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DEADLINE

The <u>deadline</u> for the **DECEMBER** Newsletter will be <u>November 09, 2018</u>



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH ENDS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

It is an accepted reality that the state of the "Mainline Church" in America is tenuous at best. Church no longer is viewed as an essential part of the American lifestyle and matters of faith seem to play second fiddle to matters of comfort and convenience. In fact, the decline we so readily acknowledge today has been in effect for decades.

Over a hundred years ago, the famous American editor, Horace Greeley, told of receiving a letter from a woman who wrote: "Our church is in dire financial straits. We've tried everything to keep it going: a strawberry festival, an oyster supper, a donkey party, a turkey dinner, and, finally, a box social. Will you please tells us, Dr. Greeley, how to keep a struggling church from disbanding?" Dr. Greeley wrote back to her a message in two words: Try Christianity!

What did he mean by that? Look at it in this way. The ancient world failed to help men and women meet the problem of life, because, although their wise men could teach, they could not supply the power to put it into practice. The Old Testament prophets could explain the Law of Moses, but were unable to provide the power needed to fulfill it. Then, into the midst of the ages, came this man Jesus and, before the wondering eyes of men and women, he declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." These people saw truth coming alive in his amazing personality; and, when his enemies finally killed him, his great spirit was liberated to be wherever needy souls cried out for him. In all the ages since, for all those who have received him as the bread of life by committing their lives to him, he has brought power over their every weakness, victory over every failure, and conduct and character that have made the world a better place in which to live.

We are rapidly approaching the season of Thanksgiving. For some, it is difficult to see much for which to be thankful. Especially in the church where we often feel as though we are losing ground with each passing year. Could it be that it is time to once again "Try Christianity!"

Do you wish you had the type of attitude that enabled you to be thankful in all things and for all things? It really isn't all the difficult when you get right down to it. Why not try following Jesus a little closer this season and sharing that journey with others. You might just find you have more to be thankful for than you realize!

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are well into fall activities in the music department. By the time you read this, the Aldersgate Choir should have sung for the first time and you should have heard Handbells in **1** our 11:00 AM service. In this department we are always planning and preparing ahead of the seasons to be ready for them. So this newsletter will include dates and activities relevant to both the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Seasons.

On November 4th, we will observe All Saints Day with a special litany remembering those Saints who departed from us this past year. November 18th marks Thanksgiving Sunday with the Aldersgate Choir joining our Chancel Choir for an anthem. We will observe communion on the first Sunday in Advent, December 2nd. On Sunday, December 9th at 4:00 PM, the children of our church will present a program entitled "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies." On Christmas Eve, our candlelight service will begin with prelude music at 7:30 PM followed by the service at 8:00 PM. Our children will also be involved in that service as well as our adult choirs. Stay tuned for more information on the Advent Season including the Thursday noon services.

HINCKLEY MEMORIAL CHIMES

In 1926, The Hinckley Chime Carillon was placed in the tower of our church by one of Thursday citizens. Mrs. Flizabeth Hinckley in memory of her husband. Mr. Watson

Warren's loyal citizens. Mrs. Elizabeth Hinckley, in memory of her husband, Mr. Watson Hinckley. Mrs. Hinckley was a member of our Chancel Choir but little was recorded about Mr. Hinckley in our church records. In doing a little research at the Historical Society, I discovered that Mr. Hinckley was a partner in the law firm of Wetmore, Noves, and Hinckley from 1882 until 1890 when he became associated with the Hinckley and Rice firm. In 1910, he was appointed Judge of the 37th Judicial District (Warren and Forest Counties). He served in this appointed position until 1912 when he was elected to a ten year term; however his untimely death in 1920 was regretted by the community and bar association according to *The History of* Northwest Pennsylvania. Mr. Hinckley also served as a school board member, a member of **A** the building committee for the new high school building (must have been the one on the corner of Second and Market Streets), a board member of the Warren Public Library, a trustee of the Struthers Library Building, and an active worker in the Shakespeare Club of Warren.

