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# *COURIER*

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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**

Bible Study 10:00am  
Choir Practice 7:00pm

### **THURSDAY**

Bible Study 6:30pm

## **Pastor's Desk**

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1-3

We live in a beautiful world full of color and variety. One of the most restful and memorable moments of this summer was the afternoon that I took a little nap stretched out on a beach towel in the sunshine. The sky was blue with puffy white clouds and the sounds of creation, the birds and bugs, chirped and buzzed around me. I'm ashamed to say that it had been many months, maybe even a year, since I had taken time to simply absorb the beauty God set before me every day.

It's easy to take for granted those things which are around us all the time. Every day the sun rises and sets, the weather changes, life continues. Yet we forget the source of this goodness. Worse yet, we begin to abuse the gifts this world offers. We waste water and food. We toss rather than recycle.

Our church family has a new opportunity to care for God's Creation through a recycling program initiated by Heidelberg Church in Marion. This is a great ministry since the Boro doesn't offer recycling for its residents. In our parking lot you will find two blue bins. You are invited to place your CLEAN plastic and aluminum in these bins. They will be collected regularly and the proceeds used for mission work. A portion of the proceeds will be returned to Park Avenue for our ministries. Even if we don't reap any financial benefit from this opportunity, we are doing an important part in the quest to care for our world.

As the season changes and the trees begin to change color, find a moment to spend in thanksgiving for this awesome, life giving, beautiful, complex, miraculous world. And let's turn our thanksgivings into actions.... Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

~Pastor Suzanne

P.. If you're ready to recycle some of those clothes in your closet, don't forget the cluster clothing ministry!

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

**Please read:** Ecclesiastes 3

May the peace and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you as we struggle with the conflicts in the world today. This devotional and reading fits with the events of 9/11. To everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born, a time to die. We start with dust. We return to dust, not knowing what will happen in between. God only knows. That terrible day of 9/11 when airplanes crashed into the twin towers, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, we can't forget and we honor and remember the many lives lost, Christian and non-Christian, the many dedicated people, policemen, firemen, clergy, doctors, nurses and all who helped. It was death knocking at the door. It was a time to rebuild. The towers fell, lives wrecked, a time to rebuild lives. Those who mourn, those who weep, a time to embrace, to help, to comfort, to love, to support and give hope to all mankind. A time to gather stones, to rebuild bridges, to fill the gap of despair, war, hatred toward mankind. The stones of love, peace, forgiveness, just as the Lord forgave. There is good, there is evil in the world. There is business that God gives his children to do to make this world a better place for all mankind. God will judge the righteous. He will judge the wicked. Let God do his will and let us love one another like he taught us. Man is to enjoy his work and see how the fruits produce love, joy, peace and happiness. Good and faithful servant go and preach to all terrorists that they might know of love, not hatred. May God help you find strength and peace and love in serving him.

**Thought for the month of October:** Live a life that is pleasing to God – holy and righteous – that is the only way.

In Christian Love,  
Harry Black  
Lay Leader

**Liturgist schedule:**

**November 2011**

06	Vicki Wagner	729-7270
13	Jane Armstrong	264-5668
20	John Thierwechter	264-7415
27	Clarence Trump	352-9560

**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	John Davis	264-0195

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.

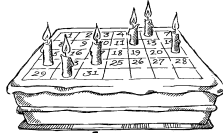
**Menno Haven:** Dottie Daniels, Rose Needy.

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

**SCF Mahanoy:** Andy Scatena.

**Shook Home:** Jean Gipe

**Serving in Afghanistan:** Mark Culbertson



**Birthdays  
This Month**

**Happy Birthday!**

- 1 – McKenna Mooshian  
Debbie Bentz
- 2 – Jane Armstrong  
Timothy Higbee
- 3 – Lewis Geiman
- 5 – Nancy Shively  
Dixie Lee Elliott
- 6 – Lois Wingert
- 9 – Renee McBride
- 15 – Laura Zahos
- 17 – Dolores Goodhart  
Jason Pennell
- 21 – Arlene Flohr
- 22 – Patrick Query
- 25 – Jake Yeager
- 29 – Russell Bender



**Happy Anniversary !**

- 1 – Don & Darcy Plank
- 2 – Don & Earlyne McCleary
- 3 – Ron & Cindy Edwards
- 27 – Denzil & Sara Marks
- 31 – Jake & Nancy Yeager

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER**

**USHERS**

- Head Usher: Don McCleary
- Ushers: Brian Clippinger, Donald Mower  
Dick Sprinkle, Bill Sappington

