The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church
THE BRIDGE
November / December 2018 Newsletter

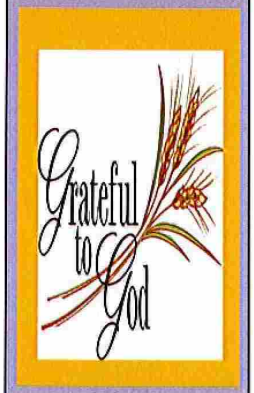
Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

From the Pastor's Pen...

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Beauty and Abundance!

Especially in this season of fall, we can enjoy those two things. The world has become so colorful and fruitful. Not only hikers in state parks but also drivers on the Myck Road can appreciate the beauty of the fall. Not only farmers in wide plains but also little children in our Sunday school and the Tree of Life Preschool can enjoy the abundant fruits.



Such beauty and abundance of the nature, however, might not happen without intensity: heat in the summer and cold in the fall. Without the sun's heat, fruits might not gain enough sweetness, and without the cold air in September and October, the world might not have autumn tints.

To us, who believe that God created this world and its order for a certain reason, the natural intensity which brings about the beauty and abundance of fall talks about the necessity of our spiritual intensity which will lead to spiritual beauty and abundance.

In the middle of indescribable suffering (He lost everything: his family, wealth, and health), Job realized and confessed, *"But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold."* (Job. 23:10 MEV)

All the apostles in the New Testaments and the early church fathers seemed to understand spiritual intensity as the requirement for spiritual beauty and abundance. For instance, Apostle Paul not only praised the Lord but also proclaimed the Gospel, looking for the spiritual beauty and abundance, that is, individual and communal holiness through our Triune God, in my opinion, in any place and in any situation (prison, trial courts, synagogue, plaza, outside a city, on the voyage, etc.).

How do we earn our spiritual beauty and abundance? What is our spiritual intensity?

As the letter to the Hebrews says, *"Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together"* (Heb. 10:25 a MEV).

This November and December (from Senior's Harvest Dinner to Christmas) is the season of spiritual intensity for us to meet together at DFUMC, to enjoy and be thankful for the spiritual beauty and abundance!

Servant of God and His Children,

Sung

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS,
COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS

JOIN US

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

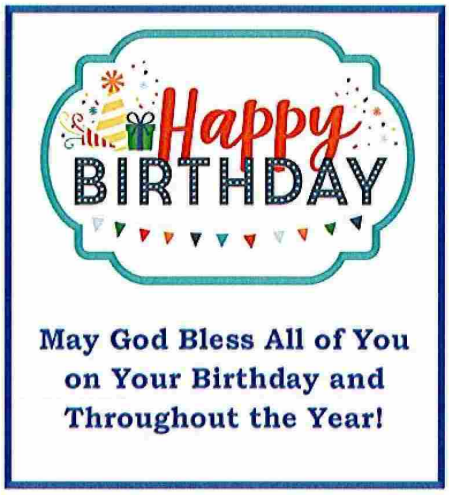
9AM & 11AM
Adult Sunday School - 10:15am
Kids Sunday School - 11am

Adult Sunday School: First Sunday of Month
10:15am - Downstairs

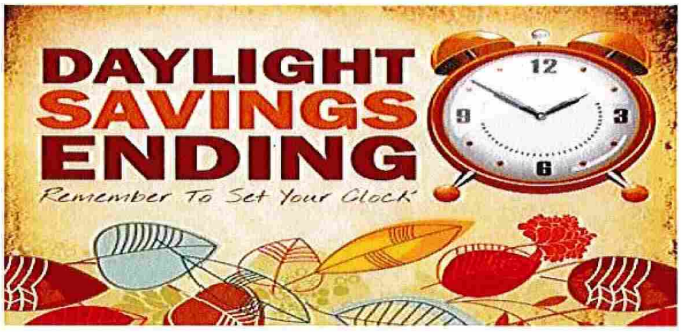
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS.....

