



Greetings Saints of God!

Last month my travels took me past a magnificent vista in Vermont. I appreciated it as I drove by, but I didn't stop. Maybe a dozen cars were parked along the roadside as their drivers photographed a wide valley with a tall mountain ridge in the distance, all awash in fall colors. I almost made a U-turn to go back; I decided not to, because I was in unfamiliar territory, and I still had several hours of driving to my destination that day. I kept on going, thinking I'd probably find another equally impressive scenic view along that route; I didn't. I spent the rest of the day truly regretting that I didn't take the time to stop, consoling myself that I could find the place some other autumn. Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back (Robert Frost).

I would love to show you a picture of that valley; I even tried to find pictures online of where I thought it was based on my GPS directions. But instead, I'd like to show you another picture:



This is our group of young (and slightly less young) folks who threw a Halloween party for the residents of the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg. When it was over, one of the residents commented on how much she appreciated the youth taking this time out of their weekend to spend it with them. It was just a little over an hour dressing up and playing games, but it was truly appreciated. That made it time well-spent.

We may regret missed opportunities, like that mountain view that I didn't photograph. But rarely do we regret doing what God has called us to do—sharing God's love with others. As we begin this month celebrating the saints, may we remember that it is not miraculous acts, but small, everyday acts of love, that we are called to do in the time God has given us on this earth.

Peace,
+Pastor Traci



2025 Veterans Day

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

St. Matthew will honor veterans who have served in the military. Please check the list below of veterans who have served in the military. All veterans will be honored, including inactive and deceased. If you know of someone who is missing from the list, or you have a family member you wish to be honored during the service, please contact Jen in the church office as soon as possible.

Dale Allison*	Jeff Garner	Harold Mountain*
H. Richard Barley*	George Gilbert Sr.*	Seth Orczeck
Pete Barley*	George Gilbert Jr.	Scott Paul
Bill Brown	Harold Grove	Timothy Perry*
Alan Brubaker	Cpt. Donald Grove	Boyd E. Piper *
Bradley Buchart	Robert V. Gunnett	Walter Piper
Lester Buchart*	Bob Guyer*	John Replogle
Bryan Bush	Colin Guyer	Paul E. Rummel*
Jim Calvert*	Kyle Guyer	John Sell*
Cletus Carberry*	Mark Guyer	Dan Sinal
Phillip Claar	Greg Haffling	Elwood Smith*
Patrick Clark	Charles Henzler	Eldie Smith Jr.*
Clyde Claycomb*	Dean Hinish*	Nathan Smith
Robert “Bob” Creps*	Rodger Hoover*	Sheldon O. Smith*
Michael Corcoran	Dante Iachini*	John Lee Snyder
Kermit Daniel*	Joseph Iwanski*	Michael L. Snyder
LeMar Daniel*	Charles Kreider*	William Stahl
Edward DeAngelis*	Henry Lamborn	Jim Stewart
P. Robert Dickson	Mike Lamborn	Ralph Stouffer*
Melody Estep	David Lehman*	William Straesser*
Tom Fishburn	Les Loomis	John Szymckec*
Andy Freyer*	Kenneth Long*	Milo “Bud” Uber*
Matt Freyer	Liam McGregor	Laura Webb
Donald Garner*	Richard A. McGraw*	Jay Webb
		James Weyant*

*Deceased



Stewardship
a way of life
November 2025

The November issue of *Stewardship* tells about an 11-year-old boy named Trevor. Trevor became concerned about homeless people living on the streets of Philadelphia. One evening Trevor asked his dad to take him to the city to look for some homeless person he might help. His father agreed and off they went looking for a person in need.

Trevor had taken a pillow and a blanket and when he saw man trying to sleep on a sidewalk, he asked his father to park the car. Trevor gave the man the pillow and blanket with a sympathetic smile and feeling inward joy knowing he had helped a person in dire need.

When the word of Trevor's mission became known by the news media, other people who cared about the homeless raised money for a shelter. And, guess what the place was named? The sign placed on the front of the shelter reads "Trevor's Place."

That, I think, is a wonderful story about stewardship; there are many stories amongst this congregation too! The point of all this is that you and I have more talents than we might suspect. We have some brain power, some muscle power, some ability to make money, some time to work on behalf of the Lord. Serving God with our talents, time, and money is *stewardship*.

So, why don't we do it?

