

*from the pastor's pen . . .*

## Being Thankful

James 1:17

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

Brothers and Sisters, the seasons are changing, the leaves are turning colors, and the nights are becoming cool. We are no longer in summer, but in the heart of autumn. As the Fulton Fall Folk Fest comes and goes, our attention turns to the upcoming holiday season. From November 1st through the end of the year, it seems like we will be on a journey of one holiday to the next from All Saints Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, to the beginning of Advent.

As we prepare for this next season, I believe it is wise for us Christians to learn how to pause throughout this upcoming holiday season. It might seem strange or even uncomfortable to pause in the midst of a busy time, but God calls us to separate ourselves from the world and focus on Him. We cannot truly enjoy the holidays if we do not pause and remember what God has done for us during those periods of time.

If you would pause with me right now: on All Saints Day we remember the Christians who have gone before us and taught us our faith and who showed us what it means to follow Christ. On Veterans Day we remember the men and women that God has called to secure our freedoms to live in a country where us Christians may assemble safely to worship Christ. On Thanksgiving, we pause and celebrate how God protected our ancestors, the Pilgrims, as they left the Old World to journey to the New World for freedom of worship. On Advent, we pause to celebrate Christ coming to us as a babe.

The month of November has many days and seasons where we are called to pause and give thanks. Through all of this, I encourage you to remember that everything that we have from

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## Sunday Services

Worship: 10:00 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am  
(for all ages)

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the food we eat and homes we dwell in, the family and friends around us, the freedoms and liberties, and the gift of salvation all come from God. Let us not lead busy lives where we forget about the abundant goodness our heavenly Father gifted us. Please take opportunities such as going to worship, Bible study, small groups, personal times of prayer and scripture reading, and special God moments to pause and give thanks to the many blessings God has gifted you with.

A Servant of Christ,  
Pastor Josh



## Church Council Meeting Minutes

*To keep the congregation updated on happenings at the Church Council Meetings the following information was taken from their meeting minutes.*

**October** - The regular meeting of the Church Council was held on October 15, 2019 with 17 people in attendance.

**Finance:** Pastor Josh reported that the General Account is up \$6,000.00 and asking budget requests for next year by November 1, 2020. The Finance Committee is currently working on a policy.

**SPRC:** George Heacock reported nothing new.

**Trustee's Report:** Greg Gordon reported the power washing has been completed and have had some recent issues with the rental properties.

**Youth:** Kelli Miller reported "Trunk or Treat" will be on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., in the MUMC parking lot. The youth rally, "Break Away" is scheduled for March, 2020 at Ocean City, MD. Kelli is reviewing VBS curriculum for next year. Bryce Garland reported youth possibly having a "Toy Drive" for children in the community.

**Missions:** Kelli Miller reported the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes are due November 11, 2019.

**Outreach:** Reta Chamberlain reported "Secret Sister" will begin in January, 2020.

**Kitchen:** Deb McGarvey reported First Friday will occur in conjunction with Christmas in McConnellsburg on December 6, 2019; possibly having a ham pot pie supper and vendors in the Faith and Life Center.

**Lay Leader:** Jeremy Fletcher reported that the "Tomahawk Throw" went very well and in the future planning a "Know Your Job Workshop", focusing on ministry of the church.

**Old Business:** Nancy Cordell reported on the church directory with over 94 participating and will meet with the printer next week.

**New Business:** Pastor Josh presented his Minister's Report with Ladies Group attendance of 16, morning and evening Bible Study with attendance of 17-20, Blessing of the Animals, 20 people and 8 dogs were blessed, Fifth Sunday Worship attendance of 150, average worship attendance of 148 with 162 the highest and 140 the lowest. Pastor Josh reported that our apportionment is currently at 66%, it has been highly encouraged by the district superintendent to possibly increasing this amount. George Heacock reported that Reta and Mont Chamberlain will be stepping down as the facility coordinators for the Faith and Life Center. They have agreed to be the alternates and Reta and Mont were sincerely thanked for their work with the Faith and Life Center. George asked if anyone is interested in the Facility Coordinator to please contact him. Reta Chamberlain reported that three large events are scheduled in the Faith and Life Center in January, February and March of 2020. Leanne Pollock reported Worship Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Jeremy Fletcher reported that a Young Adult Small Group will be starting and possibly meeting on Sunday evenings. Kate Mellott reported plans are starting for the Thanksgiving Meal and

