

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. **Mark 12:43-44**

Do Not Be Alarmed

TRUTH TELLING WORSHIP SERIES

10:00 am Worship Service—Sunday, November 10, 2024

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

SONG "God Is Great "

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

HYMN "Standing on the Promises " UMH #374

SONG "I Trust Jesus"

SIGNS OF PEACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/OUR LORD'S PRAYER

MUMC CHOIR "Joyful Joyful"
Soloist—Jolie Rankin

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13: 1-8 Carolyn Bloom

HOMILY Hope Arising! : Assurance Amidst Apocalypse

MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS "Give thanks"

WE OFFER PRAISE "All My Hope"

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE—A CLOSING PRAYER



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, Heather/Mike and Baby Emily 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: Jady Barrett (Navy), Alex Myers (Army), Gerad 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 17—23**

Spring Valley UMC, West Decatur
First Jersey Shore UMC, Jersey Shore
Water's Edge UMC, Wrightsville
Maple Hill UMC, Montgomery
Aldersgate Mifflintown UMC, Mifflintown
Falls UMC, Falls
Bethany Red Lion UMC, Red Lion
McConnellsburg UMC, McConnellsburg
Grace Millersburg UMC, Millersburg
Lookout UMC, Honesdale

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November

- ◆ **Sundays- Choir practice**
- ◆ 17th– At 9:30am in sanctuary & following church service in rm 101
- ◆ 24th– following church service rm 101
- ◆ **Wednesdays – Women’s Bible study “Experiencing Christmas” 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– following church service in rm 101
- ◆ 15th– 9:30 in sanctuary & following church service in the sanctuary
- ◆ 22nd– In Sanctuary following church service
- ◆ **Wednesdays – Women’s Bible study “Experiencing Christmas” 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

8 Linda Eckenrode

19 Judy Oatman-Weiss

9 Dave Billman

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 **12/1/2024 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."

	NOVEMBER	
ROLE	17	24
Acolyte	Ella Lawton	0
organist/pianist	Linda Kimmel	Linda Kimmel
Praise Band:		
	Dave Billman	Dave Billman
	Elizabeth Peters	Elizabeth Peters
	Travis Clouse	Travis Clouse
	Seth Lawton	Seth Lawton
	Jaden Peet	Jaden Peet
Tech Team	Joe O'Donnell	Tim Walsh
Ushers:		
Gathering/Downstairs	Jim Otey	Glenn Kimmel
Pastor/Sanctuary	Rick Orner	Ann Carney
Greeters:		
Hospitality Greeter	Mary Otey	Linda Kimmel
Bulletin	Shelby Hockenberry	Barb Simpson
Lector	Carolyn Bloom	Becky Smith



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***Our Vision: Alive in Christ in the Community
so that the Community is Alive in Christ.
Serving Christ for over 150 years!***

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Bulletin sponsorship

Do you have someone you want to honor/memory of or a special occasion? We still have a few open spots for the remainder of the year. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin week contact the church office for available weeks.