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THE ZION NEWS



ALL SAINTS'

Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 5th at 8:00 or 10:30 am.

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Dear friends in Christ,

If I were to ask you the question, "Where is Jesus?" what would you say? You may very well answer, Jesus is everywhere. If you did you would be right. According to the Gospel of St. John, Jesus is God's agent of creation. St. John writes "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being." As God's agent of creation, the presence of Jesus permeates all of the universe. We call it the "ubiquitous nature" of Jesus. He's in every leaf on every tree, he is in your shoe, and in what you eat for breakfast. Yes, Jesus is everywhere.

But, if I were to ask you where does Jesus promise to be helpful to us? the answer would be different. Jesus names three places in which he promises to be the most helpful to us, the places where he will be with us in all his fullness and forgiveness. The first place is when we gather in his name. In the Gospel of St. Matthew the 18th chapter, Jesus is teaching his disciples about how to deal with sins within the congregation. He talks about how important it is to talk with one another when there is conflict, and how other members of the church can be helpful in such conversations. To conclude his teaching, he says this, "Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Jesus is telling us that he is present in our loving conversations with one another. He is present when we speak his Word. The place where we speak his Word on a regular basis is in the worship of the church. There we share his Word in Scriptures read, sermons preached, the prayers, the singing of hymns, the reciting of the Creeds, and all of the words of the liturgy. So this is the first place that Jesus promises to be, in the gathering in his name where we share his Word.

Another place that Jesus promises to be for us in all of this fullness and forgiveness, is in the sharing of the Holy Communion. The Scriptures attest that Jesus said, when he took the bread, "This is my body," and when he took the wine said, "This is my blood given and shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins." So Jesus is promising to be really present in the sacrament. He is promising to be physically present, body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In the eating and drinking together with God's baptized people, we are assured of the forgiveness of our sins. We are linked to Jesus' death and resurrection, and we receive newness of life, every time we consume his precious body and blood. So, Jesus promises to be in the gathering in his name, the Word spoken, and in the Holy Communion.



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
November 12, 2023**

11:30 pm Meeting (immediately following the second service)

- Call to Order** – Drew Potts
- Verify Quorum** – Mark Reasner and Deb Webb
- Devotions** – Mark Reasner
- Approval of Minutes** – February 12, 2023
- Election of Council Members**
 - 1—to fill (2022-2025)
 - 4—3 year term (2023-2026)
- Proposed Budget for 2024**—\$282,931.00
- Old Business:**
- New Business:**
 - Set date and time for February 2024 Congregational Meeting.
- Adjourn**
- Benediction**

All voting members are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting.

The Constitution of Zion Lutheran Church, Chapter 8 states Membership *C8.02.c. "*Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.*"

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday, November 11, 2023

SOUP SALE

39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
(570) 649-5195 Drive-through only

3 New Hearty Soups
Vegetable Barley (Vegetarian)
Ham and Green Bean
Sausage and Bean

Upcoming events:

Soup Sales 1:00 – 3:00 PM every other week

Jan 6th, Jan 20th, Feb 3rd, Feb 17th, Mar 2nd

Oyster Dinner Tuesday, February 6th drive through from
4:00 -5:30 PM, followed by dine-in-meal beginning at
5:30 PM

Donut Day February 13th (a lighter recipe)

Fish Dinner on Saturday March 16th 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Yet another place that Jesus promises to be is in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. When Jesus ascends into heaven, St. Matthew records these words of Jesus, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given unto me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” So Jesus is promising to be with us whenever we baptize in the triune name and the washing of water, and also when we teach his commandments rightly. Again, this is a sacramental presence, Jesus is already present in the water of baptism, but by his Word of promise he is present in the water to bring us the forgiveness of sins. In the waters of baptism we die to our old sinful nature, and rise again with a new life given to us. Jesus unites us with his death and resurrection in baptism and covers us over with his own robe of righteousness, so that when the Father sees us he sees the presence of the Son wrapped around us. Jesus also promises to be present as we rightly teach his commandments to one another. Again, this is promise to be present in the Word spoken.

So “Where is Jesus?” You would be right if you were to say that he's everywhere. But it's even more right to say that Jesus is present in the places that he promises to be in all his fullness and forgiveness. Those places are the gathering in his name, where his Word is shared, his supper is eaten and drunk, and we baptize new children into the family of God. There is no other place on this earth besides the worship of the church where all of these things happen.