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watch the Newsreel for something new, Blessing Boxes. Sam Metz, Joy Reeder and Deb Reed were present and presented a near term and long-term proposal for Love's Closet. Approvals requested were distribution in the Faith and Life Center, toiletries storage in the church for short or longer term, limited clothing sorting in the Faith and Life Center, pack up, clean up and store elsewhere, distribution of clothing in the Faith and Life Center, permission to install a portable shed (estimated cost \$25,984.00), and use of small, yellow shed for storage of clothing in totes. The proposal for Love's Closet is to have Love's Closet be a mission that's centered at MUMC. After much discussion it was agreed as a temporary solution, the clothing totes may be placed in the trailer until a finalized plan for Loves' Closet. Jeremy Fletcher asked to have the Love's Closet Team look into the use of the yellow shed and the lease agreement time period for the shed to be cleaned out. This has been referred to the Trustees. It was agreed to allow for storage of the toiletries and diapers or as many as can fit in the 12x12 southwest corner of the Choir Room with the existing divider. It was also agreed to allow Love's Closet distribution in the Faith and Life Center of toiletries and limited clothing until such time as a more permanent location is in place; subject to the availability of the Faith and Life Center's reservations that have been reserved and until Love's Closet has a more permanent facility. It was recommended by Kelli Miller to table until next month the other proposals, checking on building permit, Palmer Building and other suggested options. Penny Shives thanked the Love's Closet Team for their hard work with the proposals.

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### Finance Team Meeting



The regular meeting of the Finance Team was held on October 10, 2019 with eight people in attendance.

**Old Business:** VBS/Special Donations: Kelli Miller will let Sam know where money is to be applied.

**New Business:** A new Finance Policy has been prepared and reviewed by the Finance Team. There was a question concerning having a second person to sign checks. It was agreed to have the Chair of the Finance Team added as an authorized second person to sign checks. A signature card will be obtained from bank.

Under Restricted Funds: Special Donations of \$506 needs to be determined where to be applied and \$973.40 under Fundraisers is for Luhrs Center trip. The monthly Budget report was approved. Under Journal report, check # 9062 – Fulton County News for \$81. Checking with Sheila to see what advertising this was for. Check # 9070 – Check for \$77 for Storage Unit. This was thought to be paid by donation, Sam to check. Team reviewed the non-contractual invoices for payment and were approved for payment.

All committee chairs will be contacted concerning their monetary needs for the upcoming year for Budget preparation. These need to be received by November 1, 2019. Sheila will contact the concerned chairs. Also the Shares of Ministry will need to be determined for Budget preparation. The Finance Team will be working on completing the proposed 2020 Budget at November's meeting. The Journal Report was approved.

*Remember to pray for our church leaders.*

# November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 All Saint's Day First Friday Lunch 11a-1p	2 All Souls' Day
3 Daylight Savings Ends A Choir Youth Groups-3-5p	4 SPRC-6p	5 Election Day A Choir-6p	6 K Choir-5:30p Bible Study-10a & 6p	7	8	9
10 K Choir Acolyte Trng-2:30p Youth Groups-3-5p	11 Veterans' Day	12 A Choir-6p	13 Bible Study-10a & 6p	14 Finance Mtg-6:30p	15	16
17 A Choir Shoobox Collection Youth Groups-3-5p	18	19 A Choir-6p Council Mtg-7p	20 Bible Study-10a & 6p	21 Ladies Group Mtg-6p	22	23
24 H.I.S. Youth Groups-3-5p	25	26 A Choir-6p Trustee Mtg-7p Thanksgiving Meal Prep-11a-4p	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Meal-11:30a-1:30p	29 Luhr's Center Christmas Show Trip	30
1	2	<b>NOTES</b> A Choir - Adult Choir K Choir - Kid's Choir				

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

16 – Tina Washabaugh  
 17 – Kirby Knepper  
 21 – Sam Metz

22 – Dianne Stenger  
 24 – Cameron Randler

27 – Bob Carter  
 29 – Arlene Nesbitt

**REMINDER** – For additions or corrections to the birthday & anniversary list use the Newsreel Suggestion Box at the back of the sanctuary or email the church office (address on page 1)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
DATE	11.03	Tracy & Brandon Fletcher Deb & Bryan Fletcher
	11.10	Dave & Yvonne Garland Cindy Glessner
	11.17	Nicole Fletcher Leann Pollock Dixie Heacock
	11.24	Nicole Wilson Jamie Schwartz

