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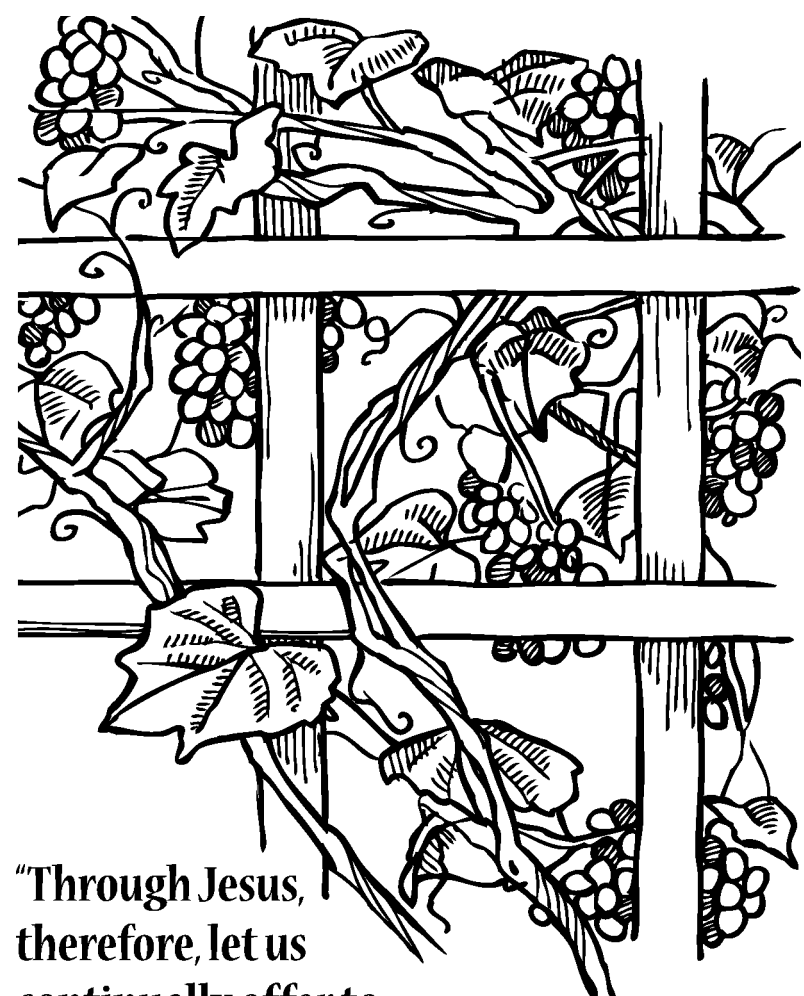
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**"Through Jesus,
therefore, let us
continually offer to
God a sacrifice of praise —
the fruit of lips that confess his name."**

Hebrews 13:15, NIV

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH – Sundays, 9:30 AM

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SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN

Holy Everyday Words for Sacred Ordinary Days

"Words, words, words,
I'm so sick of words.
I get words all day through,
First from him now from you.
Is that all you people can do?"

Eliza Doolittle sang her protest against men who talked a lot but didn't follow through with actions in the musical "My Fair Lady". In this political season, we are all weary and wary of those who promise a lot without backing up their promises with plans. Like Eliza, we cry out, "Show me!" We want and need for words to have meaning.

We find true meaning in the Word of God made flesh in Jesus Christ. Jesus' words draw us to life, opening our eyes to see God's plan unfolding around us. Jesus proclaimed the word of God, showing us we can trust in God, Who keeps promises. Even though we rebel against God and follow our own path, leading to pain and separation, God remains faithful.

When we are lost, God finds us.
When we are faced with adversity, God uses our troubles to teach us.
When we waver in our faith, God's constancy is revealed in others.
When we find it difficult to see, God inspires our imagination.
When we fall into despair, Jesus the Word speaks to us of hope and promise, leading us to a future we can anticipate with confidence.

A lot of empty words are floating in the wind these days. The Apostle Paul encouraged his student Timothy to "give his best for God...laying out the truth plain and simple." (2 Timothy 2:15) Jesus told us to live in a way that our words are honest and meaningful. "I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your "yes" be "yes and your "no" be "no": anything more than this comes from evil." (Matthew 5:34, 37)

Soon Election Day will be over. Our ears won't be filled constantly with words causing doubt. We can't make others tell the truth yet our words can reflect our belief that Jesus taught us to speak truth and our actions can show our words have meaning. May all that we say and do "continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God—the fruit of lips that confess God's name."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Shawn

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Holy Everyday Words for Sacred Ordinary Days

Through Jesus, we learn to speak with a voice that echoes God's words.

