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An Attitude of Gratitude

"I have learned to be content with whatever I have." Philippians 4:11

Halloween is over. Time to pack up the ghosts and goblins and put out the cornucopias; time to trade the jack-o-lanterns for pumpkin pies. November ushers in THE holiday season at the end of the month with Thanksgiving, a time when families come together to stuff themselves full of turkey, pies and stuffing; a time to be surrounded by loved ones – whether united by bonds of blood, bonds of marriage, or bonds of common interests. After a year of social distancing and COVID induced limited gatherings, our get-togethers this year will be all the sweeter. The fourth Thursday in November is one of the few times during the course of twelve months when people take the time to give thanks for what they have, and not what they don't have.

The apostle Paul knew the value of an attitude of gratitude, year round. He wrote the letter to the Philippians while he was in prison, and you can bet that his prison cell was nothing like the prisons in our country today! It was not unusual to have to rely on family or friends to provide your food. He may have been shackled, chained to the wall with limited movement and no time for exercise or fresh air. Yet even in these circumstances, Paul was grateful for what he had. In his attitude of gratitude, he wrote, *"I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need."* (Phil. 4:12)

What was Paul's secret in the midst of these trying times? What was it that enabled him to be grateful in such surroundings? In the next verse, he tells us, *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* (Phil. 4:13) The "him" who gave Paul his strength, his heart of thanksgiving, was Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

I encourage you, as this month, as this season begins, to draw your strength from the Son of God. Remember and give thanks for what you have and do not sorrow or be envious for what you don't have. For there is always, somebody worse off than you.

As you cultivate your attitude of gratitude, just give thanks with a grateful heart.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Laura

PS. One way to show your gratitude for what God has given you is to support our local food pantry which helps others in need!

CONNECTIONS

Our friends/family would love to hear from LIUMC Family, especially during the upcoming holidays.

Feel free to mail them a note, a card or uplifting message.

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DUE DATES

- Reminder the **newsletter articles** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the 4th Monday of each month (next due date is 11/22). We will not have a newsletter in January 2022.
- Bulletin **announcements** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday announcement is to be made, thank you!

EVENTS

Step by Step. Praise band concert will be held on **11/8 at 7:00 pm** at the Shavertown UM Church, 163 North Pioneer Ave, Shavertown. All are welcome!

UMW Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 11/16 at 6:30**. This will be the " World Thank Offering" and our Planning meeting for next years events. If anyone as any suggestions for programs for next year please bring them to the meeting. No refreshments. We are looking for a treasurer for the club. If anyone is interested, please call Jayne Haeefele 570-814-8263

Pastie Sale: 11/18. Orders due to Linda VanGorder (477-5219) by Friday 11/12. Price \$8:00 each. Help can always be needed. Contact Bob VanGorder at the above phone number if you are willing to work and learn some of the details of the making. This will be the last Pastie sale this year.

Advent Calendar. The Advent Calendar for food collection to support The Pastor's Pantry (aka The Noxen Food Bank) was a huge success last year and we will partipcate again this year. **How to participate??** *Grab a box at home, using the calendar at the end of this newsletter, place the corresponding food item into your box, then on 12/12 bring your completed box to church to be blessed and then delivered to the food bank for families to receive in time for the Christmas Season. Any questions reach out to Aimee.*

Our church will be involved in **Angel Tree Prison Ministry** again this year. The children's gift requests will be available at the church on **11/21** and the gifts will be due back to the church on or before 12/5. We will be providing gifts for about 20 children. If you are not able to attend church the gifts may be dropped off in the downstairs from 2:00-3:30 pm on the 12/5 and people who are delivering gifts may pick them up there. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra in November. Her phone number is 570-675-2024.

Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees. This year our church is benefiting the Pastor's Food Pantry (aka Noxen Food Bank) in Noxen. They support approximately 21 families, including children and seniors. In addition to food insecurity, we are hoping to also bless these families with some items they currently are in need of (see below). Please have items to the mission table in the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, 12/12. Decorating the tree will be 11/23 at 5pm, and voting at Grotto's is from November 24-December 31st! Any questions or if you would like to help out, reach out to Colleen Reynolds or Aimee.