The Hinckley Chimes are a prominent source of enjoyment and history for our city. structure was built with untreated wood, and while we have continued maintenance on the carillon, it is now time for us to seriously look at replacing the wood with a steel framework as well as do some restoration on the bells themselves. We have reached out to community **\rightarrow** members for support, and we are in the process of writing a grant. The bulletin board across from the office has some history of the carillon and Mr. Hinckley. Please watch the bulletins and newsletters for updates. If you are interested in more information at this time, please see Ruth Nelson, Director of Music. 688-8238

LOGOS MINISTRY for Children & Youth ages 4 – 12th Grade

We continue to grow and are so excited to have more kids join us on Wednesdays. We have made some changes to the program for our **7-12 Grade Students**. They will still register for the program, but we will be using them to be Shepherds/Mentors in the various areas of this ministry. They will be assisting in Bible Study, Table Parenting, and Recreation. We feel this will be so valuable to our younger children. Because of this reorganization, there will be no fee for these students as we are expecting them to help serve in these various areas. Please give this some thoughtful consideration moving forward. We are excited about having your student be servants in our program.

Here is the schedule we will be following this year (please note changes made):

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GRADES	3:10 - 3:30	3:30 - 4:10	4:10 – 4:30	4:30 - 5:15	5:15 - 6:00	6:00 - 6:30
Pre-K K & 1 st Grades	Music/Worship Skills	3:30 – 3:45 Snack 3:45 – 4:30 Bible Study	Craft	Recreation/Games	Dinner	Free Play/ Homework
2 nd – 6 TH Grades	Arrival and Snack	Music/Worship Skills	Homework or Asbury Chimes	Bible Study	Dinner	Recreation or Wesleyan Handbells
7-12	Organized	Free Time	Shepherding	Mentoring		

	LOGOS UPCOMING DINNER THEMES
11/7	Pastor Appreciation
11/14	Grandparent Night (Thanksgiving Theme)
11/21	NO LOGOS/Happy Thanksgiving!
11/28	Ugly T-shirt/Sweater Night



Sunday, **November 11**th following the 11:00 AM worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please mark this on your calendar. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the main office. Shoe box drop off is at Pleasant. Community Church during the week of Nov. 12th – Nov. 19th.

Sunday Morning Schedule 9:30 AM Studies for ALL ages.

Scripture and the Wesleyan Way

Covert Room

Adult Sunday School Class for ALL Ages: Rev. Dr. Hecht

Wouldn't it be fascinating to attend a Bible study led by John Wesley? *Scripture and the Wesleyan*. *Way is an eight-week study that's the next best thing. The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. Scott J. Jones and his son Arthur D. Jones use Wesley's . own words to address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons about the text in order to . illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. You will be inspired to respond to this call with faith and boldness

"The Gap" for Young adults, meeting in Parlor B – (led by Teresa Gluth) will be doing a study entitled "Balance – Living with Life's Demands" by Tracey L. Henderson. This study explores the biblical image of balance as a broad concept that includes fairness, equality, righteousness and justice as well as internal balance, or the well-integrated life. These images tap into the young adult issues of how to live in a way that "takes care of business" and still allows one to be a whole person; of concern for fair and just treatment, how to balance competing pressures and demands on time, energy and soul; of how to have a devotional life in the midst of the daily grind. Please consider joining this group as they begin to explore where they belong and how they can be a part of their church family.

<u>Children ages Pre-K - 5</u> are meeting in **Founders Hall** for study and activities

Jr. High - Grades 6-8 (led by Anna Bielawski) is meeting in their classrooms in the basement

<u>Sr. High</u> – Grades 9-12 (led by Tawni Betts) is meeting in the office of Student Ministries

EDUCATION BEYOND SUNDAY MORNINGS...

DIVORCE CARE— Find Help — Discover Hope — Experience Healing! The DVD based series features in-depth interviews with leading experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. All of these people are deeply committed to help you heal. These video seminars are combined with the support of group discussion of the materials presented during the video. If you know anyone who's going through divorce or separation, please tell him/her about our Divorce Care program. People are welcome to join anytime.

There are 13 sessions, which meet on Thursday evenings, from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM (contact Heidi for more information). If you are in need of our DC4K (DivorceCare4Kids) program, that program meets at the same time as the adults and is available upon request

If you know anyone struggling with divorce/separation, please contact Heidi Ketzko through the church office (723-4930).

OUR SYMPATHY-is extended to the family of Ben, Benjamin and Sara O'Neill in the passing of Ben's brother, Jon Scott O'Neill. Scott passed away on September 20th in San Antonio, TX.

