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Newsletter

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"Trick or Treat"

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

It's that time of year when children and young people (and some youthful adults!) dress up in costume and go door to door (or trunk to trunk!), threatening untold pranks if they don't receive some sort of tasty treat as "protection." The pranks used to be hanging toilet paper rolls in trees and bushes, soaping car windows, or throwing handfuls of dried corn at doors and windows. The more mischievous spirits would "egg" your car or house, upset garbage cans, or worse.

It was fun to try to guess who was behind the mask and to see all the different outfits. Mostly, costumes mimicked popular cartoon or storybook characters and superheroes. Although for a time, it seemed like every horror film villain was coming to our door – and they were small children wearing gory costumes that portrayed violent characters! I confess I am relieved to see the return of princesses and Spiderman, dinosaurs and dogs; and appreciate the rise of creativity in homemade costumes. When you go to the door, you never know what kind of treat you will get. It could be a small chocolate bar or a lollipop; a small bag of pretzels or an apple. If you go to the right house, you might even receive a full-sized candy bar! However, if your name is Charlie Brown, you will probably just get a rock.

When we knock on God's door, we don't have to yell, "Trick or treat!" We already know that we will receive a treat even greater than the holy grail of Halloween treats - the full-sized chocolate bar. We know that God can see who is hiding behind the mask we show the rest of the world and still welcomes us with a smile and a promise, a promise for a future filled with hope - no trick, just unconditional, steadfast love. What a treat we are in for!

God's Blessings,
Pastor Laura

PS. Did you know that Jesus' first miracle could be considered a "trick" that turned into a "treat"? At a typical wedding feast the "good" wine was served first so that when it ran out, the guests were too drunk to notice the substitution. Read John 2:1-11 for the full story!

2nd Sunday
after Epiphany

No Wine Before Its Time

John 2.1-11



They don't call me the Lord of Hosts for Nothing!

CELEBRATION

November:

3- Brady Newman
3- Robin Rogers
3- Aimee Wilson-Morris
5- Bill Cupp
6- Jimmy Lyons
12- Lance Guiney

23- Mickey Snyder



December:

4- Camryn Snyder
11- Elliot and Bev Ide Anniversary
13- Kristi Lyons
13- Hope Felty
13- Sabrina Mutchler
15- Thomas A. Williams
21- Lois Williams Ide
22- Joyce Scott
25- Brendan Newman
28- Kendra Cosgrove

CONNECTIONS

Our friends/family would love to hear from LIUMC Family. Feel free to mail them a note, a card or uplifting message.

H. Warren Rees
Rm. 312 B, Pavilion Rehab
1406 Medical Center Dr.
Lebanon, TN 37087

Diane Hendershott
Meadows Apts #121
220 Lake Street
Dallas, PA 18612

Alberta Steltz
River View Ridge Rm#222
300 Courtright Street
Wilkes Barre PA 18702

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12287 Highway 707
Room 106
Murrell's Inlet, SC 29576

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Hazel Twp, PA 18202-9604

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Highland Manor
Room 222, B
750 Schoolery Avenue
Exeter, PA 18643

DUE DATES

- Reminder the **newsletter articles** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the 4th Monday of each month (next due date is 10/25).
- Bulletin **announcements** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday announcement is to be made, thank you!

EVENTS

10/03 at 3:00 pm we will have a special service for **Blessing of the Animals**. Please meet in the church parking lot and have all animals on leashes or under control and if it slithers or crawls it will be blessed from afar.

Pastie Sale: 10/28. Orders due to Linda VanGorder (477-5219) by Friday 10/22. 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.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is considering organizing a **trunk or treat the evening of October 30th**. If you would be interested in representing LIUMC with a trunk please contact Kristi Lyons.

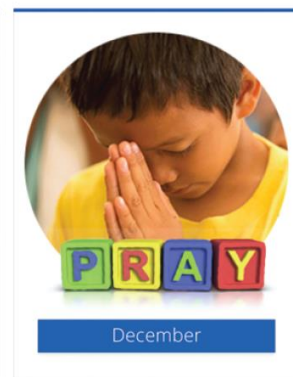
Our church will be involved in **Angel Tree Prison Ministry** again this year. The children's gift requests will be available at the church on **11/21** and the gifts will be due back to the church on or before 12/5. We will be providing gifts for about 20 children. If you are not able to attend church 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.

MEETINGS

- The **Why Team** will continue to meet on Mondays at 6:30pm.
- **Ad Council** meeting will be held Tuesday, 10/26 at 6:30 pm
- **Charge Conference** is scheduled for Sunday, 11/28 at 3:00 pm, details to follow.

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We are continually collecting items for Operation Christmas Child.



OFFERING

The total offering for the month of September was **\$8,285.00**. 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.

