

# The Disciple

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## Pastor's Corner

### Give Thanks!

November is here now. With it comes Thanksgiving. I think most of us know that Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States. I think most of us know that this country has roots that go back to the Plymouth colony in 1621. The First Thanksgiving was to give thanks for the good harvest with a feast and with prayers of thanksgiving to God. We also believe that the First Thanksgiving included the Native American friends of the colony in their celebration.

This was not a new practice. The Pilgrims and Puritans came from England with already having a habit of celebration to give thanks as a part of their religion. The Biblical roots are strong going back to Moses with the people giving special offerings as Thank Offerings to God for many different reasons.

Even back to Abraham, there was an understanding of the need to give an offering of thanksgiving.

As both a religious holiday and a secular celebration, Thanksgiving Day is a celebration in which we often gather with family and friends to share a meal and hopefully we will remember to raise prayers of Thanksgiving to God. The reality is that every Sunday we can gather to give thanks to God and to bring our offerings as thanksgiving for the blessings we have received in our lives.

As I think about my life, I think of so many things for which I give thanks to God. I give thanks for my parents, although they died nearly 23 years ago, their faithful lives continue to shape and mold me. I give thanks for Sunday School teachers, choir directors, youth leaders, pastors, and members of my home church that faithfully lived out the vows they took at my baptism and provided an environment for me to grow in faith. They loved me because God had first loved them.

I think of my brothers and their families; of aunts, uncles, and cousins; of schoolteachers, Scout leaders, and community leaders; of employers and co-workers; each are a part of who I am. I think of the 13 congregations that have been a part of my life since I first accepted a call to ordained ministry; of the colleagues, district superintendents, and bishops; and others that have been a part of shaping my ordained ministry.

I think of Lois, Ron, Erin, and Harper who have been (continued on page 5)



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## PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

*Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...*



### Home Touch

Lohra Allcorn  
Joe Biddle  
Bim Brightwell  
Don & Nancy Deutsch  
Dave & Linda Eiler  
Pat Elick  
Paul Grimes  
Sylvia Hendrickson  
Elmira Hollingshead  
Lee Jenkins  
Thelma Koch  
Josephine Lopic  
Jim & Esther Miller  
Thelma Miller  
Dawn Mohrbacher  
Jackie Neal  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Ramsey  
Duane & Diana Rape  
Amie Ritter  
Carole Young

### Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman  
Franz Payoute  
Darlene Rimer  
Skybacher Ministries

### Mourning Loss

Calve Family  
Tina Chirico Family  
Brendon Gifford Family  
John Heath Family  
Bob Pflug Family

### Praise

Rosebud O'Neill  
Darlene Rimer  
Unionville Ministries

### Other Prayer Needs

Broken Relationships  
Brunton Dairy Fire  
Dick & Pat Ream  
Elections  
Middle East Crisis

### Surgery & Procedures

Teresa Brown  
Tom Miller  
Barb Mulik  
Linda Skiles

### General Health

Hunter  
Fran Boyde  
Jack Boyde  
Bryson Deal  
Brenden Giles  
Derek Guay  
Amanda Jasper

Wayne Loschinsky

Lyla Zundel

### Extended Care

Ella  
Nora Baker  
Donna Beckert  
Joyce Beglin  
Jim Boffo  
Mike Book  
Teresa Brown  
Judy Cantner  
Jerry & Joyce Cobb  
TJ Cooper  
Terry Dempsey  
Caitlin Edge  
Connie Elliot  
Bruce Guay  
Lindsey Novak Errett  
Caroline Ewing  
Margaret Ewing  
Mike Gray  
Peggy Hostettler  
Abby Hudak  
Susan Kabre  
Connie Katekovich  
Rebecca Kirkland  
Freida Kughn  
Stevie Jane Kruger  
Gary Lucente  
Mark McCaskey  
Finley Metzler

Mark Milbert

Richard Moody  
Sheldon Murphy  
Christy Nadzam  
Jaxon Nicklas  
George Peffer  
Janet Pfaff  
Lyle Prescott  
Betty Revay  
Tim Shane  
Wendy Shellhammer  
Alice & Sam Short  
Jarred Shouder  
Dave & Amy Smail  
Eva Valentic  
Alvin Whitehall  
Jennifer Whitman



*Names will appear on the prayer list for four consecutive weeks with the exception of the Home Touch and Extended Care lists. The Extended Care list is for those with Chronic Illnesses who will likely need prayer long term. From time to time, if we have not received an update on a person or if a person has been doing well, they may be removed from the Extended Care list until we are asked to put them back on with an update to their condition.*

## Prayer Chain

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the prayer list or to either the telephone or email prayer chain, please contact the church office

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# Happy Birthday To You...