Kay and Christopher Widdowson and family in the passing of Kay's brother, George A. Simmons Jr. "Butch" who passed away on Tuesday, October 16th in Warren. Funeral Services were held in Jamestown NY.

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be returning by mid-November. For the past few Christmas Seasons, our congregation has "adopted" children for Christmas and purchased gifts as suggested by their parents and guardians. We get these children's names through the school district and agencies that work with families who demonstrate need. Some of these children are identified as "homeless" by the school district. The children must remain anonymous to us, but you are welcome to write a personal message to go with the gift. Please watch the bulletin board across from the office if you are interested and able to help with this project again this year. It's my intent to have the tree up the week prior to Thanksgiving. Take an ornament from the tree, write your name on the sheet beside the corresponding number, purchase and wrap the gift, tape the ornament to the gift (which identifies the receiver), and return the gift to the church office by Monday, December 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Nelson at 688-8238. Thank you for your generosity and caring that you show to these children.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

The HOC (Helping Our Children) committee will once again be packing food boxes to help families prepare food over the Thanksgiving weekend for children from WAEC. We try to not only put food for a Thanksgiving Dinner in the box but also cereal, PB and J, soup, and canned pasta so the children will have food while away from the cafeteria for a long week-end. In addition, we add milk, bread, and a turkey or ham to the box. If you wish to donate any of these food items, your help will be appreciated. The foods can be left in the box marked schools in the corner of the Covert Room. Monetary donations for the perishable items would also be appreciated and can be left in the office with one of the secretaries earmarked for HOC. Thank you for your help.



united methodist youth fellowship

My name is Jason, and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you. Unfortunately, for me, I haven't had a chance to meet everyone. It is a blessing for me to be the Director of Student Ministry here at First United Methodist. I would like to tell you a little about myself.

Youth work has been a passion of mine for years. In life, like everyone, I have had ups and downs, temptations, failures, and victories. I would like to be a resource for the youth in the community to navigate life. While being that resource I would also like to direct them to Jesus. My personal mission statement for this position is to celebrate youth and Jesus. Our youth are a joy and I would like to prove to them that, through Jesus, they can have abundant life.

Maybe you would like to know a few things about me? If not skip to the next paragraph;) but, if you keep reading here, here are a few random (very random) facts about myself. I like hockey, Sabres fan...sorry, more than any other sport. Laughter is very important to me. I like tacos, sorry Sophie, and chicken wings. Building relationships is something I enjoy and gives me joy. For King and Country is a band that I could not take much of but, in the last couple years, had become my favorite band.

Lastly I would like to say that I want to get to know everyone. If I am here please say hello. My office is open to everyone, especially our youth. I have been humbled to be chosen to serve alongside you and your kids.

Thank you,

Jason Wood

November 13th - the youth will go to sky zone. Meet here at the Church to travel.

November 25th — is our youth Thanksgiving dinner. More details to follow.

Church Mouse Reminder: If you'd like to do a package for your student during the upcoming holidays while they may be home for a visit, you're welcome to leave them on the side table inside the Sunday school entrance to the Sanctuary. We will make sure your student and/or their family receives the package. God bless you for helping with this important ministry for our college students.

Calling all Singers: If you'd like to join Chancel Choir to sing through the Christmas Season, please join us for rehearsals Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 in the music proom starting November 14th. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Nelson at 688-8238.

UNITED METHODIST WOMENS NEWS

The Tuesday Afternoon Study Group will continue viewing videos presented by Bill Hill on "A ** Retreat With C.S. Lewis". Meeting dates are Tuesdays, November 6th, 20th and 27th at 1:00 ** P.M. in the Covert Room.

*The Book Club will be the guest of Diane Scarcella for an afternoon of Drumming on **

**Wednesday, November 7th, at 1:00 P.M. Location is St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Enter by the **

** back parking lot. We will be trading books along with all the fun of drumming.

* An Early reminder that our Cookie Walk will be on December 15th, 2018 in the Church Parlors. * Plan now on your choice of cookies so that you will have all your ingredients on hand. *

FROM THE WORSHIP/WITNESS COMMITTEE

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 4th, at both worship services. Communion will be observed at both services.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, following the 11:00 AM worship service. Please plan to gather for a time of family fellowship and lunch in Founders Hall immediately after the benediction. Decorating will begin after lunch. Sign up for the various decorating committees is on the bulletin board across from the office. Please consider staying and helping decorate our church for the Christmas Season. CHILDREN who are in the Christmas Program will meet with Ruth Nelson in the Skylight Room for rehearsal following lunch.

