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Roaring Spring, PA 16673

November/December 2022

November always feels like a time of transition. We've settled into the routine of the school year, but now, begin to look toward the coming holidays, beginning with Thanksgiving.

Every day in the prayer I use, I am reminded that I need to be thankful the blessings I receive. You, the people of this congregation, are one of those blessings. Your faithfulness in supporting God's work here through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness are so very important. I will simply be honest -- no pastor can do the work of ministry without a congregation who do their part! We each have gifts & graces that God provides to be used to build up the church, to do the ministry God sets before us. I am thankful to be your pastor.

What blessings are you experiencing? Pause to give God thanks.

But even as we prepare for Thanksgiving, our lectionary readings begin to remind us that we are always in a season of Advent, always preparing for the day when the Kingdom of God will be fully realized - a time when Christ will return and peace will prevail. In the earlier days of the Church, the season of Advent lasted for six weeks, just like Lent. I have come to prefer this longer season because the world around us begins to rush toward Christmas as soon as or even before Thanksgiving dinner is over!

Prepare your hearts - the King is coming! Advent devotionals are available and I encourage you to set aside at least few minutes every day to prepare to welcome Christ, celebrating His birth and anticipating the day of His return.

Pastor Evie

Circle of Prayer for November/December

Churches for the week of Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

Salona UMC, Mill Hall Nossville UMC, Blairs Mills Oakdale UMC, Hunlock Creek Water's Edge UMC, Wrightsville *Centre Grove UMC, Clearfield * Kercher Memorial UMC, Kenema - Sierra Leone First UMC, West Pittston Trinity UMC, New Kingstown State Road UMC, Linden Bethel Hill UMC, Sweet Valley Throop UMC, Throop

Churches for the week of November 6 - 12

Wesley UMC, Mechanicsburg Valley St. Mark's UMC, Milroy *Chapel UMC, Red Lion * Fitz John UMC, Yoyema - Sierra Leone Goshen UMC, Clearfield Forty Fort UMC, Forty Fort Locust Run UMC, Thompsontown Salem UMC, Liverpool Hetlerville UMC, Nescopeck Oval UMC, Jersey Shore Broad Avenue UMC, Altoona Greene Hills Camp/Retreat Center & RV Park, Alexandria

Churches for the week of November 13 - 19

Spry UMC, York Evansville UMC, Berwick Wyalusing UMC, Wyalusing Embury UMC, Scranton Paxton UMC, Harrisburg French Asylum UMC, Towanda Ryde UMC, McVeytown First UMC, New Milford St. Paul UMC, Manchester Freedom Avenue UMC, Burnham

Churches for the week of November 20 - 26

Keeneyville UMC, Middlebury Center St. Paul's UMC, Lewisburg Emmanuel UMC, Clearfield Mount Olivet UMC, Fawn Grove Albright Bethune UMC, State College Mount Pleasant UMC, Sunbury Covington UMC, Covington Messiah UMC, York Trinity UMC, New Cumberland Lake Winola UMC, Dalton Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newville

Churches for the week of Nov. 27 – Dec. 3

Trinity UMC, Philipsburg Hebron UMC, Millersburg Russell Hill UMC, Tunkhannock Stone UMC, Berwick Grace UMC, Hanover Curtin UMC, Howard McConnellsburg UMC, McConnellsburg Calvary UMC, Waymart Rome UMC, Rome First UMC, Hershey * Moyiba UMC, Kissy Brook - Sierra Leone

Churches for the week of December 4 - 10

Calvary UMC, Berwick Hawley UMC, Hawley Bethany UMC, York Trinity UMC, Roaring Spring Yarnell UMC, Bellefonte *Aldersgate UMC, Mechanicsburg * Port Loko UMC, Port Loko/Kambia - Sierra Leone Saxton UMC, Saxton Maple Springs UMC, Linden Faith UMC, Sunbury Howard UMC, Howard Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

Churches for the week of December 11 - 17

Picture Rocks UMC, Picture Rocks Aline UMC, Mount Pleasant Mills Wolfsburg UMC, Bedford Trucksville UMC, Trucksville Clarence UMC, Clarence *First UMC, Chambersburg * Leader Memorial, Bo - Sierra Leone Plains UMC, Plains Grace UMC, Harrisburg Christ UMC, Jacobus Leona UMC, Troy



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Nov. 1st Deadline to request a mail-in or absentee ballot Nov. 8th Last day for mail in ballots to be received by your county Election Day

Women's Fellowship November 1st at 6:00 Men's Fellowship November 8th at 6:00.