- 11/02 Marcy Kughn
- 11/04 Tonya Mohrbacher
- 11/04 Kelly Calve
- 11/04 Diana Rape
- 11/05 Dawn Alexander
- 11/06 Shannon Moehrle
- 11/07 ELECTION DAY
- 11/08 Chad Kline
- 11/10 VETERANS DAY
- 11/12 Samuel Coe
- 11/13 Sue Presto
- 11/13 Wyatt Miller
- 11/14 George Pepper
- 11/15 Lisa Lewis
- 11/16 Jeremy Canonge
- 11/17 Sherry Lewis
- 11/21 Mike White
- 11/22 Bill Castor
- 11/22 Norma Coast
- 11/23 THANKSGIVING
- 11/24 Jackie D'Arrigo
- 11/25 Craig Liston
- 11/26 Eileen McKinney
- 11/27 Autumn Turner
- 11/27 Kelsey Calve
- 11/28 Jackie Neal

- 11/28 Denny Retzer
- 11/30 Makayla Goehring
- 11/30 Rachel Zajac



*We enjoy being able to share your special dates.  
Please, if we overlook you or someone you know, let us know  
so that we can add the special date to our records.  
Please hold these special people in prayer this month.*



# Happy Anniversary

- 11/11 Terry & Tiffani Keil
- 11/20 Wayne & Regina Boyd
- 11/21 George & Carol Flickinger
- 11/25 Phil & Chris Ziter
- 11/25 Dave & Linda Eiler

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1	Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study, 30 & over Men's Basketball
November 4	Community Breakfast
November 5	Sunday Worship, Take-15, Sunday School Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure Class
November 7	Election Day
November 8	Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study, 30 & over Men's Basketball
November 12	Sunday Worship, Take-15, Sunday School Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure Class
November 13	Ad Council Meeting
November 14	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
November 15	Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study, 30 & over Men's Basketball
November 19	Sunday Worship, Take-15, Sunday School Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure Class
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social at Oak Grove
November 23	Thanksgiving
November 24	Skybacher's 20th Anniversary Volleyball, Newsletter Deadline
November 26	Sunday Worship, Take-15, Sunday School Soup Dinner & Hanging of the Greens

### LOOKING AHEAD...

December 2	Community Breakfast
December 3	Santa Breakfast
December 4	United Women of Faith Christmas Party
December 7	Safe Sanctuary Training
December 9	Hosanna Christmas Gift Delivery, Youth Group Lock-In
December 11	Family Service Night—Lutheran Senior Life
December 17	Christmas Pageant
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship
December 31	Fifth Sunday Luncheon



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*Pastor Alan*

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a part of my life for 35 years and who have loved me despite myself. I think of even our dogs that we've had across the years and the ways in which they have taught me about unconditional love.

But most of all, the main reason I must give thanks is because God has given Jesus Christ out of love for you and me.

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

*Alan*



**NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERIES**

Nov 5	"Fundamental Gratitude"	Genesis 8 Exodus 12
Nov 12	"Gratitude's Nemesis"	Exodus 16
Nov 19	"What Unites Us"	Acts 2:44-47 Romans 3:20-24
Nov 26	"Fullness of Life"	Luke 17:11-19 Romans 1:20-32

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP  
& PIE SOCIAL with Oak Grove Church**

**At Oak Grove Church**

**Wednesday, November 22nd**

**@7:00 pm**

**Come and give thanks, then join us for pie and fellowship!**



## The SAFE Corner



The Administrative Council adopted a revised Safe Sanctuaries policy and program for Unionville Church in September. More updates are planned to ensure we provide a SAFE environment for all. Each month we will share a portion of the policy in the newsletter as one of the ways to help everyone in the church to know our process to be safe.

### Recruitment, Screening, and Training

#### Recruitment

- 1) All Paid Staff are required to complete an employment application with at least 3 references moving forward from the date of adoption of this policy.
- 2) All Volunteer Staff are required to:
  - a) Be a part of the congregation for at least SIX months before volunteering with child/youth/vulnerable adults OR must have a friendship/relationship established for at least SIX months with an active participant in the congregation who recommends the deployment of the volunteer.
  - b) provide their name, address, phone, and email address to be kept on file in the church office.
  - c) be approved by the Christian Education Chair, Event Leader, and Pastor.
  - d) Adult volunteers are defined as 18 and above.
  - e) Youth volunteers are defined as under 18 with a minimum age of entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth are assistants and operate as part of a team with an adult in-charge.

