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Welcome to November as we 'Move Forward by Faith',
This month where the road leads us back to thankfulness.



Can you think of a time when you didn't feel thankful? I know that I can, and in fact it can happen quite often if I'm not careful.

The other day, I was driving my son Jack to school, which I joyfully do every day. And as I was driving, a car was riding close to my bumper. I couldn't help but keep my attention behind me, and instead of looking ahead at the beautiful road and the bright vibrant leaves, I was lost in the distraction, the distraction of worrying about the impatient person that couldn't wait to get around me.

The truth is it didn't help me in any way to keep so close a look out of my rear-view mirror. Honestly, it only kept me from the present moment that God wanted me to experience, a moment to be thankful for the beauty that was all around me.

Thankfully, after some time, I noticed my distraction, and instead I decided to focus on *my path, my direction, my speed, the beauty of the rising sun lighting my way.*

Keeping steady on our paths, it is one of our gifts through Jesus Christ, and yet in our world, it can be one of the hardest disciplines to practice.

This month, as temperatures start to fall, we start to prepare to really look inward. We start to remember our thankfulness. Maybe it has been a thankfulness that you have forgotten, but rest assured, it is there. Maybe you too have let yourself get distracted by what others are doing or how others are rushing you to move.

But today I encourage you, as I often do, to slow down, and to make thankfulness a new practice in your life. Not just for this month of our stewardship campaign, but to carry it with you throughout your life, to remember to practice thankfulness especially when all you want to do is look behind.

I pray that peace and thankfulness be your guide, now and always, and as you allow yourself to receive God's abundance, you give to one another with that same love.

In God's abundant blessings of peace and love,
Pastor Sheena

November Birthdays

02-Nov	Anna Montague
03-Nov	Eli Ancharski
03-Nov	Prudence Mumich
04-Nov	Tyler Bicking
11-Nov	Frederick Groce
11-Nov	Caleb Ancharski
13-Nov	Dottie Matthey
14-Nov	Paula Piacenti
16-Nov	Tiffany Rossi
17-Nov	J. Matthew Racho
19-Nov	Derek Radzwich
19-Nov	Isabel Kinsler
23-Nov	Millini Skuba
23-Nov	Kurt Klein
27-Nov	Ross Burns

November Anniversaries

19 Nov	Thomas and Carrie Wiley
23 Nov	Matt and Carol Racho



December Birthdays

03 Dec	Fran Phillips
05 Dec	Marlee Cundro
05 Dec	Ian Racho
06 Dec	Cindy Howe
07 Dec	Caleb Skuba
09 Dec	Conner Wetzel
10 Dec	Myles Bicking
11 Dec	Jennifer Flores
13 Dec	Gavin Huey
16 Dec	Chris Gogola
17 Dec	Melissa Gebhart
19 Dec	Carol Seiwell
19 Dec	Alma Joan Dretzel
20 Dec	Sidra Gogola
29 Dec	Miwa Dretzel

Lectionary

01—November

All Saints Day

World Community Day

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24 (UMH 755)

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

03—November

24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146 (UMH 858)

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

10—November

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127 or Psalms 42 (UMH 777)

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

17—November

26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalms 113 (UMH 834)

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

24—November

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

United Methodist Student Day (Offering)

2 Samuel 2:1-7

Psalms 132:1-13 (UMH 849)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

28—November

Thanksgiving Day

Joel 2:21-27

Psalms 126 (UMH 847)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

Valley Interfaith Council Prayer List

Please pray for the following in your daily devotions.

Kayla Baucum, Edee Boyer, Kaylee Barbush, Joanne Mumie, Irene and Robert Burger Family, Pastor Tom Cvammen, Mike Fellin, Pat Ferrari, Jennifer Flores, Food Pantry Families, Irene Healey, Ron Hofmann, Theresa Howley, Kelly Family, Mary and Robert Kisansky, Rose Luethy, Mark and Theresa Marinock, Cristina and David Matthey, Kim Murphy, Carl Roberts, Danny Sampson, Carol Siewell, Maureen Susa, Valerie Sutton, Jacqueline Walker, Marie Waschko, all cancer patients, our military personnel, as well as leaders of our country, the Russia/Ukraine situation, families of addicts, War in Isreal/Gaza, Mary Nora Wallace, Melody, a 9 year old, Jay Wetzel, Edie Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Fred Polmounter, Larry Generose, Kyle, Edie Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Mary Nora Wallace, Jim Fisher, Henry Parks, Amy Kock Bergstrom, Tarone Veglia, Gretchen Brightaupt, Diane Griffith, Karen Smith and Tim Harter.

