



The Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church
THE BRIDGE
Newsletter

November/
December
2024

**Season
of**



Advent

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

From the Pastor's Pen...

As we approach the end of this calendar year, I am reminded that, according to our lectionary, the Christian new year begins a month earlier than the world's. For Christians, the season of Advent in early December marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, and thus, our November and December become a journey of faithful and thankful reflection on the past year and joyful expectation and celebration on the new year.

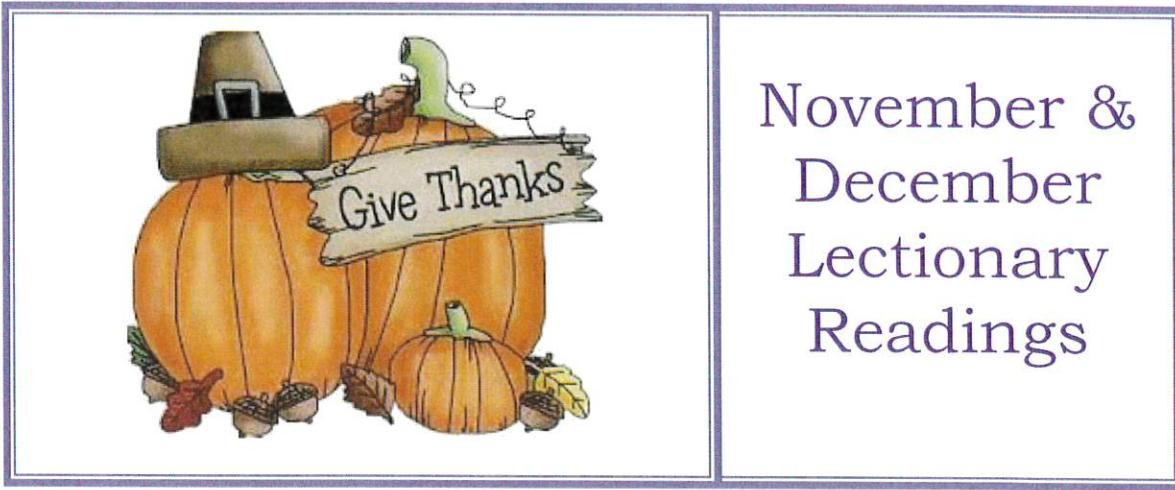
I think November is a season of preparation, a time when we harvest our blessings and consider how we are called to give. During Stewardship Sundays, we're reminded that each of us has been entrusted with gifts, not only to enjoy but to steward wisely in service to God and others. These gifts come in many forms—time, talents, resources—and we are called to reflect on how we can use them to advance God's work in our church and community. Our Stewardship Sundays will be the perfect moments to pause and express gratitude for all God has provided, nurturing a spirit of generosity that extends throughout the coming year.

As we move into December, we enter a time of joyful anticipation. Advent is a season of waiting with hope, as we look forward to the coming of our Messiah. It is a time to open our hearts anew to the peace, joy, hope, and love that Christ brings. Each week of Advent will remind us of these gifts that Jesus embodies, urging us to live with them.

This year, I encourage each of you to take time with your families and loved ones to prepare spiritually for Christmas. As the world around us buzzes with holiday activity, let us not lose sight of the true meaning of this season: the birth of our Savior, God's love coming into our world in the humblest of forms.

May November's reflections prepare us, and may December's celebrations fill us with the renewed hope and joy of Christ's presence among us. I look forward to worshipping with you and sharing in the journey of this holy season.

Servant of God and God's people, ~Sung



November & December Lectionary Readings

11/3 Ruth 1:1-18; Ps 156; Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

11/10 Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Ps 127, 42; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

11/17 1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10, Ps 113; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/24 2 Sam 23:1-7; Ps 132:1-12; Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

12/1 Jer. 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

12/8 Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

12/15 Zeph. 3:14-20, Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

12/22 Mic. 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:29-45

12/29 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26; Ps 148; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