November & December Birthdays

11/1	Robin Federsin (Fahey)	12/1	Kirsten Niper
11/3	Clarissa DeFederico	12/3	Eric Miller
11/5	Laura Wright	12/4	Pastor Michael Kim
11/7	Marie Schmalkuche	12/10	Bob Davis
11/7	Jennifer Calabria	12/13	Eileen Rowe
11/7	Judy Brunbaugh	12/19	Carly Odynsky
11/9	Kyle Jewett	12/24	Donna Frable
11/11	Kraige Van Duzer	12/22	Blace Hotalen
11/14	Spencer Joseph	12/24	Dalton Van Der Sluys
11/14	Gabrielle Solch	12/24	Huijeong Hwang Kim
11/15	Cindy DeFederico	12/25	Jesus of Nazareth
11/19	Troy Odynsky	12/28	Pastor Connie Squire
11/26	Brianna Kislak	12/28	Patrick Callen
11/26	John Solch		



May God Bless All of You on Your Birthday and Throughout the Year!

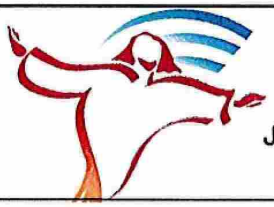


Turn Back Your Clocks November 4th at 2am.
Get yourself an extra hour of Rest!!

The Little Church In The Woods Presents

November 2018 Events

Check www.dfumc.com for the latest news!

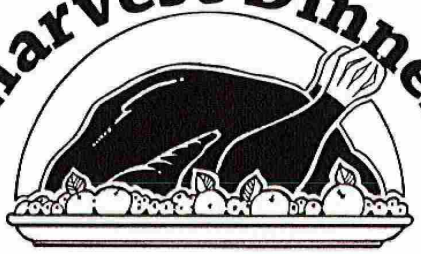


Thirsty Thursdays 5:55 PM

November 1, 8,15,29 (No Service 11/22)

Join us for a casual contemporary service that includes a light meal, praise, music and fellowship for all ages.

Senior Citizen's Harvest Dinner



Saturday • November 3rd • 1PM

Reservations are required by Oct. 30th
Call 828-2288 or visit DFUMC.COM

All seniors are welcome to join us for a FREE afternoon of friends, fun, and fellowship, featuring
Turkey and Ham With All The Trimmings !

Thanks To The Sponsor Of The Feast
Charles Kannebecker

Free!

LONDON BROIL BBQ

Sat. November 17th

Sponsored By The Fork Lift Cafe

Winter Hours!!!

3-5 PM

Baby Blessings Pantry

Will Be Open Prior To Thirsty Thursday & The London Broil

Coming Soon In December

COOKIE WALK

Saturday
Dec. 1st
9AM - 2PM

Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

is on Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park. Call with any questions, 570-828-2288.

November & December Lectionary Readings

11/4	Psalm 146; Ruth 1:1-18; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
11/11	Psalm 127; Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
11/18	Psalm 113; 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8
11/22 Thanksgiving Day	Psalm 126; Joel 2:21-27; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
11/25	Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
12/2	Psalm 25:1-10; Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
12/9	Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
12/16	Isaiah 12:2-6; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
12/23	Luke 1:47-55; Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
12/24 Christmas Eve	Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
12/25 Christmas Day	Psalm 98; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
12/30	Psalm 148; 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
1/6/2019	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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Pastor's Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10am - 11:30am
Meets at the Church - Room 5
Come, Join Us!

Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:45pm - 8:15pm
Meets at the Church - Room 3
See You There!

Advent Prayer Services - Meets in the Church Sanctuary
Monday Evenings: November 26th at 6pm
December 3rd at 6pm
December 10th at 6pm
December 17th at 6pm

Worship Servants

Schedule of Worship Leaders
9:00 Service

11/4	Eleanor Hutter	Youth
11/11	Gayla Garren	Elaine Cooper
11/18	Donna Frable	Art Birtner
11/25	Doris Hnida	Beth Sappah
12/2	Eileen Guyadeen	Youth
12/9	Eleanor Hutter	Jill Odynsky
12/16	Gayla Garren	Eileen Guyadeen
12/23	Donna Frable	Carol Birtner
12/30	Doris Hnida	Art Birtner
1/6	Eleanor Hutter	Youth

Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers
9:00 Service

11/4	Linda Rutledge
11/11	Doris Hnida
11/18	Caren Shimanski
11/25	Kathi White
12/2	Dave Cowan
12/9	Linda Rutledge
12/16	Doris Hnida
12/23	Caren Shimanski
12/30	Kathi White
1/6	Dave Cowan

11:00 Service

11/4	Linda Schierloh
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12/23	Art Birtner
12/30	Elaine Cooper
1/6	Linda Schierloh

Greeters/Ushers
9:00 Service

11/4	Linda Rutledge
11/11	Karl & Karen Van Duzer
11/18	Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
11/25	Marilyn Chasar & Rick Vodilko
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11/4	Youth
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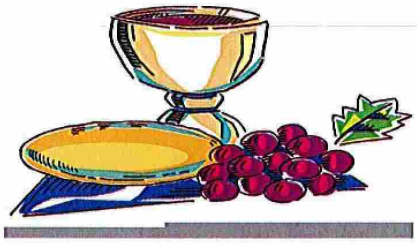
11/18	Hope Blauvelt
11/25	Bruce & Linda Snyder
12/2	Youth
12/9	Jill Odynsky
12/16	Tom & Myriam Hahn
12/23	Len & Carole Van Orden
12/30	Mary Balton
1/6	Youth



Communion Ministry – Setup & Cleanup

	9:00 Service	11:00 Service
1st Sunday of the Month:	Volunteer	The Birtner's
2nd Sunday of the Month:	The Davis'	Rich Cooper
3rd Sunday of the Month:	Doris Hnida	Volunteer
4th Sunday of the Month:	Kathi White	The Schierloh's
5th Sunday of the Month:	Linda Rutledge	Rich Cooper

Copies of this list can be found in the church office.

Consecration Sunday
November 18

10:00 Service

Celebration Luncheon After Worship

What is Stewardship?

According to Matthew, Stewardship is hearing God say:

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

According to 1 Peter 4:10 Stewardship is:

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of God's manifold Grace"

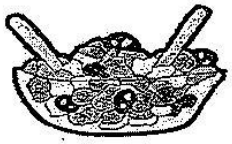
According to John Wesley Stewardship is:

"Gain all you can. Save all you can' Give all you can"

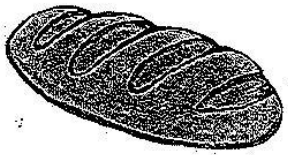
Celebrate God's Many Gifts with a Simple Meal

Soup, Salad, and Sop

Homemade soup



Salad



Bread to sop up soup

Our Church Proposed Budget		
Pastoral Support	63,882	Wages, bus. Exp cable, health ins pension
Electric	4800	Church, Parsonage
Communication	1800	Phone Internet
Fuel	6100	Parsonage, Church
Maintenance	29,550	Church, Parsonage, plowing, mowing, trash Capitol imp., Lighting loan, playground
Conference Expenses	27146,	Shared Ministry, Property ins., Workers comp
Church Payroll	25,961	Secretary, Sexton, Music Treasurer, bonus
Payroll Taxes	5000	
Supplies	13100	Church, office postage, Sunday School, Kitchen/Bathroom, Confirmation, Worship Thirsty Thursday
Total	~~176,115~~	

ministering TO Seniors

Nursing Home Ministry

Please Join Us!

During the month we get together with the nursing home residents of Belle Reve and Milford Senior Care for our time of "Hymns and Scripture".