#### Clearances

- 1) Anyone 14 years of age or older whether employed or a volunteer shall provide the following clearances:
  - a) Act 33 – Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline) – prior to start of duties.
  - b) Act 34 – State Police Criminal Background Check – prior to start of duties.
  - c) Federal Criminal History Report (FBI Fingerprint Check) – Required for all **employees** and required for any **volunteer** who has not been a Pennsylvania resident for the previous TEN consecutive years. The check must be completed prior to the start of duties and the report provided within 60 days after the start of duties.

These clearances are valid for five years from the date stated on the clearance. New clearances must be provided by the expiration of the current clearance.

#### Training

- 1) Attend a “Safe Sanctuary” training provided by the church or conference or other denominational entity or approved provider.
- 2) Complete annual refresher training which can include training offered by other volunteer-based programs or employment-based programs working with children and youth. Employee or volunteer will provide documentation of the training if not provided by Unionville United Methodist Church.

These rules are essential to providing ministry in a safe environment and allow us to comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This process will ensure that we have adequately identified and documented basic information on our volunteers and paid staff including all the required clearances for volunteering with children and youth or working as an employee of the church. Repetitive training will help make the safety of our children and youth, be a part of the fabric of our lives.

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**  
 Unionville UMC  
 Thursday, December 7th  
 7:00 pm—9:00 pm




# FINANCE

## GENERAL FUND 2023

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 15,621.38		\$ 19,521.13		\$ (3,899.75)
FEBRUARY	*	\$ 17,535.15		\$ 19,613.02		\$ (2,077.87)
MARCH	*	\$ 25,546.94		\$ 21,442.68		\$ 4,104.26
APRIL		\$ 17,761.19		\$ 17,960.11		\$ (198.92)
MAY		\$ 21,173.91		\$ 21,468.78		\$ (294.87)
JUNE		\$ 13,632.69		\$ 15,066.56		\$ (1,433.87)
JULY		\$ 15,158.81		\$ 14,653.99		\$ 504.82
AUGUST		\$ 15,773.16		\$ 21,480.79		\$ (5,707.63)
SEPTEMBER		\$ 13,831.65		\$ 17,778.14		\$ (3,946.49)
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 156,307.38		\$ 168,985.20		\$ (12,677.82)

This chart includes the month to month budget income and expenses.

\*includes fish fry net income



In this season of Thanksgiving we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your giving in support of Unionville UMC and it's many ministries.



DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

November 5th



Hard to believe it's that time of year again when you're help is needed to shovel snow on our walkways!

Please sign up in the narthex.



Every Daughter Tea was a blessing to all!  
 Special Thank You to Pastor Peggy Barkley  
 who shared a message about the Children of  
 God. We were reminded to let the "SON" shine  
 brightly in our lives.

*Very special Thank You to the Tea Committee  
 Fern Blue, Kelli Currey, Jenny Smith, Linda  
 Eiler, Elizabeth Deal and led by Robin Beige.*



Kelli Currey was willing to  
 share the delicious dessert  
 recipe with us!

**Pumpkin Crunch Cake**

Kelli

**Ingredients:**

**Cake**

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 cup pumpkin (with spices)
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup water

**Crunch** → Double this

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup walnuts - chopped
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons margarine (melted)

**Instructions:**

1. Beat the cake ingredients together.
2. Spread ½ of batter into greased 9 x 13 inch pan.
3. Stir crunch ingredients together in a small bowl.
4. Add ½ the crunch and the remaining batter.
5. Cover with the other ½ of the crunch.
6. Bake at 325° F for 30-40 min.







# United Women in Faith

Invites All Women  
to our Annual Christmas Party!

**December 4th, 6pm-8pm, FLC**



## What to bring:



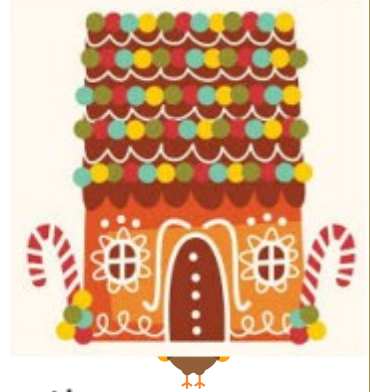
Covered dish,



\$10 wrapped exchange gift,



at least 2 toppings to use in the gingerbread house creations



**What to expect:** Devotions, laughter, games, delicious food, and team built gingerbread house creations

## *Unionville UMC is Caroling! You are Invited!*



**Monday, December 11th at 6pm**  
**Lutheran Senior Life Center**  
**400 Culvert Street, Zelenople**  
(8 minutes from the church)

Songsheet will be provided.

