

Thanks

It is hard for me to believe that November is here already! Where does the time go? November is one of my favorite months and, of course, it is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving in the United States of America. This is one of the reasons I like November.

Each year at Thanksgiving, my extended family on my mom's side gets together to celebrate. It is always fun to catch up with relatives I haven't seen in a while and just being together as a family is good. We have much to be thankful for, that's for sure!

As we prepare this month for Thanksgiving, let me ask you: For what are you thankful? Can you make a list of them? How long is your list? Did you remember everything--even the seemingly small things? Sometimes just the act of sitting down and putting the list on paper prompts thoughts for additional items that might not be so obvious. So, this year, make it a point to make a list of your "thanksgiving." Name them one by one and just see how long this list is for you.

I am thankful for many things. I have a loving family, first of all. My wife, Denise, is very special to me. We've been married 25 years now, which just seems impossible. The time went by like a blink of an eye and we have created many, many happy memories over these years. Our children, James & Lydia, are great kids, too. They are doing great in school, are involved in many extra-circular activities and have allowed me to relive my childhood in many ways as they are growing up. Now they are graduating from high school this year and will soon be off in the next phase of their lives. This is all very exciting and fun to watch. They are

smart, like their mother, so I know they will go places and do some amazing things with their lives.

I am also thankful for the opportunity and privilege of serving this church. I've been here for 11 1/2 years now, which also seems impossible to me. This congregation embraced me as a newcomer as soon as I arrived. I've gotten to know so many of you from all the different experiences of life that happen in a church family. I am thankful for the meaningful and special times you've allowed me to share with you along the way. I know I sometimes take it for granted, but I am very thankful to be serving as your pastor here in Stroudsburg. I am also thankful for this community in which we live. I love the Poconos so much and do remember to thank God often for the pure beauty of this place!

Life has a way of getting us down sometimes. We have bumps along the way and other people can bring us down at times, too. Some people just seem to make a profession of complaining about this, that, and the other thing. This is not healthy, nor is it very Christian. We are told in the scriptures to "give thanks" instead.

This month, I hope and pray you are able to make a list of your "thanksgivings." Give it some time. Start a list and then go back to it over the month. Write down all the things you are thankful for right now. Make sure your list is comprehensive and complete. Then, thank God in prayer for all these blessings you enjoy!



Bob Shank

Daily Scripture Readings

November 1
Isaiah 27

November 2
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Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!



To Serve You in November

Greeters	8:30
3	Alice & Ray Singer
10	Janet Woolever
17	Jackie Herrero
24	Jami Lipe
	11:00
3	Sue & Bill Weitzmann
10	Betty Michelin
17	Marion Stewart
24	Starlet Jones
Ushers	8:30
Dick Everitt	
Carole Everitt	
Cliff Rogell	
Diane Rogell	
	11:00
C.J. Penwell	
Altar Guild	
Eleanor Bentzoni & Alice Singer	
Counters	
C.J. Penwell & Claribel Sebring	
Soup Kitchen	
3	Grace UMC - Tom Odenwelder
10	Pocono Internal Medicine - Nancy Frish
17	Cub Pack 90 - Linda Scardigner
24	Poplar Valley UMC - Nick Rosato
Tuesday nights at 6 pm - Daughters of Thunder Outreach	



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers	Everyone
Pastors	Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus	Tom Anderman
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Dave Lantz
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Leader	Vin Zelizo
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Parton

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Lay Leader Beryl Hellgren

*Donations of Baked Goods are needed
for the Membership & Evangelism Team
to sell at the Holiday Boutique!*



We need:

Cakes ~ Pies

Breads ~ Cupcakes

and Cookies!

Profits from the Bake Sale help to finance books
and other materials for our Small Groups Ministry.

Please bring your baked goods to the church on either Thursday, October 31st or Friday,
November 1st and leave in the downstairs kitchen.

(You can bring them the day of the Boutique, but please bring them by 9:00 am)

Questions, contact Peggy Stewart (424-0625)

or Beryl Hellgren (421-4024)

Collection of Warm, Winter Items

We will be collecting warm, used jackets, sweat shirts and hoodies again this year. Please bring in and, if possible, hang on the coat rack in the dining room. Scarves, mittens and hats/caps would also be welcome. These items should be in bags or boxes for us to place on a table.