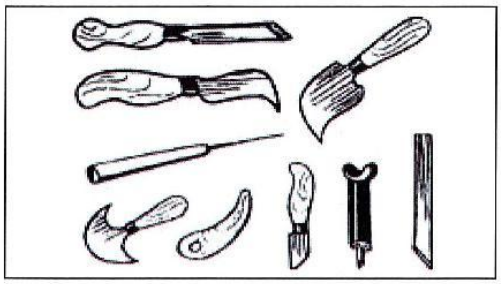
Our monthly visits give us the great honor and opportunity to visit and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Schedule for November & December:

Belle Reve 2pm
November 8th & 20th
December 4th, 13th, & 18th

Milford Sr. Care 2pm
November 7th 7 21st
December 5th & 19th

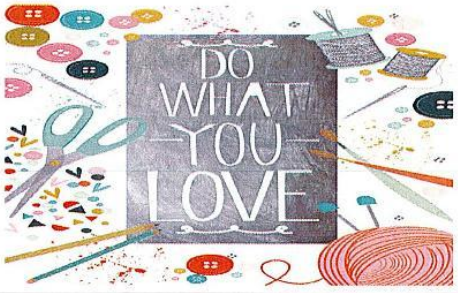
We invite and encourage you to please join us!
If you have any questions....
Call/See Kathi White 570-828-1251.



WOODCARVERS
&
Sewing,
Crocheting & Etc.

Our Woodcarving, Sewing & Etc. group meets on Wednesday's from 9am- Noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you've never done either before, don't let that stop you! We can teach you enough to get you started.

Come & Join us!!
It's Lots of FUN!
Talk to Gary Stevenson or Carol Birtner if you want more information.



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The next Ad Board Meeting
is scheduled for November 19th at 6pm.

Pastor: Sunduk Kim
Ad Council Chairperson - Dave Ridyard
Ad Council Secretary – Lisa Niper
Church Secretary – Linda Rutledge
Lay Member - Carol Birtner
Reserve Member – Linda Schierloh
SPRC Chairperson – Karen Van Duzer
Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton
Church Treasurer – Darlene Mihiel
Recording Secretary – Caren Shimanski
Finance Counters - Bob & Judy Brumbaugh
Trustee Chairperson - John Garren

Worship Chairperson – Linda Schierloh
Organist - Christopher Bradley
Sunday School Superintendent - Jill Odynsky
Membership/Outreach - Linda Schierloh
Nurture Chairperson - Linda Davis
Missions Chairperson - Gayla Garren
Family Ministry - Terasa Tarquini
UMW - Beth Callen
UMM - Al Frable
Communications: Linda Rutledge, Jim Bois, & Tom Hahn

Next SPRC Meeting TBA

Those serving on the SPRC for 2018 are:
Karen Van Duzer, Tom Hahn, Linda Schierloh, Melissa Joseph, Jennifer Calabria, Anthony Houston, Terasa Tarquini and Carol Birtner

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2018:
Pastor Kim, Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, David Ridyard, Darlene Mihiel, Caren Shimanski

Finance Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month following the 11am Service. Therefore, the next 2 meetings are Nov. 11th & Dec. 9th.

P.S. For you information, the Church's Year-to-Date Summery Report is posted on the back of the Sunday Bulletin.

Next Trustee Meeting TBA

The following persons are serving on the Trustee Committee for 2018:
John Garren, Rob Rowe, Rob Balton, Jerry Schierloh, Karen Van Duzer, John Solch and Cameron Alber

Announcement:

FULFILLING God's VISION

Our New **Vision Committee** has enjoyed 3 meetings and an enjoyable & informative hospitality workshop already! Lots of parishioners have participated sharing ideas and thoughts about how they see our church ministry moving forward into the future. Please consider joining us for our next bi-monthly meeting which is open to all who love to commit themselves to the church and the kingdom of God.

The next meeting will be held in the **sanctuary on Monday, December 31st.**

We begin our journey with the book, *The Passionate Church: Ignite Your Church and Change the World*, written by Mike Slaughter. You can purchase it online either from cokesbury.com, amazon.com, Kindle or get a hard copy in the church office.

May God bless us to ignite our church and change the world. Amen!