Advent Noon Services sponsored by the Ministerial Association will begin on Thursday, November 29th at the noon hour. The first service will have a Blue Christmas theme. This service recognizes that the Christmas season is not always a joyous time for individuals, and it affirms that these emotions are okay to have. Plan now to start the season with a time of reflection and healing. A soup and dessert luncheon will be available in Founders Hall after the service.

Serving God?

Are you "serving God"? Do you ever think about checking your motives?

The following is an excerpt from HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD by Joanna Weaver, p 94:

"...we must never forget that why we serve is as important as how we serve-the motives of our heart really make a difference. Jan Johnson, author of LIVING A PURPOSE-FULL LIFE, suggests a series of helpful questions that can help us "do the work of Christ with the heart of Christ."

Am I serving to impress anyone?

Am I serving to receive external rewards?

Is my service effected by moods and whims (my own as well as others)?

Am I using this service to feel good about myself?

Am I using my service to muffle God's voice demanding I change?

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. I Samuel 16:17"

Persecution of Christians

Did you know that EVERY MONTH, according to Open Door USA:

- 255 Christians are killed because of their faith.
- 104 Christians are abducted because of their faith.
- 180 Christian women are raped, sexually assaulted or forced to marry because of their faith.
- 66 Christian churches are attacked.
- 160 Christians are detained without trial and imprisoned because of their faith?

Sunday, November 4, 2018, has been declared by The Voice of the Martyrs as the "International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church".

Please join in prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please pray that persecuted believers:

Will be strong and courageous as they remember God's promise to never leave them or forsake them. [Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."]

- Will feel connected to the greater body of Christ--that the body of Christ is suffering with them. [1 Corinthians 12: 20, 26: "As it is, there are many parts, but one body... If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."]
- Will know the greater body of Christ is praying for them. [2 Timothy 1:3: "I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers."]
- Will receive God's comfort when they or their family members are persecuted. [2 Corinthians 1: 3-5: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ."]
- Will find that God opens the door for them to share his message. [Colossians 4:3: " And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains."]
- Will boldly share the gospel. [Acts 4:29: " Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness."]
- Will forgive & pray for their persecutors. [Matthew 5: 44: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"]
- Will remain joyful amid their suffering. [Acts 5: 41: "The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name."]

<u>Will mature in faith</u>. [Hebrews 6: 1-2: "Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment."]

In the name of our LORD, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Thank you for holding up our persecuted brothers & sisters in prayer!

To learn more about the Persecuted Church visit: www.opendoorsusa.org www.persecution.com

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from al unrighteousness.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
4 8:00 am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Disciple building Worship Service Communion 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMYF Junior High 7:00 pm-8:30 pm UMYF Senior High	5:30 pm Covenant Group 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop, basement 7:00 pm Following Jesus Study	6 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 1:00 pm Staff meeting 1:00 pm Study Group 2:15 pm Handbell Ensemble 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Epworth Handbells
TURN CLOCKS BACK 11 8:00 am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Disciple building Worship Service Noon Shoebox packing party 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMYF Junior High 7:00 pm-8:30 pm UMYF Senior High	5:30 pm Covenant Group 7:00 pm Following Jesus Study	13 NO Preschool 1:00 pm Staff Meeting NO Study Group 2:15 pm-3:00 pm Handbell Ensemble 6:30 pm –7:30 pm Epworth Handbells UMYF Sky Zone 7:30 pm-Witness Meeting, Parlor A
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30 am-11:15am Preschool 6:00 pm Divorce Care, Side room	Noon Senior Lunch	9:00 am Opioid Summit 7:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship, Everts Room
7 6:45 pm Men's Breakfast 8:30-11:15 am Preschool 8:45 am Covenant Group 1:00 pm Book Club @ Audree Ord's 1:15 pm Following Jesus Study 3:10 pm LOGOS, Pastor Appreciation 3:10 pm Cherub Choir 3:30 pm Aldersgate Choir 4:10 pm Asbury Hand chimes 6:00 pm Wesleyan Handbells 6:30 pm Madrigals 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	8 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 8:00 am Missions Barn 6:00 pm Divorce Care, Side room	9 Noon Senior Citizen Lunch NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	10
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NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Use this calendar for Your daily prayers.		
4	5	6
Tom and Elsie Giegerich	Rev. Mark and Karen Hecht	Tom, Cheri, Christian, Seth and Tom Harrington
11	12	13
Alyssa Morrison and Madalyn, Cooper and Kenna Nobles	John and Sylvia Slaney	Pam Lewis
18	19	20
Florence Barton	Cheryl and Bob Miles	George, Meg and Duke Lilja
25	26	27
Mary Laurich	John and Diane Newton	David and Karen Zock