So one of the greatest truths that we can grasp as Christians is that Jesus comes to us powerfully in the worship of the church. That's why it's so important to regularly gather with the baptized to glorify our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the Word and in the sacraments Jesus will grant us new life. Martin Luther was right when he wrote in his Small Catechism the meaning of the third commandment: “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. What does this mean for us? We are fear and love God so that we do not neglect his Word and the preaching of it, but regarded is holy and gladly hear and learn it.” May you be faithful to the worship of Jesus Christ. Jesus will be there.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux



Reformation Sunday, October 29th

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

A Prayer for Reformation Day

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIBRARY NOTES: *A NAME YOU KNOW*

Several weeks ago, I received a mystery package in the mail. When I opened it, I discovered a book by an author who is familiar to many of you... Pastor Bruce Amme. In his retirement he has self-published a collection of his sermons entitled, *On Journey with Christ: Homilies for Life's Seasons*. To quote Pastor Amme from his accompanying letter:

“Several years ago, I began gathering a collection of my homilies from over the years. The enclosed book is the result of my efforts. Throughout my years in ministry, my homilies have always represented my joys and my struggles in the faith. I wanted to gather several of them into a book with the hope that those who read them might share with me those experiences in the faith. I spent most of my full-time ministry at Zion Church. As a result, many of my reflections in the book come from those years spent with our sisters and brothers at Zion. But I also share experiences from earlier years as well as later. I hope that those who spend a little time in the pages of “*On Journey...*” and who share the faith with us will find some solace, some joy, and most especially all the peace that our Lord would offer us on any that we live, happy or sad.”

The chapter contents are based loosely on the liturgical calendar (Advent, Christmas, Lent, etc.) as well as significant festivals such as All Saints' and Christ the King. Each chapter contains at least one homily. The text is interspersed with photographs and drawings.

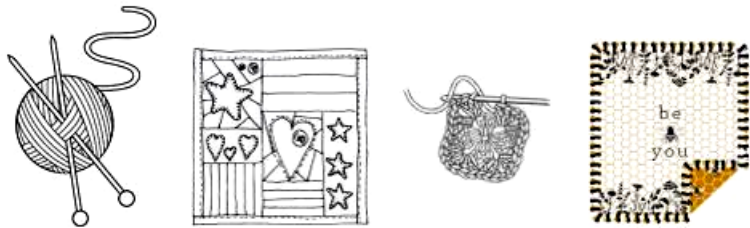
Two copies of the book are available on the non-fiction side of the adult reading shelves in the narthex. Please use the sign-out card found inside the back cover if you wish to check out a copy to read at home. The loan period is two weeks.

Pastor Amme's hope is that, through his book, “it [will] be a way of sharing with the congregation what we shared in many ways over many years of time.”

Ann Gardner

Project Linus “Blanket Fellowship”

We meet monthly for “Blanket Fellowship.” Folks gather to knit, crochet, sew, and tie blankets; share their skills with others; and just enjoy time socializing. We meet on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Social Hall. “Blanket Fellowship” days will occur on the following dates: November 12, December 10. Bring a blanket project to work on or materials for a project if you would like some help getting started. There will be members who will help you. “Blanket Fellowship” is a come-as-you-are-able activity where we can have fun and get to know each other better as we help a great cause by making and donating blankets for children in need in our area. For questions, contact Ann Gardner.



All Saints Sunday is a special celebration set apart to honor Christian friends and family members who, during the past year, have passed from this life and sleep in Christ, awaiting the resurrection on the last day. During the month of October we invite you to write the names of these saints in the “Book of Resurrection and New Life” located by the baptismal font. You may also contact Pastor Roux to add a name to the list of Saints. We have three opportunities for you to worship with us, Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 pm and Sunday, November 5th at 8:00 or 10:30 am. We will honor all our Christian friends and relatives who died this past year and remember them in prayer as we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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| Mark Goss | 11/15/22 |
| Judith Bieber | 11/17/22 |
| Robert Chaapel, Sr. | 12/3/22 |
| Kenneth Edwards | 12/11/22 |
| Marvene Crawford | 12/13/22 |
| Dulcinea Eck | 12/24/22 |
| Leroy Cotner | 1/11/23 |
| Phyllis Chaapel | 2/19/23 |
| Louise Crawford | 3/24/23 |
| Charles Wright | 7/13/23 |
| Sarah Watson | 7/18/23 |
| Barbara Hartline | 8/13/23 |

ALL SAINTS' DAY



Prayers for Personal Devotion at the Holy Communion

We offer these prayer for your use at the Holy Communion.