Please Sign-up

We're looking for volunteers to bring in goodies for Coffee Hour on Sunday Mornings. Coffee Hour is between Services from 10am-11am. You don't have to set up anything, just bring your goodies to share. Please see the sign-up on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

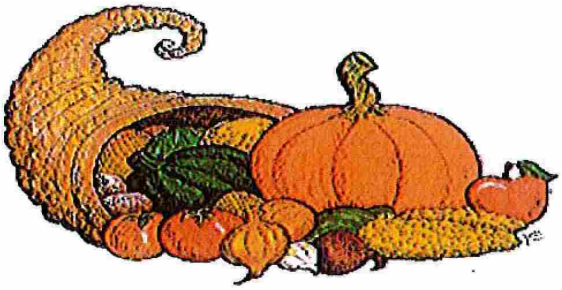
A Community Outreach

Our goal is to assist 20 families this Thanksgiving.
Therefore, we are praying for donations OR
You may choose to complete a whole basket by yourself
or with a friend.

Turkeys (10lbs.-20lbs.)
Potatoes (5lb bags)
Gravy Mix (Jar or Package)
Dinner Rolls (Package)
Assorted Canned Vegetables
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Stuffing Mix (Bag or Box)
Pancake Box Mix
Pancake Syrup
Coffee (1lb. can)
Tea Bags
Juice
Apple/Cherry/Pumpkin Pie
Butter

Donations can be left on the table in the downstairs hallway, (outside the Pastor's Office). Items to be refrigerated can be labeled "Thanksgiving" and left in the 3-door refrigerator in the Church kitchen.

Please drop off your donations by Thursday, November 15th.



Give Thanks to the Lord!

O Lord, give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to serve those in need. Amen.

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Encouragement
Packages, sent out!

In October encouragement packages filled with treats went out to 8 of our college students. Each package also included a note from all of us as well as notes from the children of the Sunday School who helped pack the boxes. This project could not go forward without the efficient assistance of Linda Rutledge in the office in tracking down addresses. God bless your faithfulness in providing the treats that make this ministry possible.

"Early CROPWALK Results"

The 2018 Tri-State CROPWALK brought 89 walkers to Airport Park to step out and walk through Port Jervis for hungry people. Walkers brought food items for the pantries and signed letters to Congress seeking action about hunger. Our team of 17 walkers raised $1195. Our team included Mary Balton, Linda Rutledge, Carol Schneider, Jill Odynsky, Chris Bradley, Will, Melissa, Spencer, Benjamin, and Faith Joseph, Pastor Sung, Huijeong, Deborah, Clare, and Evelyn, and Rich and Elaine Cooper. God bless your faithfulness in walking and sponsoring.

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Pastor Sung uses the church **Outreach Fund** at his discretion to help folks in the community with all kinds of emergencies including, electricity, heat, medical and etc.

The Pastor's Outreach is **only** made possible by our monetary donations. If you would like to make a donation to the Outreach fund, please place a check (made out to DFUMC) or cash into and envelope and mark it "Outreach" and we will be sure to deposit it into the Outreach account.

Please donate as you are able, not just at the holidays but throughout the year.
P.S. Your church financial record will reflect your donation.

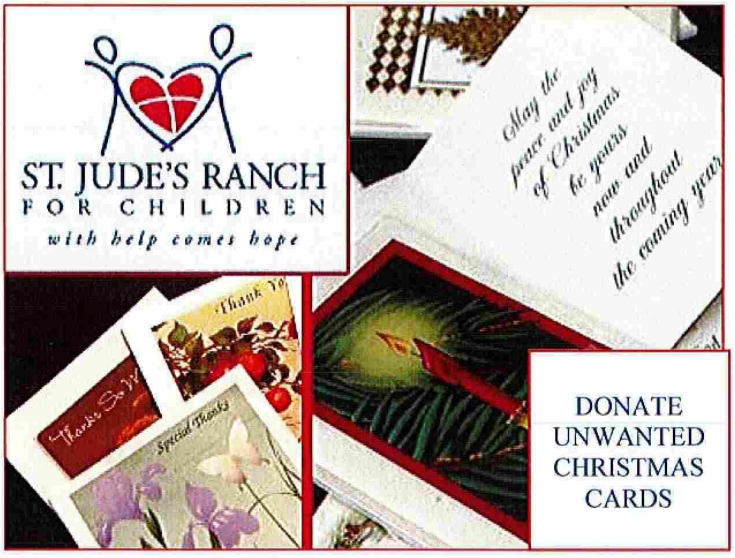
OPERATION GRATITUDE

MISSION: Operation Gratitude seeks to lift the spirits and meet the evolving needs of the U.S. Military and First Responder communities, and provide volunteer opportunities for Americans to express their appreciation to all who serve our nation.