REMINDER

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

- *Our worshipers, 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!)

Children's Sunday School will have **Acolyte** lesson for all children, and training for those children old enough, led by Susie will be held on 10/10 during Sunday school.

The 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.



Some suggestions are:

small toys, socks, hygiene items (toothbrushes, bars of soap, washcloths), crayons, art supplies, coloring books, water bottles (reminder: no liquids or food allowed).

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.

Orange United Methodist Church is going to be holding another **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging event in October. It will be on 10/23. The packaging part of the event will start at 10:00 am and go to approximately 12:30-1:00 pm, depending on our donations to cover the cost of the meals. Set up is 8:30-10:00 am and clean-up is after we are done packing. Just as in the past we had to commit to 10,000 meals, which is about \$3500. We have always raised enough funds to do many more than that and are hopeful we will exceed our past amounts. **Sign up** will be different this year. Volunteers can sign up to work on our web portal. <https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002Kq2AQAS>. You will also do the liability release on there so we don't get that bottle neck of volunteers filling them out the day of the event. If you have any problems with this process, please contact Jack or Kay and they can help with your sign up.

Donations can also be made on this same web portal. This is also very helpful because we don't have all those checks and cash to deal with. They have a secure way for you to make your donation. If you are not comfortable with that you can make a check out to the church, put it in an envelope with a note and an entry in the check memo, indicating it is for the Rise Against Hunger Project. You can also share the link with your friends and family so they can either make a donation or sign up to help out.

There is a link on the portal with a short video about the organization's work, or you can go on their website, <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>. Getting together to do good things for those in need and serving our Lord.....it doesn't get any better than that! Hope you can help out in some way. Any questions please contact: Jack Mokychic (570-333-4518) or Kay Love (570-675-1513).

PRAYERS

09/26/21 - God Moment: Ministering with two different women who both lost mothers. **Joys:** Basement is finished; Sunday school starts today; Bev and Ray received their 10th great-grandchild; Jayne's grandson is getting married; Beldin's birthday is today; Biking Bob made it to Maine and then back home in time for his wife's birthday. **Concerns:** Gary; Anthony; Travellers; Tina's cousin's mom; Eleanor; Those mourning; Those impacted by the Amtrak wreck in Montana; Bishops and Cabinet; Those starting new jobs; Missing persons.

09/19/21 - God Moments: Large group of helpers to paint; Grandchild's favorite book is the Bible; Cali's answer during children's sermon. **Joys:** Cali's grandad's birthday; Jeanne B. finally saw her great-grandson. **Concerns:** Travelers; Van Kyle Family; Baby Rory; Chris for shoulder surgery.

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 3 - 9**

Pleasant Hill UMC, Burnt Cabins
 Good Shepherd UMC, Bloomsburg
 Roaring Branch UMC, Roaring Branch
 Geyers UMC, Middletown
 Damascus Manor UMC, Damascus
 Emory UMC of New Oxford, New Oxford
 New Berlin Emmanuel UMC, New Berlin
 Moshannon UMC, Moshannon
 Kunkle UMC, Wapwallopen
 Greene Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Alexandria

October 17 - 23

Peckville UMC, Peckville
 Wenksville UMC, Biglerville
 Wesley UMC, Nescopeck
 Valley Salem UMC, Milroy
 Dale UMC, Woodland
 First UMC, Taylor
 *Calvary UMC, Harrisburg
 *Bell Memorial UMC, Njala - Sierra Leone
 Whitneyville UMC, Whitneyville
 Christ UMC, Tyrone
 Muhlenburg UMC, Muhlenburg
 Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newville

**Churches for the week of
October 10 - 16**

Stairville UMC, Wapwallopen
 Matamoras UMC, Port Royal
 St. John's UMC, Chambersburg
 Grace UMC, Hummelstown
 Luther's Mills UMC, Towanda
 Saxton UMC, Saxton
 *Pfoutz Valley UMC, Millerstown
 *Rogers Memorial UMC, Bo - Sierra Leone
 Longstown UMC, York
 Quiggleville UMC, Cogan Station
 Wyoming UMC, Wyoming

October 24 - 30

*Centre Grove UMC, Clearfield
 *Kercher Memorial UMC, Kenema - Sierra Leone
 Mackeyville UMC, Mackeyville
 Asbury UMC, Scranton
 Aline UMC, Mount Pleasant Mills
 Trinity UMC, Elizabethville
 Christ UMC, Jacobus
 Faith UMC, Woodbury
 Houseville UMC, State College
 Bethel UMC, Williamsport
 Leesburg UMC, Shippensburg

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Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District
Superintendent--Rev. Judy Walker

Susquehanna Conference
Bishop --Sandra Steiner Ball (West Virginia Conference)
Bishop--Cynthia Moore-Koikoi (Western PA Conference)



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**