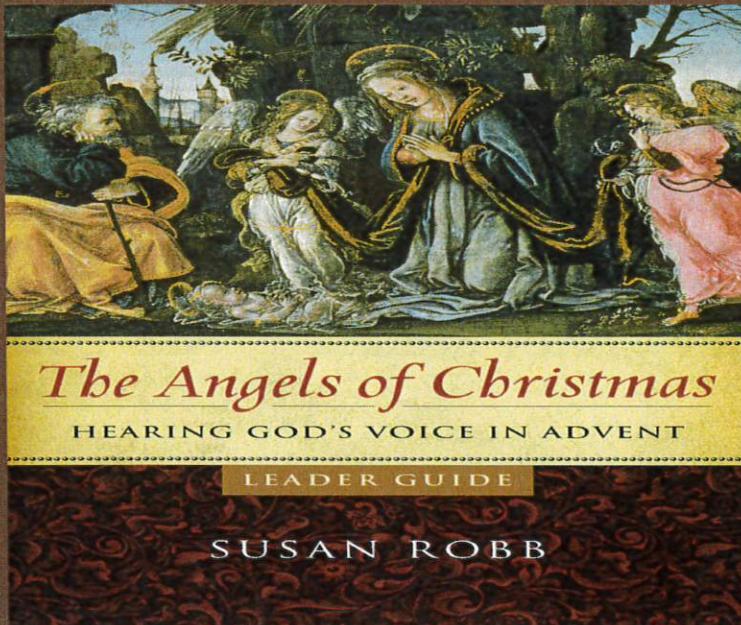




Daylight Saving Time Ends
Set your clocks back one hour

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on
November 3rd.
Turn your clocks BACK so you
get an
extra hour of sleep!!**

**Advent Season Bible Study
Tue 10am & Wed 6:30pm
Dingmans Ferry UMC**



Hey Youth!

(Middle School & High School Students)



you are invited to
Dingmans Ferry UMC
(115 Myck Road)