NOVEMBER SCREEN SCHEDULE		
DATE	11.03	Kelli Cordell
	11.10	Dave Gourley
	11.17	Bryce Garland
	11.24	Jeron Fletcher
	12.01	Kelli Miller

Q. Which side of the turkey has the most feathers.  
 A. The outside!

Q. What can you never eat for Thanksgiving dinner?  
 A. Breakfast or lunch!

Q. What are the feathers on a turkey's wings called?  
 A. Turkey feathers!



# This & That



If you are interested in helping with the Community Thanksgiving

Dinner watch for the sign-up sheets and donation envelopes at future worship services. There will be opportunities to help on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and on Thanksgiving Day. Other ways to participate are by making a dessert or a monetary donation. If you and your family plan to attend, or if you know of an area shut-in that needs a meal delivered to them, please call 717-485-4815 for reservations to help us determine quantities to prepare [leave message with name, number in party & contact number] or see Kate Mellott.

## YOUTH NEWS !

We are excited to announce that beginning November 3 our Youth Ministry Programs will be held on Sundays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Under the leadership of Youth Director Kelli Miller, we will have Wanda and Kerry Randler lead our Jr. Youth and Justin Miller and Kate Mellott lead our Sr. High Youth. There will be joint worship and games, plus breakout sessions for the different ages. Youth do not have to be currently attending our church to be a part of this group. All are welcome! Church, let's surround this ministry in prayer and see where God takes it!!

## Acolyte Training

What's an acolyte? It's someone who assists in the worship service by lighting the alter candles. Any youth that would be interested in serving as an acolyte should attend a short training/information session to be held in the sanctuary on November 10 at 2:30 pm (just prior to youth group gatherings). If you are interested, but unable to attend this session please see Kelli Miller.



KID'S  
CHOIR  
REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary on November 6, beginning at 5:30 pm. This will be a short rehearsal to go over the song that will be sung at the November 10 worship service. If your child likes to sing please bring them and let them *Make A Joyful Noise!*

*Looking ahead . . . .*

if you do your Christmas shopping early you might want to pick up an extra toy or two. The youth will be doing a **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin.



## 6 Easy Steps to Prepare an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

1. Pick up a preprinted box and label from the table at church and decide what age/sex child you want to build your box for.
2. Select a "wow" toy for your box, such as a doll, soccer ball (with pump), stuffed animal, etc.
3. Fill with other smaller items such as hygiene supplies, school/art supplies, toys, etc.
4. PRAY for the child that will receive your gift. It's also nice to include a personal note and photo of yourself or family.
5. Include a \$9 donation in your envelope and place it inside the box.  
Or give online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>. If you choose to donate online and "Follow Your Box", remember to print out and attach the barcode where indicated on your box.
6. Bring your box back to church **NO LATER THAN November 17.**

If you have any questions or need help with an online donation, see Kelli Miller or Nancy Cordell

		THANKSGIVING						
		BLESSING BOXES						
		donate to a family in need						
		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOVEMBER 2019	3	Jar of Applesauce	Spaghetti Noodles	Jar of Spaghetti Sauce	Can of Fruit	Can of Vegetables	Canister of Oatmeal	Can of Chicken or Tuna
	10	Jar of Jelly or Jam	Jar of Peanut Butter	Can of Vegetables	Can of Beans	Can of Stew or Chili	Can of Soup	Can of Fruit
	17	Large of Box of Cereal	Box of Saltine Crackers	Box of Stuffing Mix	Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes	Box of Macaroni & Cheese	Can of SPAM or Ham	4-Pack of Toilet Paper
	24	<p>BRING THE BOX TO CHURCH OR DELIVER TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW</p> <p>If you would like to participate in the <b>BLESSING BOX</b> project purchase the listed items and each day for three weeks, as you are putting each item in your box, pray for the family that will be receiving the box you are putting together. On November 24 bring your box to church and it will be delivered to a family in need by our Prayer Team <i>OR</i> deliver your box to a family you choose. For additional information see Kate Mellott.</p>						

## Roll-A-Turkey

You'll need blank paper, a die, and something to draw with. Take turns rolling the die, drawing the part of the turkey that matches the number you roll. If you roll a number to a part you've already drawn, pass your turn to the next player. The first person to complete their turkey (which includes a face, a body, a head, 2 wings, 2 legs, and 5 feathers) is the winner!

	draw the face		
	draw the body		
	draw the head		
	draw one wing		
	draw one leg		
	draw one feather		

# Minister's Report

(Presented to Council at October Meeting)

## Visitations\*

Visits with: Justin Miller, Taylor & Colton Kennedy, Jamie & Jeramy Schwartz & family, T.O. Humbert, Helen Overly.