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| <p>October 2
20th Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday; CROP Walk
Luke 15:8-10
1 Timothy 4:1-10</p> <p>October 9
21st Sunday after Pentecost; Disabilities Awareness; Feast of St. Francis
Luke 16:1-13
1 Timothy 6:6-19</p> <p>October 16
22nd Sunday after Pentecost; Mental Health Awareness Sunday
Luke 16:19-31
2 Timothy 1:1-14</p> <p>October 23
23rd Sunday after Pentecost; Children's Sabbath & Teen Sunday
Luke 15:11-32
1 Timothy 4:11-16</p> <p>October 30
24th Sunday after Pentecost; Reformation Sunday; Covered Dish Brunch
Luke 18:1-8
2 Timothy 2:8-15</p> <p>November 6
25th Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints; Totenfest; Communion
Luke 18:9-14
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</p> <p>November 13
26th Sunday after Pentecost; Veterans' Recognition
Luke 19:11-27
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</p> <p>November 20
Reign of Christ Sunday;
Luke 23:33-43
Colossians 1:11-20</p> <p>November 27</p> | <p>Party
The Lost Coin
Teach with Your Life</p> <p>Angles
The Crooked Manager
Lust for Money</p> <p>Torment
The Rich Man and the Beggar
Bold with God's Gifts</p> <p>Dead or Alive
The Lost Sons
Young Believers</p> <p>Persistent (Strengthen the Church Offering)
The Persistent Widow
Your Best for God</p> <p>Complacent (fall back to Standard Time)
Two Men Who Prayed
Keep the Message Alive</p> <p>Risk
Investment
The Crown of Righteousness</p> <p>Chosen (Neighbors in Need Offering)
Thanksgiving Sunday; Harvest Home
The Crucifixion
Christ Holds It All Together</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent; Hanging of the Greens</p> |
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Communion & Food Pantry Donations **Oct. 2 & Nov. 6**
As we come to be fed at the Lord's Table, we remember those in our community who have difficulty feeding themselves. Our donations of non-perishable foods to the SH Food Pantry are much needed and appreciated.

The Compassion Fund **Oct. 16 & Nov. 20**
This Special Offering is placed in an emergency fund where 90% helps church members in need and 10% may be used for emergency community needs.

Strengthen the Church **October 30**
Plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults through this offering.

Meat BINGO **November 13**
The envelope offerings collected for the Meat BINGO will go to the general budget to supplement the efforts of those who spend a lot of time and energy in making each fundraising event a success.

Neighbors in Need **November 20**
Confront evil, alleviate suffering, and advocate for the powerless as we work to eradicate hunger and promote peace. This offering also supports the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry.

OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) **November 27**
The OCWM offering is used within the PSEC for local ministries.

Church Change Special Offering **Every Sunday**
Our Church Change offering will be donated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Community Ministries.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The following totals are up to and including the end of August 2016
plus a comparison to August 2015 & 2014.

	<u>Aug 2016</u>	<u>Aug 2015</u>	<u>Aug 2014</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$133,621.64	\$141,822.49	\$154,693.52
REVENUE –	\$ 50,314.50	\$ 54,300.29	\$ 52,293.52
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$ 82,991.00	\$ 87,250.00	\$102,400.00
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$133,305.50	\$141,550.29	\$151,839.19
Gain/Loss –	\$ -316.14	\$ -272.20	\$ -2,854.33

ADULT GATHERINGS

Bible Study

Thursday Mornings, 11 AM, Starting October 6

Joining together one morning each week to study God's word makes every other day of the week better.

Listening to Jesus: Loving Ourselves Health Support Group

Third Thursday, October 20 and November 17, 7 PM

Jesus' great commandments are that we should love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength, and that we should love our neighbors **as we love ourselves**. (Matthew 22:34-40) We're so busy we often don't take time to care for ourselves. We don't always eat well, we're addicted to sugar, we don't get enough sleep, and we are stressed. We'll gather in a health support group to help one another become the people God has created us to be, engaging in Bible stories, prayer and meditation, and sharing good life practices. This group will grow and develop as the group determines.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting to approve the 2017 Proposed Budget, 2016 Committee Reports, and 2017 Consistory members is scheduled for:

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Please plan to attend and participate in the important issues to be addressed.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

If you are planning to submit a committee report for the Annual Meeting (covering the time period from October 2015 thru September 2016), please have it typewritten and submitted to the office (preferably by email) no later than **Sunday, October 23**. Annual Reports will then be available to the congregation on **Sunday, November 6**. (2 weeks before the meeting).

CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

Baptism – **Kali Noelle Sonon** was baptized on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Kali, born December 10, 2015, is the daughter of Kris & Pam Sonon. Her sponsors are Sara Englert & Brian Boger.

Aubri Maeghan Reber was baptized on Sunday, September 4, 2016. Aubri, born June 3, 2016, is the daughter of Kevin & Heather Reber. Her sponsors are Dave & Jess Schrader.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10/2	Luke 15:8-10	The Lost Coin
10/9	Luke 16:1-13	The Crooked Manager
10/16	Luke 16:19-31	The Rich Man and the Beggar
10/23	No Children's Church - children and teens will lead worship. 8:45 AM Meet in the sanctuary to prepare for worship	
10/30	Luke 18:1-8	The Persistent Widow Wear your favorite funny hat for Silly Hat Day.
11/6	Luke 18:9-14	Two Men Who Prayed
11/13	Luke 19:11-27	Growing Money
11/20	Luke 23:33-43	Jesus Remembers Us

PRAYER VIGIL FOR CHILDREN

Ask for What You Need: Prayer Vigil for Children Now through October 23

During the annual Prayer Vigil for Children you are invited to pray for:

- Children who are left out; afraid; disabled; ill; bullied; and poor.
- Children in our church and community; this nation; and God's world.

The teens and children of our congregation will lead us in worship on October 23 as we conclude the Prayer Vigil for Children. If you would like to share a specific concern for children, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETINGS: 6 PM

October 4 & November 1

Church members are welcome to attend BCE Meetings as we work together to provide Christian nurture to all ages in the congregation.

CONSISTORY MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 12 and Wednesday, November 9

CONFIRMATION

During worship on October 2, the congregation will pledge their support for the young people in the church who are in the confirmation process. That same afternoon, the confirmands will participate in the annual CROP Walk, competing with Pastor Shawn to see who can raise more money for the CROP Walk. ***The confirmands are asked to submit the donations they have gathered for the CROP Walk no later than Sunday, October 2.***

CONFIRMATION ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

Sunday, 10/2	9:30 AM Covenant with the Congregation 1:00 PM Walk Registration, SH Food Pantry <i>Please turn in your donations before worship!</i>
Sunday, 10/9	After Worship Hillside SPCA Blessing of the Animals
Wednesday, 10/12	6:30 PM First Year Confirmands meet Consistory
Sunday, 10/23	8:45 AM Prepare to lead worship with other youth
Saturday, 10/29	*9 AM-Noon Fall Work Day at the Church
Sunday, 10/30	Covered Dish and Candy Brunch after Worship
Monday, 10/31	*6-8 PM Trunk or Treat at the Church
Saturday, 11/12	*Meat BINGO Service Project
Sunday, 11/20	9:30 AM Attend Annual Meeting
Friday, 11/25	*Hanging of the Greens Service Project TBA
Sunday, 11/27	Participate in the Hanging of the Greens Worship

****Bonus Points can be accumulated to offset absences when you help with church fund raisers and service projects.***

Check the "Fellowship and Fun" and "Mission Opportunity" pages for other activities. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Shawn. Please telephone her if you will not be able to attend worship and/or class at 570-385-2049.

Go and Do the Same

"Which was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

"The one who showed mercy."

"Go and do the same." --Luke 10:36-37

The story of the Good Samaritan has inspired millions of people to give generously to help others in need, especially strangers. The parable inspired artists and poets, as well as the development of charities, hospitals, medical care, and trauma units. When Jesus told parables, he offered analogies for our daily lives. His question to the lawyer is timeless, asked not only long ago, but directed to us today: "Who was the neighbor to the one in need?" His response is also for us, "Go and do the same." May we be inspired by God's generosity to us in our times of need to give generously to help others.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays and Fridays

Two meetings are offered weekly in Schuylkill Haven for families and friends of alcoholics: Wednesday evenings here at First Church and Friday evenings at Grace EC Church. For info call Sara 570-449-1830 or Tanya 570-497-0356.