**LITURGISTS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellen Davis
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bill Sappington
- 16<sup>th</sup> Carol Osen
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Vicki Wagner
- 30<sup>th</sup> Alice Baer

**GREETERS**

- Men's Class

**ACOLYTES**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlyn Hawbaker
- 9<sup>th</sup> Laurie Elliott
- 16<sup>th</sup> Meghan Davis
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlyn Hawbaker
- 30<sup>th</sup> Laurie Elliott

**NURSERY**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Edwards
- 9<sup>th</sup> Siobhan Cotton
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ellen Davis
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Isabelle Armstrong
- 30<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Mooshian

**WAYSIDE PULPIT**

- Lowell Mower

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

- Richard & Marian Sprinkle



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Earl Burns who passed away on July 18, 2011.

This is your chance to once again hear harpist, Anita Rae Smith perform.



St. Paul UMC is hosting a special events concert featuring Anita Rae Smith who will be performing Classical, Sacred, Celtic, & Popular Selections on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 3:00pm.

The concert will be held in the Nave of St. Paul's at 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201

717-267-3085

<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/spumc-pa/>

No admission charge – Free will offering

Reception following the concert.

St. Paul Special Events Concerts are made possible in part by the Joseph W. Gotwals Fund established in memory of Emma H. Gotwals and Harry D. Gotwals to bring music to the St. Paul Church family and the Chambersburg community at large.

**Tis the Season...** for Church Conference planning!

Mark your calendars for our fall Church Conference: **Sunday, October 16** with potluck dinner at **5:00pm** at St. Paul UMC. If you can't come for dinner join us at **6:00pm** for worship or **7:30pm** for business.



## 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.



All Saints Sunday will be October 30. On that day we will remember those from our church family who have died this past year. We will thank God for everyone who has been important in our faith journeys.



Blessings to Eleanor Louise Osen-Foss who will be baptized during **10:30 worship on October 9**. Eleanor is the daughter of Travis and Jennifer Osen-Foss, granddaughter of John Osen Jr., and great-granddaughter of John and Carol Osen

# Thank you

Ladies of Park Avenue Church,  
 On September 2 we had the opportunity to fellowship in your church following the funeral of Robert Ryder and we want you to know how much we appreciate the efforts of your group. The buffet table was supplied with tasty food displayed in an appealing manner. The use of china plates, glasses, silverware, and coffee mugs was an added benefit as so many groups choose to use paper and plastic. May God bless you as you serve Him in this way.

Sincerely,  
 John & Brenda Kuhnert

**Thanks to John & Carol Osen  
 for having the office bathroom  
 remodeled!**

Following our father, Clarence Gipe's funeral, the ladies and gentlemen of Park Avenue organized a great reception for our family and friends. Many thanks to the following people: Lowell Mower, Louise Mower, Katherine Martin, Isabelle Armstrong, Jane Armstrong, Phyllis Logan, Chris Barnett, and Doris Mickey. We are grateful to you all.

Sincerely,  
 Jeff & Gerri Gipe

Park Avenue Church,  
 I want to thank all the people from Park Avenue Church for the great support you gave me during Bob's illness. Prayers, cards, flowers, visits and phone calls all very much appreciated. Also, the lovely luncheon you served. Special thanks to Pastor Suzanne for all her loving care for Bob and I during this time.

Many thanks,  
 Edna Ryder



## Free Dinner Schedule and Menu

### October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ham & scalloped potatoes  
 Applesauce, rolls, cake  
 Toiletry item – Toothpaste & Toothbrush  
 for adults & children

### November 19<sup>th</sup>

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



Our most sincere sympathy to the Gipe family on the loss of Clarence Gipe on August 21, 2011.

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



We extend our deepest sympathy to Edna Ryder and family on the loss of Robert Ryder on August 28, 2011.



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The Adopt-a-Highway Fall pick-up will be on **October 15**. Breakfast will be held at St. Paul's UMC at **8:00am**. Pick-up begins at **9:00am** from the Greene Township Municipal Building.

If you have any questions please contact Dick Sprankle at 263-4457.

Laity Sunday will be **October 16**. On this day we celebrate the ministry of all Christians. Every follower of Jesus Christ has special gifts to share with others. Rob Barnett will give the morning message.

## Help Wanted

Clean up day is **Saturday, October 15** from **10:00am-Noon**. We'll be loading a truck with large and small items to be hauled away. We'll also be scrubbing hospital equipment for a donation.

## DATE CHANGE!

Please note that the **Fall Bible Study** dates have changed:

**Day: Starts Wednesday October 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:00-11:30am**

**Evening: Starts Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30-8:00pm**



## 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!!**