



THE UNITED MESSENGER

FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

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FROM THE PASTOR..., OCTOBER DEVOTIONAL

As I was growing up, I didn't like Halloween. I didn't like dressing up and I hated the plastic mask you had to wear. But I was always taken by my brothers to go through the neighborhood to get candy and fruit and, occasionally, a quarter or two. I would eat sweets, but I loved getting the chips and pretzels. But before we could eat anything, it all had to be inspected and checked by mom. If we didn't trust our neighbors, then why bother. As soon as I was old enough, I quit going and just stayed at the house to hand out candy. As Richie came along, my mother-in-law insisted we take him out. Then, when he was in 5th grade, he said he just wanted to stay home and hand out the candy, too. I was good with that decision.

Where did Halloween come from? Many believe it is a Satanic holiday. However, this holiday stems from pagan and Christian influences. Halloween traditions bear many similarities to the Gaelic harvest festival, *Samhain*, which occurred on November 1st, but kicked off the evening before. All Hallows' Eve was the evening celebration commencing the feast of All Saints Day which developed separately from harvest festival.

Many of today's Halloween customs come from both the harvest festival and Christian traditions that developed in tandem around "Allhallowtide" (Oct. 31-Nov. 2). In Europe in those days, the faithful rang bells for souls in purgatory and baked cakes known as "soul cakes." Poorer families, most often, the children, would visit households to collect these cakes. Some traditions credit the development of jack-o'-lanterns to the custom of lighting lamps to guide souls to the afterlife or to purgatory. Many believe the Celts celebrated in costume (granted, they were likely as simple as animal hides) as a disguise against ghosts, lit jack-o'-lanterns, and enjoyed special feasts.

After the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, when the Scottish and Irish immigrants came to America, they brought with them traditional "Halloween" practices, which many of their American neighbors also embraced.

As we entertain the neighborhood children on October 31st with candy and goodies, I think we need to remember all the Saints who passed on this year. We will remember them at church on Sunday, November 5th. Thank God for those in your life that influenced you and helped to make you who you are today. May God bless their families and may God bless each of you!

Blessings,

Pastor Barb Servello



FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2023



- October 1, 2023** Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 17:1-7 NRSV; Philippians 2:1-13 NRSV;
Matthew 21:23-32 NRSV
Sermon: “Grumbly Gills”
- October 8, 2023** Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NRSV; Philippians 3:4b-14 NRSV;
Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV
Sermon: “Commandments?”
-  **October 15, 2023** Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 32:1-14 NRSV; Philippians 4:1-9 NRSV;
Matthew 22:1-14 NRSV
Sermon: “Who Is Stiff-Necked?”
- October 22, 2023** Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 33:12-23 NRSV; I Thessalonians 1:1-10 NRSV;
Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV
Sermon: “Give To God What Is God’s”
- October 29, 2023** Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Scripture Lessons – Deuteronomy 34:1-12 NRSV; I Thessalonians 2:1-8 NRSV;
Matthew 22:34-46 NRSV
Sermon: “Face To Face”



15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

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| October 5 Ann Clapper | October 10 Aiden Streightiff |
| October 5 Ron Yoder | October 12 Beatrice Ross |
| October 5 Jeremiah Zeek | October 15 Charles T. Streightiff |
| October 7 Pat Beck | October 20 Michael Sellers |
| October 7 Allan Stratton | October 22 Walt Houck |
| October 8 Sharon Hendricks | October 23 Debbie Cramer |
| October 29 Hallie Young | |

ANNIVERSARY

- October 26 David and Linda Faust

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

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| October 1 Jesse McCool | October 11 Tom Workinger |
| October 22 Jacob Edwards | |

happy birthday

happy anniversary

AUGUST, 2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

					INCOME VS EXPENSE	
	ACTUAL INCOME		ACTUAL EXPENSES		YEAR TO DATE	
		YEAR		YEAR		
	AUGUST	TO DATE	AUGUST	TO DATE	PLUS	MINUS
CURRENT INCOME	\$21,047.41	\$143,017.35				
CURRENT EXPENSES			\$17,337.22	\$137,788.14		
					\$5,229.21	
BENEVOLENCE INCOME	\$121.00	\$4,637.26				
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES			\$91.00	\$4,298.26		
					\$339.00	
TRUSTEE INCOME	\$847.00	\$5,872.00				
TRUSTEE EXPENSES			\$847.00	\$5,872.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
COMBINED INCOME	\$22,015.41	\$153,526.61				
COMBINED EXPENSES			\$18,275.22	\$147,958.40		

The actual CURRENT Income Figure of \$21,047.41 for August, 2023, reflects a withdrawal amount of \$10,000.00 from the BERNICE CREMER ENDOWMENT to compensate for the declining income to assist with everyday operating expenses for the church.



