

Veterans & Saints

This year we are celebrating All Saints Sunday a week later than usual. There are two good reasons for this. First, we wanted to conclude our "First Fruit's Campaign," which concludes on November 4th. This first week in November is typically set aside for All Saints Day.

Secondly, Veteran's Day falls on a Sunday this year, so we decided to celebrate both Veteran's Day and All Saints Day on November 11th this year.

We hope you will come to worship to help us celebrate these two very important occasions.

Veteran's Day is a day set aside for our country to honor and remember all the veterans who dedicated and sacrificed themselves for our great country. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. Here is some of what he said when he proclaimed this special day after World War 1:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

Seven years later, Congress passed a resolution requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act in 1938 made the 11th of November each year a legal holiday. In 1945 the idea was expanded to honor all veterans,

not just those who died in World War 1. And in 1954, Congress amended the act to replace "Armistice" with "Veterans." The holiday has been known as Veterans Day ever since.

All Saints Day is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of November. Some people think that only the Catholic Church honors and celebrates saints. In the United Methodist Church, we believe that "saints" refers to all Christians. Yes, because we are human, we are sinners, but because we are made in God's image, we are also saints!

We celebrate All Saints Day each year by remembering and honoring those in our church family who died in the preceding year. We often celebrate this special Sunday on the same day as Holy Communion and the Great Thanksgiving is the place we honor and remember the saints.

This year, however, we are celebrating All Saints Day on the same day as Veteran's Day. We will honor all our veterans and in a separate celebration this day remember and honor the saints of our church who died this past year.

We hope you and your family and friends will join us for this special time of worship as we honor these important people!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

November 1

3 John 1

November 2

Judges 1

November 3

Judges 2

November 4

Judges 3

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Lamentations 1

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November 25

Lamentations 3

November 26

Lamentations 4

November 27

Lamentations 5

November 28

Zephaniah 1

November 29

Zephaniah 2

November 30

Zephaniah 3

Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!

Harvest Food Ingathering

Sunday, November 19, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship

SUMC (Soup Kitchen)

Green Beans
Corn (Kernels preferred)
Spaghetti or marinara sauce
Applesauce
Mashed Potato mix
Juices, large cans preferred, powdered/such as Kool Aid (**NO TOMATO**)
Salad dressings
Coffee
Hot chocolate mix
Pudding (Large cans preferred)
Aluminum foil
Silicon wrap
Plastic bags--quart and larger sizes
Dishwashing detergent
Garbage Bags for small No.10 size cans
Cash donations are always welcome and will be put to good use

**NO CANNED POTATOES, PUMPKIN, BEETS , TUNA FISH or CRANBERRY SAUCE
NO SOUP, RICE, or PASTA**

PATH

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Kitchen and trash bags
Dish detergent
Sponges
Lysol disinfectant and cleaners (store brands OK)

Bring your gift to the communion rail before the start of services and present to either our traditional American Indian or Pilgrim.

We know times are difficult but please do the best you can. Everything helps.

Your Mission committee and our guests thank you.

Property and Building Update

As soon as the inspector gets here to inspect the elevator, we will be able to use it. The handicapped right of way will be changed. The current macadam ramp will be removed and a new concrete one will be put in place, to the right of the door. This will include handrails.

The following items have been completed:

The sidewalk in the alley way from the street to the side door has been fixed so that there are no hazards to trip on.

The results of the survey taken in church are as follows:

The downstairs bathroom.....	22
The kitchen.....	18
Snow removal in the alley way.....	12
Rear wall.....	10
Cleaning the floor coverings.....	1

Therefore, the bathrooms will be our next significant project.

New fire extinguishers have been ordered for throughout the church.

We are waiting for estimates to refurbish the front doors.

There are many items on our “to do” list, but the above mentioned are just a start.

Volunteers Needed for Compassionate Care Hospice

If you can help out in any capacity as a volunteer for Compassionate Care Hospice, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Ritchie @ 570-476-0150 or Hospice Chaplain

Rev. Phil Schultz @ 570-561-9699.

Stewardship

Our income through September is again over last year at this time by 3.5% or \$5,141.67. Thank you to all who have been so faithful and generous with your giving. All bills including our apportionment are up to date.