**We will make a joyful noise unto the Lord!**

**Festive clothing will be fun for the residents.**

**Folks of all ages are invited to come and join the fun!**



## Service Nights

**Matthew 5:16 reminds us to Let Our Light Shine!**

Service Nights are a way to share the gift of service alongside your church family. If you love mission trips – you will love a service night! Come join us! You will be hooked! God has big plans for you!

## Mark your calendars!

### December 9th, Hosanna Industries Christmas Gift Delivery

Time slots are 8-8:30am, 8:30-9am, 9:30-10am, 10-10:30am, 10:30-11am

Hosanna is looking for those interested in delivering gifts to their clients in need for the holidays. You must register by November 30th by emailing Becky at [rjhetzer@gmail.com](mailto:rjhetzer@gmail.com) and choose a time slot to arrive at Hosanna to pick up the donated gifts and food items for delivery. Please bring a cooler for frozen food items.

### December 11th, 6pm - Lutheran Senior Life, Zelenople

We will bring our singing voices and Christmas cheer to the residents of Lutheran Senior Life center. On this evening, we will carol thru the hallways and in a gathering room with the residents. Hearts will be full indeed!

### January 29th, 6pm - Community Hero Bags

It was a BIG hit the last time we packaged and delivered goodie bags to our local police, medic, and fire rescue teams. This is an opportunity for donations to be collected in church and then we assemble and deliver.

### March 19th, 6-7:30pm - Ready Yourself Youth Ranch

Saddle Up for an evening of hardwork and big fun! The Ranch staff will direct us in a variety of outside tasks that need to be accomplished. Then we will spend time grooming and caring for the horses.



HOSANNA INDUSTRIES



# Festival of Trees & Holiday Market

A fundraiser hosted by Hosanna Industries, a 501-c3 non-profit,  
faith-rooted, mission organization since 1990

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 FROM 9A - 5P

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 FROM NOON - 4P

LOCATED AT QUALITY GARDENS 409

RT. 228, VALENCIA PA 16059

An event designed to promote the creativity, uniqueness, and beauty of the Holiday Season all while raising funds to support the mission of Hosanna Industries, changing cries of "Hosanna!" into joyful shouts of "Hallelujah!"

An estimated 300 guests will be engaging in a unique holiday shopping experience while supporting Hosanna Industries!

If you'd like to create/donate an item for this event, sponsor, or volunteer, please contact Becky Hetzer at [rjhetzer@gmail.com](mailto:rjhetzer@gmail.com) or 724.770.0262

If you would like to be a vendor at this event please contact Emily Cadenhead at [emilysafran@gmail.com](mailto:emilysafran@gmail.com) or visit our website for more info!

Vendors - Saturday & Sunday

Santa Claus - Saturday, 10a - 1p

Cranberry Men's Choir - Saturday, noon - 1p

Fundraiser items - silent auction style event with a "buy now!" option



**CHRISTIAN ED***Linda Miller*

*“Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much.”*

**“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.”  
Psalm 127:3**

There is nothing that makes me smile greater than seeing a sanctuary full of children! Each and every child that comes through our doors is a gift, a valuable gift; and with valuable gifts, comes great responsibility. So great is the responsibility that the most important thing we can do is to pray for them daily and to pray for guidance in the handling of them.

I always believed that “it takes a village” when it came to raising my own children and I believe that at the center of that village ought to be the church. There are so many choices for our kids these days and not all are equal for sure. How do we help them to make the right choices? We lead by example. Your child will value what you value. Even when you think they’re not paying attention...they are...and they are watching and learning all the while.

We have prayed for more and more children to come through our doors and we are seeing God answering those prayers. Sunday School attendance has increased over last year for both children and adults. Our Sunday evening programming has grown over our programming from last year’s Monday evenings. Our intergenerational activities have been well attended and we have added more adult studies and fellowship times. God is doing a great thing at Unionville and now is the time to be responsible stewards of this great gift. With increased numbers of children comes the need for an increased number of adults. I believe with my whole being that God would not provide the children without providing the support needed to “train them up in the way they should go.” And in saying that, I believe that he has placed a call on the hearts of some of you reading this. I pray that you will listen closely and answer that call.