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST
Huntingdon Forum Fuel \$ 91.00

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WORLDWIDE
HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
Donation and 15th Street UM Churches
Sunday, October 1st - 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday
(The offering is received for assisting racial and ethnic minority persons pursuing various ministry avenues.)

October 15, 2023 Organ Fund
(This offering pays for minor repairs and tuning of the church organ and piano.)

October 22, 2023 Cash Day
(This is a collection received to help cover rising heating and cooling.)



This is a reminder for the meal packaging event being held Sunday, October 15th, at the Huntingdon Community Center. It begins at 1:00 p.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m. Fifteen thousand meal bags are being assembled. The cost for the event is over \$5,700.00 so any donations are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help. The Mount Union National Honor Society and Mount Union FFA students have been asked to participate, as well. Approximately 75 people are needed for the meal packaging. Thank you all who are willing and able to assist in this mission endeavor. As an old adage says, "many hands make light work."

Rise Against Hunger



- Events To Remember -

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
DONATION / 15TH STREET UMC CHURCHES
 Sunday, October 1st – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

TRUSTEE MEETING
 Monday, October 2nd – 6:00 p.m.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MEN'S CLASS SERVING FOOTBALL TEAM
 Friday, October 6th – 2:30 p.m.

CHURCH PICNIC – DONATION UMC – GREENWOOD FURNACE
 Sunday, October 8th – 1:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" PART II – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Tuesday, October 10th – 1:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" PART II – BIBLE STUDY – DONATION UMC
 Tuesday, October 10th – 6:00 p.m.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MEN'S CLASS SERVING FOOTBALL TEAM
 Friday, October 13th – 2:30 p.m.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKAGING EVENT
 Huntingdon Community Center
 Sunday, October 15th – 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
 Sunday, October 15th – 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – DONATION UMC CHURCH
 Monday, October 16th – 6:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" PART II – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Tuesday, October 17th – 1:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" PART II – BIBLE STUDY – DONATION UMC
 Tuesday, October 17th – 6:00 p.m.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – DONATION UMC
Thursday – October 19th – 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Times Are Subject To Change Slightly, Dependent On Participation
 Sign Up Information At Both Churches Every Sunday
 YOU WILL GET A FREE DIRECTORY AND 8x10 PORTRAIT, JUST FOR PARTICIPATING.
 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY ADDITIONAL PORTRAITS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Friday – October 20th – 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Saturday – October 21st – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Times Are Subject To Change Slightly, Dependent On Participation
 Sign Up Information At Both Churches Every Sunday
 YOU WILL GET A FREE DIRECTORY AND 8x10 PORTRAIT, JUST FOR PARTICIPATING.
 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY ADDITIONAL PORTRAITS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 Monday, October 23rd – 3:30 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" PART II – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Tuesday, October 24th – 1:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" PART II – BIBLE STUDY – DONATION UMC
 Tuesday, October 24th – 6:00 p.m.

MAKING HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICHES – DONATION UMC
 Thursday, October 26th – 4:00 p.m.

HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH SALE
PICK-UP FOR 15TH STREET UMC ORDERS
 Friday, October 27th – 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR THE SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH
 15th Street UMC Social Room
 Friday, October 27th – 6:00 p.m.

EMPTY BOWL – JUNIATA COLLEGE (MORE INFO IN WEEKLY BULLETIN)
 Saturday, October 28th

NO BIBLE STUDY AT EITHER CHURCH THIS WEEK
 Tuesday, October 31st

MONDAYS
 6:45 p.m. – Music! Music! Music! Community Choir

WEDNESDAYS
 Chancel Choir – 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Bell Choir – 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



HELP SUPPORT ALTOONA HUB

Bosco's - One Day Only – Wednesday – October 18, 2023 (in store only) – Donate \$5.00
 call or see Carol Yoder (814) 643-0584 for shopping passes or more information.

Also, the HUB is in need of supplies for making up kits. They are out of sleepers, cloth diapers, infant gowns and washcloths.

OTHER NEEDS include..., jeans, plastic bags, receiving blankets, towels, packing tape, insect repellent, air fresheners, and activities bags.

If you get any of these items and bring them to the church, Nadine Bubb, at 814-386-1406, will gladly transport them to the HUB.



Donation and 15th Street UM Churches
Sunday, October 1st
9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.



DONATION UM CHURCH
Annual Church Picnic



Sunday, October 8th – 1:00 p.m. – Greenwood Furnace
Meat, rolls, beverages, and table service will be provided.
You are asked to bring a covered dish to share.



Cancer Care Ministry

You don't have to feel alone. Come and find support with those who are experiencing what you are going through.