Eastern Star Stamp Collection

Eastern Star gathers cancelled stamps from envelopes as a fund raising project. If you would like to help, tear stamps off envelopes leaving a 1/4" edge of paper. Place the stamps in the marked envelope on the bulletin board in the hall next to the sanctuary.

GriefShare, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 PM, Bethesda EC Church

GriefShare is for people mourning the death of a loved one, even if that death happened years ago. For more information call 570-739-2241.

Smoke Detectors

Do you have working smoke detectors in your home? Do you change the batteries at least once a year? If you need a smoke detector, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

Support Our Schools for Free!

Schuylkill Haven Area Elementary Center collects General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Labels to earn free merchandise for the school. Place the GM Box Top coupons and Campbell's labels in the marked envelope on the bulletin board in the hall next to the sanctuary. Campbell products include Franco-American, Prego, Swanson, Pace, and Pepperidge Farm. For a complete list of participating products visit www.labelsforeducation.com.



FALL WORK DAY

Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 29, 9 AM-Noon

Both indoor and outdoor projects need attention. Bring rakes, gloves, and any other yard tool that will help us prepare the church grounds for winter. Hedge trimmers are really helpful. Flower beds need to be cleaned, bushes trimmed, and lawn equipment put away. The church will provide garbage bags, beverages and snacks. Indoor projects include polishing brass, deep cleaning, patching walls and minor repairs.

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

SOUL (Seniors Out to Lunch) Second Tuesday, Noon

SOUL consists of senior members of the congregation who like to get together at local restaurants. If you would like to join SOUL for any of their upcoming luncheons, call Iris Weller (366-0897) so that they can save a seat for you!

Tuesday, October 11, Noon – 3 C's, Port Clinton
Tuesday, November 8 – Friedensburg Country Restaurant

Pioneer Evergreen Farms Fall Festival Sunday, October 23

Meet at Pioneer Farms at 3 PM for activities including a hayride, water balloon toss, tube slide, tree maze, petting farm and much more. Tickets can be purchased on-line at pioneerevergreenfarms.com; discount coupons are available. Food is available for snacks or a meal. The gift shop will also be open. Visit getmyperks.com for discount tickets.

All Hallows Eve Silly Hat Day Sunday, October 30, 9:30 AM

While Halloween is celebrated by many children and adults on October 31, it was originally observed as All Hallows' Eve, the day before All Saints Day. Children and adults are invited to wear their favorite funny hat to church for a friendly competition as we remember the saints of the church.

Reformation Covered Dish and Candy Brunch

Sunday, October 30, after Worship

Bring your favorite covered dish and CANDY to share after worship. Covered dishes may be placed in the kitchen before worship, either in the warming oven or the refrigerator. After worship we will eat in the Fellowship Hall. Don't forget your favorite candy to share in honor of Halloween.

Trunk or Treat Monday, October 31, 6-8 PM

Several church members mentioned that children do not come to their homes for Trick or Treat since they live in the country or on side streets. We have a solution! Church members can park in the parking lot to pass out candy from their trunks. Decorate your trunk for a little extra fun. If it rains, we'll simply move into the Fellowship Hall with our candy buckets.

Christian Rock-N-Bowl Sunday, November 27, 2-4 PM

Enjoy bowling with family and friends at the low cost of \$10 person, which includes unlimited games for 2 hours, the use of balls, and shoe rental. Bring extra money for snacks. Please sign up in worship or call the church office at 570-385-2049 by Monday, November 21 if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Church Christmas Party Friday, December 2, 6:30 PM

HEALTH

October Cancer Awareness Month

Cancer can affect anyone. While October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will also look at four other common types of cancer in the USA: prostate, lung and bronchus, colon and rectal, and skin.

November Homelessness Awareness Month

More than 3.5 million Americans are homeless; more than half are families with children. Homelessness is caused primarily by death, job loss, domestic violence, divorce and mental disorders. Veterans compose nearly 40% of all homeless.

MEAT BINGOS

The profit for the September 10 Meat Bingo is approximately \$1400, plus \$148 collected in offering envelopes. Profits from the bingos are placed in the church's general budget to be used towards the everyday expenses. ***Thank you for your support!!***

Our next Meat BINGO is scheduled for Saturday, November 12. Doors open at 11 AM; games begin at 1 PM. The prizes will be packages of meat. There will be 20 games for \$15. Specials & Raffles are extra. Food and refreshments will be available. We are also looking for helpers age 13 and older. Please call the church office if you are able to volunteer.