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3
	Marilyn and Ed Derby	Donna Bumbarger	Maryann Elder
7	8	9	10
Doug and Barb Wilson	Bill and Patty Hannold	Justin, Heidi and Cole Kelly	Ron and Shirley Kelly
14	15	16	17
Ron and Martha Casteel	Tom, Dottie, Emily, Drew, Jimmy and Ellie Lobdell	Tom and Ginny Africa	Sarah Suppa
21	22	23	24
Randy and Nadean Huck	John and Sue Montour Gabby, Andrew & Ian	Dennis and Suntok Waite	Rachel Beach
		Allen Otis	
28	29	30	
Gary and Debbie Wert	Bill Daugherty	Dan and Pat Harpster	
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First United Methodist Church-Warren PRAYER CORNER

CONT. from: Seven Reasons to Pray by Dan Hayes

2. HELPS US OVERCOME TEMPTATION

Second in our list of reasons is that prayer is an important instrument in our overcoming sin and temptation. Perhaps no experience in the earthly life of Christ is more instructive on prayer than Jesus' teaching and subsequent modeling in the twenty-second chapter of Luke. The fact that his disciples were patently oblivious only shows us our same frailty today.

In verse 39, Luke sets the scene. Jesus and His apostles (now eleven) have left the upper room on the night before His death. They have navigated the winding path they knew well up the Mount of Olives to the olive grove called Gethsemane. The eleven are troubled and confused about all they have seen and heard so far, yet Jesus knows that the great temptations are soon to be before them -His capture, His trials, His scourging, His mockery, the lure of their denial, His Crucifixion.

In verse 40, mindful of their need for fortitude, He addresses them: "He says, "[in order] that you may not enter into temptation." What did He mean? Simply that their antidote to yielding to the temptations that fear, discouragement, and horror would soon present them was fervent, heartfelt prayer. This would fortify their trembling faith and courage.

How could He know this? Because He, too, faced His own darkness. Looming in the next few hours was the eternity of death and hell for the combined sins of humanity. He now came to the culmination of His purpose on the earth, and the terror of the pit must have clutched at this throat. Even more subtle, perhaps, were the whispers of rationalization which rose venomously from the tempter.

"Certainly they won't appreciate what I am doing for them. They will cast it away. Many will ridicule Me and trample My Father's salvation underfoot. How can I bear the sins of Sodom, of the butchers of babies in Bethlehem. How can I stand to be clothed in the sins of all the child molesters and mass murderers and the Adolph Hitler's of all the ages? How can I bear the devil's glee as he turns the screws of my agony?

Perhaps there is another cup. Yes, perhaps I can let this one pass, return to My gracious Father from whom I have never in all eternity been separated. Yes, that possibility exists. I can go to Him now, avoid the dread cross, discuss it further, find an alternative plan..."

We are naive if we think these thoughts and these temptations to abort His mission in the eleventh hour did not occur to the man, Jesus. Far greater than the disciples' temptation was the temptation He faced and how infinitely more cosmic in its ramifications. One sees the shadowing figure of Lucifer himself hurling these twisted ideas at Christ.

So what did He do? He modeled exactly what He had told His struggling band: He prayed so that He could defeat (not "enter in") temptation. We are told by Luke that His prayers were so heartfelt, His struggles so intense, that His sweat was bloody, prefiguring the flow that would come tomorrow. He was in such agony that, in answer, an angel became visible to help Him bear up under the strain.