According to the P & B Committee the elevator is very near completion and they are awaiting an inspection before it can be put into service. Unfortunately the funding is not as close to completion. We have an outstanding balance of \$41,685.00 due upon completion and close to another \$59,000.00 that has been paid to Edinger Construction from our P & B or Trustee funds. Please give prayerful consideration as to how you can help financially with this project.

The Stewardship Committee is in the process of completing the 2013 budget. Commitment Sunday is November 4 and your pledge is so very important as we complete the budget and determine our estimated income for next year. If you are not able to be in church on November 4, please return your pledge card to the church office. Your pledge can be changed any-time as circumstances change. Again, we ask for your prayerful consideration of your financial support to SUMC so that current programs can continue and new programs begun.

The Stewardship Committee asks for your continued prayers for our church and its growth as well as for our committee as we complete the 2013 budget.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Fran Harrison, Paul Edinger, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, Ruth Weber



Shoe boxes are available in the Fellowship Room for Operation Christmas Child. Pamphlets with instructions on how to fill the shoe boxes are also available. Collection date is November 11, 2012.

Thank you!



To Serve You in November

Greeters

8:30

4 Bonnie Cramsey
11 Irene Goforth
18 Janet Woolever
25 Norma Snow

11:00

4 Marti & Nelson Ernest
11 Sue & Ron Gouger
18 Janet & Norm Marsh
25 Eileen Sebring

Ushers

8:30

Cliff & Diane Rogell
Dick & Carole Everitt

11:00

C.J. Penwell
Eileen Sebring
Glenn Singer
Joni Singer

Altar Guild

Eleanor Bentzoni & Alice Singer

Counters

Carole Everitt & Bonnie Cramsey

Soup Kitchen

4 Pen Argyl UMC-Tom Odenwelder
11 Cherry Valley UMC-Pastor Paul
18 Poplar Valley UMC-Pastor Paul
25 SUMC DASH Youth Group-
Vin Zelizo



OUR CHURCH STAFF

Ministers	Everyone
Pastors	Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus	Tom Anderman
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Dave Lantz
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	Vincent Zelizo
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Parton

CHURCH LEADERS

Daniel's Dream Team

Chairperson, Boyd Butz

Worship

Chairpersons, Ralph Harrison, Pastor Bob Shank

Stewardship

Chairperson, Carole Everitt

Property & Building

Chairperson, Carl Karchner

Servant Resource Team

Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren

Missions

Chairperson, Alberta Weber

Membership & Evangelism

Chairperson, Peggy Stewart

Lay Leader

Beryl Hellgren



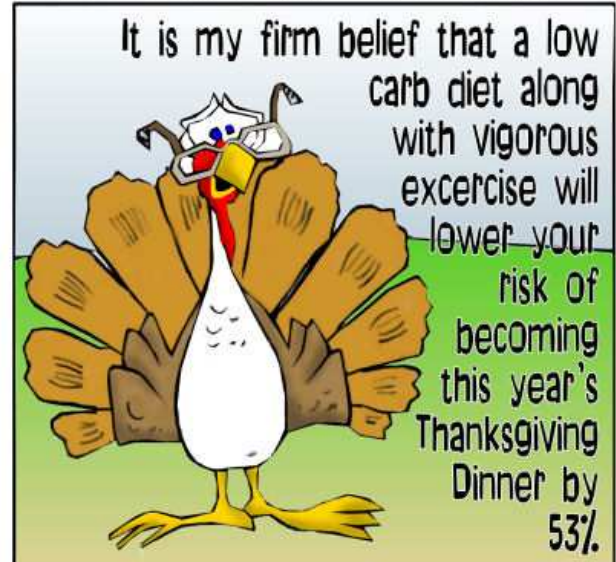
November Birthdays

2	Robbie Heller
3	Jackie Herrero
6	Jay Chamberlin
6	Nancy Haase
6	Lee Philips
7	Maggie Stewart
7	CJ Penwell
9	Drenen Tucker
11	Lori DeWitt
11	Norma Snow
13	Jane Hartley
21	Jennifer Harris
22	Debbie Marsh
23	Katelyn Transue
27	Michael Seip
28	Lynn Seip
28	Charlie Vail
30	Doris Philips

If you would like a card on your special day, please call the church office: 421-6020.