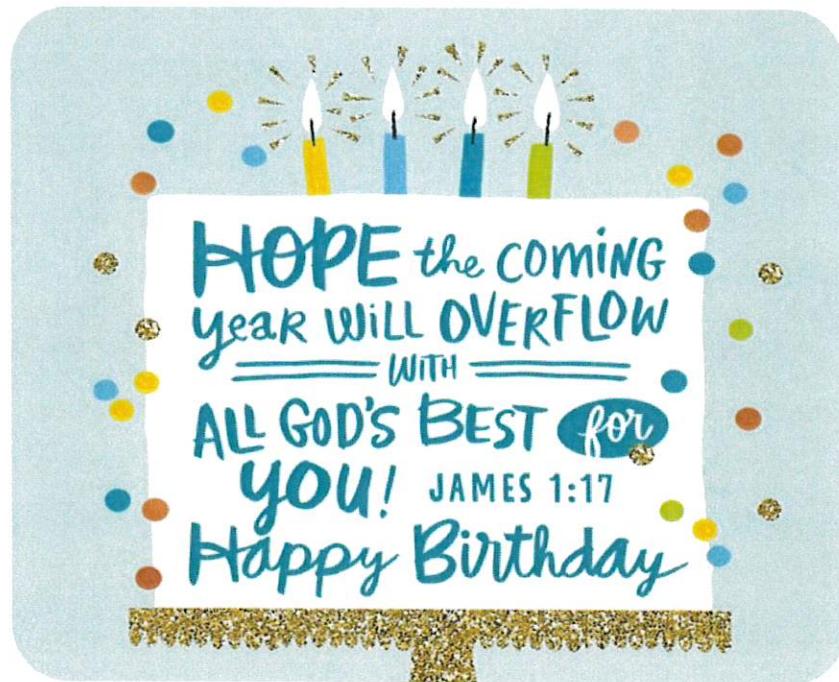


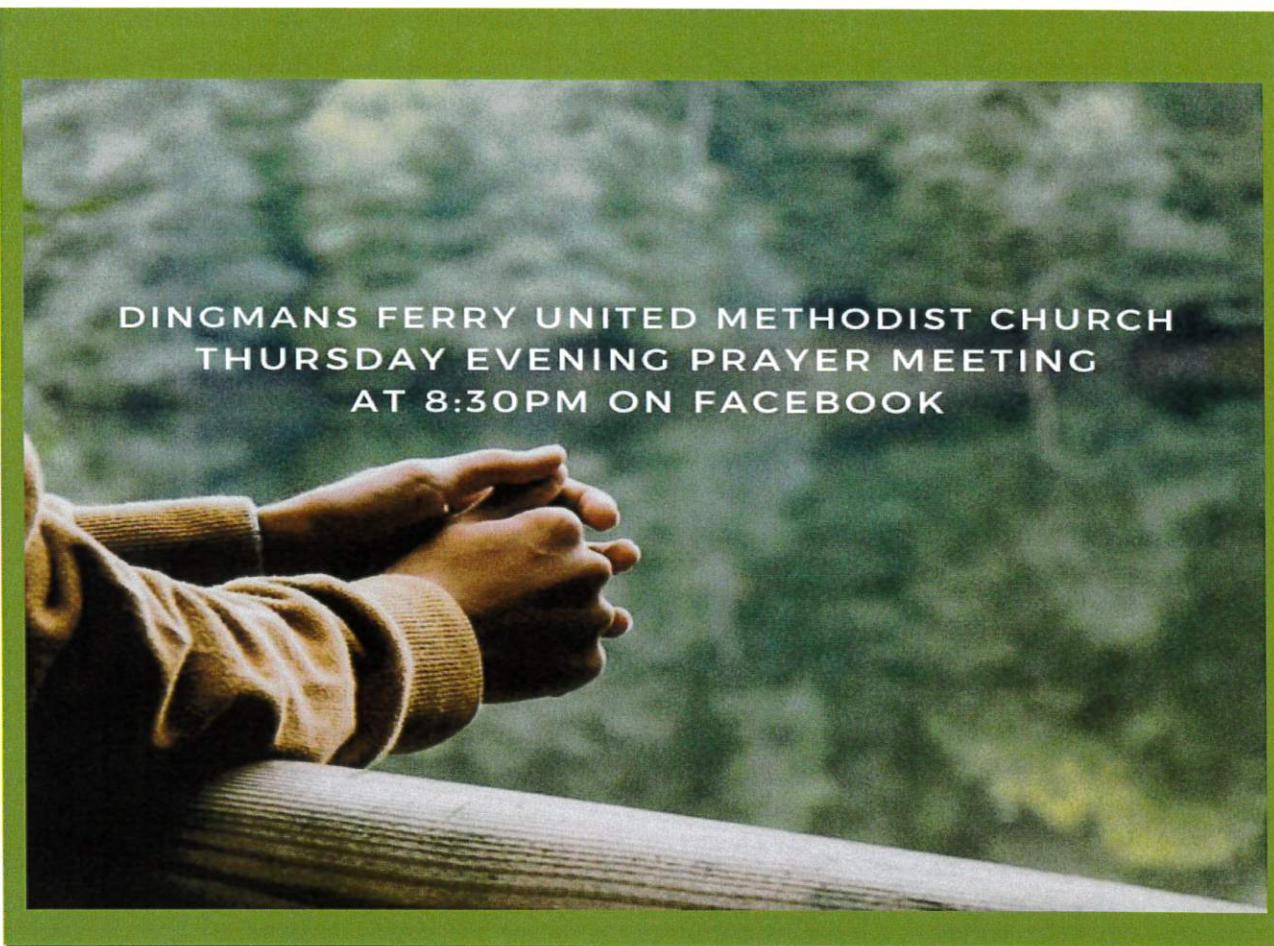
**every first Sunday of the month 5-6:30PM
movies, games, activities, food, stories, friends, & God!**

November & December Birthdays



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| 11/1 | Robin Fedorsin (Fahey) | 12/4 | Pastor Michael Kim |
| 11/4 | Marc Mannino | 12/10 | Bob Davis |
| 11/5 | Lane Harrington* | 12/16 | Matthew Edgell |
| 11/7 | Judy Brunbaugh | 12/18 | Devyn Jones |
| 11/10 | William Freeland | 12/19 | Carly Odynsky |
| 11/14 | Gabrielle Solch | 12/24 | Donna Frable |
| 11/14 | Spencer Joseph | 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 | 12/30 | John Magazino |
| 11/26 | John Solch | | |





DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING
AT 8:30PM ON FACEBOOK



We invite you to share your prayer concerns and joys with us.

Faith is not meant to be lived alone. This is why God has called us to be in community. We take your prayer request very seriously and will pray with and for you. Requests can be announced in church or kept private.

Where do you find joys in the midst of this crisis?

Where do you see God at work during this time?

If you have any prayer concerns and/or joys that you would like Pastor Sung to lift up during Sunday Worship Service, please submit them by noon on Friday so they can be included in Sunday's service.

Things are Happening!



BIG THANK YOU to Steve Wollman who directed our Annual Dinner Theater's production of "War of the Worlds" and the actors and actresses who spent their summer dedicating time to practice and rehearsal (Mandy Librizzi, Jill O'Neill, Bill O'Neill, Carol Birtner, John Magazino, and Tom Zologa). Also thank you to Rob Balton for helping with the playbills and design!