Perhaps you will pray them during the prelude to quietly prepare your heart for the whole worship experience. Maybe you will pray them while waiting to come to the table or after you have returned to your place. Try praying them and allow them to shape your reception of this great gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation received through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

November 5th - All Saints' Sunday

Jesus, you have made me your own in Holy Baptism and sustain me with this Holy Communion. Give me a desire to love you as your saints did and to live my life based on their example. Amen.

November 12th – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, I come to give honor and praise to you as I receive this Holy Communion today. Help me to hear your call to faithfulness and be prepared for your coming in glory. Amen.

November 19th – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, with this Holy Communion, give me the confidence to believe that you have called me. Whether small or great, my role in your Kingdom is significant. Help me to serve you to the best of my ability. Amen.

November 26th – Christ the King

Thank you, Jesus, for listening to me and for the words you speak to me. You bless me with your presence in every Holy Communion. What am I to say to you, except that I love you, adore you, thank you, and praise you. Amen.



Please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living, and the military:

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Barbara Kocher—6/1

Freda Keefer— 10/13

Jeannette Calhoun (living with Son)— 11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell—11/7

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner - 8/8

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

Mike Benfer—8/21

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Military Pete Reasner—11/28

Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)

Drew Potts, Council President

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Rick Rovenolt, Custodian

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 570-649-5195

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: zionturbotville.com

Facebook: [zionturbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)

You Tube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemyer 570-649-5358/570-850-3304

Team 2 Pat Sheatler 570-412-4672

Team 3 Viola Pfleegor 570-649-5281

Team 4 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075

Team 5 Glenda Yost 570-649-5751/570-490-5751



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Assistants needed

November 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Lector

Ushers

Communion Assistants

Presenters of Communion Vessels



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

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| Balance brought forward (8/31/23) | 11,624.89 | 17,683.09 |
| | September | YTD |
| Monthly Contributions | 17,212.43 | 186,233.59 |
| Monthly Disbursements | 19,946.01 | 195,900.35 |
| Balance (9/30/23) | 8,700.31 | 8,700.31 |

Building Fund—\$5,713.95

Nave Improvement—\$9,870.19

Current Loan Balance as of 9/1/23 was \$171,361.28

Our Mission Goal for September was \$17,613.00

Your contributions for September were \$17,212.43

Thank you for your giving.

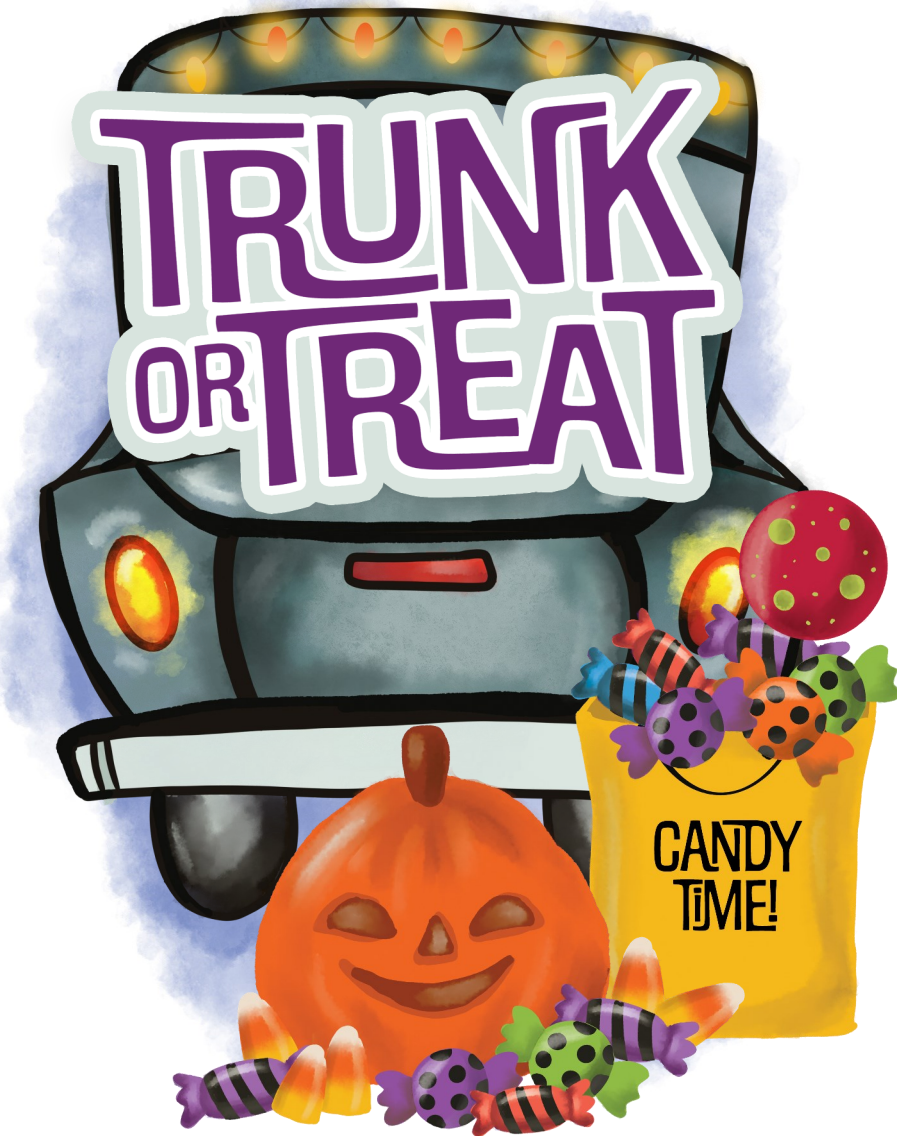
Our Mission Goal for October is \$19,613.00