Cleaning Products / Toothpaste / Toothbrushes / Deodorant / Denture Cream / Floss / Paper Products / Female Hygiene Products
Coffee / Tea / Baking Items

****Watch your email and bulletin for a calendar of upcoming holiday events/services.****

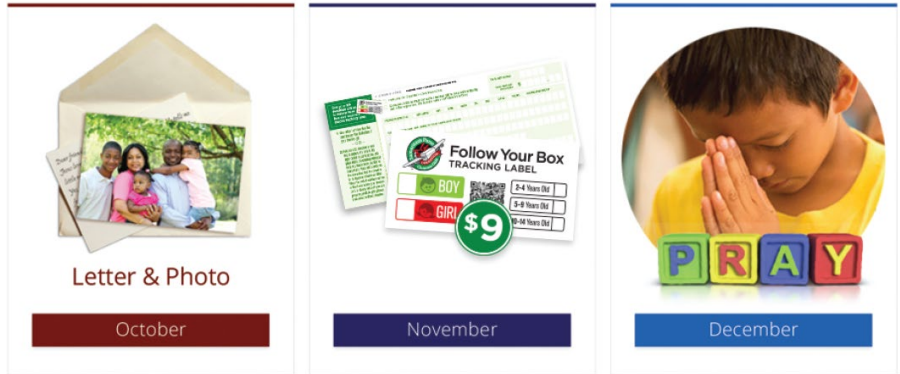
MEETINGS

- The **Why Team** will continue to meet on Mondays at 6:30pm.
- **Charge Conference** is scheduled for Sunday, 11/28 at 3:00 pm.

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We are continually collecting items for Operation Christmas Child.

Did You Know? Each box costs \$9.00 to ship. If you are moved by the Spirit to help with shipping costs for this mission, please mark your donation 'OCC Shipping' by November 14th.



OFFERING

The total offering for the month of October was **\$7,813.66** (not including 10/31 service). Our operating expenses are approximately **\$9,848.35** each month. Thank you all for continuing to give what you can in an economically difficult time. To continue the work God is doing through LIUMC, tithing can be sent to: LIUMC, PO Box 12, Lehman, PA, 18627 or place in Joash chest in the back of the sanctuary.

Our special offering for **The Gideons International** collected \$125.00, if you would like to mail a donation in please send to The Gideon International, attn: Ron Skamanich, PO Box 344, Wilkes-Barre PA 18703. A big thank you to Ron for sharing this informative presentation with us on 10/31.

REMINDER

Based on the recommendations and endorsements from Bishop Park the following are effective immediately at LIUMC:

- *Our worshippers, including the vaccinated, are **strongly encouraged to wear masks** at all of our worship services, meetings, and gatherings.*
- *In our times together, please continue to **practice social distancing**.*
- *Those who are **vulnerable**: please, for your health and safety, do not attend in-person worship at this time, please choose our Zoom option.*

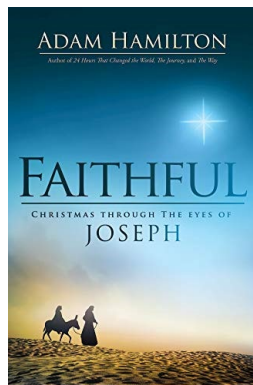
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and Children Sunday school continues on Sundays after worship service, 10:30-11:15 am.

The **adult class** is currently studying the book of Nehemiah. Join us to learn about the man who supervised the rebuilding of Jerusalem after his release from captivity by the Persian King. Joins us in-person or via Zoom. Reading list is:

- Week 1: Chapters 1-4
- Week 2: Chapters 4 (Review) and 5
- Week 3: Chapters 6-7
- Week 4: Chapters 8-10
- Week 5: Chapters 11-12:43
- Week 6: Chapters 12:43-13, and 5 (again!)

The adult class will be **assisting the children** with packing OCC boxes on 11/14. Please meet in the basement after church.



Advent will begin 11/28 and the adult Sunday school class will be reading through 'Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph, by Adam Hamilton as a small group study. If you are interested in attending and haven't reached out to Aimee already, please let her know by 11/5.

Children's Sunday School kids will participate in a mission of collecting items for OCC, box assembly will be Sunday, 11/14. Please have items to the church by Sunday ,11/07. There is a box in the basement for items. In lieu of preparing a box or buying supplies, monetary donations will be accepted to cover the \$9.00/box shipping. Please make checks out to LIUMC, with 'shoeboxes' in the memo line.

Children's Christmas Program will be 12/05 during Church Service (9:30 am). We are excited that the Children's Christmas Program is back this year! All children will have a part. We ask that they dress in green for the program. More details and a reminder as we get closer, but be sure to mark your calendars!

On 10/10 Susie conducted **Acolyte training** for those children old enough. A big thank you to Grandma Susie and Jayden!!





On 10/31 the children had a **special treat**, with Halloween bingo, snacks and a pumpkin to take home.

They learned about 'how Christians are a lot like pumpkins'!!