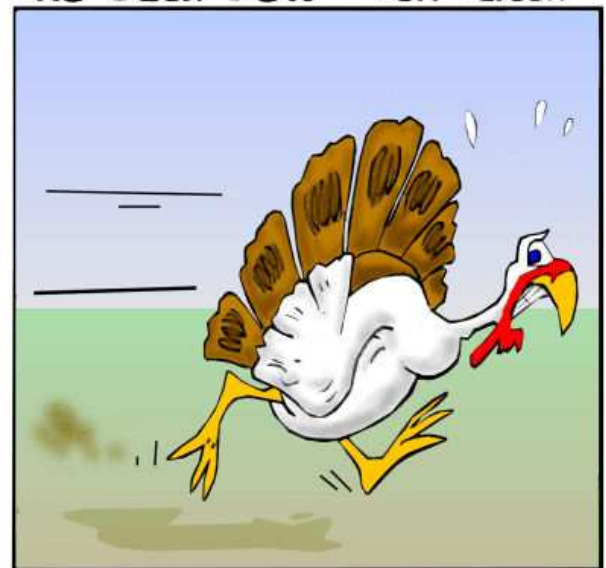
Turkey Humor!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Dr. Gustov Giblets expounds on the benefits of a low carb diet for poultry. CUZ...
'Nobody buys a 7 Pound Turkey'

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Do you not know that the turkeys in a barnyard all run, but not all get away. Run in such a way that you avoid being Thanksgiving Dinner. **1 Cor 9:24**

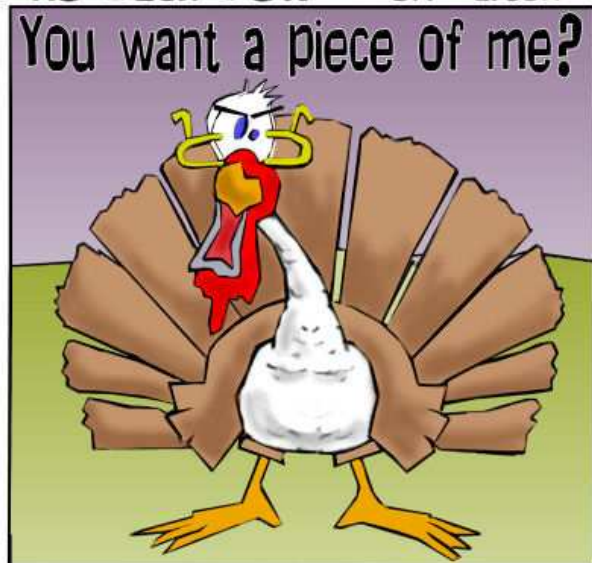
Turkey Humor part 2!

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

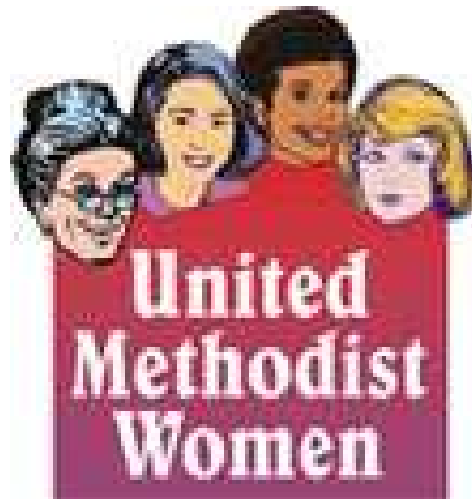


Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
let us sing Him a psalm of praise. **Ps 95:2**

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



My reply to this defiant Turkey is.. "Yes, thank you, I'll take a drumstick. *One body, many parts... white meat, dark, and drumstick all are important.* **1 Cor 12:12-26** (turkey translation)



UMW News

Our next meeting will be November 27th, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship Room, and the Christmas totes will be put together for the nursing homes.

The Christmas Tea will be Saturday, December 8th, at 2 pm. Members are asked to bring cookies only.

Please remember to save your Weis register tapes for us. Boxes are in the Fellowship Room on the radiator for them. We are also collecting Campbell Soup labels and a box for the is also in the Fellowship Room on the radiator.

Thanks to everyone who contributed or helped in any way with the Boutique.