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE LONG COATS!

Thank you for your donations to help those less fortunate stay warm.

Any questions, please contact Beryl Hellgren (421-4024) or email: bykoh@verizon.net

Harvest Food Ingathering
Sunday, November 17, 2013

8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship

SUMC Soup Kitchen

Carrots

Mixed vegetables

Apple Sauce (large cans or jars preferred)

Baked Beans (large cans preferred)

Marinara and spaghetti sauce

Pears or peaches, canned

Chocolate or vanilla pudding, canned

Juices, canned or bottled NO TOMATO JUICE

Tuna, canned

Dish washing detergent

All purpose cleaners, 409, Lysol or store brand

Trash bags for 10 gal kitchen cans

NO SOUP, PUMPKIN, CRANBERRY, BEETS PASTA OR RICE.

Cash donations are also welcome



PATH

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Kitchen and Trash bags

Dish detergent

Sponges

All purpose cleaners

Lysol disinfectant

Bring your gift to the communion rail before the start of services and present to either our traditional American Indian or Pilgrim.

We know times are difficult but please do the best you can. Everything helps.

Your Mission committee and our guests thank you.

*“For He shall give His angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.” Psalm 91:11 NKJV*

WANTED by CEO of Heaven: ANGELS

Education - Will train.

Duties: The candidate will minister to the helpless,
hopeless and all of God’s people on an as needed basis.

Comfort the fearful.

Ability to fly/levitate a plus or be willing to learn.

Good communication skills

Help God’s people to prepare for the future.

Must be free to travel.

Lifetime insurance plan. No health insurance needed

An equal opportunity employer.

Guaranteed lifetime employment

Pension plan

Maximum return on your investment

If interested call GOD @ 1-555-872-5378 / OR 1-555-UR BLEST for an interview.

PRAYER: Today, Lord, I join Your team of angels.

Keep me close to You and to Your loved ones everywhere. AMEN

(Written by Karen Vaughn 10-3-2013)

UMW Christmas Tea

Will you join us? All women of the church are invited to join UMW to celebrate Christmas at our annual Christmas Tea. The date is Sunday, December 8th at 1 pm. There will be a light lunch served, along with entertainment and carol singing. This is a great chance to get to know what we are about, and perhaps you might like to join our unit. However, we would just like to have you as our guests and enjoy a couple of hours with us.

There is a guest list at the back of the church for all to sign up, whether you are a member or not. This will give us a good idea of how many to prepare for. Hope to see you there!

UMW Christmas Committee

ONE STEP, HE LEADS, and ONE STEP I'LL FOLLOW – Pepper Choplin

NOVEMBER 9th — PROJECT ONE STEP BENEFIT CONCERT – FEATURING CHRISTIAN ARTIST, PEPPER CHOPLIN in concert at Stroudsburg High School.

PEPPER CHOPLIN www.pepperchoplin.com will appear in concert at 7:30PM on Saturday, November 9th 2013 at the Stroudsburg High School Auditorium. Pepper Choplin will be joined by The PROJECT ONE STEP COMMUNITY CHOIR – a massed volunteer choir comprised of area church choir musicians and other volunteers. The event is sponsored by Pocono Alliance. Tickets for the event are \$15 reserved seating and are available in advance through www.projectonestep.org or at the door.

Pepper Choplin is a performer, composer, conductor and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. The Project One Step Community Choir will join Mr. Choplin in 6 choral anthems during the concert event. It promises to be a night of praise and ecumenical celebration.

You may also choose to support the event by entering a raffle drawing for a Martin Guitar, signed and used by Mr. Choplin in the concert. The guitar, an Acoustic Martin D16GT Dreadnought is made of solid Mahogany with a Sitka Spruce Top, retail valued at \$1500. Tickets are available at a price of 3 for \$5. The drawing will take place at the concert. The winner need not be present to win.