2017 BINGO dates: Will be announced at the November 12 BINGO

MUSIC MINISTRY

Bell Choir Rehearsal Starts October 30

A new approach for Bell Choir will be explored this year. Recognizing that people can't always make long-term commitments, three or four practice sessions will precede each presentation in worship. Rehearsal will be held Sunday mornings at 8:15 AM in the Music Room.

Rehearsal: October 30, November 6, 13 and 20

Performance: Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20

Even if you don't know how to read music, you are welcome to join the Bell Choir. New members are needed for the Praise Band as well.

You can reach Chris Evans, our Minister of Music, at 717-329-6904 or email him at chrisevans838@gmail.com.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CROP Walk Service Project **Sunday, October 2, 1 PM**

Sponsored by the Council of Churches of Schuylkill Haven Council and Vicinity, the CROP Walk raises funds to fight hunger at home and abroad. Ask Pastor Shawn for a collection envelope and gather donations to fight hunger. Support the confirmands or Pastor Shawn in their competition to raise the most money. Donations are due by October 2.

Blessing of the Animals, Hillside SPCA **Sunday, October 9**

After worship we'll carpool to Hillside SPCA to deliver donations and ask for God's blessing on the animals. Donations of cleaning products, blankets, towels and dog/cat food may be dropped off at church until October 9.

Pumpkin Patch, The Island **Sunday, October 16, Noon – 4 PM**

Children in our community will gather for pumpkin painting, hayrides, games, activities and food. First Church will provide fall crafts. Volunteers are needed for part or the entire event to help children make crafts.

Potato Peeling **Thursday, November 17, 6 PM**

Volunteers are needed Thursday evening, November 17 to peel potatoes so potato filling can be made for our fall fund raiser.

Harvest Home Food Offering, Sunday, November 20, 9:30 AM

At the holidays, the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry sees increased need for food donations. Bring your favorite non-perishable holiday food to share with people in need in our community.

My Father's House Homeless Center

The vision of My Father's House is to create a center where individuals in need of work and shelter can find support and assistance, and in turn, assist the community. The homeless shelter has served 474 individuals since Nov. 2015: 194 were homeless and 66 in a housing crisis. The following items are needed for its ministry: coffee, peanut butter, canned foods, antiperspirant, adult underwear, pillows, small Styrofoam cups, sugar, paper towels, and bottled water. Please drop off your donations at church or at My Father's House Homeless Center at 4 SOUTH Centre Street in Pottsville.

UCC Disaster Ministries

The UCC Disaster Ministries is active in Louisiana, where monetary donations are needed after unprecedented flooding. Mission trip opportunities will be available in Louisiana and West Virginia in coming months. Residents in South Carolina are still recovering from flooding some time ago. Volunteers are badly needed at the South Carolina long-term recovery site. Donations may be sent to http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers_south_carolina.

NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

Orwigsburg Manor, Orwigsburg PA 17961

1000 Orwigsburg Manor Drive David Nye (Room 117)

Pinebrook Personal Care Center, Orwigsburg PA 17961

2 Woodbridge Drive Bernice Roberts (Room 26)
Jim Stripe

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Phyllis Ebling; 532 Holiday Drive; Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Jim Madenfort; 2240 Tonto Drive; Auburn, PA 17922

Jean McCord; 101 E. Chestnut St., Apt. #105; High Point Manor;
Frackville PA 17931

June Schoffstall; 285 Blue Mountain Road; Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

****Please note:** If you are homebound and wish to receive home communion, please contact the church office. If you know of someone not on either the Nursing Home or Homebound list, please notify the church office.

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Fall Meeting, Sunday, November 13, 2:30-5:30 PM

First UCC, 151 S. Fourth St, Quakertown, PA 18591

For additional detail, check www.psec.org or talk to Pastor Shawn.

SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

Proposed Merger into the Covenant Association

Fall Meeting, Sunday, October 30

Zion Blue Mountain UCC, Strausstown (Rt. 183 and I-78)

2:30 Registration and Fellowship

3 PM Worship and Meeting to merge with East Berks, Heidelberg and Reading Associations into the new Covenant Association. Representatives are needed to attend this meeting with Pastor Shawn.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to **everyone** for your wonderful support during September for the Meat BINGO, Sunday Breakfast and Borough Day Stand!!!! Your help was greatly appreciated!!!!