We have had some discussions about the future and the changes that will need to be made next year as the ages of our children change. We are identifying the need for a breakout of our Youth into two groups, a Junior Youth and a Senior Youth Group. Certainly we want to continue to grow our Kids Club. Our Sunday School classes will need to change next year as well with the addition of at least one additional children’s class, possibly two. Additionally our Adult Classes continue to grow. These are all great things, but with the growth comes the need for more leadership.

Next year will be upon us before we know it and so I ask of you this day and every day yet to come; please pray. Pray for continued increase of children. Pray that we are responsible stewards of the gifts (children) God has given us. Pray for additional leadership and helpers to come along side them. Pray for guidance for the leadership. Pray for JOY in the hearts of the leadership, knowing that every child is a gift from God to be treasured. Pray for those who have yet to answer God’s call, that they will have ears to hear, a heart for God’s children and a willingness to answer, “Yes Lord”! May it be so.

**Time, Talent & Treasure Adult Class  
Sundays at 6:30—8:00 pm**

If you haven’t checked out one of these classes, make it a point to do so.  
We are connecting and learning new things together!

**Adult Bible Study  
Wednesdays @7:00 pm**

**Watch for details on the new daytime Adult Bible Study to be held on Thursdays.**

**Check out any one of our three Adult Sunday School Classes.**

**Kids Club***Robin Beige*

October was full of Fall activities in Kids Club. We kicked the month off joining with Youth Group in a “bring a friend...game night.” The following week, we learned about how Christians are like Pumpkins. God picks us from the patch, takes out all the “yucky stuff”, gives us a smile, and puts a light in us to show to the world! We carved our pumpkin, and the kids decided to name him “Punk Punk.” We ended the evening singing “This little light of mine” preparing for our trip to Yeck’s Farm and Pumpkin Patch the following week.

October 22, began our rehearsals for our Christmas Pageant after Sunday School. It’s not too late to join; all Kids Club and Youth are welcome. Look to the church newsletter for all rehearsal dates or see Miss Robin for details.

In November, the kids will be learning about prayer in our “Fall” for Jesus lesson. The following week will be a music night focusing on rehearsing our Christmas Pageant. And on November 19, the kids are invited to a movie night to watch the animated cartoon “The Star.”

We have been so blessed by the children who attend Kids Club! We are looking forward to many more fun activities and time together praising Jesus!

Fall  
FOR  
Jesus  
HE NEVER LEAVES

A decorative graphic featuring the text "Fall FOR Jesus HE NEVER LEAVES" in a mix of fonts. The word "Fall" is in a large, black, serif font. "FOR" is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. "Jesus" is in a large, black, serif font. "HE NEVER LEAVES" is in a black, sans-serif font. The text is surrounded by several autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, and small yellow dots.



# **Kids Club and Youth Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule**

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## **Meet in Sanctuary**

**Sunday, October 22: 12:00-12:45 PM**

**Sunday, October 29: 6-8:30 PM (Music  
night/rehearsal)**

**Sunday, November 5: 12:00-12:45 PM**

**Sunday, November 12: 6-8:30 PM (Music  
night/rehearsal)**

**Sunday, November 19: 12:00-12:45 PM**

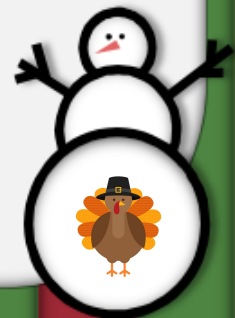
**Sunday, November 26: 12:00-12:45 PM**

**Sunday, December 3: 6-8:30 PM (Music  
night/rehearsal)**

**Sunday, December 10: 12:00-12:45 PM**

**Saturday, December 16: **DRESS REHEARSAL**  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 17: 7:00 PM **SHOW**  
**TIME!!!! (Kids to be at church by 6:15 PM)****







# UUMC Secret Pals

**Purpose:** to provide a way for adults in our church family to encourage, support & affirm the youth of our congregation.

**Program:** Adult partners will be matched to youth who are part of our church family, and will send them cards, etc. to affirm and encourage them and let them know that they are an important part of our congregation.

## Guidelines:

1. In November, parents in our church family will be asked if they would like their child/children to be a part of "Secret Pals". Parents will then fill out a sign-up form and place it in the offering plate, return it to the church office, or give to Kelli Currey, Elizabeth Deal or Heather Salter by no later than **November 26th, 2023**.
2. The program will be open to our church youth ages 4 – age 21.
3. Adult partners will be recruited and will sign a commitment form. Parents will be notified who their child's Secret Pal will be before officially exchanging names and info. The identity of the partners will remain secret to the child until revealed at a party in 2024.
4. Adult partners will be asked to make several commitments to enrich the youth's Christian walk.