Your contributions as of October 16 are \$16,134.00

Nave donations so far in October are \$1,935.00.

Our mortgage balance is \$170,521.47 as of 10/1/23.

The original loan amount was \$260,344.84
when we began to make payments starting 1/5/22.



JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!

**Tuesday,
October 31**
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Zion Lutheran
Church

Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality.
Feel free to dress in costume and decorate the
trunk of your vehicle.

Zion was a popular spot for visitors on Halloween
in the past. Let's see if we can grow this fun com-
munity activity.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—44

8:00 am Worship Service—160

10:30 am Worship Service—152

Wednesday Prayer Service —30

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

NOVEMBER Newsletter

*deadline is
November 8, 2023*

Are you aware that we have ...

... large print Portals of Prayer?

...devotional booklets located on the table in the narthex and at the back of the church?

***Large print bulletins are available for all
worship services.***

***Children's bulletins are also available
for worship services.***

Just ask an usher.

Church E-Mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Website: zionturbotville.com

Facebook: zion turbotville pa

YouTube channel: Zion Turbotville

Check out the pictures on Facebook

*Thank
you*

We are grateful for your love and support in celebrating our children's baptism. Thank you for the warm welcoming into your congregation. Our hearts are full of joy. We are honored to become members of this amazing family in the body of Christ. Thank you so much.

Blessings,

Alexa, John, Fiona & Carmen Spinella



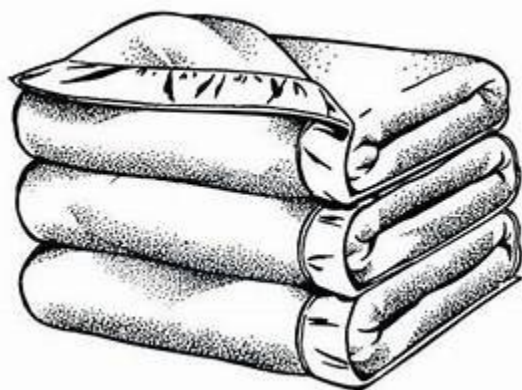
Office Hours

*The church office will be
closed on
October 27th,
November 24th and
November 27th*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. We offer classes using the Sparkhouse curriculum. The following classes are available:

- Preschool—Natalie Hamilton
- Kindergarten to Grade 2—Megan Zettelmoyer
- Grades 3 - 6—Amanda Stoudt
- Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux



Blanket Sunday

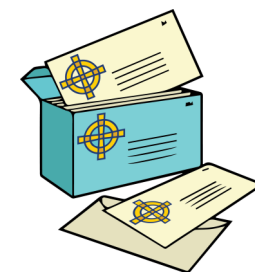
will be held through the month of November

Your help is needed to purchase blankets that are used in so many ways and places throughout the world. Envelopes will be made available or you may use the pew envelopes and mark them "Blankets". Thank you for your generosity.