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 2, 1 PM

Enjoy a beautiful walk through the Schuylkill Haven Borough with friends AND raise money to feed hungry people at the same time. Prizes will be offered for "feets" of accomplishment for the walker who raises the most money, the fastest walker, and the oldest and youngest walkers. Receive a participant's envelope from Pastor Shawn. Registration begins at 1 PM at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, with worship at 1:15 PM and the walk kick-off at 1:30 PM.

Monthly Food Pantry

Third Friday, 1 PM, Oct 21 & Nov 18

The Council offers free food to those in need in the community. The Food Pantry is located on Market Street, behind Evans Delivery on Columbia Street (the old Walkin Shoe Factory).

Bloodmobile

Thursday, November 10, 12:30-5:30 PM

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Council holds a Bloodmobile for the American Red Cross every other month at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be healthy in order to be able to donate blood.

Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 7 PM

Council meetings, held every other month, move among the 16 churches of the Council. This month's meeting will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friedensburg. The Council of Churches provides emergency assistance for homeless people, assists with utilities for families in need on a one time basis, and organizes a monthly food pantry for those in our community who have difficulty feeding themselves. First Church is in need of lay representatives to serve on the Council. Talk to Pastor Shawn if you are interested in serving in this vital community ministry.

MEAT BINGO

Saturday, November 12, 1 PM

Doors open at 11 AM

Tickets - \$15

**Raffles & Specials are extra
Food & Drinks are available**



STEWARDSHIP – CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

Meat BINGO, Saturday, November 12. Please sign up to donate food items to sell and/or donate your time to help with the event.

Filling Sale. Do you need filling for your Thanksgiving dinner or do you just need to restock your freezer? An order form is on the inside back cover.

Cookbooks for sale. Cookbooks are \$5 each. Cookbook topics include: 5 or Less Ingredients, Best of the Holidays, Cookies & Bars, Diabetic Recipes, Homemade Classics, Kids in the Kitchen, One Dish Dinners, Quick Fix and Slow Cooker. See Carrie Ann if interested.

Shank's Vanilla. 8 oz. bottles of vanilla are being sold for \$6 per bottle. The vanilla is a great ingredient for baking.

Boyer's Tag. Boyer's SKU Tags are available in the Narthex. When you purchase groceries at Boyer's, ask to have your tag read. Periodically, Boyer's will tally the readings and send a check to the church. (No need to hand in Boyer's receipts.)

Redner's Save-A-Tape. Pick up a Save-A-Tape card at Redner's and use it whenever you buy groceries. Hand in your Redner's receipts by placing them in the box in the Narthex. Totals of the tapes will be submitted to Redner's who will then provide the church with a check.

Call the church office 570-385-2049 when:

- **Someone is admitted to the hospital**
 - **You plan a meeting**
 - **You are moving**
- **A new baby arrives or a death occurs**
- **Your telephone number or address has changed**

If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message.

Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, please "LIKE" the church's Facebook page. This will allow you to receive regular updates and messages from the church office.

Hospitalization

When someone in your home is hospitalized, please call the church office to let us know. Most hospitals DO NOT call the church office when members are admitted.

YOUTH & TEENS

Youth & Teens includes Grades 5-12.

CROP Walk Service Project **Sunday, October 2, 1 PM**
See page 12.

Blessing the Animals at Hillside SPCA
Sunday, October 9 after Worship
See page 12.

Teen Sunday & Children's Sabbath **Sunday, Oct. 23, 8:45 AM**
Lead worship with the other young people of the church. Please arrive at church for worship preparation at 8:45 AM.

Fall Work Day **Saturday, October 29, 9 AM-Noon**
See page 9.

WALK IN FAITH, Fall Youth Event **Nov. 11, 5 PM -13, Noon**
Open to all PSEC Youth ages 13-18 at South Mountain YMCA Camp in Wernersville. Cost is \$90 per person. The church will pay 1/2 of fee. Register at psec.org or talk to Pastor Shawn. FRIDAY: 5 PM Arrival & Check-in, Activities, Movie, Bonfire. SATURDAY: Morning Watch, Workshops, Free time, Family Groups, Worship, Dance. SUNDAY: Family Groups, Morning Watch, Large Group Activities, Closing worship, and Departure at 12 PM.

Potato Peeling **Thursday, November 17, 6 PM**
See page 12.

Hanging of the Greens Setup Party **Friday, Nov. 25, TBA**
Gather with other youth and teens to prepare the sanctuary for the season of Advent. Stay for games and snacks and fun with friends.

