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**November 2011**

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Traditional Service**

10:30am

### **Casual Service**

8:15am

### **Church School**

9:30am

### **MONDAY 7:00pm**

Circle of Grace (1<sup>st</sup> Mon)  
Nurture (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon) Jan., Mar.,  
May, July, Sept., Nov.  
Outreach (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon) Feb., Apr.,  
June, Aug., Oct., Dec.  
Trustees (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)  
AD Council (4<sup>th</sup> Mon)

### **TUESDAY**

Crafts 10:00am  
Ruth Circle 1:00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tue)  
Women's Prayer group 7:00pm  
Bell Choir practice 7:00pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

Choir Practice 7:00pm

## **Pastor's Desk**

How quickly the time flies! Can you believe we have been in ministry together for 15 months already? Last year at Church Conference I didn't have a report... because I didn't have anything to say. This year I did! We have a lot to celebrate. The changes have seemed small but when you put them all together we've accomplished a lot! We are very blessed and we are a blessing to others! We have an awesome church family committed to Christ and committed to caring for each other and our neighbors. We are on the right path to making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! Here's the evidence to prove it:

*We have* started new ministries: resurrected our Bell Choir, updated our website, attended Wilson activities fair, participated in Wilson's First Sunday worship, started our Outreach Meal

*We are* developing new leaders: six people serving as leaders in 2012 who did not serve as leaders the year before; five people trying something new by stepping into new positions of leadership; one new Lay Speaker (for a church total of SIX!)

*We are* growing spiritually: started two new Sunday School Classes (one for Toddlers & one for Adults), grew all of our existing Sunday School Classes, added new leaders in the children's Sunday School, had an AWESOME week of Vacation Bible School including a first ever Adult Class, had over 30 participants in the most recent Bible Study, rejoiced in two adult Professions of Faith, celebrated two baptisms and... let's not forget the work of our TWO UMW Circles

*We are* faithfully caring for our finances: this year our Shares of Ministry will be PAID IN FULL, giving is up from 2010, budget for 2011 fully supported without using any savings, budget for 2012 is realistic and able to be fully supported

*We are* ministering with hospitality & compassion: Christmas caroling in our neighborhood, Menno Haven & Shook Home worship services, Visitation team activated to contact inactive members (this did bear fruit!) and shut-ins, regular contact with our member in prison

*We are* challenged with a building that needs lots of work, an aging sound system in the Sanctuary, and the small number of youth in our congregation

I wonder what excitement the next year will bring? Whatever challenges await us and whatever joys are ahead.... we're ready!

With you in service,  
~Pastor Suzanne

P.S. My sincere thanks to all of you for your expressions of support and care during Pastor Appreciation Month!

**A DEVOTIONAL WRITTEN FROM THE PEN  
OF LAY LEADER, HARRY BLACK FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**Please read:** Psalm 100

It is Thanksgiving once again. We are to be glad and show the world that the Lord is ruler of our lives. He is the one that made us and guides us in the pastures green to make this world a better place. What is the Lord calling you to do this Thanksgiving season? Are you seeking his will in your life and are you thankful for the task that he gives you to do? Do you grumble because the task is too hard or you say I can't do it.

We are to come into his presence with praises and a joyful heart because we want to serve him that means so much to us. We must look at the Lord this Thanksgiving season and all he did for us. He took it upon himself and went to the cross to die but to live again on Easter. Is that asking too much for you to do, to serve the Risen Lord and be thankful and give praise in all you do.

For me I am going to serve the Lord and honor and praise him and thank him for his kindness and love that endures forever and his church. Give honor and praise this season as you prepare for his coming in Advent.

**Thought for the month of November:** One little candle burning so bright that is you to show the world he is using you for his glory and praise. Happy Thanksgiving!