Prayer: *Lord, you have blessed us with gifts we could use on your behalf. So please help us to use them. In Christ's name. Amen*

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. In case of emergency please call Pastor Traci. The office will resume regular hours on Monday, December 1, 2025



Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1, 2025

Ways to Make Donations to St. Matthew Giving Online:

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at "www.stmatthewlc.com"
- 2) Click on the "Giving" button, (at the left side of the main screen)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



QR Code Offerings:

- 1) Hold your mobile phone in the camera position over the "QR Code"
- 2) A link will pop up on your phone and tap the link
- 3) Follow the instructions on your phone.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



Volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church will be assisting the regular helpers with food distribution on Thursdays, November 6 and November 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Several churches are providing Thanksgiving dinners for food pantry families who would like to prepare turkey dinners themselves. Much appreciated!

Food Items most needed for November: Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti, Soup, Peanut Butter & Jelly.

Thank you for your donations for the Ministerium Food Drive!

Linda Smith



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2nd we will remember those from our congregation and friends who have, by God’s grace, joined that “Company of Heaven” since All Saints’ Sunday of 2024.

- Barbara Beach
- Vivian Beach
- Donna Billings
- Ramon C. Burket
- Tana Byler
- William Croft
- Ross Decker
- George Gilbert, Sr.
- Gerry Girolami
- Jane Greenleaf
- Audrey M. Hite
- Rodger Hoover
- Matthew Howsare
- Cleo (McConahy) Imler
- Larry Irvin
- Jon Keim
- Jaime Olson
- Thelma (McConahy) Sollenberger
- Joanne Sorge
- Wayne Stonerook
- Jim Weyant



Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal

Breaking Bread Food Ministry will be held Monday, November 10 at the Martinsburg Church of God Fellowship Hall, located 123 S. Market St., Martinsburg from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this free meal. Take-out and delivery are available. Contact Pastor Jim Shaffer 814-793-4375 for free delivery or questions.

This month St. Matthew will be assisting with the monthly community meal. We will provide the dessert.



Coming Soon! “Mitten Tree”

The first Sunday in Advent, November 30, you will see our annual “Mitten Tree” in the Narthex. Please be thinking as you knit or shop, and bring school-age children’s mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs or socks to be hung on the “Mitten Tree” during Advent until December 21st. These will be distributed by the school nurse at the Spring Cove Elementary Schools for needy children. Let’s help children have a warmer Winter!

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 14, 2025

This year's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at the end of the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 14th.



*Thank
you!*

Thank you to everyone that included my sister-in-law, Naomi (Noni) Lehman in their recent prayers. After over 5 weeks of ICU, other hospital care and rehab, it is

anticipated that she will be back home this week.

My brother and all of our family deeply appreciate your concern and prayers.

Beth Garner



Thank you for the soup supper last Wednesday. Jim is fond of soup and one of his favorites is potato.

Janet Stewart



Community Thanksgiving Meal Desserts

Social Ministry Committee will be coordinating the desserts from St. Matthew for the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal on November 10, 2025, at the Martinsburg Church of God. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board. We have been asked to provide desserts for 80.

In honor of Veterans' Day

The D. Merl Tipton VFW Post 43 Auxiliary

is hosting a buffet lunch on

Sunday, November 9, 2025

12 Noon to 1:30 pm

VFW Post 43

115 S. Nicodemus Street, Martinsburg, PA

All Veterans and a guest are invited to attend.

You do not need to be a VFW member to attend.



In order to plan for the buffet, you must make a reservation to attend by calling Jane Fagans at 814 793-4401 (leave a message if no answer).

RSVP by Monday, November 3, 2025

The VFW Post 43 Auxiliary looks forward to seeing you on November 9th. Enjoy good food and conversation with fellow Veterans and friends.





Social Ministry Committee Corner

“HAPPY NOVEMBER! This is a month to pause and reflect on our blessings and give thanks for our lives and those we love.”

Community Thanksgiving Meal

St Matthew has some of the best dessert makers in the Cove. We are again assisting The Church of God in providing deserts for Community Thanksgiving Meal. This meal will be November 10, at 5 pm and all are welcome to share a delicious turkey dinner. Social Ministry Committee will be taking meals to our home bound. Thank you in advance for your generous donation to this worthy event. If you are making a dessert, you can take it directly to the Church of God or we will be picking up any desserts that were dropped off at St Matthew by 3 pm that Monday.