## Secret Pals (Adult)

I would like to participate in Secret Pals as an adult partner. I understand that I am making a commitment to be a partner from December 10th, 2023, through December 1st, 2024. My identity will be a secret during that time.

During the year I promise to:

- I will pray every day for God's care and protection for my "Secret Pal"
- I will remember my Pal's birthday and holidays (Valentine's Day, Easter, beginning and end of school, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas) with a card in the mail.
- I will remember my Pal's birthday and Christmas with a gift, not to exceed \$20.

We suggest you sign the cards "Your Secret Pal" and add a personal note like "I am praying for you. You can mail the gifts/cards directly. Identities will be revealed at a party in 2024!

\_\_\_\_\_ Cut here \_\_\_\_\_

## Secret Pals - Adult Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age range or Gender preference to consider \_\_\_\_\_

- Submit clearances (same as VBS/Sunday School helpers) to the church office.

\*Please return to Kelli Currey, Elizabeth Deal or Heather Salter, the church office, or drop in the offering plate **NO LATER than November 26, 2023**.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our upcoming mission is to collect donations for Operation Christmas Child: Samaritan's Purse. Donations due by Wed Nov 8th. Boxes need to be delivered on Nov 12th. Donations are for boys and girls ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14.

Suggested items are: (all items need to be small enough to fit into a shoebox along with other items)

- deflated balls with a pump
- dolls
- stuffed animals
- shoes
- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- any toys that make noise
- toothbrushes
- washcloths
- combs/hairbrushes
- school supplies of all kinds
- socks
- sunglasses
- jewelry
- flashlights
- batteries

### UUMC Youth Group Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

Orders due November 10th  
Pick up date November 19th after church  
Payment due at time of order. Prices vary.

Choose from:  
Pumpkin Roll, Sugar Free Apple,  
Strawberry Rhubarb,  
Apple, Country Cinnamon Apple, Pumpkin,  
Coconut Meringue, Lemon Meringue,  
Chocolate Cream, Cherry, Peach,  
Caramel Apple Walnut, Very Berry,  
Blackberry, Blueberry, Pecan

Order Forms available in the narthex or  
you may contact the church office, Wendy  
Kline, Tiffani Keil or Tonya Mohrbacher or  
any of our youth, to order.

NO candy, gum, toothpaste, food, liquids, glass, or aerosol

### Save the dates:

- December 9-10, 2023: lock in, Christmas party, cookie baking, watch "The Shepard"
- January 12-14, 2024: SPARK/Current WPAUMC event in Cranberry; \$100 early bird price; youth group will pay \$75, youth responsible for \$25; deadline is Nov 5





# YECK'S FARM OUTING

*Heather Salter*

The Annual Yeck's Pumpkins and Hayride outing was held on October 5th this year. Although it was a bit chilly and damp, we had a great turnout and fun was had by all!

There were 40 adults and children in attendance. We roasted hotdogs, sipped on hot cocoa, stayed warm by the fire pit and enjoyed all of the activities that Yeck's Farm has to offer! The evening ended with a hayride!

This event is such a wonderful way for us to gather for fellowship while also supporting our neighbors!





## On a Personal Note...

*Dave & Nancy Wilson*



### ONCE AGAIN – IT’S A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE WILSON’S AND YOU’RE INVITED!



**Sunday, December 10th 1:00—6:00 pm**

By our count, this is the 34<sup>th</sup> time that: the house will be decorated; the tree will be brightly lit; the nativity set will be arranged; the cookies will be baked; the snacks will be prepared (Nancy promises there will be chocolate -- lots of chocolate); and the Christmas music will be playing. All we need is you! Once again, we'd like to invite you to our home for a Christmas Open House from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday December 10. Our address is 201 Mowry Road, Monaca, Pa. (Actually we live in Potter Township, but our mailing address is Monaca.)

We hope you can stop by for 5 minutes or 5 hours. We know it's a bit of a drive, so we hope you can stay for more than 5 minutes. Have some cookies and punch and snacks. Relax and chat with some friends - - make some new friends. Just have some time to enjoy some good Christmas Cheer. (I haven't checked the schedule, but the Steelers are probably playing that day, so at whatever time someone *might* turn on the TV.)

