



**"Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."**

**Mark 12:43-44**

# **Truth Telling**

## **WORSHIP SERIES**

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "Love Divine All Loves excelling" UMH# 384

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

**God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God's abundance?

**God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

God's abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

**God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the Pharisees or the widow?

**We will give as people who trust in God's provision, because God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.*

SONG "Your Grace Is Enough"

HYMN "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

SIGNS OF PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/OUR LORD'S PRAYER

SONG "Unbroken Praise"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 12: 38-44 Marian Smyser

HOMILY Truth Telling: The FEEL of Generosity

VETERAN RECOGNITION

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS "Give thanks"

WE OFFER PRAISE "Not to Us"

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH (POSTLUDE)



***Prayer requests cards are now in each pew. Prayer requests can be placed in the offering plate or in the black offering box in the back of the sanctuary.***

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**J Glen Vandermark (Pastor Deb's son)**, Chris Fine, Stacey Miller (Linda Kimmel's Niece) Linda Eckenrode, Warren Garman (Kimmel's family friend), Pam Dunkleberger, Unborn baby to Heather & Mike Hertzler (Andy/Mary Groshans)

**LONG TERM ILLNESS:**

Dick & Esther Ocker, Michael Alexander (Bellishes son), Betty Witmer, Liz Lehman, Todd Eckenrode, Teresa Bellish, Harry Schulz, John McAllen (Asonia Wolf's son), Alesha Holsinger (Linda Kimmel's friend), Barb Elting, Gaylea Kelly, Loretta Calaman, John Edwards (Andy & Mary Groshans), Asonia Wolf, Vera Egolf, Jackie Weary, Ed Hair, Stewart Lamma, Anne Stanford, Charles Sherman, Josiah Claire (Becky Smith), The Matrese Family, Steven Hair, Freddy Rodriguez (Deb Kraft).

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS:**

Mountains of Hope, Furcy, Haiti; Gideons.

**THOSE DEPLOYED IN MILITARY SERVICE:** Jadyne Barrett (Navy), Alex Myers (Army), Gerard Calaman (Air Force), Dylan Kupp (Navy), Justyn Padua, Brandon Padua, Dustin Jeardoe (Marine), Erin Driver (Army), John Durnin II (Marine).

**NURSING HOMES:** Thorwald Home: Pauline Hollenbaugh COG: Jane Sunday

**Susquehanna Conference of the UMC  
Circle of Prayer Churches November 10—16**

St Johns Cocolamus UMC, McAlisterville  
Mt Union Fayetteville UMC, Fayetteville  
Trans Run UMC, Bedford  
Thornhurst UMC, Thornhurst  
Grace Philipsburg UMC, Philipsburg  
St Johns-Newberry UMC, Williamsport  
Beavertown UMC, Beavertown  
Asbury Altoona UMC, Altoona  
Fairbrook UMC, PA Furnace

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

## *November*

- ◆ **Sundays- Choir practice**
- ◆ 10th –sanctuary/rm 101 following church service
- ◆ 17th– At 9:30am in sanctuary & following church service in rm 101
- ◆ 24th– following church service rm 101
- ◆ **Wednesdays – Women’s Bible study at 9am– Barb Simpson’s home**
- ◆ - Zumba at 6pm in church gym
- ◆ - Praise Band practice 7pm
- ◆ **Thursdays– Little Lights 10am to 11am**
  
- ◆ 17th—World Hunger Sunday (monetary donations collected)
- ◆ 17th—youth costume fitting during youth group
- ◆ 18th—Community Engagement Team mtg at 4:30pm rm 101
- ◆ 19th—Advent study @ 7pm in Room 101
- ◆ 20th—Spread the Love Club @ 6pm
- ◆ **24th– Hayride Costume Fitting & Nativity Set-Up**
- ◆ 28th & 29th —Thanksgiving —Office Closed

## *December*

- ◆ **Sundays- Choir practice**
- ◆ 1st –rm 101 following church service
- ◆ 8th– At 9:30am in sanctuary & following church service in rm 101
- ◆ 15th– following church service rm 101
- ◆ 22nd– In Sanctuary following church service
- ◆ **Wednesdays – Women’s Bible study at 9am– Barb Simpson’s home**
- ◆ - Zumba at 6pm in church gym
- ◆ - Praise Band practice 7pm
- ◆ **Thursdays– Little Lights 10am to 11am**
  