Proceeds from the concert event will benefit Pocono Alliance's **Bridges Out of Poverty** program as well as 5 area food pantries serving all of Monroe County. Food Pantries include: Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church Food Pantry; Effort United Methodist Church Food Pantry; St Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield Food Pantry; Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Food Pantry; Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry (PMEHM).

Concert Goers may also bring canned goods to the concert to support the food pantries with a direct donation to feed the hungry in our communities.

Experienced musicians who wish to sing in the massed choir can learn more at www.projectonestep.org, or call Ann Super at 570.421.4275.

This benefit concert is made possible by the generous support of **MTM Financial Group; Thrivent Financial; UFP Technologies; Fisher's Heating and Air Conditioning, LLC; Steve and Karla Tomlin; and Friends of Project One Step.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

2	Robbie Heller
3	Jackie Herrero
6	Jay Chamberlin
6	Nancy Haase
6	Lee Philips
7	Maggie Stewart
7	C.J. Penwell
9	Drenen Tucker
11	Lori DeWitt
11	Norma Snow
13	Jane Hartley
21	Jennifer Harris
22	Debbie Marsh
23	Katelyn Transue
27	Mike Seip
28	Lynn Seip
28	Charlie Vail
30	Doris Philips

If you would like a card on your special day, please call the church office - 421-6020.



United
Methodist
Women

We will be filling the Christmas totes at our meeting on November 26th at 7 pm and to date our goal has not been met. We still need the following:

Toothbrushes	15
Toothpaste	20
Lotion	31
Soap	14
Tissues	13
Deodorant	15
Shampoo	28
Non-Spiral Notebooks	
or Tablets	10

If you can help with any of these it would be greatly appreciated. Please place items in the trunk on the right hand side in the Fellowship Room. Thank you!

Thank you, too, for all of your support with the Holiday Boutique!



OPERATION CHISTMAS CHILD

The program offers an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. A child that may not get any other Christmas gift than the Shoebox, which you packed with love and prayers for the wellbeing of the child.

Pack a gift and pray. This gift is a shoebox filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies, tangibly demonstrating God's love to a child in need.

This year pray for the collection and processing of gift filled boxes that will reach 100 million in this 20 year program that started in 1993.

Items to pack include school supplies such as pencils, crayons, markers, ink pads and paint sets, small pads of paper and coloring books.

Toys: small cars for boys, small dolls for girls, stuffed animals, balls, small etch sketch toys, harmonicas, toys that light up and/or make noises and extra batteries.

Hygiene items such as tooth brushes and tooth paste, mild soap packed in a small plastic bag, combs and brushes.

Other items can be T-shirts, socks, ball caps, watches, small toy jewelry and flashlights with extra batteries.

You may include a personal note with a picture and your name and address. You may get a letter from your child.

Items NOT to include are used and worn shirts and toys, war related toys, such as guns, nothing liquid in either cans or bottles, not even plastic.

Bring your shoebox to the church by Sunday November 17. Include a check, preferred, for \$7.00. Put a rubber band around the box. If you want to wrap the box, the lid must be wrapped separately.

If you make a donation on line you will be able to track your package to its destination.

If you have any questions, please call me, Beryl, at 570 421-4024 or email at bykoh@verizon.net

Thank you to Joann Schwarz and Troop 86!

The Membership & Evangelism Committee would like to thank Joann Schwartz and the Scouts from Troop 86 who did a magnificent job helping M & E with the homecoming luncheon on Sunday, October 6, 2013, celebrating our 225th Anniversary.



The Scouts made it possible for the committee to attend the worship with guest celebrant Reverend Doctor Milton Hartenstine preaching. The boys set the tables for our 140 guests, made sure the that the ziti was warm and put everything on the tables for family style serving. They also circulated among the tables serving cold and warm drinks and passing out dessert. After the meal the Scouts cleared the tables, did the dishes and cleaned up the kitchen.

It was wonderful being able to enjoy the event without having to be involved in the usual kitchen duties.

KUDOS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

**Stroudsburg Area Mission ConneXion
Day of Focused Prayer, November 22, 2013**

Earlier this year on Aldersgate Day, May 24, I stopped at each of the churches in our Cluster to pray.