HOW WE DO IT: Every year, Operation Gratitude sends 300,000+ individually addressed Care Packages to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen deployed overseas, to their children left behind, and to First Responders, New Recruits, Veterans, Wounded Heroes, and their Care Givers. Each package contains snacks, hygiene products, entertainment, and handmade items, as well as personal letters of support.

WISH LIST: Please visit operationgratitude.com for more information. A Wish List can be found on this website. The Wish List is also posted on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway across from the church office.

YOUR DONATIONS: A drop off box for donations will be in the Fellowship Hall for you convenience.



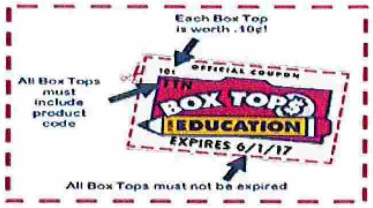
Christmas Cards…

Please help. Please cut off the fronts of your unwanted Christmas cards, (that are blank on the back) and turn them in to the church office by January 6th. All the card fronts will be mailed to the St. Jude Ranch for Children, Recycle Program.

Missions In Action!

We are collecting the following items:

Box Tops for
Red Bird Missions
10¢ each



PULL TOGETHER.

Save Aluminum Can Tabs!
Each worth 10¢ for
Ronald McDonald House

You can also provide for our church for FREE by shopping online through UMC Market. Sign-up at www.umcmarket.org, select DFUMC and a percentage of your purchase sale (typically 1%-5%) will go directly to DFUMC. There are thousands of merchants available.

FAMILY Christian Stores · STARBUCKS COFFEE · petco · BARNES&NOBLE · KOHL'S expect great things · GROUPON · SIERRA TRADING POST · Overstock.com · SEPHORA · Expedia · macy's · DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY · STAPLES that was easy · Disney STORE · Sears · drugstore.com · amazon

The collection bins are located in the upstairs coat room.

Your trash is blessed cash & rewards for others!

Thank you!

BABY BLESSINGS PANTRY

An Outreach Ministry of the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

Our Baby Blessings Pantry Mission, to help families in need, has been growing!

Donations of baby and children's clothing & items (including cribs & high chairs - NO PLUSH PLEASE) are always welcome!

Our pantry is supplied by donations to meet emergency & urgent needs. We would encourage everyone to trade-in and trade-up when requesting items, so that the next person in need can be helped as well.

Baby Blessings is Open on Thursday's: 4:30-6pm

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Contact Aly through the Church Office (570) 828-2288

Calling All Bakers: Cookie Walk December 1

Once again it's time for DFUMC Famous "Giant Cookie Walk!" This year's event will be held **Saturday, December 1st from 9am-2pm** and Beth Callen and Susan Ridyard are the Co-Chairs. The Cookie Walk is an important fundraiser for the church and last year's sales contributed $1,100 to the general budget. Please show your support of this fundraiser by baking and also buying delicious homemade cookies! You can buy cookies and freeze them for your office parties and holiday gatherings. Cookies are sold for $8 a pound (a bargain compared to bakeries), you select the ones you like and we weigh the plastic bag.

We need cookies of all shapes and types. Cookies need to be dropped off on Friday, ***November 30*** in the afternoon and should be marked with the cookie name and also your name on the container. Please also note if any nuts are included: (walnut, peanuts, peanut butter, almonds, pecans, etc) as we set these on a separate table.

Let Beth (bas8424@aol.com) or Susan (susanridyard@gmail.com) know if you can help on Friday afternoon with setup or Saturday during the sale. Also be sure to complete the Sign Up list (posted on the back table in November) so we know what cookies to expect. Thanks as always for the wonderful support you give to this important fundraiser!