Here is the poem we used, submitted by Bev Wandel.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Meadows Nursing Home** is looking for volunteers. The duties may include activities, transporting residents to activities, and one on one visits. Please prayerfully consider if their next volunteer could be you! Please contact Rachel at 570-575-8600 if interested.

PRAYERS

10/24/21 - Joys: Jeanne B's Birthday; Josuweit family recovered from COVID; Alex's surgery went well and recovery is promising; Bill who is improving. **Concerns:** Those battling COVID; Michael; Teresa; Those battling addiction; Eleanor and family; Hostages in Haiti; Dave; Alex; Anthony; Karen, Tom, Shirley; Friend's son-in-law; Those who do not know God; Those who are mourning, including Dustin and his family, the family of Maryann.

10/17/21 - Joys: Cali had good test results; Having children in worship; Jeanne B. has a birthday; Beauty of God's creation in rainbows and sunsets. **Concerns:** Alexandria; Tina; Kidnapped missionaries in Haiti and the conditions that gave rise to it; Rex and Carla; Charlie, Mike, and families; Lisa; Striking workers; Cali; Travel

Ongoing: Ann Whitmore; Brooklyn; those battling depression; Juliette and other non-believers; Korri & Family; Tim Nulton; Travelers; Shut ins and those who are isolated; Peace and understanding; For Protection of Communities; An end to systemic racism; Families who've been economically affected; Peace in Turbulent times; + Unspokens.

****Please alert our prayer team of new requests: Kendra Cosgrove (570) 675-2024****



**Churches for the week of
October 31 - November 6**

Gibson UMC, Gibson
 Fawn UMC, Fawn Grove
 Mount Zion UMC, Olanta
 Albright UMC, Loganton
 Dressler's Ridge UMC, Mount Pleasant Mills
 Jaggard First UMC, Altoona
 Lehman-Idetown UMC, Lehman
 Richfield UMC, Richfield
 Good Shepherd Community UMC, Carlisle
 South Williamsport UMC, South Williamsport
 Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

**Churches for the week of
November 7 - 13**

Emanuel UMC, Loganville
 Faith Chapel UMC, Howard
 Middle Ridge UMC, Wellsboro
 *Shepherdstown UMC, Mechanicsburg
 *Grace UMC, Freetown - Sierra Leone
 Union Dale UMC, Union Dale
 Westfield UMC, Westfield
 Zion UMC, Middleburg
 Uriah UMC, Gardners
 Lakemont UMC, Altoona
 McElhattan UMC, McElhattan

**Churches for the week of
November 14 - 20**

*Young's UMC, Mechanicsburg
 *Largo UMC, Kassima - Sierra Leone
 St. Paul's UMC, Penns Creek
 Wesley Chapel UMC, Lewistown
 Shawville UMC, Shawville
 Salem Gulden's UMC, Gettysburg
 Kingsley UMC, Kingsley
 Wesley Chapel UMC, Breezewood
 Wallis Run UMC, Trout Run
 Fairdale Community UMC, Montrose
 West Milton UMC, West Milton
 Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY

**Churches for the week of
November 21 - 27**

Athens UMC, Athens
 15th Street UMC, Huntingdon
 Beach Lake UMC, Beach Lake
 St. Paul UMC, Chambersburg
 Barry Salem UMC, Ashland
 Fairbrook UMC, PA Furnace
 Catawissa Avenue UMC, Sunbury
 Hillsgrove UMC, Hillsgrove
 *Calvary UMC, York
 *Valunya UMC, Monghere - Sierra Leone
 Canoe Creek Union UMC, Canoe Creek

**Churches for the week of
November 28 - December 4**

Orangeville UMC, Orangeville
 First UMC, Three Springs
 Zion UMC, East Prospect
 Charlton UMC, Harrisburg
 Forty Fort UMC, Forty Fort
 Covington UMC, Covington
 Crever Memorial UMC, Petersburg
 Dallas UMC, Dallas
 Rohrsburg UMC, Orangeville
 Pleasant Valley UMC, Howard
 Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

CONNECT WITH US! - Visit us at LIUMC.net or on our Facebook page (@Lehman.Idetown)

Miss a Sunday Service?

Sermons will be uploaded weekly to our website & Facebook page.

Our calendar of events can be found on our website and Facebook page. Dates subject to change.

Send us your email or mailing address and we will include you our 'happenings'.

You can reach us at Lehman.IdetownUMC@gmail.com or call us at 570-675-1216.



