

Office Hours

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 24 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Thanksgiving Celebration
Wednesday, 27 8:00 PM AA Meeting
Thursday, 28 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 1 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Worship Service
Wednesday, 4 8:00 PM AA Meeting
Saturday, 7 3:00 PM Models Club



Children's Christmas Program

We will have our annual Christmas play about the birth of Jesus on **Sunday, December 15th** during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Please make sure your children and their friends are here in December so they will know what to do on that day.

We will have a dress rehearsal of the program in the sanctuary on **Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.** Following the rehearsal, we will have pizza and pop for the kids to enjoy before going home about 12:30 p.m. All the children need to be in church on Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School.



Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still openings for reserving your special day(s) for altar flowers. Please check out the chart in the Narthex.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY

This month, we have been asked to collect *canned fruit of any kind*. The next food distribution date will be this Tuesday, November 26th. As always, thanks for your generosity! *Beginning next month, we will collect canned chicken noodle soup.*

QUARTERLY MISSION: FRONTLINE BIBLES

We're in the midst of our last quarterly mission collection. As a reminder, this quarter we are having a church-wide collection for *Life Recovery Bibles* for Frontline Foundation.

NEED CHRISTMAS EVE ADVENT CANDLE FAMILY

Thanks to all who said they would serve as our candle lighting families throughout the season of Advent! We are only in need of someone to help out during the Christmas Eve service.

HOMEMADE GOODIES NEEDED FOR TINS!

We are resuming our Cookie Tins mission outreach this Christmas season to our shut-ins, those in nursing homes, first responders (firemen, policemen, EMS), and for any military personnel serving in the armed forces. ***We need names & addresses of family members in the military or those who are first responders to be turned into the office no later than Thursday, December 5th.*** We also need individually wrapped candy and batches of homemade cookies & brownies to pack into the tins.

On Thursday, December 5th at 10 a.m., we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack our tins and we hope you can join us! Questions? Please contact Marcia Wood at 926-4498.

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS DECEMBER 8TH

Starting Sunday, December 8th, we will begin our Advent study from the book *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph*. For his part in the nativity story, Joseph faced a situation much like our own - encountering life circumstances he didn't choose or understand. Through his example, we will learn how to exchange doubt for courage as we accept and glorify God's will.



ALLEGIANCE TO THE REIGN
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Sunday, November 24, 2019

CHIMES WITH BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF LOVE

PRELUDE *Anna Kalbe*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *UMH #131*

"We Gather Together"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *Karla Allmon*

Brief Announcements

PASSING THE PEACE: *"Greet those around you" All*

(The collection supports Frontline Life Recovery Bibles.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Karla Allmon*

L: God has called all of us here beloved.

C: **We are given new names of hope and promise.**

L: Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

C: **God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.**

L: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

ALL: May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days.

*OPENING HYMN *UMH #488*

"Jesus, Remember Me" (sing 2x)

EPISTLE READING *Karla Allmon*

Colossians 1:11 - 20

followed by *"GLORIA PATRI"* *UMH #70*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

SERMON: Luke 23:33 - 43 *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

"Allegiance to the Reign"

TIME OF PRAYER

*Congregational Prayer (In Unison) *Karla Allmon*

Forgiving God, how many times we have spoken words of commitment and faith and then turned our backs on these commitments to follow the temptations of the

world. We wander after the false prophets of greed, selfishness, arrogance, ignorance, hatred, stubbornness, and then shout our displeasure at how we are being treated. We want you to come in and clean up all our messes, excusing us from any responsibility for them. Forgive us for such foolishness. Help us remember the power of your healing love, which has been given for us. Forgive us when we think we know everything and then discover that we have behaved and thought in ignorant ways. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Receiving Joys & Concerns *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

WORSHIP OF GIVING: *Tithes, Offerings & Gifts All*

~please place your commitment cards in the offering plate~

*"Thank You" ** Screen*

*followed by "The Doxology" * Screen*

*CLOSING HYMN *UMH #694*

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*

POSTLUDE *Anna Kalbe*

**Indicates STANDING if you are able.*

*** Video presentation*

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POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Gratitude helps us to see what is there instead of what isn't." ~ Annette Bridges



Joys:

Thankful to everyone who donated food and/or made dishes to share for today's celebration.

Recent Prayer Requests:

Bob Kremke - heart procedure on 11/19

Judy Reales - prayers for love & comfort

Gary Rich (uncle of Mark Lucas) - wife passed, prayers for comfort; he is battling cancer

Brenda Brueckheimer - prayers for healing, comfort & love

Pastor Liz - all 3 kids are experiencing health issues: **Josh & Kelly** (tonsils) and **Kara** (vision)

Jason Fike (Charlotte) - in between jobs

Scott Allmon - pray for good healing on his thumb

Lisa (Jeanette Burton's niece) - bronchitis; her husband,

Clyde, is on dialysis & now spitting up blood

Deanna Burton - pneumonia/bronchitis

Darlene Crane (Leon & Deanna's daughter) - MS

Jeanette Burton - upper respiratory infection

Joyce Craig - traveling mercies

Continue Prayers for:

Tony A., Kitty Chaplin, Rachel (Marcia's niece), **Darlene** (Marylou's friend), **Matthew** (Judy Hoffman's son-in-law),

Arin Scott (Deanna's cousin's daughter), **Sheila Bowen** (friend of Bob & Mary) - battling cancer

Pray for the following who have various health issues:

Evelyn Fike, William Kuhns, Judy Hoffman, Tom Hewlett, Brenda Russell, Joyce Miller, JoAnn Burton (Judy Reales' mom), **Bob** (Deanna Burton's uncle), **Jeanine Thomas**, and **Leslie Roberts** (Anna's friend)