Visit and Wedding of Bucky & Mary Jean Garlock

Sent Cards, Phone Calls, Social Media Messages (this is a major way I connect with people)

Had several pastoral meetings with individuals and couples that, due to confidentiality, are not included in this report.

\*If I visited you but forgot to include it on this list, I apologize.

## Ministerial Connections

Community Learning Groups with DS Kathy Kind and Altoona District ministers

District Committee of Ordained Ministry (helped to interview licensed local ministers)

Bishops Day Apart (required of all clergy)

Step Up Small Group (met in Selinsgrove)

Connected with UMC pastor in Everett

## Meeting/Staff

Trustee Meeting

SPRC Meeting

Discipleship Meeting

Finance Meeting

Youth Team Meeting

Choir

Love's Closet Meeting

Charge conference at

Amberson UMC

## Outreach/Discipleship Growth/Office Goals

First Friday

Morning and Evening Bible Study (around 17-20 people)

Membership/Baptism one-on-ones (total of 11, as of October 20)

Blessing of the animals (20 people, 8 dogs)

-people who missed the service have been bringing animals by

Apple Dumpling Making

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship (150 people attended, new families, and a lot of excellent food)

Continued to maintain relationships and connections

Building community connections through meeting and talking with people

Guys Group (10 guys attended the tomahawk throwing event)

Ladies Group (16 ladies attended)

## Church Stats

Average Worship Attendance – 148

Highest Worship Attendance (this period) – 162

Lowest Worship Attendance (this period) – 140

## 30-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THANKSGIVING

A thankful heart is a happy heart ♥

1. 1 Chronicles 16:1-8
2. Psalm 7:10-17
3. Philippians 4:1-7
4. Psalm 9:1-9
5. Psalm 145:1-10
6. Psalm 105:1-7
7. Psalm 95:1-6
8. Psalm 136:1-9
9. Ephesians 5:15-21
10. Psalm 107:1-9

11. Psalm 107:10-21
12. Psalm 107:22-31
13. Psalm 100:1-5
14. 1 Timothy 4:1-5
15. Colossians 3:12-17
16. Isaiah 12:1-6
17. Psalm 69:29-34
18. Psalm 147:1-7
19. Colossians 4:1-6
20. Psalm 75:1-7

21. Psalm 30:1-12
22. Psalm 116:14-19
23. 1 Chronicles 16:27-34
24. Psalm 26:1-7
25. Psalm 28:1-7
26. Hebrews 12:22-29
27. 1Thessalonians 5:12-17
28. Jeremiah 22:1-11
29. Psalm 106:1-5
30. Psalm 28:1-7



### **PUMPKIN PIE – RUBY STENGER’S**

1-1/2 cup pumpkin  
1 cup canned milk  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
2 eggs, slightly beaten

Combine pumpkin, milk, sugar and spices. Mix well. Add eggs. Mix. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 425 degrees for about 25 minutes.

*Dianne Stenger, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

### **EGG NOODLES**

3 cups flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
6 egg yolks  
6 T water

Mix flour and salt together. Beat egg yolks and water together and add to flour. Roll out as thin as possible on floured surface and let dry on both sides. Cook in your choice of broth.

*Agnes Snyder, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

### **CARROT CAKE**

Batter:  
4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. baking soda  
3 - 4 oz. jars strained carrots  
(baby food)  
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained  
1 cup walnuts, chopped fine  
1 cup dry raisins  
1-1/4 cup vegetable oil  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Icing:  
4 oz. cream cheese  
1/2 stick oleo  
1/2 cup powdered sugar

Beat sugar and eggs with electric mixer. Add flour, salt, baking soda, carrots, pineapple, walnuts, raisins, oil, cinnamon, and vanilla. Pour into an oblong pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. For icing mix together cream cheese, oleo, and powdered sugar until smooth. Spread over cooled cake

*Wanda Souders, 2009 McConnellsburg United Methodist Church Cookbook*

**remember to vote**