- ◆ 1st—Church Decorating following church service
- ◆ 3rd—Advent Bible study 7pm in rm 101
- ◆ **7th– HAYRIDE TO BETHLEHEM**
- ◆ 9th—Leadership Council Meeting at 6:30 in rm 101
- ◆ 10th—Advent Bible study at 7pm in rm 101
- ◆ 16th—Community Engagement Team mtg 4:30pm in rm 101
- ◆ 17th—Advent Bible study 7pm in rm 101
- ◆ 24th to Jan. 2nd - Christmas– Church office closed

# November Celebrations



## ANNIVERSARIES

23 Rick & Ginger Gines

28 Charles & Linda Lynch

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Elise Gutshall

18 Pat Ohler

7 Dave Billman

19 Judy Oatman-Weiss

8 Linda Eckenrode

21 Pam Dunkleberger

12 Andy Groshans

23 Gaylea Kelly

14 Jim Otey

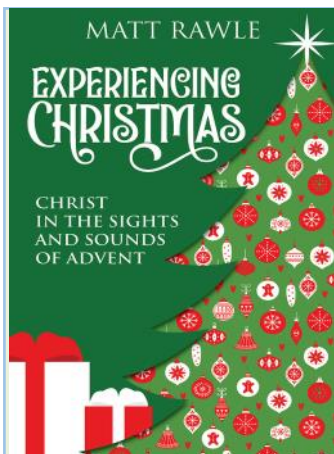
24 Linda Clouse

16 Bob Waggoner

24 Mackenzie Lohr

17 Sue Billman

25 Elizabeth Peters



***Discover how everything changed when God was born.***

***Join us on Tuesday nights starting Nov. 19th to Dec. 16th 7pm in room 101.***

Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences

are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

“This will be a sign to you,” the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and

Christmas season that point you to the divine?

Sunday, November 17th is

**World Hunger Day.**

See insert for more details.

If interested in donating to this special offering, there will be someone in the gathering space accepting those donations.



***Advent***



***Decorating***

**Sunday, Dec. 1st** following church service we will be preparing the sanctuary for Christmas. We are inviting anyone who is interested and available to help. Pizza will be provided for lunch prior to decorating.

**Alternative Christmas Gifts Have Returned**

For those of you already working on Christmas lists, keep in mind that we have **Alternative Christmas Gift** options available again this year!

**Alternative Christmas Gifts** are perfect for people who you want to give to, but who don't really need or want any more **"stuff"...** let your friends and family know you are thinking of them by donating to causes that give hope and life to people who really need it.

Starting **11/17/2024 and throughout Advent**, you can order ornaments representing donations to organizations including: Gideon's Gift for Jesus, Heifer International, UMCOR, Community CARES, and many more!

**This year, ordering will be available in our Gathering Space before and after the 10:00am service.** You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm to order, and pick up can be arranged, if necessary.



**Please make checks payable to MUMC and separate from all other giving.**

***Thank you in advance for your support to these wonderful organizations.***

Each Week it takes many hands to prepare for worship.

**Thank you**

to our Worship team who are serving this Month and to those scheduled to serve this week!



**GENEROSITY**

"true giving, is to those who can never repay you."

	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Holden Clouse-Beddia	Ella Lawton
<b>organist/pianist</b>	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
<b>Praise Band:</b>		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet
<b>Tech Team</b>	Tim Walsh	Joe O'Donnell
<b>Ushers:</b>		
<b>Gathering/Downstairs</b>	Phil Coler	Jim Otey
<b>Pastor/Sanctuary</b>	Glenn Kimmel	Rick Orner
<b>Greeters:</b>		
<b>Hospitality Greeter</b>	Linda Kimmel	Mary Otey
<b>Bulletin</b>	Kim Coler	Shelby Hockenberry
<b>Lector</b>	Marian Smyser	Carolyn Bloom

*Bulletins are sponsored this week in Memory of Dennis & Mary Lou Byerly by Pastor Deb Dailey*



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