers to go to the same area January 6-12. Talk to Ted if interested.

In Our Prayers this month:

Gloria Barnett – Jim Beck – Dean Camp

Nancy Custo – Darlene – Dawn Ernst – Mel & Sandy Fox – Kirk Haas

Joan Hornberger – Jen, Sam & Loretta – Betty Kintzer – Eleanor Kruse – Tim Latshaw

Mia Losito – Brianna Lowry – Rodney Moyer – Bob Pettit – Kay Pfautz

Rona & Marigold- Eric Speece – Jill Keyser Speicher – Mary Spotts – Horace Stewart

Sunday Worship Participants for November 2018

November 4

Junior High Sunday

Acolyte: Sissy Sfingas

Flowers: In loving memory of my parents, Bob & Ada Parson
by Doris Krick

Greeters: Mark & Diana Adams

Nursery: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari

Worship Leader: Junior High Youth

Deacons of the Week: Doug & Brenda Bechtel

November 11

Annual Congregational Forum, 11:30 am

Acolyte: Abigail Felker

Flowers: In honor of Don Robinson & Classic Sallada birthdays
by Sarah Sallada

Greeters: Scott & Sue Blatt

Nursery: Stefanie Thomas

Worship Leader: Sharon Harris

Deacons of the Week: Ray & Nancy Dotter

November 18

Thanksgiving Sunday

Acolyte: Alexis Martinez

Flowers: In honor of our 23rd Wedding Anniversary
by Don & Dawn Solinger

Greeters:

Nursery: Brandi Sensenig

Worship Leader: Glenn Pfautz

Deacons of the Week: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

November 25

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Joshua Felker

Flowers: In memory of Norm Garner by Jasin, Jen, Dakota, Willow Garner

Greeters: Dave & Diane Zimmerman

Nursery: The Felker Family

Worship Leader: Brian Zimmerman

Deacons of the Week: Don & Eleanor Robinson

Audio: Rick Kuhns

Counters: Mark & Sandy Henderson

Head Usher: Barbie Kuhns

Ushers: Brian & Jill Felker, Deborah Smith

Parking Lot Greeters: Lee & Fawn Seifrit

Welcoming Team: Darlene Dunn & Barbie Kuhns