SPECIAL THANKS to the dinner theater's kitchen staff lead by Deb McGowan! Thank you to Linda Rutledge, Mary Balton, Jill Buckley, Maria Quipusco-Grazilla, Shirley Berry, Carol Magazino, and Elise Knapp who all worked hard to provide a delicious meal to go with the performance! Also we would like to thank all the wonderful kids (Savannah Wollman, Isabelle Moraga, Deborah, Claire, and Evelyn Kim, and Abigail and Cameron Arnold who were all amazing servers!

THANK YOU to all of our September and October London Broil Staff for not only making delicious food but for also making it a welcoming event for our community to enjoy. Thank you to all who pitched in!!

MANY THANKS to all of you who continue to sign-up to make our Sunday morning Fellowship Coffee Hours so delicious!!

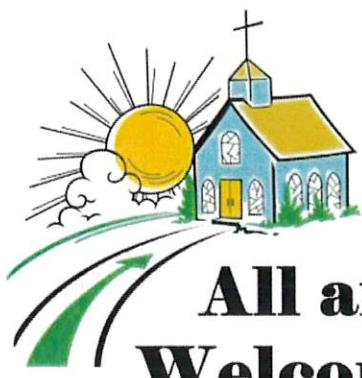
THANK YOU to John Magazino and all who joined us for making our last family night of the year a memorable time for all!! Hope to do it again next year!!

CONTINUED THANKS to our Preschool Staff, our Sunday School Volunteers, VBS and Kindercamp Staff/ Volunteers for sharing their dedication, passion and love with God's children.



Thank you so much, I am truly grateful for your love which continually humbles me before you and Christ. I will joyfully and humbly continue to serve you, praying that God showers you with his blessings. Wishing you abundant blessings here in this life and the next!

Thanks to our Lord for blessing us to have the ability to do everything in His name --and to have fun doing it!



Welcome New Members

*Join the Church
Family!*

Please see/contact
Pastor Sung or call
the church office if
you would like to
become a member.
(570) 828-2288

Call the Church Office or See Pastor Sung TODAY!

PLEASE SIGN -UP



We're always looking for volunteers to bring in goodies for our Fellowship Coffee Hour that is held after the 10AM Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.

You don't have to set anything up, just bring your goodies to share.

Clean-up: Many hands make light work!
Please see the sign-up on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance!

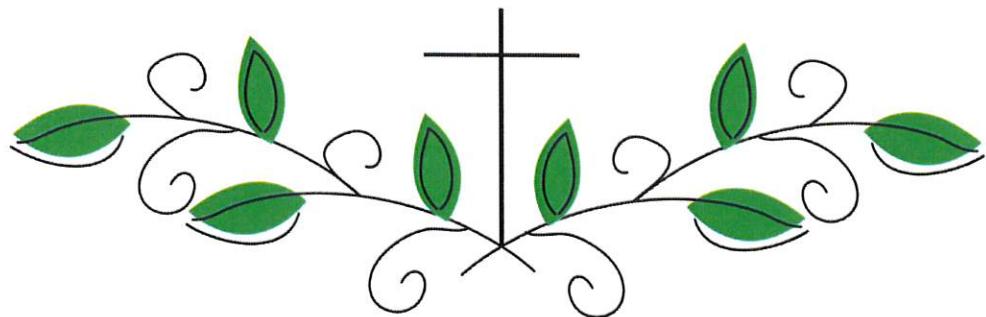


Servants

GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:



11/3 Linda Rutledge
11/10 Marilyn Chasar
11/17 Chad Feakins
11/24 Rich Cooper
12/1 Linda Schierloh
12/8 Carol Magazino
12/15 Sally Pohlman
12/22 Carol Birtner
12/25 Scott Knapp



Friends · Family · Neighbors · Co-workers



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.
The next Ad Board Meeting: **Monday November 18th at 7PM**



Ad Board Members 2024

Pastor: Sungduk Kim
Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable
Ad Council Secretary – Linda Rutledge
Church Secretary – Destiny Freeland
Lay Leader - Carol Birtner
Alt. Lay Member – Linda Schierloh
SPRC Chairperson – Carol Magazino
Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton
Church Treasurer – Susan Dennison & Darlene Mihiel
Recording Secretary – David Cowan

Finance Counters - Gary Stevenson/Sally Pohlman
Trustee Chairperson - Scott Knapp
Worship Chairperson – Destiny & Nicole
Organist: Chris Bradley
Sunday School - Olivia Harrington
Missions Chairperson - Aly Solch
UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge
UMM - Seth Natter
Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge



The Next SPRC Meeting is TBA

Those serving on the SPRC for 2024 are:
Carol Magazino, Susan Ridyard, Olivia Harrington,
Jill Mann, Sally Pohlman, and Carol Birtner.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our talents, possessions, and time are all gifts from God. Our offerings and gifts are our return to God through DFUMC. Your weekly and monthly offerings are our most important source of funds to support our ministries and missions.