Who Are We?? And, What About our Community?

A few weeks ago I asked everyone to begin pondering two basic questions from the Book of Discipline:

What is the general situation in which a congregation finds itself in a particular setting: size, financial condition, quality of lay leadership, special needs for pastoral ministry, and history?

What is the ministry of the congregation among its people for the sake of the community: service programs, basis for adding new members, reasons for losing members, mission to community and world, forms of witness?

I want to give you an opportunity to share your perspectives, your questions about these issues, where you sense God leading us as a congregation, your concerns for us as a congregation – whatever is on your mind. These times of discussion are open to anyone and everyone.

Wednesday, November 9th, noon: bread, broth, and discussion

Wednesday, November 9th, 7 PM: discussion and snacks

Other times will be made available in the future, but this gets the conversation beginning. As we move OUT of pandemic mode and INTO the future, where is God leading as we continue to seek to fulfill the mission Jesus Christ gave us: to make disciple of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastor Evie



With Veteran's Day approaching, please keep sending pictures of service men and women of your family to the church office. Lisa is scanning pictures and keeping them on file so we can honor them on special holidays.

All professing members are invited to vote during the church conference. The conference will be held at the Hicks United Methodist Church in Duncansville on November 13th at 2:30.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

It's time to start gathering items for our Community Thanksgiving Meal.

Here is just a rough idea of what we will be asking for:

Turkeys Dinner rolls Corn — Fresh cut (Kate will know the difference!) Pillsbury pie crusts Sweet potatoes Dark brown sugar Butter Cranberry sauce in cans Potatoes will be donated by Hoss's *A specific list will be coming soon.

Roaring Spring Community Tree Lighting Sunday, November 27



There will be a short parade at 5:45 from the Spring Dam to the Christmas tree located near the police station and post office. Santa will be handing out treats to children. Hot chocolate & cookies will follow at TUMC fellowship hall.





Angel Tree registration is underway! We will be accepting names until November 21st. Children must attend Spring Cove, Northern Bedford, Williamsburg or Claysburg school districts.

Keep an eye out for the Angel tree to make an appearance in the front of the Roaring Spring True Value store the week of Thanksgiving. Gifts can be returned to the store on or before December 10th.

Christmas Season

Hanging of the Greens: November 27^{th -} following church service. *We encourage everyone to stay and help...many hands make light work.

Advent begins November 27th

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service: December 24th at 7:00PM

Christmas Day Service: December 25th at 9:30AM



Women's Fellowship will meet on December 6th at 6:00 for dinner and a movie.

Can you help us?

<u> *Liturgist Coordinator</u>

*Hosts for Manna on Mondays (January-May) *Sunday School Teacher: Youth or Teens *Please contact Pastor Evie or the office if there is something you can help with.*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5. Ruth Adams
- 9. Melanie Goins
- **10. Karen Green**
- **12. Harry Felton**
- **19. Lisa Ebersole**
- **22. Nancy Huffman**
- **30. Ron Muthler**

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2. Bob & Nancy Huffman
- 17. Don & Amy Knisely
- 23. Ron & Pat Muthler

Please let Lisa know when your anniversary or birthdate is or if your information is incorrect so she can update her files.

Email: tumcsecretary@atlanticbbn.net or Call: (814)224-2815 ext. 102

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Cole Knisely
- 9. Ishan Patel
- **10. Paul Adams, Austin Bassler**
- **12. Sally Weicht, Don Mingle**
- **19. Sandy Anderson**
- 27. Louise Drake

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 28. Paul & Ruth Adams, Scott & Kate Muthler
- **31. Phil & Tammy Keith**



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AUTUMN	GOBBLE	THANKFUL
FAMILY	INDIAN	THANKSGIVING
FEAST	PILGRIM	THURSDAY
FOOTBALL	STUFFING	TURKEY



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Worship each Sunday at 9:30a.m.; Sunday School 10:45a.m.

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