Christian Rock-N-Bowl **Sunday, November 27, 2-4 PM**
See page 10.

Building Community Hours for School?

Consider helping at

- the Fall Clean-up Day, Saturday, October 29;
- Meat Bingo, Saturday, November 12;
- the Nativity Scene Set-up, 9 AM, Saturday, November 19 (tentative);
- and/or the Potato Filling Sale, 9 AM-Noon, Saturday, November 19.

Questions? Call the church office at 570-385-2049.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| 10/01- Vernell Alexander (1980)
10/02- Jaylee Alexander (1981)
Adrienne Donati (1998)
Matthew Marmas (2010)
Kayla Stewart (1999)
10/03- Bonnie Coover (1962)
10/04- Lexi Baver (2007)
Amanda Coffey (1961)
Linda Williams (1949)
10/05- Tanner Swirsky (2005)
10/06- Mandy Spofford (1985)
10/08- Roger Kramer
10/09- Darrell Spotts (1958)
10/11- Craig Luckenbill (1954)
10/12- Chrissy Fenstermacher (1977)
10/13- Jess Schrader (1976)
10/14- Hannah Cherry (2005)
Brandi Eiler (1978)
10/16- Jimmy Fenstermacher (1978)
Cole Fry (2007)
Linda Pritiskutch (1966)
John Shive (1959)
10/17- Russ Krobert (1948)
10/18- Jen Semanco (1972)
10/19- Bob Lee (1947)
Charles Marx (1945)
10/21- Helen Gasparetti (1934)
Riley Moyer (2003)
10/24- Elizabeth Corby (2014)
Sammy Krobert (1952)
Linda Marx (1947)
Adam Moyer (2001)
10/25- Shirley Riegel
Mark Spotts (1966)
10/27- Emily Heffner (1993)
10/28- Scott Buffington (1949)
Ed Deschler (1970)
Ruth Ann Deschler (1960) | 10/28- Linda Lopez (1950)
Jay Newswanger (1955)
10/30- Logan Buccieri (2007)
11/02- Jim Fisher (1953)
Sue Heffner (1959)
Cydny Van Dyke (1991)
11/03- Glenn Spotts (1955)
Delores Truscott (1935)
11/04- Brian Edling (1969)
11/05- Danielle Heffner (1990)
Rob Wensel, Sr. (1967)
11/06- Mike Storm (1982)
11/07- Sara Keller (1990)
Adelynn Klimas (2013)
11/08- Amanda Hickey (1989)
Dwayne Reichert (1964)
11/09- Sarah Bressler (1996)
11/11- Brandon Donati (1996)
Roger Hubert, Sr.
Mel Wensel (1968)
11/12- Killian Skocik (2004)
11/14- Brittany Heffner (1987)
Alexis Unger (2001)
11/15- Jack Fisher (1934)
11/16- Emma Tuite (1940)
11/22- Jim Harner
Matt Williams (1983)
11/23- Mary Saul (1955)
11/24- Sue Stewart (1952)
11/25- Owen Owens (1949)
11/27- Audrey Hummel (1949)
Nicholas Semanco (1995)
Joshua Tuite (2002)
11/28- Linda Deatrich (1960)
Dylan Leymeister (1998)
11/30- Justin Cramer (1985)
George Heffner (1958)
John Pettit, Sr. (1956) |
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!



10/10- Matt & Stacey Bucolo (2004)
 10/10- Mike & Amy Storm (2009)
 10/11- Roger & Peg Spotts (1958)
 10/18- Randy & Linda Spotts (1975)
 10/21- Kim & Robert Quinn (2005)
 10/26- Bill & Patsy Wingle (1991)

11/07- Charles & Linda Marx (1992)
 11/12- Bill & Kelly Schaeffer (1988)
 11/19- Jim & Leanne Haeseler (1994)
 11/21- Robin & Alex Alexander (1987)
 11/29- Owen & Kath Owens (1975)
 11/30- Ann & Larry Risser (2001)

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DECEMBER PREVIEW

Friday, December 2	6:30 PM	Church Christmas Party
Sunday, December 4	9:30 AM	2 nd Sunday of Advent – Communion
Sunday, December 11	9:30 AM	3 rd Sunday of Advent – BCE Advent
Sunday, December 18	9:30 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 24	7:30 & 11 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 25	9:30 AM	Christmas Carol/Hymn Sing



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