**THANK YOU FROM DOROTHY
BALDWIN!**

Dorothy would like to thank everyone who helped plan her 90th birthday party this past September. Also thank you to everyone who came to her birthday celebration. It was much appreciated and a day Dottie will remember for years to come!

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR NEW TABLES & CHAIRS

Our custodian, Matt Parton has started a fundraising campaign to raise money for new tables and chairs here at SUMC. Our goal is \$5,000.

You can make a check payable to **SUMC** and place it in the offering plate marked for the fundraiser or you can donate online: <http://www.gofundme.com/19ui8k> We have already raised \$365.00!

Christmas Concert

The Pleasant Valley Choral Society will present its annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 8th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 pm at the Pleasant Valley High School auditorium in Brodheadsville, PA. This year's concert will feature traditional favorites, as well as lesser known songs, both secular and sacred. Attending the concert would be a great way for you and your family and friends to begin your celebration of the holiday season.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and children under 12 are free. For additional information, call 570-620-1570. You may purchase tickets at the door.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM!

Thanks to the efforts of Alex Herrero, Drenen Tucker, and Paul Edinger, we are now live streaming 8:30 worship. This means that when you cannot be here physically for worship due to illness or vacation, you can still worship with us here at Stroudsburg UMC!

Here is the link:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/stroudsburg-umc-worship>

In an effort to help make live streaming look better, we are asking the 8:30 worshippers to move forward instead of sitting in the back of the church. Your willingness to move forward will help viewers at home see that we actually do have people in worship, instead of them seeing all the empty pews toward the front of the sanctuary. Please help us to enhance this new feature of worship by moving forward and sitting in the front of the sanctuary. This will also leave the prized back seats for our visitors! Thank you for your cooperation!



“Christmas Traditions”

an Advent experience for all ages!

Sundays 7:00 to 8:30 pm

The Membership & Evangelism Team invites you
to join your church friends each Sunday evening in Advent to celebrate
some Christmas traditions. Everyone is welcome to come all four
weeks or just one or two as your schedule allows.

All programs are free and anyone is welcome,
but please sign up so we know how many to prepare for.

Sunday, December 2nd – Advent Wreath Making – bring 4 candles: 4 purple or
blue. Or 3 purple/blue and one pink. We will supply the Advent wreath ring
and pine boughs. If you have a ring from a previous year,
please remember to bring it.

Sunday, December 9th – Celebrate St. Nicholas Day by making cookies – enough
to taste and some to bring home!

Sunday, December 16th - Christmas ornaments – Make Chrismons and folded paper
ornaments for your tree.

Sunday, December 23rd – Christmas Carol & Hymn sing with cookies & hot
chocolate. The singing is optional – please join us for the fellowship!

Sign up at the rear of the sanctuary or
by calling Jackie in the church office (421-6020)



Questions?

Contact Peggy Stewart (424-0625) or Beryl Hellgren (421-4024)



The November “Terrific Tuesday”
Dinner has been changed to:
“Simply Tuesday”

With the day of our dinner falling just two days before Thanksgiving, the last thing we all need is another large meal. So please join us this month for something on the lighter side:

Tuesday, November 20th
6:00 pm

MENU:

Two Soups

Salad

Bread

Dessert



\$5.00 per person
under 3 ~ free

If you plan on joining us for an evening of “simple” food, fellowship, and fun. . . sign up at the rear of the sanctuary.

*We always need assistance with set up (3 pm Tues.) **and** cleanup after the meal.*

BELIEVE in MARK 6:26

or

THE FEED THE HUNGRY PARTY THAT ALMOST DIDN'T HAPPEN

It was the third Tuesday of the month, and the prayer group, Women of Thunder could not feed the hungry as they usually do, because we have our Terrific Tuesday dinner. However, these women were planning on having a “tailgate party“, serving sandwiches and a cold drink in our parking lot, beginning at 5 PM. so as not to interfere with our dinner.

It was almost 5.30 PM and the parking lot was filled with hungry folks waiting for their sandwiches, but no one had come to serve them. Peggy called me to find out if I knew why the women hadn't brought the food. I did not know, but said that I would make some phone calls. I called Eileen but got no answer. I drove to the church, saw Bill come out and tell the people gathered there, that there must have been a misunderstanding, and there would be no meal tonight. He overheard one father tell his children that they would not get any dinner.