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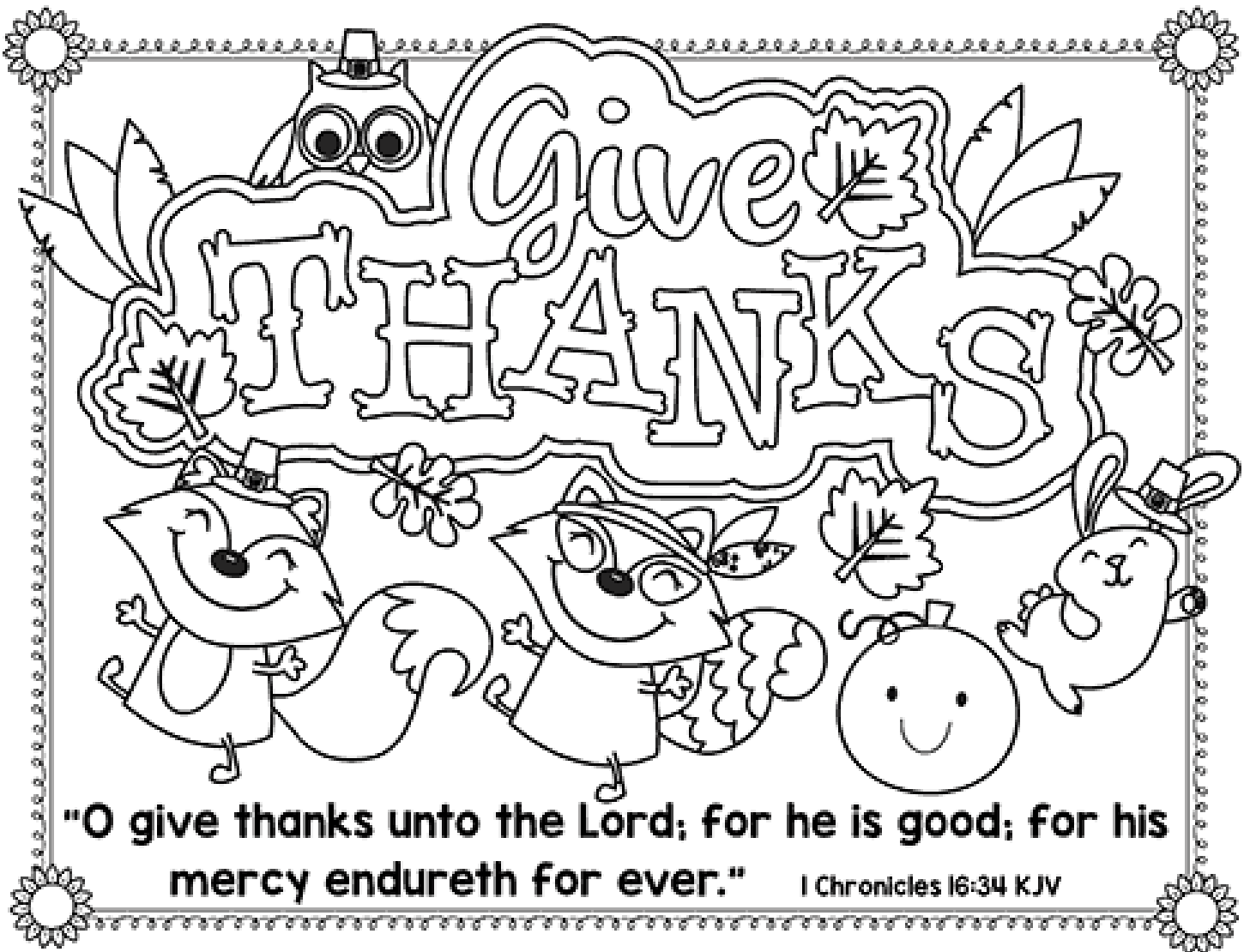
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Date	Item
11/18	box of cereal
11/19	peanut butter
11/20	stuffing mix
11/21	boxed potatoes
11/22	macaroni and cheese
11/23	canned fruit
11/24	canned tomatoes
11/25	canned tuna
11/26	dessert mix
11/27	jar of applesauce
11/28	canned sweet potatoes
11/29	cranberry sauce
11/30	canned beans
12/1	box of crackers
12/2	package of rice
12/3	package of oatmeal
12/4	package of pasta
12/5	spaghetti sauce
12/6	chicken noodle soup
12/7	tomato soup
12/8	jar of jam or jelly
12/9	can mixed vegetables
12/10	can carrots
12/11	jar of gravy
12/12	Bring box to church for blessing!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Print and Color Activity

Feel free to bring to the church and we will display your artwork!!



**"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his
mercy endureth for ever." I Chronicles 16:34 KJV**

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