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All Saints Day Remembrance



We will observe All Saints Day Remembrance during worship on Sunday November 7. This is a time when we remember members who have died during the past year. Families and friends are invited to attend and to stand as person's names are read and a moment of silence observed.

Advent Workshop & Dinner

Make sure to stay after the service on November 28th for a new twist on our hanging of the greens and Advent dinner! Directly following our service on Sunday November 28,th we will kick off our celebration of Christmas with a special family event at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. We will be singing Christmas Carols, hearing the story of the 1st Christmas, and hanging a "family" Christmas ornament on the Sanctuary Christmas Trees. Ornaments have been saved from previous years so if you are new to our church please bring an ornament from home to hang on the tree. FYI- ornaments used are not returned unless ask for. Extra ornaments will be available. We will also have a special gift for the children! Following this, we will head into Stringer Auditorium for a festive light luncheon and our traditional singing of the 12 Days of Christmas! All our welcome, make sure to bring friends and family, you won't want to miss it!



Help is also needed on Sunday, November 21st, with decorating the Sanctuary. Please let Maryellen Reinmiller know if you would like to help at 215-913-1666 or maryellen.reinmiller101@gmail.com. thank you in advance!

United Methodist Men 10th Annual Men's Retreat

Commitment reservations are due no later than Sunday, Nov 7th

Theme: *"Just A Closer Walk With Jesus"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Max Jaouen

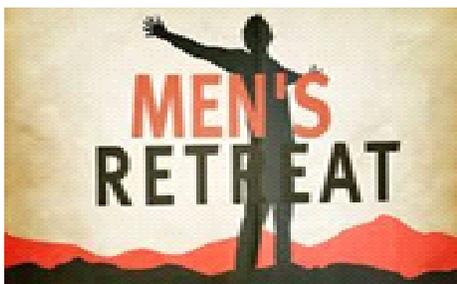
Date: November 12, 13 & 14, 2021 (Friday 7pm to Sunday after Lunch)

Location: CAMP INNABAH – 712 Pugtown Rd Spring City, PA

Cost: \$125.00 (for the weekend)
\$40.00 (Saturday Only)

Please contact: Ed Hartmann (cell) 215-896-3399

Email: edhart33992gmail.com



Cottage Meeting Update

Sending out a special thank you to our five Cottage meeting hosts (Mark & Maryellen Reinmiller, Mike & Jill Nickerson, Todd & Laurel Harper, Verna Colliver, Lonnie & Ibbly Turnipseed, Cindy McFadden). Thank you for your hospitality and graciousness. Thirty-three people attended the five meetings we held in October and the first week of November. Attendees ranged in age from college students all the way up to 90+ years old. We'll take a break during Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas season (Nov/Dec) and then startup with more Cottage meetings in January. We will also need additional hosts come January. Please contact Pastor Warner if you can host a Cottage meeting





Note from the Pastor

For the longest time I believed following Jesus would lead to a smooth and problem free life. Isn't that what being a Christian is all about, being comfortable? I've also been listening intently to the vast number of differences in our society today. Differences about Covid-19. Differences between political parties. Racial and ethnic differences. Differences between urban, suburban, and rural America. Differences between countries from around the world. And I realize that my fantasy thinking that we should all see things the same way isn't realistic or even possible.

Some people talk about going back to better days in the past. Then I remember the Crusades where Christians got it wrong and killed thousands of Muslims. I remember President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the battles he had with conservatives who opposed the New Deal and things like Social Security and Medicare back in 1935. I remember Abraham Lincoln was shot and killed because of his stance on freeing the slaves. I remember the Women's suffrage movement and the thousands of women who fought for equal treatment and pay over the years. I remember when our nation unjustly corralled Japanese people into fenced in camps. I remember when Black people were considered to be property and not people. I remember when it was heretical to say the world was round or that the earth circled the sun. I remember the great migration out West as Europeans killed Indians and took their land. I remember how Jesus was killed, hung on a cross, because he challenged and changed how we understand who God is and what the Scriptures tell us about God.

Somehow today's problems often cause us to remember the past with rose colored glasses. The truth is that times have always been tough. Every generation has its share of controversies and problems. I supposed this will always be true as long as there are people. Yet I'm also reminded of the good that happens as well.

Missionaries who helped develop schools and hospitals. Inventions like the car and airplanes that transformed our world. People who challenged the status quo so Women and Black people could vote. Programs like Social Security and Medicare that help millions of Senior Citizens live a quality life. Churches established to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The early Christian church bridged the gap between Jews and Gentiles. God has worked through the church to feed the hungry. Church congregations have worked to improve quality of life in their neighborhoods. People have found hope and healing as Christians shared the grace of Jesus Christ. There are even politicians who have fought for and represented the needs and rights of their constituents while also seeking justice and what is right. Jesus' death was transformed into resurrection and a new church was begun.