Harry Black,  
Lay Leader

**Liturgist schedule:**

**December 2011**

04	Bill Sappington	264-1926
11	Roxanna Bolyard	263-5519
18	Harry Black	264-9294
24 (C. Eve)	Cindy Edwards	263-6232
25	John Davis	264-0195

**January 2012**

01	Alice Baer	385-0453
08	Clarence Trump	352-9560
15	Roxanna Bolyard	263-5519
22	John Osen	263-4546
29	Rob Barnett	264-1926

**February 2012**

05	Bill Sappington	261-9135
12	Sara Dann	709-0997
19	Ellen Davis	264-0195
22 (AW)	Belva Foremen	264-6370
26	Ann Barnes	264-9484

**March 2012**

04	Carl Flohr	263-3221
11	Harry Black	264-9294
18	John Thierwechter	264-7415
28	Arlene Flohr	263-3221

If you are unable to be liturgist on the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find a replacement or exchange with another person on the schedule. **Please notify the church office with any changes.**

If you have a pastoral need, want to meet with the Pastor, or know of someone is in need of a visit, please contact Pastor Suzanne directly. With HIPAA regulations, it is often difficult for pastors to get information from hospitals or nursing homes. Pastor Suzanne can be reached at 263-9071 (parsonage) or 677-8453 (home in Buchanan Valley), by email at [selliott@susumc.org](mailto:selliott@susumc.org) or at the office at 263-2364. All three of the phone numbers have voice mail where you can leave a message. If you have an urgent need, please call both of the home numbers to receive the most prompt response.

Please keep in prayer our members who are homebound, in nursing care facilities, in prison, or in the military:

**Green Ridge Village:** Lois Fisler.

**Home:** Gene Armel, Alice Foreman, Denzil & Sara Marks, Elizabeth Shively, Clarence Neil.

**Manor Care:** Betty & Hugh Woods.

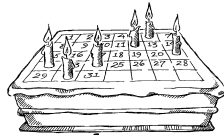
**Menno Haven:** Dottie Daniels, Rose Needy.

**Penn Hall:** Alverta Foreback, Orpha Querry.

**Wernersville CCC:** Andy Scatena.

**Shook Home:** Jean Gipe

**Serving in Afghanistan:** Mark Culbertson



**Birthdays  
This Month**

**Happy Birthday!**

- 2 – Susan Mickley
- 4 – Tina Crider
- Earlyne McCleary
- 5 – Evelyn Franklin  
Blake Cotton
- 6 – Don Mower
- 8 – Peggy Fegan
- 9 – Meghan Davis
- 10 – Tracy Burkard
- 13 – Ron Edwards
- 14 – Joan Burns
- 15 – Dennis Crider
- 18 – Allison Elliott
- 19 – Jeffrey Gipe
- 20 – Doris Mickey
- 21 – Linda Querry  
Ryan Taylor
- 22 – Lois Fisler
- 24 – Matthew Hawbaker
- 28 – Roxanna Bolyard
- 30 – Jean Arpi  
Barry Sheeder



**Happy Anniversary !**

- 3 – Rick & Deb Miller
- 4 – John & Tina Crider
- 24 – Larry & Jeanne Lowry

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER**

**USHERS**

- Head Usher: Robert Walter
- Ushers: Darwin Barkdoll, Sven Burkard,  
Lowell Mower, Clarence Trump

**LITURGISTS**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Vicki Wagner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jane Armstrong
- 20<sup>th</sup> John Thierwechter
- 27<sup>th</sup> Clarence Trump

**GREETERS**

Need volunteers

**ACOLYTES**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Meghan Davis
- 13<sup>th</sup> Kaitlyn Hawbaker
- 20<sup>th</sup> Laurie Elliott
- 27<sup>th</sup> Meghan Davis

**NURSERY**

- 6<sup>th</sup> John & Linda Thierwechter
- 13<sup>th</sup> Cindy Edwards
- 20<sup>th</sup> Need volunteer
- 27<sup>th</sup> Isabelle Armstrong

**WAYSIDE PULPIT**

Don Clippinger

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

Annette & Barry Sheeder

## Thank Offering November 13

After the Thank Offering Service last November, we realized that many of our congregation may not know about the reason behind the Thank Offering Boxes you see people bringing forward. Thank Offering Boxes are used all year long to put money into whenever you are thankful for something God has done in your life. The money can just be loose change in your pocket or more, depending on what you desire to give. It is a way to remember to be thankful to God not just once a year but on a regular basis.

What happens to the money from the Thank Offering? It goes to the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is used to fund mission programs around the world as well as in the USA. Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg is one of the missions which receives money from Women's Division.

If you would like a Thank Offering Box they are available for free from the Circle of Grace. Just see Cindy Edwards or any member of the Circle and they will be happy to see that you get one.

At the Thank Offering service this November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be sharing some stories of several missions which benefit from Thank Offering and how it is determined where it is used. You will be surprised at how much good can come from the money in those little boxes.