Please pray daily for your church, its leaders and staff, Pastor Sheena Mylecraine, the Red Bird Mission Clinic, the Red Bird Mission School, the Salvation Army, United Children's Homes, Hazleton Enlarged Ministry, Heartwood Center, Emmaus Road Travelers and Drivers and the Hazleton/Valley Mission Connection.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

NOVEMBER 03

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Sharon Kalinchok
Liturgist: Tammy McCauley
Acolyte: Freddy Jacob

NOVEMBER 10

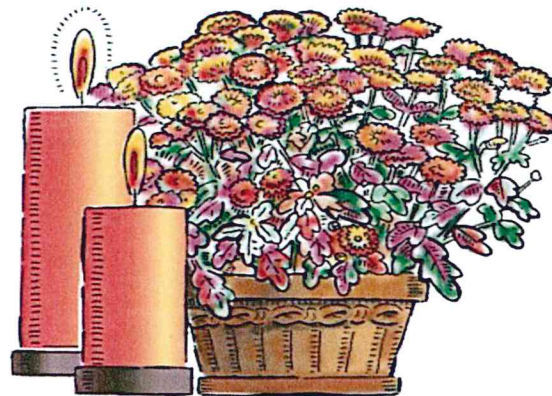
Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Sharon Kalinchok
Liturgist: Thomas Wiley
Acolyte: Eamon Wiley

NOVEMBER 17

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Sharon Kalinchok
Liturgist: Barry Jones
Acolyte: Hazel DeBalko

NOVEMBER 24

Greeter: Rodney Hawk
Head Usher: Sharon Kalinchok
Liturgist: Sunday School
Acolyte: Malcolm Wiley



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for the month of
November

11/03—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

11/10—Heidi Klein will give a donation in memory of Jeff.

11/17—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

11/24—The Stark Family will give a donation in honor of Thanksgiving and all God's Blessings.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR

**CONYNGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
411 MAIN STREET
CONYNGHAM PA 18219**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**TAKE OUT FOOD FROM OUR KITCHEN:
CHICKEN CORN SOUP, VEGETABLE SOUP, BARBECUE AND
HALUSKI**

BASKET AUCTION, BAKE SALE AND VENDORS



“Moving Forward by Faith”

The theme of our annual stewardship emphasis this year sounds good, doesn't it? “Moving Forward by Faith” has a nice “ring” to it. But what does it mean to move forward by faith? And what does it have to do with an annual stewardship emphasis?

Hebrews 11:6 says that without faith, it is not possible to please God. It stands to reason, then, if we are to please God, we need to have faith. Faith is simply taking God at His word. It is believing that God actually exists and that God will keep His promises. It is realizing that God will do what He has committed to do.

That kind of confidence is only available to us through Jesus Christ. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending of everything, including our faith. Christ is both the source of our faith and the one whom we place our faith in.

How does that relate, through, to giving and to our annual stewardship emphasis? If faith is simply “taking God at His word” and if God owns everything, then as God's managers and stewards, we are to trust God to provide what we need and to give direction concerning our giving. Let's face it—the old song is very accurate scripturally: “This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through.” But to fully realize that takes faith. It requires us to accept God's claim that we own nothing, that we are only here temporarily on our way to our eternal home.

The Scriptures are filled with examples of people like that, people like Abraham who looked for a city whose builder and maker was God. People like Noah, who trusted God in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Peoples like Daniel who placed his full confidence in God even when he was to be the main course for the lions' dinner. These and many others obeyed God, even when from human perspective, it did not make sense to do so. They were aware of a principle that has endured for the ages: When God gives us direction, and we confirm that direction according to the Scriptures, we can obey, even when circumstances appear contrary. And we can be confident that God will provide a blessing because of our obedience.

One author put it this way:

The great battle of our spiritual lives is, “Will you believe?” It is *not*. “Will you try harder?” or, “Can you make yourself worthy” It is squarely a matter of believing that God will do what only He can do. This is what God honors.