Mending Ministry

We have completed our Mending Ministry for 2025. Social Ministry Committee is planning for 2026. A thank you to Brenda Johnson who has been donating her time for this ministry.

Just know if you need some mending before 2026. Contact Lottie Ebersole. A sewing machine is always threaded.

November Project

Care packages and Christmas boxes will be assembled Saturday November 29 at 10 am. This project provides a little bit of home to our college students, active military members and members who are residents in nursing homes. Last but not least our home bound members.

November is often thought of as the gratitude month. With that in mind I am so grateful for All Social Ministry Committee members. They have demonstrated by actions how God’s love is shared.

Blessing of the Hunters

Sunday, November 16th

During 10:30 Worship

Wear your orange & camo

Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation
Tuesday, November 18th at 6PM
La Fiesta at the Airport
RSVP to the office by Noon



*Join us
After Worship
on November 23rd
for
**PIE
PRACTICE
2025***

*Trying out a new recipe for Thanksgiving?
Test your practice pie here first.
Not a baker?
Bring your appetite &
sense of adventure.
Light Lunch & Drinks Also Provided*

HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNCIL IN OCTOBER

1. Blessing of the hunters will be Sunday, November 16.
2. "Pie Practice" fellowship will be Sunday, November 23.
3. The Youth and the Adult Sunday School classes will combine in December for an Advent study.
4. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 21.
5. The Evangelism Committee has been providing greeters for Sunday services.
6. Advent begins November 30.
7. The lightbulbs that illuminate the steeple have been replaced.

8. Anyone who would like to serve on the church council should see Don Bulger about open council positions for 2026.

SERVING GOD AND US NOVEMBER 2025

Date	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Acolytes	Gabby Decker Lily Lightner Lucy Lightner	Mace Baker	Lucy Lightner	Ben Decker Gavin Kuster Norah Kuster	Lily Lightner
Lectors	Amanda Decker	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Tonya Walter Laura Orczeck	Tonya Walter Laura Orczeck	Tonya Walter Laura Orczeck	Tonya Walter Laura Orczeck	Tonya Walter Laura Orczeck
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Martie Gilbert	Stanley Smith	Paul Decker	Tina Harclerode	Steve Oswalt
Assist. Min.	Jane Hoenstine	Stacy Kuster	Jean Sinal	Jim Barley	Greg Haffling



Anniversaries for November

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| 07 Nicholas C. & Sondra Ursick
Dale & Anna Weaver | 20 Loy C. & Marjorie A. Replogle |
| 11 Trevor & Merileigh Smith | 25 Douglas Bush & Destarta Carberry |
| 18 Steve & Linda Claycomb | 29 Russell & Heather Dickson |
| | 30 Blake Peese & Katherine Orczeck |

Birthdays for November

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| 02 Jacob Orczeck
A. Kay Weyant | 09 Paul Johnson | 20 Dawn Alexy |
| 03 Ian Bithell | 10 Patricia J. Winston | 21 I. Matthew Nelson |
| 05 Meghan Russell | 15 Mark Replogle | 22 Savannah Richardson
Waylon Richardson |
| 07 Chris Carder
Richard Smith | 17 Connie S. Lamborn | 25 John A. Replogle |
| | 18 Andrea Paul | 27 Michael Richardson |

2025 COUNCIL DIRECTORY AND MINISTRY STAFF

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November 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 All Saints Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 	3	4 2-5 pm Pastor in Office 	5	6 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St.	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8 1 Synod Assembly
9 22nd Sun. after Pentecost Catechism 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	10	11 3-6 pm Pastor in Office 6:30 pm Council Mtg., WR/Zoom	12	13	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15
16 23rd Sun. after Pentecost Blessing of the Hunters Catechism 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	17	18 2-5 pm Pastor in Office 6:00 pm Talk-O Tuesday, La Fiesta, Airport 	19	20 9-11 am Food Pantry, Allegheny St. Fellowship Hall in Use 10:30 am -3pm	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22
23 Christ the King 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Pie "Practice" Following Worship, FH	24 Messenger Deadline	25 12:30-3:00 pm Knotty Ladies, QR 2-5 pm Pastor in Office	26	27  Office Closed	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 10 am Social Ministry Project
30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary				FH—Fellowship Hall CE-Christian Ed Office CL-Church Lounge QR-Quilt Room WR- Window Room K—Kitchen In case of emergency, Pastor Traci maybe reached at		