The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2024:

Pastor Sung, Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, Donna Frable,
Susan Dennison, Darlene Mihiel, and Dave Cowan.



Trustee Meetings are held every first Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be **Sunday November 3rd** after fellowship.

Those serving as Trustees for 2024 are:

Rob Balton, Seth Natter, Matthew Edgell,
John Magazino, David Ridyard, Billy Freeland, and Scott Knapp.

MISSION & OUTREACH



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

“Supporting Our College Students”

This year we again gave gift cards to our college students. Our recipients were Meg and Seth Garrera. Seth is a history major hoping to have a career in teaching, and Meg is studying mortuary science and funeral services. May God continue to guide and bless them as they pursue their studies.

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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 etc.

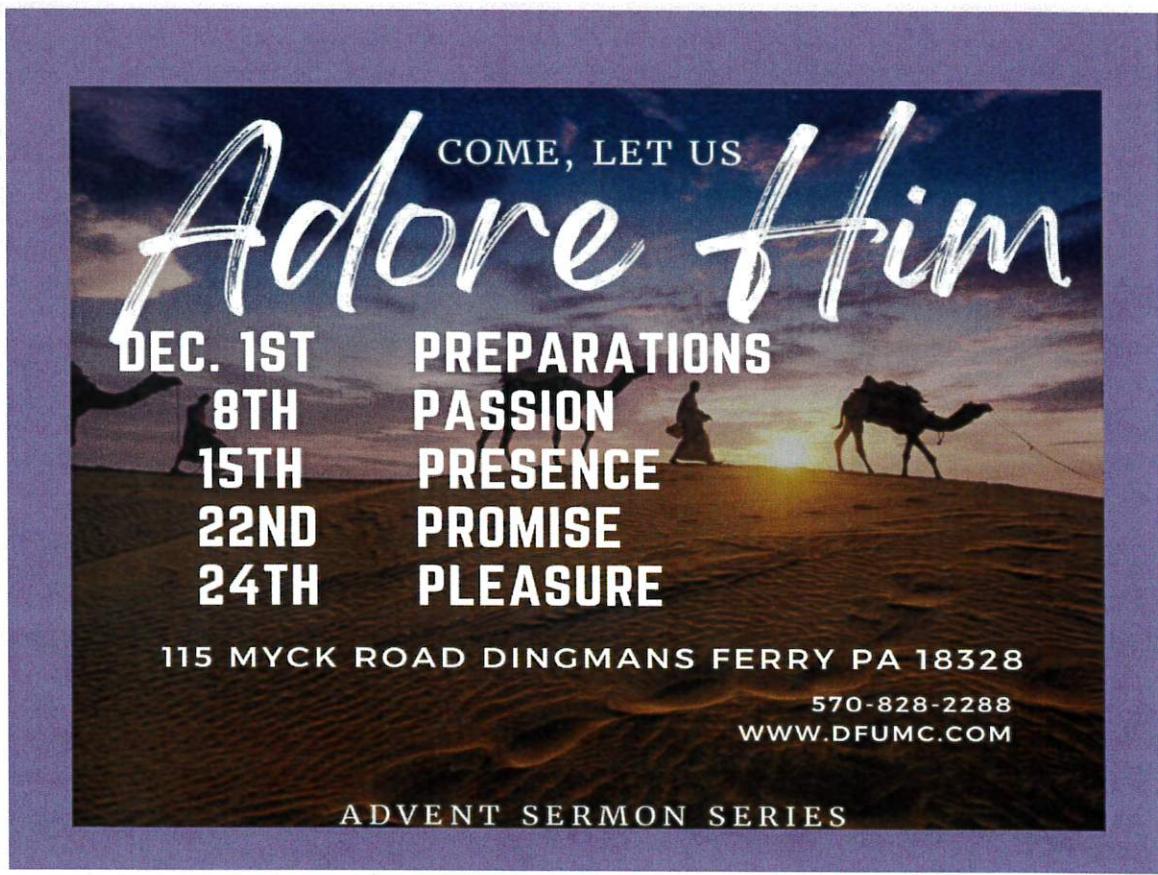
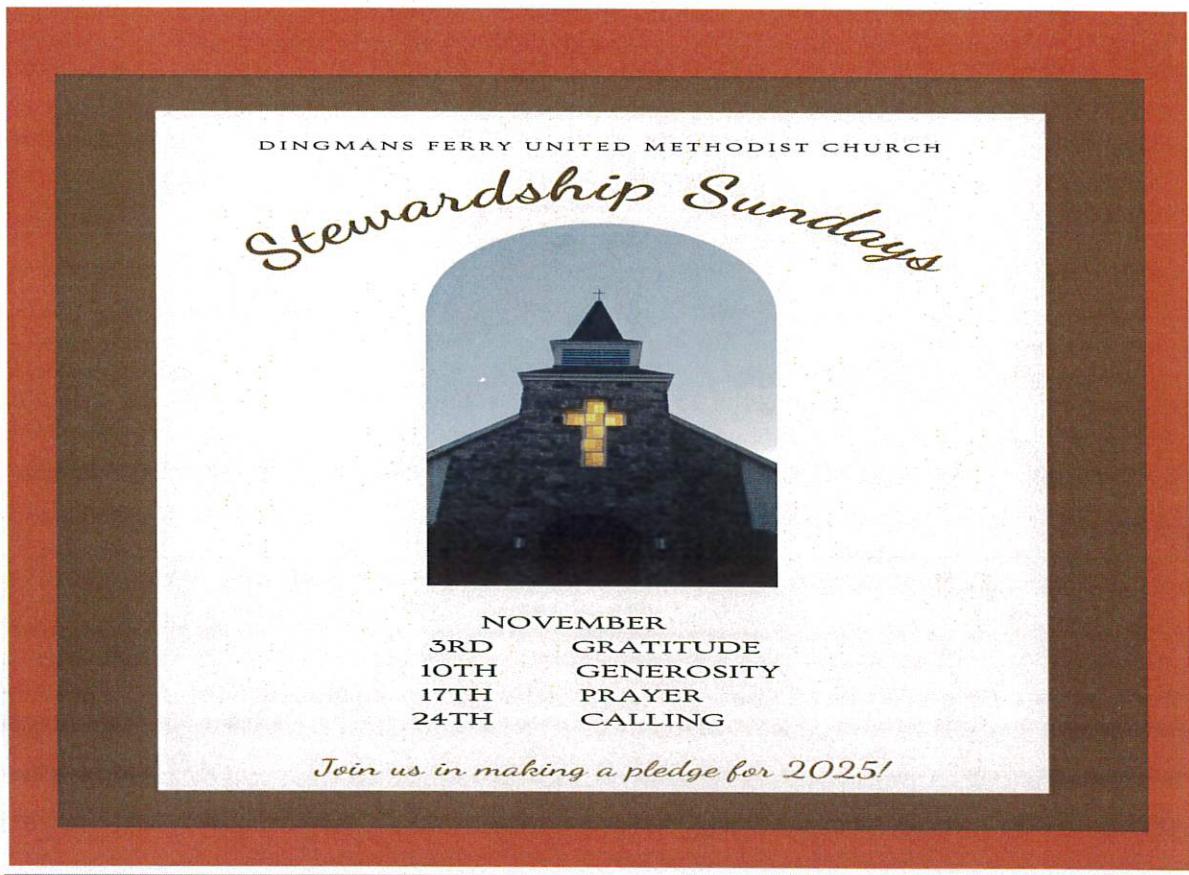


## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

KINDNESS. GOODNESS. FAITHFULNESS.

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 an 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.

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The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church Invites you to join us for....

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday Nov. 24th at 4PM

at Dingmans Ferry UMC



Followed by a potluck dinner!!!!



Mark Your
Calendar



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4pm (**children oriented service**), 7pm, and 11pm.



December 24th, 2024
Held at Dingmans Ferry UMC



Join Us For Our DFUMC Women's Joy Circle Christmas Party!

All Women of the Church are Invited!



Where? Linda Rutledge's Home



When? Sunday December 1st at 5:00 PM

(A car pool is planned for those who can't drive at night)



Bring: A \$20 Gift for "Gift Exchange"

(If needed, a gift will be provided - Don't let that stop you from attending.)

Anything Else? Sandwiches & beverages will be served.
If you'd like to bring a small dessert or appetizer for the table, that
would be nice!

RSVP on the back table in the sanctuary or
call Linda in the church office (570) 828-2288

Calling All Bakers:

Cookie Walk December 7th

Once again it's time for DFUMC Famous "Giant Cookie Walk!" This year's event will be held



Saturday, December 7th from 9am - 1pm.

The Cookie Walk is an important fundraiser for the church. Prior cookie sales typically contributed approximately \$1,000 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 them.*

We need festive Christmas cookies of all shapes and types. Cookies need to be dropped off on Friday, December 6th after 3pm and should be marked with the cookie name and also your name on a sealed container. Please also note if any nuts are included: (walnut, peanuts, peanut butter, almonds, pecans, etc.) as we set these on a separate table.

Also, please let us know if you can help on Friday afternoon with setup or Saturday during the sale (jirmann@verizon.net). 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! We **cannot** do this without **YOU!***

Christmas Hymn Singing Sunday



Ecumenical Worship Service
Dec. 29th 10am
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Please share with us your family's 3 favorite Christmas Hymns!

Sign-up sheet is on the back table in the Sanctuary.





Please Join Us!

We are currently serving 3 of our area Senior Care Centers with
a monthly Hymns and Scripture Ministry!

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

**Here are the dates that are scheduled
for the up-coming months:**

Delaware Valley Rehab Center 2PM

November 13th & December 11th

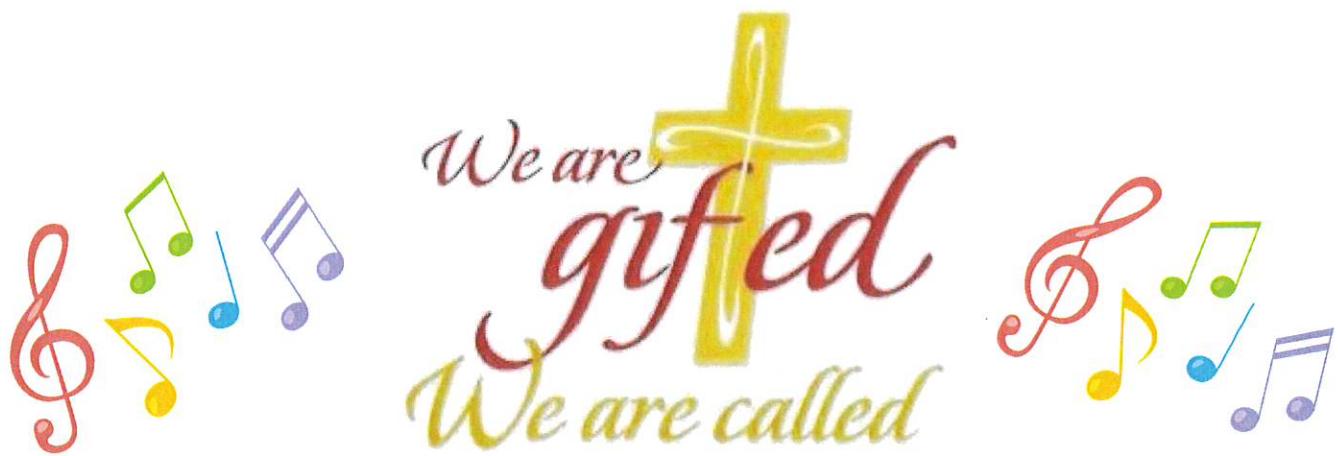
Delaware Valley Personal Care Center 2PM

November 20th & December 18th

Milford Rehab 2PM

November 6th & December 4th

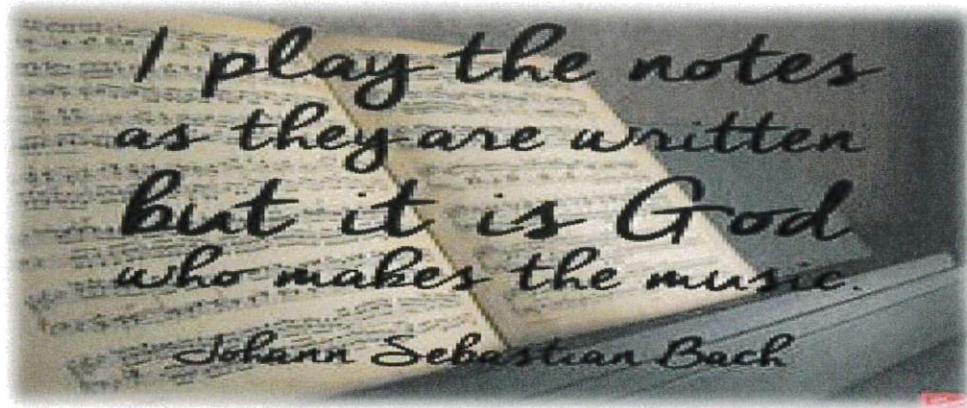
Masks are optional but strongly encouraged.
We invite and encourage you to please join us!
If you have any questions....
Call/See Pastor Sung (570) 828-2288.