We thank you for your offerings!

You may continue to send your weekly offerings to Zion in one or more of the following ways:

- Offerings will be received at our regular worship times.
- By mailing your offering to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, P O Box 277, Turbotville, PA 17772;
- Via the Zion website located at www.zionturbotville.com.
Just click on the yellow button that reads "Donate online to support Zion Evangelical"
- By dropping off your offering at the church
Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm
- Through the mobile phone app: GivePlus



Electronic Giving Option The Simply Giving Program Endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union

Zion is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.

Join us for a Livestream of our 10:30 am
worship on our Facebook Page:
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)



The recorded 10:30 am worship service will be posted
on our Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
immediately following the service.



MS HS
YOUTH GROUP
★ *Kickoff* ★

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades
are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday,
November 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Bring a friend and join us!
Details to be announced.





CHANGE of ADDRESS

IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING ?

We need your help to maintain our church records and to keep in touch with you. If your address has changed please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address - zionlc39@windstream.net



Do you now have a cell phone number and no longer a land line? Please let the church office know of your new telephone number, for our records.



Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed - If you are interested in helping with the weekly worship live stream. Please use the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. Training and documented how-to's will be provided and you will be shadowed by either John Yogodzinski or Macoy Auman. The live stream does not have to occur during 10:30 worship so if you would like to stream 8:00 am or the Saturday 6:00 pm service, please indicate the desired time on the signup sheet. Contact John Yogodzinski at (570)417-6737 or john@thegraphichive.com. If you have any questions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The main front entrance door to the parking lot uses an automatic opener. When one of the three handicapped buttons is pressed the door will remain open for 10 seconds. When the door is pulled or pushed open, the automatic assist will engage and open the door for 6 seconds, after which it will automatically close. Do not attempt to force the door closed once it has opened. You may damage the opener. Allow the door to close on its own. When locking up or exiting the door by the panic bar when the door is locked, please wait for the door to close and check that it has latched in the locked position. Thank you for your attention to caring for our new doors. They have been serving us well.



Poinsettia ORDERS

Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones, can sign up on Sundays, October 29th, November 5th, & 12th or call the church office. Payment is due when placing your order.. The cost is \$5.00. It's early but we need to place our order by Monday, November 13th. (no exceptions) We will be getting our poinsettias from Kurt Weiss Greenhouses in Washingtonville.



Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath for the Advent/Christmas season beginning December 3rd in memory or honor of loved ones should contact Cathy in the Church office. The cost of the wreath is \$15.00. Payment is due when placing your wreath order.



Wednesday Prayer Service

Our Wednesday Prayer services are held at 9:00 am. For those looking for an additional opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Prayer Group celebrates the sacrament at its service on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Join us for prayer on Wednesdays.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

NOVEMBER

PUMPKIN - Are you thinking of the approaching holidays and all those wonderful traditional desserts you might make with pumpkin? Think of the pies, the cookies, and the pumpkin breads, all so very yummy and they all require cans of pumpkin. Let us think of our neighbor's holiday meal and bring cans and cans of pumpkin to make these wonderful desserts during November. Bring any size can or any brand of pumpkin - all are needed and appreciated.

JOLLY BUNCH

Plan to join the Jolly Bunch on November 8th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., for our annual Memorial Service when we remember our members who have gone home to be with our Lord since our last Memorial Service. As always we will remember and name others that we remember with love. Pastor Roux will lead us that day.

The Disaster Relief Team will serve a Thanksgiving meal for us that day. The price is just \$12. There is a sign -up sheet in the narthex OR you can call the office at 570-649-5195 or Marie Gardner at 570-437-3028. Last day to sign up is November 1st.



Our October meeting was well attended with 23 members and 2 quests present: Carol Watson and her father Mike Watson. We hope they will consider joining us again. Mr. Mark Giesen, lay leader, presented the program entitled Tricks of the Trade. It gave us all a new understanding of planning and presenting a sermon or a program for radio or other options. Wow, A lot to think about. Mr. Giesen, we thank you for this program.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in November

- Celeste Biggans—6th
- Lois Sommers—10th
- Joyce Derr—14th

Jolly Bunch shut in members with Birthdays in November

- Jeannette Calhoun—1st