McConnellstown First Church Of The Nazarene – 5851 Newtown Avenue – Huntingdon, PA;

3rd Sunday Of Each Month – 4:30 p.m. – Church Fellowship Hall

For More Information – call (814) 643-7171 or (814) 386-7573.



BIBLE STUDY – “THE CHOSEN” – part II

15th Street UMC – Tuesdays – 1:00 p.m. – October 10th – 17th – 24th – (No Bible Study On Tuesday, October 31st)

Donation UMC – Tuesdays – 6:00 p.m. – October 10th – 17th – 24th – (No Bible Study On Tuesday, October 31st)

please let Pastor Barb know, if you are planning to attend.



looking into november....

Holiday Shopping Spree Event / Used Book Sale - just a little over a month away...

DATES: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.; SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Amy and I have both started planning, again, for this annual event for the church. She has started cleaning and sorting books and I am still in the process of securing vendors.

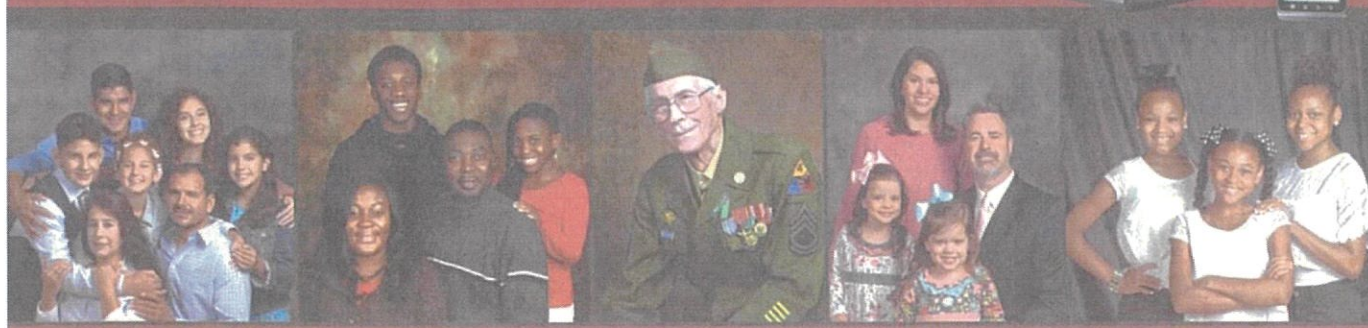
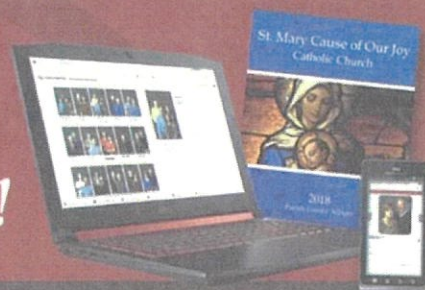
Very shortly...., I will be contacting many of you by personal contact, email or text for monetary donations for pies, as well as donations of food items needed to feed the many customers that always eagerly support our kitchen sale. If I do not contact you and you want to give a monetary donation, *especially towards pies*, it would certainly be appreciated.

You, the congregation, have always been so very generous with whatever has been needed to make this event successful. Thank you, again, in advance. All income from kitchen sales will go to Rise Against Hunger.

We will be, as in previous years, selling a variety of homemade soups, sloppy joes, hamburgers, hot dogs, pies, apple dumplings, and a breakfast dish for Saturday morning.

PLEASE...., be sure and mark your calendar with the dates and plan to support this annual event. There will be more details in the upcoming November United Messenger.

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com. Click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **pa1023** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

OCTOBER



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 World Communion 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC	2 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	3	4 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	5	6 2:30 p.m. Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	7
8 1:00 p.m. Church Picnic At Greenwood Furnace For Donation UMC	9 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	10 1:00 p.m. Bible Study, 15th Street UMC 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, Donation UMC	11 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	12	13 2:30 p.m. Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	14
15 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event-Huntingdon Community Center 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee	16 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation Church 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	17 1:00 p.m. Bible Study, 15th Street UMC 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, Donation UMC	18 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	19 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Donation UMC	20 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory 15th Street UMC	21 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory 15th Street UMC
22	23 3:30 p.m. Endowment Committee 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	24 1:00 p.m. Bible Study, 15th Street UMC 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, Donation UMC	25 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	26 4:00 p.m. Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches At Donation UMC	27 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up At 15 Street UMC 6:00 p.m. Halloween Party For Summer Lunch Bunch 15th Street UMC Social Room	28 Empty Bowl Juniata College More Info To Follow In Weekly Bulletin
29	30 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	31 NO Bible Study At Either Church		15th Street UM Church 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School 10:45 a.m.-Worship Donation UM Church 9:15 a.m.-Worship 10:45 a.m.-Sunday School	FOOD BANK ITEM FOR OCTOBER Canned Fruit	

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