At almost every church, I met people who were ready and eager to pray. It was a wonderful experience, and in the months since then I have been asked a number of times about doing this again. Now with our Mission ConneXion starting, I'd like to set aside a Day of Prayer for focused prayer in our churches, six months after Aldersgate Day, on Friday, November 22, 2013. If you would like me to stop at your church that day for prayer, and you can promote this in your church and have someone there to have the church open and meet me, I would be happy to come. We can pray for your pastors and leaders, your congregation and ministries, and of course for our common Mission ConneXion outreach, and for renewal and revival in our midst. If you are interested, please contact me at pjcrikelair@gmail.com to arrange a time for prayer at your church on November 22. Looking ahead, I'm hoping we can have another Day of Prayer around the time of Aldersgate Day in 2014.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Paul Crikelair, Cherry Valley & Poplar Valley UMCs

STEWARDSHIP

Through the month of September our income was \$18,478.12. Of that income, \$760.00 was designated for the elevator fund and \$370.00 was given in memorial contributions. Our expenses for the month of September were \$20,832.00 leaving us with a \$3,483.88 deficit. With the help of our Property & Building accounts all bills are paid including our Conference apportionment. Fortunately, \$16,693.00 was earned in interest in September from those accounts.

Thank you again, to the faithful givers to the elevator fund. As was stated above \$760.00 in giving was designated for the elevator fund in September bringing our total to \$287,708.01. To date we have not received our estimated final billing of \$41,685.00. The last payment was made one year ago for a total of \$327,325.00.

The Stewardship Committee has been hard at work in preparing the 2014 budget for SUMC. The final piece of the budget, income, relies on you to submit your financial commitment for 2014. Please remember to submit your commitment card by Sunday, Nov. 10, either in the collection plate or the church office. Your financial commitment is a guide for the committee and can be changed throughout the year should your financial status change. As you consider your financial commitment to SUMC for 2014 please give prayerful consideration of your commitment to God as stewards of what He has provided for you and how you can move closer to tithing and returning the first tenth.

Stewardship involves not just a financial commitment but also a commitment of time and talent. Please consider attending the Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Room on Commitment Sunday, November 10, to see how you can become more involved in service at SUMC. Booths with information on what is going on at SUMC as well as food and prizes will be available after each service. Hope to see you there.

The Stewardship Committee asks for your prayers for our church and its growth as well as for our committee as we address the financial issues of SUMC.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Paul Edinger, Fran Harrison, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, Ruth Weber, Sharon Cottle, Drenen Tucker



Come

To

The

Fair

Who: All SUMC Members and Friends

When: Sunday, Nov. 10 – after each service

Where: SUMC Fellowship Room

What: Second Annual Ministry Fair

Come and join the fun while learning about SUMC Ministries and how you can become more involved.

Food, information, fun and prizes for all ages!!!!

NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	28 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group	29 6:00 PM Daughters of Thunder Outreach Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	30 9:00 AM UMW Downstairs-Making Soup 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 6:00 PM Cub Pack Meeting 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	31 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Youth Group Meetings 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	1 Setup for Holiday Boutique	2 9:00 AM Holiday Boutique
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10 Ministry Fair-After Both Services Veterans Parade - Church Open 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	11 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group	12 6:00 PM Daughters of Thunder Outreach Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room 7:00 PM M & E Meeting	13 10:00 AM Bible Study-Lounge 1:30 PM Small Group - The Patriarchs - Lounge 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meetings 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	14 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Small Group - Too Busy Not To Pray - Lounge 7:00 PM Youth Group Meetings 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	15 7:00 PM Scouts: Popcorn/Movie Night	16
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24 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Children through Adult 11:00 AM Baptism - Lucas Edmund Jones 11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	25 7:00 PM Mostly Monday's Small Group	26 6:00 PM Daughters of Thunder Outreach Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM UMW Meeting	27 1:30 PM Small Group - The Patriarchs - Lounge 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meetings 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29 Church Office Closed	30 9:00 AM Christmas Decorating

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