That kind of faith involves every area of our lives, including our giving. As you think about your giving and as you consider what commitment God would have you to make as part of this year's stewardship emphasis here at Conyngham United Methodist Church, will you do so by faith? Will you ask God to give you the ability to believe His promises and, as He provides, to give by faith?

Many years ago, the *Christian Herald Magazine* provided this illustration:

A lady who was showing a large piece of family silver apologized as she took it from the cupboard, “Dreadfully tarnished,” she said. “I can't keep it bright unless I use it.” That is just as true of faith as it is of silver. Tucked away in the Sunday closet of the soul, and only brought out to show on a special occasion, it needs an apology. You can't keep faith bright unless you use it.

As you think about using your faith, especially in terms of the commitment God would lead you to make concerning your giving next year, please think about what Chuck Swindoll wrote:

God honors faith and obedience. He will honor your faith if you will trust Him in a walk of obedience.

We are truly grateful that you are a part of God's family here at Conyngham United Methodist Church and for your participation in this year's stewardship emphasis. Your Faith Promise Card and Time and Talent form will be arriving in the mail shortly. Please ask God to provide specific direction in your life as to what you should give during the coming year. **Please bring your Faith Promise Card and Time and Talent form with you to worship service on “Harvest Celebration Sunday,” November 24th, 2024, when we will offer our gifts in thankful anticipation of what the Lord will do for us in the coming year.**



DON'T FORGET!
Daylight saving time
ends at 2 AM on
Sunday,
November 3rd.

Wondering who your Secret Sister is? Come find out on the night of November 14th at the Lookout House for 6:00 pm. Want to be a Secret Sister in the upcoming year, forms will be available soon!



Church Night Out
Join us for Church Night Out on Friday, November 15th at 6:00 PM
Sally Purcell's Restaurant
Everyone is welcome, fun and fellowship!

A special Thank you to Mr. Bob Kushubski for donating all the beautiful pumpkins around our church this fall.

An illustration of three orange pumpkins with green stems, arranged in a cluster.



it's a
**cookie
EXCHANGE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
AFTER CHURCH SERVICE**

Every person participating must bring 2 dozen cookies on a dish to be displayed. (NO store bought cookies, however, they can be from a bakery)

You will take home 2 dozen cookies so bring a container. Extra cookies will either be sent to our shut-ins or used for Sunday coffee hour.

Sign up in the Narthex

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. John Bosco Annual Election Dat Pasta and Meatball Dinner, Eat-In or Take-Out, Tuesday, November 05th from 3:00PM-7:00PM. \$13.00 per person, \$6.00 for children 10 and under.



Spaghetti Dinner



LIVING NATIVITY

**Saturday, December 7th
and Sunday, December 8th**

Christ Lutheran Church
Main Street

5 PM -7PM each night

12 Scenes-Live Animals

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00am Bazaar 11:00am Charge Conference @ Clarks Grove
3 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Worship Service	4 6:00pm Zumba 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	5 6:00pm Zumba 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	6 10:00am Religious Studies	7 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	8	9
10 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Worship Service	11 6:00pm Zumba	12 6:00pm Zumba	13 10:00am Religious Studies	14 10:00am Plastic Mat Ministry 6:00pm Secret Sisters Reveal at the Lookout House	15 6:00pm Church Night Out at Sally's	16
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24 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Worship Service Harvest Celebration Sunday 12:00pm Heartwood Center	25 6:00pm Zumba	26 6:00pm Zumba	27 10:00am Religious Studies 6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	28 10:00am Plastic Mat Ministry	29	30

The Conyngham United Methodist Church

Inspiring People to Love and Serve God

Pastor:	Sheena Mylecraine
Lay Leader:	Kate Flaim
Secretary:	Heidi Klein

Vision Statement

Conyngham United Methodist Church is a Christ centered, warm and caring congregation which welcomes, nurtures, and equips people to follow Jesus Christ. As servants of the Gospel, we value the essentials of Holy Scripture, joyful praise, prayer and worship and developing personal faith in Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through a dynamic musical ministry, exciting youth programs, inspiring young adult and adult programs, fellowship of small groups, outreach to the community, strength through personal support, and the shared ministry of our laity and its pastor. We realize all this by being a church where God's Holy Word is a source of nourishment and strength.

**You are cordially invited to worship with us.
Our Worship Service begins at 10:30 am**

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