Someone once said, "You get what you look for." I wish I could remember who said this. These are wise words that remind us we find the good or the bad that we look for in life. Looking back with rose colored glasses can be very tempting. Yet I'm reminded that Jesus calls us to look forward. Jesus told us to go out into the world and to share his good news (Matt 8:28). All Saints Day remembrance on the first Sunday of November reminds us we are building on the legacy of the people who have come before us. We are reaping the benefits and opportunities because of the work and dreams of people who preceded us. Problems will always be with us. There will always be opposing sides. And so will there also be opportunities for the people of God to go forward with justice, with sharing God's love, with building bridges of understanding and peace, and with creativity in the midst of differences.



So how do you choose to view and understand the world around you today?

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Thank you!

Thank you from Pastor Warner

Thank you for the wonderful card and Visa gift card for Pastor Recognition Day. You all have been very generous and patient as you help me to get to know this congregation and community. I give thanks to God for the opportunity to be in ministry with you in this Lansdale and surrounding communities.



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Maker of heaven and earth, you enliven your creation: causing the skies to rain, the soil to be rich and fertile, the fields to yield abundant crops, and the trees to bear fruit. Enliven us once more, Holy One. Call us forth into the joy of your harvest: from tears to shouts of joy, from calamity to plenty, from worry to faith, and from what is false to what is true. You are our God, there is no other. We praise your name, for you have dealt with us and will do so again. Amen. wondrously with us



Three Adult Classes All are welcome to join!

New Horizons Adult Class

We meet in-person immediately following the morning worship service in the Conference Room. The discussion topic will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin. All are welcome to join us!

Wesleyan Adult Class

The Wesleyan Class will meet in Stringer Auditorium for class after the worship service. All are welcome.

The Upper Room class is returning!

Starting on November 7th, our Sunday School Class will meet in the usual spot (2nd floor, above the library). The format of the class will be a video series and discussion. It'll be wonderful to see everyone after all these months away!



Children's Church & Junior Church

Come join us as we learn about very important people from the Old Testament. We are currently exploring the life of Moses, and how God used him to lead a great nation. We experience this through Story Telling, crafts, videos, puzzles and games. We love to have youth join us as volunteers! Please come out and enjoy the fun. Jr. church meets during the church service. Children attend church for the first 15 minutes, then join Miss Liz to go to the classroom. Sunday School follows church and meets from 10:15-11:100. Any questions, please contact Liz Bonner 215-353-0965 or lumceducation@verizon.net.



Chancel Choir Join Us!

Practice sessions are on Thursdays at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone who likes to sing in the Chancel Choir is welcome. A flair and heart to sing for the Lord are the requirements to join.



Giving Tree is up! Help make a difference in a child's life

Well once again provide gifts for children through three different agencies (Glad Tidings Christmas Shop at Haws Ave UMC, Methodist Services in Philadelphia, and Laurel House in Norristown) by using the Giving Tree located in the hall in front of Stringer Auditorium. Let's put a smile on children's faces and bring some joy to families by giving extravagantly from the blessings God has given us. You can make a difference in a child's life by taking a tag(s), purchase item, gift card or cash donation and return to church for Sunday Nov 21 worship service for dedication prayer over the gifts. See our website for more information and details.



Looking for an easy gift idea that never expires and is loved by everyone? Wawa coupons are your answer. Lansdale's own United Methodist Women are selling Wawa coupons good for one "shorti". They are a great bargain and still just \$4.00 a piece! A dollar from each sale goes to our mission budget, which supports both local and global mission. Contact Maryellen Reinmiller at 215-913-1666 to place your order.



November Mission Emphasis

Redbird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. We celebrate their 100th Centennial Celebration of serving the people in need in the Appalachia Mts. A donation this month aides their efforts.



Custodian search

Staff Parish Relations and the Trustees are working together to conduct a search for a new custodian. We will be advertising in-house, locally, online, and through the EPA Conference. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is interested in this 15 hour per week custodian position.

LUMC CROP WALKERS—

Verna Colliver, Bill and Jana Cole and Luann Ingram, and generous donors contributed online and with cash/check donations--\$600+.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO END HUNGER





THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

The Trustees and Pastor Stew would like to thank the many people who came out to help with the latest Church Work Day! We had tasks that were necessary for the health and safety of our congregation, projects that were put on the back burner for some time, and chores needed to make our church's appearance ready for the upcoming holidays and events.

We accomplished much in the 4+ hours of labor. In case you missed the Work Day fun, here are the highlights of work that was completed:



- o The nursery was painted, toys cleaned, and old wooden furniture and unusable toys were removed
- o The carpet in the Sanctuary and Children's Sunday School room was cleaned
- o Lights in the Conference room were changed out with more efficient bulbs
- o Lanterns near the Broad St. red doors were changed for more efficiency
- o Bushes and trees on the Broad St. side of the church were trimmed
- o Hundreds of books in Turner room were boxed up to take to Care & Share Thrift Shop
- o A new organizational rack was installed in the Janitor's closet
- o The pews in the Sanctuary were wiped and disinfected
- o Two sets of doors leading into the Sanctuary were planed so they close correctly
- o A plan was devised to raise the safe in the usher's room for easier access



November lay readers
 Nov 7 – Paul Bonner
 Nov 14 – Luann Dasch
 Nov 21 – Bill Cole
 Nov 28 – Michele Dasch

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