**Directions:** From the intersection of Brodhead Road and Route 18 at the Beaver Valley Mall, take Route 18 South for approximately 3.9 miles to Bauer Road on the left (which is also 1.2 miles past the traffic light at Styropek at the bottom of the hill). There is a sign -- "Potter Twp Municipal Building". Turn left. Go to the top of the hill -- it is a "T" -- turn right on Mowry Road. Our house is the white ranch about 4 tenths of a mile from the intersection on the right. Parking in our driveway is limited. You are allowed to park on the street, but that, too, is limited. So, if you can walk, we have permission to park in the Municipal Building parking lot -- it's on the left about 150 yards from our house. Another event may be going on at the Municipal Building, so we have been asked as much as possible to park in the lower portion of the lot. As much as possible, leave our driveway open for those who have trouble walking -- or just as a place people can be dropped off. (If you get lost, our phone number is 724-888-2679.)

“Over the river and through the woods to Nancy and Dave’s we’ll go!”

We hope you can come,

Dave and Nancy Wilson



### JUST FOR FUN!

**This turkey is trying his best to hide throughout this newsletter to avoid being the “special dinner guest” on Thanksgiving day!**

**Count his many hiding places on the pages of this newsletter, then check in with Linda Miller to see how well he has kept out of sight...or not!**

### Prayer Ministry

Father, as we rapidly move towards Thanksgiving then Advent and on to Christmas; remind us to slow down our pace and be in the moments. Remind us Lord, to watch for you in our daily lives. Remind us to prepare not just for the celebration but for the Christ Child; to live in hope, joy, peace and love. Lord we pray that your Spirit will move us to greater heights in our faith walk and that your light will shine so brightly in us that others may come to know You. Amen



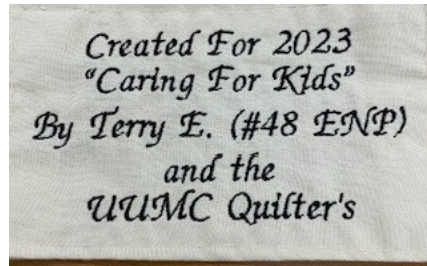
# QUILTERS

Our quilting ladies have been busy with a number of projects. Best known for the beautiful quilts they make for the members of our congregation who are battling against a cancer diagnosis, the ladies meet each Tuesday morning at 10 AM for quilting, conversation and laughter! If you have a Tuesday morning free, stop in and visit with them, they'll be sure to find you a job to do, even if sewing is not your talent!



Terry Ewing works for Eat N Park and has been busy with the help of the other quilters, making a beautiful quilt to be raffled off at her store in their "Caring for Kids" Fundraising efforts to support Children's Hospital.

*"The Eat'n Park Caring for Kids Campaign is an employee-driven, community-oriented fundraising campaign that runs November through December and makes a direct impact in our neighborhoods. The funds raised stay in our region, benefitting more than a dozen children's hospitals company wide."*



The ladies have also been busy making stockings to fill with candy for the Mental Health Association. Donations of wrapped candy are being accepted and can be placed in the box in the narthex marked for Mental Health Association. A good way to pass along the over abundance of Trick-or-Treat candy.

This very talented group of ladies have over the years, have made and donated lap quilts to dialysis patients, have recently donated quilts to Hosanna Industries for their Festival of Trees Fundraiser and have helped out with Family Service events, Christian Ed events and other charity entities. We are blessed to have these ladies among our church family.



The Quilting Ladies are currently selling these cute little snap purses for \$5 each! They come in many different designs and make a cute stocking stuffer or little gift for someone special! See any of the ladies to purchase. Proceeds will help to offset the cost of their sewing materials.

## COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

*Jo Shane*

Harvest Homes is in full swing as evidenced by the tables in the front of the sanctuary. The Pantry is collecting food for those that are needing help this time of year. It would be nice if we could collect only the food needed for Thanksgiving dinner but what would folks do the rest of the month? Therefore, we are collecting what is needed for the rest of the month too. What might be needed goes from ketchup to hand soap to tuna to fruit and sweet potatoes or yams. When you plan a meal, what would be needed to prepare it for the family? What about beef stew or tuna casserole? The kids like mac and cheese and it is easy to fix.



Other churches are having Harvest Homes at their churches and will be bringing those groceries to our church before distribution on November 14<sup>th</sup>. After our distribution date, the Cub Scouts will be bringing their collection of groceries to help provide for the Christmas distribution.