And bear up He did! For triumphantly, at the end of that hour, He could rise for prayer, having settled with His Father, "not My will but Thine be done." Prayer had been the means of His victory. He returned to His men to find them... asleep! He had told them to pray. Instead, they followed the college students' motto: "When in doubt; sack out!"

He roused them (maybe none too gently). Perhaps He dodged Peter, who grabbed his sword, looking for an ear to cut off. He confronts their tiredness, their crankiness at being awakened, and says again (verse 46), "pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Notice that He commanded this in the beginning of this passage, then He demonstrated it in the body of this passage, and He reiterated it at the end of this passage. When you face temptation, PRAY, PRAY! That is what will see you through. That is what He is trying to teach.

Well, how about you? How about me? Usually we pray only after we have yielded. What about seeing prayer as our first (not last) option: the fortifying of our courage and strength prior to our temptations? If we would pray more, we would yield less!

https://www.cru.org/us/en/blog/spiritual-growth/prayer/seven-reasons-to-pray.2.html

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 04 Alice Tranter by Joyce O'Connor

Edith & Harold Bengtson by Patricia Brown

Ed Ord by Audree Ord and Family

November 11 Parents by The David Winans Family

November 18 Mrs. Isabel Johnson, Mrs. Molly Johnson Turner

And Mr. Douglas Turner by James Johnson

November 25 Marjorie Brenan by Mike Brenan family

NEW PRAYER CALENDAR

We will be making a new calendar to replace the Prayer Calendar and birthday list in our monthly newsletter beginning in January of 2019. This full year calendar will be used to pray for each person on their birthday. Please notify the office with any changes or additions.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar and Pedestal flowers add beauty to our Sanctuary, and are lovely reminders of those we remember and honor. We have a few open Sundays for altar arrangements, and several open dates for Pedestal flowers. Please call the office to reserve your date.

NOVEMBER USHERS

CAPTAIN: Erik Fincher

USHERS: Tom Giegerich Dawn Larson

Brent Jones Susie Zimmerman Stephanie Tannler Dick Campbell

> NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: FUMCWarren@firstumwarren.com

GREETERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

November 4th FD: Larry & Molly Loughlin PLD: Teresa Gluth November 11th FD: Mary Jo Zubrod PLD: Patty California

November 18th FD: Linda Anderson PLD: Patty California

November 25th FD: UMYF PLD: UMYF

ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER

November 4th Chris Gardiner and Tage Wyman

November 11th Lilly Newton and Ellie Lobdell

November 18th Kayla Giambrone and Grace Carr

November 25th Collin Ellis and Grady Corey

8:00 AM PIANISTS

November 4th Ruth Nelson

November 11th Micky Sandberg

November 18th Ruth Nelson

November 25th Ruth Nelson





Men's Breakfast Schedule November 2018

LEADED

LEADER	COOK
John Crone	Mark Hecht
Paul Yourchisin	Dave Oberg
Mark Hecht	Brent Casey
Dave Oberg	Ed Derby
	John Crone Paul Yourchisin Mark Hecht

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

November 02	Susie Zimmerman	November 18	John Anderson
November 02	Ainsley Schuler	November19	Hannah Ketzko
November 05	Tom Giegerich	November 20	Rick Ackley
November 06	Cindy Hile	November 20	Garrett Moller
November 06	Grace Carr	November 21	Erin Wagner
November 07	Jennifer Keith	November 22	Helen Whitten
November 08	Michael Zurcher	November 22	Donna Bumbarger
November 09	Mary Conarro	November 22	James Lobdell
November 09	Sarah Wood	November 24	Chris Park
November 11	Morrie Kintner Jr.	November 24	Alexander Fincher
November 11	Dick Betts	November 24	Zachary Fincher
November 12	Tammy Durante	November 25	Megan Waterfield
November 12	Cheryl Miles	November27	Zach Nelson
November 12	Attie Corey	November 29	Marti Casteel
November 12	Lillian Yoder	November 29	Becky Seymour
November 16	Wendy Whetzel-Boger	November 29	Barb Wilson
November 18	Gary Rowe	November 29	Kaide Anderson



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POINSETTIAS

I would like to participate in the Poinsettia Fund.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00 if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

NORED PERSON(S): (Cross off one)
Poinsettia (s) at a total cost of
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