We are in great need of volunteers, craft items, food donations for the kitchen, and door prizes for our annual craft fair on **November 12**. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board for all of these needs. Please help to make our fair a success!



## CRAFT VENDORS WANTED

Please come and join us at the

### *Park Avenue UMC 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Fair*

Saturday, November 12, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
(rain or shine)

\$20 setup fee + 10%

Park Avenue United Methodist Church  
Route 11 North & Park Avenue  
Chbg., PA 17201

Please contact Lois Wingert at  
(717) 263-3235 or Katherine Martin  
at (717) 264-5755 to get an application  
or if you have any questions.



There will be a birthday party for Jesus on **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** after our free meal for the children who attend the meal. We would also like to invite the children and parents of Park Avenue to join them. We will have a birthday cake, sing carols, make a special craft, tell the story of Jesus' birth. There will be a special visitor to see all the children. Mark this date on your calendar. More information will be coming out at a later date.



## Thanksgiving & Christmas

Since our son spends both of these holidays with his in-laws; the 3 of us (Lee, Suzie & Doris) get bored from being just us. Last year we added another person to our holiday celebrations and this year we are looking to add more. If you or someone you know is going to be alone on Thanksgiving or Christmas or it is just the two of you, please let us know as we would love to have you join us. Suzie loves to cook big holiday meals and with our family down to 3 it isn't as much fun to cook. Our house is small but there is enough room for anyone that wants to come. You need bring nothing except yourself and the desire to enjoy the day. If you don't have a way to get to us, we can come and get you. Please help us to have a house full to celebrate the holidays this year. We do not exchange gifts or anything like that on Christmas as we do that with our son the day before. Join us and let's have a party to celebrate God's gifts to us on these special days. You can call us at 263-5309 or e-mail us at [luyvmybears2@hotmail.com](mailto:luyvmybears2@hotmail.com) or talk to us at church. Don't be shy. After all, we are all members of God's family – so come spend the holidays with your “relatives”, us.

Lee & Suzie Hipkiss and Doris Mickey

*Find us on Facebook at “Park Avenue UMC”. Hit the “Like” button to receive information and inspiration from your church.*



**If you have skills such as CPR or other emergency medical training, please let us know. We are trying to identify anyone we can turn to in a medical situation. If you possess this type of training please let Pastor Suzanne know.**



## Free Dinner Schedule and Menu

**November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon**

Chicken-a-la-King with biscuits

Peas

Fruit cocktail & pudding

Toiletry item – Laundry Detergent

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy

Corn

Jello & Christmas Cookies

Toiletry item – Shampoo & Soap



Thanks you for your generous gifts to World Communion Sunday. Your gifts pave the way for those who want to serve God in the world through a variety of vocations. Aspiring nurses, doctors, teachers, counselors, ministers and others receive the support of the church they love when you give to this special offering. Each year the offering goes to support ethnic-minority students through 3 programs:

- World Communion Scholarship
- Ethnic Minority Scholarship
- Ethnic Minority In-Service Training

Your gifts nurture future leaders of the United Methodist Church and the world.

Sincerely,

Lisa Katzenstein

Executive Secretary, Scholarship/Leadership Dev.  
General Board of Global Ministries

Allyson Collinsworth

Director Loans & Scholarships

General Board of Higher Education & Ministry

### **Anniversary Sunday**

This celebration commemorates the 1925 founding of our church. We will have a special speaker, Rev. Don Nolder, retired pastor who lives in Chambersburg and worships at First United Methodist Church. There will be a light luncheon following the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 20.

Note that the **November 19** Free Meal will begin at **noon** since the annual Christmas parade is that evening.

### **The Journey**

Join us for an Advent Bible study using "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton. Video clips shot in the Holy Land help us retrace the journey that leads to the birth of Jesus Christ.

"The Journey" begins during the Sunday School hour on November 27 and sessions will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21 from 10:00-11:30am and on Thursday, December 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 6:30-8:00pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to participate.



## **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Fair**

Park Avenue United Methodist Church  
(Route 11 North & Park Avenue)

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine)**

Crafts  
Quilts (hand-quilted)  
Hand-wovens  
Sweets  
Baked Goods

Will be serving breakfast and lunch

Face Painting and Craftmaking for the Kids

**Come Join the Fun!!**