Boy Scout Troop 444 will be helping with the distribution in November and December. As usual Mr. Deal will be making his famous chili to warm everybody after they carry the groceries out to the waiting cars. We are blessed to have the young folks help us with this endeavor.

We will be providing gift cards instead of turkeys for Thanksgiving this year. We are being blessed with some cards from a gentleman in memory of his mother. We are very grateful for all support that we receive from all of you throughout the year.



The Giving Tree will be up on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. The church is collecting names of children from the Pantry and Alice Ketterer will have the tags ready when the tree goes up. Be sure to contact her if you are looking for someone special. We hope to have the gifts back by December 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can sort and bag them. We realize this is a busy time of year and we appreciate all you do to help.

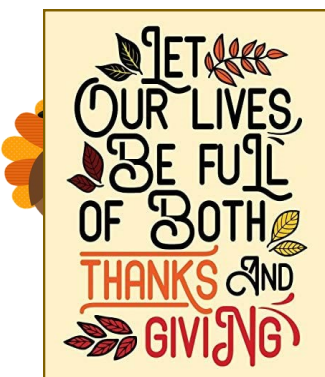
The Mental Health Association has asked the Quilters to provide 100 filled Christmas stockings for their Christmas party. The ladies have been cutting and sewing in hope of providing all of the stockings. Alice had some Christmas material she had collected so the ladies just had to get busy. Now we need to collect some goodies for the stockings, such as packets of chips or cookies and candy bars. If you want to help, there will be a box in the narthex marked for Mental Health Association.



Boy Scout troop 444 will be providing personal care items for the Mental Health Association also. The Mental Health Association is fortunate to have so many willing to help. I have fond memories of attending the Christmas Party years ago. Some of the folks received gifts that were what they really wanted and had not thought they would ever get. We have so much and are privileged to make others smile.

*Just a reminder:*

**Do you have a neighbor, friend, or family member who is having financial difficulties?**



**Pantry Distribution**

**November 14th & 19th  
5:00—7:00 PM**

**Questions? Call Jo Shane @ 724-846-5146**

**Current Food Pantry needs can be found on  
Unionville's Website @ [unionvilleumc.org](http://unionvilleumc.org)**



**HOME TOUCH***Linda Miller***Lohra Allcorn**

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71 Darlington Road  
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Freedom, PA 15042

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**Carole Young**

512 Allola Drive  
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***Please take a moment to remember our  
Home Touch Friends***

***With a note, card, phone call and especially a prayer.***

***If you know of someone who should be  
added to our Home Touch Friend List,  
Please contact the church office.***

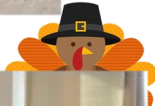
***If you would like a visit from our Home Touch Team or  
Pastor Alan, please notify the church office.***



## Thinking of You

Harvest Mum deliveries

were made by several *United Women in Faith* in October. Here are a few photos from visits. There were other deliveries that didn't have a photograph, but all were very well received gifts of time and mums! We lift up prayers for strength and health!





JOIN US FOR  
SOUP  
DINNER and



**Hanging  
of the  
Greens**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**

**5:00 pm**



**Join us  
for our**  
*Breakfast  
with*  
**Santa**

**Sunday, December 3rd following Worship**  
*(Watch for Details)*

**ADVENT**

The season of advent will soon be upon us starting December 3rd. Please plan to be with us each Sunday as together we watch and wait for the Christ Child.






**It will soon be time to order your Christmas poinsettias in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Watch for ordering information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.**

**UNIONVILLE CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE**

Will be open December 3rd through December 25th.

The purpose of the post office is to deliver cards to your Unionville church family, saving you postage. You may want to consider giving part or all of your savings as an extra offering. Please only leave cards to those families or persons who regularly attend worship. Families are responsible for picking up their cards by January 1st.

Please do not leave cards for our Hometouch Friends . These cards must be mailed through normal postal service.





**Community Breakfast**  
**November 4th & December 2nd**  
**8:00—10:00 am**

Please come and lend a hand; come and eat;  
 invite your friends & neighbors!

An all-you-care-to-eat buffet for only \$12.00!

The proceeds from these meals help fund  
 various ministries throughout the year.



**Meet**  
 for  
**Breakfast**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
**RENTALS**

We are currently taking  
 Rental reservations.

Call the Church Office

At (724)843-0862

Join us for Sunday Worship  
 In our Sanctuary @9:30 am  
 or virtually. via  
 Our YouTube channel.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**



**Tuesday**  
**Noon—2PM**

**Thursday**  
**Noon—4 PM**

*Messages and emails are being checked  
 throughout the week*