Meanwhile I had called Eileen's husband for information on where the women were. He said that he would call Eileen's cell phone.

People were leaving the parking lot very slowly when suddenly someone said that there would be food after all.

Around 5 Pm Eileen happened to be driving on Ann street and saw a lot of people in the church parking lot. She wondered what special event was going on at the church. She continued driving to her husband Moe's business further down the street to pick up a check that had been given to the Prayer Group for food for the hungry. She was going to deposit it. As she drove away her cell phone rang. it was Moe saying that I had just called him wondering where the group was with sandwiches. Suddenly Eileen realized that all those people were her people waiting for some sort of meal. She was upset, she had no money, what was she to do? OH, but she did have a check, the donation. She drove around the block, back past the church on Ann Street, just as people were leaving. She stopped and said :“Wait, don't go, I'll be back with sandwiches.”

Back to her husband, got cash for the check, drove to McDonalds, went in and explained the situation to the manager: I have \$50. May I buy 50 items from the \$1. menu and not pay the tax. I have 50 hungry folks in a church parking lot waiting for food: The manager agreed. Eileen rushed back to the church. As she opened the car door, one little girl asked her, if she was the lady bringing them food.

But it gets better! Someone in the crowd asked if there was anything to drink.

John, who lives under one of the bridges said that he had an access card. If anyone would drive to ShopRite, he would use the card to buy drinks. So two cases of soda were provided.

While Eileen was busy handing out items, she noticed that the church members arriving for their Tuesday dinner were quite uncomfortable surrounded by so many strangers, so she herded her people, as she refers to them, as close to the dumpster as possible.

The best part was that two women who were new volunteers in the prayer group and didn't know that there was no meal on the third Tuesday drove in with cupcakes they had baked. Now the Feed the Hungry Party was complete--there was also dessert!

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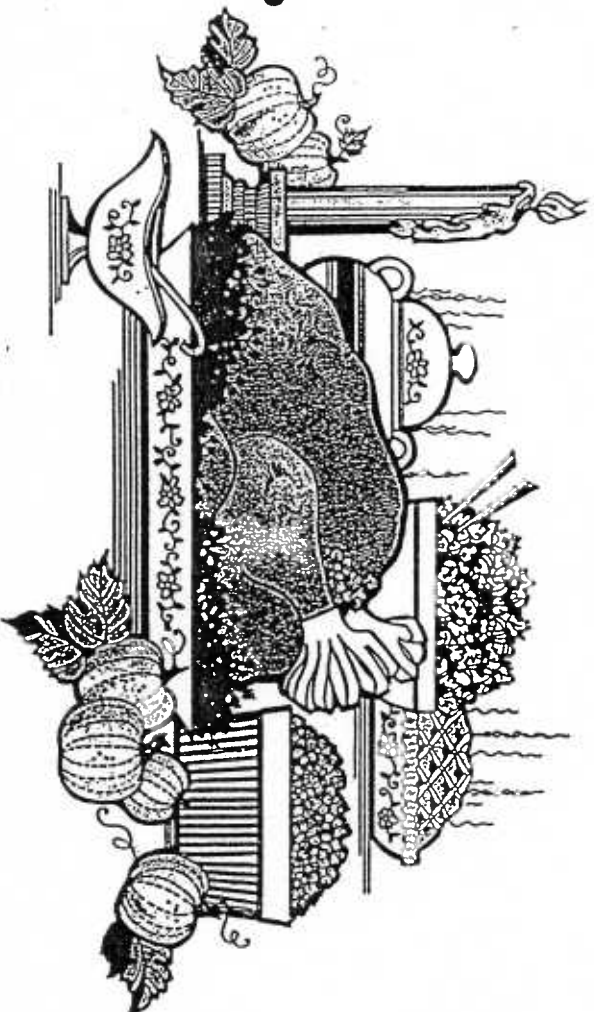
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NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Ministry Fair 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	29 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group	30 6:00 PM Soup Kitchen- Daughters of Thunder Outreach 7:00 PM DASH Youth Group Meeting 7:00 PM Dig Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	31 6:00 PM Experiencing God Small Group-Lounge	1 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts- Downstairs Dining Room 5:30 PM Getting Ahead - SUMC 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 Holiday Boult que Set Up	3 9:00 AM Holiday Boutique
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