The Little Church In The Woods
Announces The

Baby Blessings Pantry

Giving Tree

Starting Thanksgiving Weekend

We Are Collecting Items For Local Families To Be Given Out In Time For Christmas

Diapers (Size 3 And Up)
Socks & Underwear (All Sizes Children To Teen)

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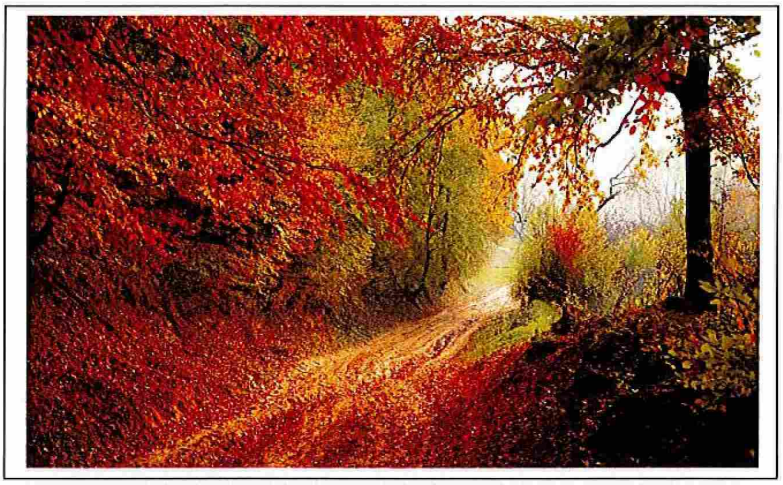
A Devotional



LIFE OF A LEAF

I was sitting in my living room one sunshiny day a couple of weeks ago, looking out our window at the changing leaves—soaking up all the beauty of fall. I began pondering autumn, and what it means when the leaves begin changing color. It means they are beginning to die. "Only God," I thought, "would be able to design something that is dying to be so beautiful." In the spring, the leaf begins budding with the excitement of new life; it grows and matures until it is a full [leaf?]. Then, as summer comes to an end, it turns a brilliant yellow or red or orange, going out in magnificent splendor before finally falling to the ground, where it becomes nutrients for the tree to produce more healthy and beautiful leaves the next year.

This holds so many parallels to the life of a Christian. We have such a short season on earth, but we have a specific purpose and calling: to display the life of Christ on earth. Although we may live in relatively little recognition during our lifetime, when we complete our earthly mission we go in splendor and hope for what is to come. There is always sadness when a believer dies, but it is always coupled with joy because of the evidence of the life of Christ in them.

This then spurs us on toward greater love and commitment to Jesus—that when it is our time to enter into the presence of our King, we leave behind the same beautiful legacy. We've all seen the trees or branches that have died because of a sickness or bug or natural disaster. The leaves are what bear the evidence of that. They are brown and dying long before they should, or have strange bumps and holes that disfigure them from what they ought to look like. They don't have the chance to go out like those leaves on a healthy tree. We can never be too careful in what we are allowing to be the source of our nutrition.

Are we allowing anything to feed us that will cause us to be infected and cause premature deadness? My desire is that there would be nothing that is displayed in my "leaf" other than the source of True Life in Jesus. This means being diligent about what I allow to influence my mind and heart. When something is allowed in that isn't of God, it doesn't take long for the evidence of that to begin displaying itself in my thoughts, actions, and words. We have such an immense privilege to be connected and changed and renewed by the Giver of Life, and we must not take it for granted! While those who do not know Him are spiritually diseased and withered, we can display to them the flourishing, never-ending life of Jesus—the hope we have of being with Him for all eternity, and living a life that is full of hope and peace and joy.

Let us, dear brothers and sisters, be faithful to our Savior in this life so that when we die, we go in the rich golds and crimsons of the beautiful evidence of a life well lived for Him!

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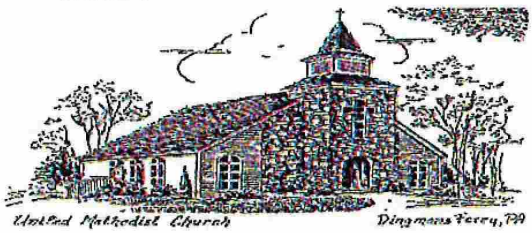

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