We're looking for some volunteers.....
If you'd like to share your musical talent
(instrumental or voice) to enhance our
Sunday Morning Worship Service,
please see Pastor Sung or call the
church office ASAP. (570) 828-2288

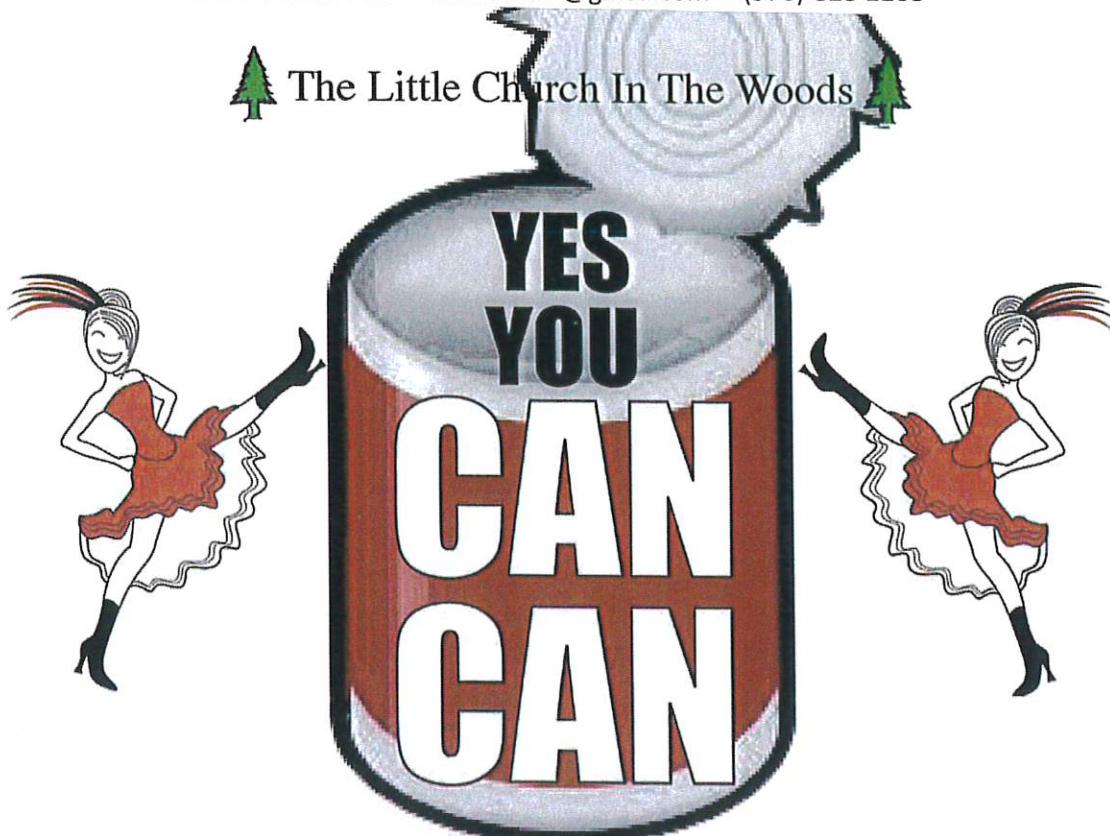
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The First Sunday Of Every Month Is FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

There will be a box on the altar for your donations of:

Canned Goods: Soups, Vegetables, Beans, Tuna Fish, etc.

Jarred Food: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mayo, Mustard, etc.

Boxed Food: Cereal, Pasta, Hot Cereal, Mac & Cheese, etc.

Paper Products: Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Tissues, etc.

Personal Products: Toothpaste, Shampoo, Band Aids, etc.

You Can Leave Donations At The Back Of The Church 7 Days A Week

**Because People Aren't Only Hungry At
Christmas & Thanksgiving!**

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 & nursery furnishings - NO PLUSH PLEASE) are always welcome!

Our pantry is supplied mostly 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.

We are always seeking a few helpers to assist as we reorganize and sort items. If you have some time, please contact Aly.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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





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**In Person & Online Worship Services † Sunday School
Vacation Bible School † Preschool † Kinder-Camp
Bible Study † Prayer Meeting † Baby Blessings Pantry
Mission/Outreach Projects † Men's/Women's Missions**

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Don't miss our Sunday Worship Service at 10AM!

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OR

See Our Church App:

<https://easytithe.ministryone.com/landing/VWLE>

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Dingmans Ferry UMC is...

THE GATHERING PLACE
where friends become family