

25th Sunday after Pentecost—November 19, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:00 a.m.

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

Minister	Pastor Phil Beck
Lector	Phil Smith
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Bill & Barbara Cartwright
Acolyte	Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel Vice-President—Patty Rimel Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein Secretary—Jackie Waas



*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

CHURCH BELL RUNG

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ⁺ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN Mine Eyes H	ave Seen the GloryELW 890
 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on. 	 2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat. Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. <i>Refrain</i>
Refrain Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.	 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. <i>Refrain</i>

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

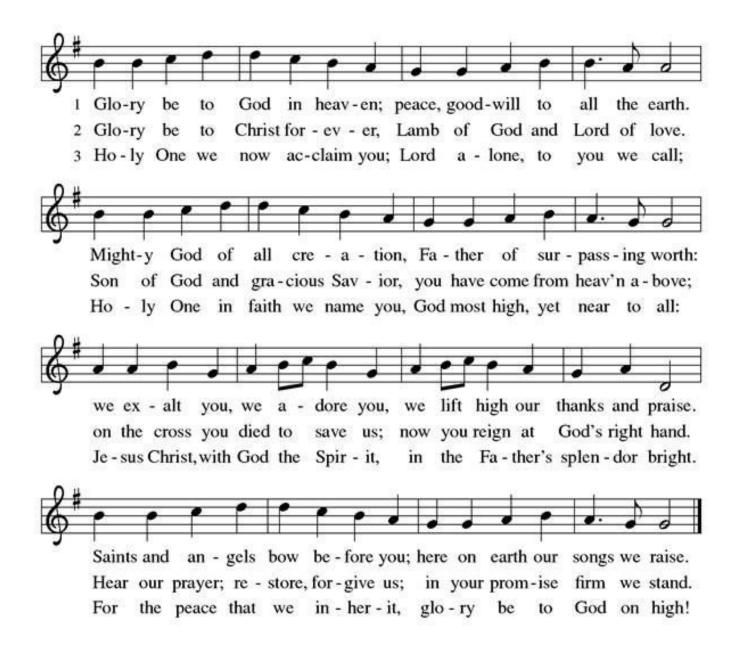
*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

*KYRIE (ELW, p. 203) (Sung)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204) (Sung)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #90

¹Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,

from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say,

"Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past

and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,

they fade away suddenly like the grass:
 ⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;

we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

 ⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
 ¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;

yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?

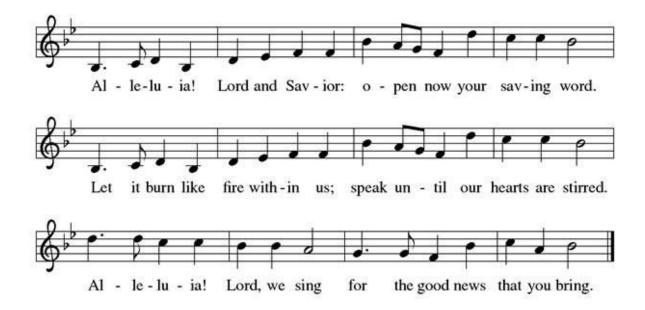
Who rightly fears your indignation?] ¹²So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)



- L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25th chapter, 25:14-30
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY...... Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult...... ELW 696

- Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":
 - 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

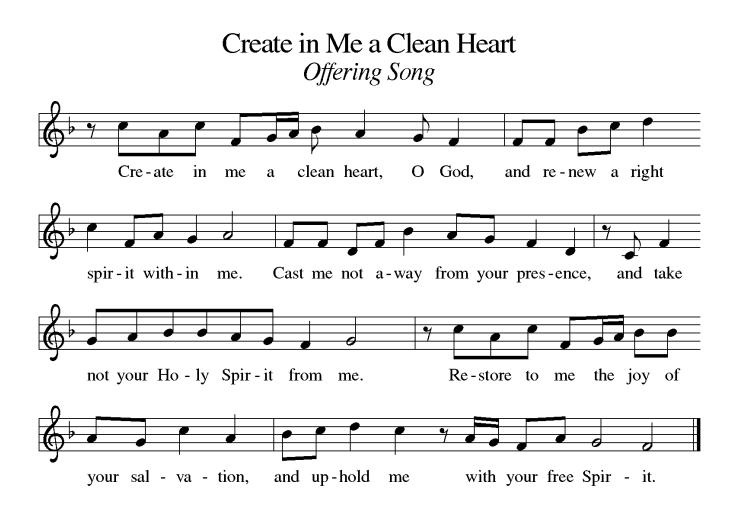
P: ... God, in your mercy, **C:** Hear our prayer.

*The Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

*OFFERTORY HYMN Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW Pg. 186)



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

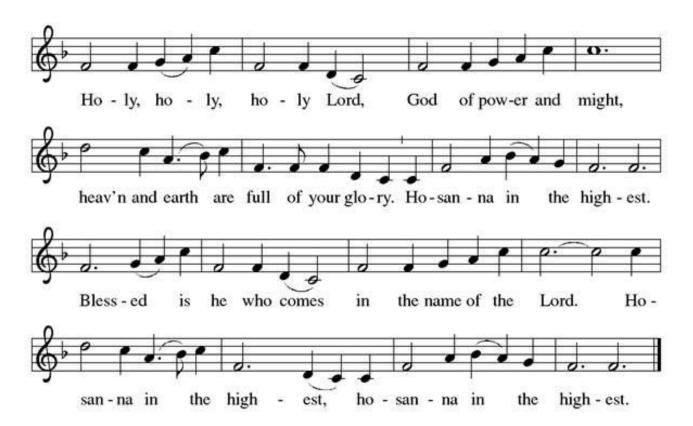
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 207)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen (ELW Pg. 207)



*THE LORD'S PRAYER:

- P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P. 208)



*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMNELW 815

I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

*DISMISSAL

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

GO IN PEACE, TRUST IN GOD, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD.

Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.

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Joe Collins. Cousin of Joann Valainis Mark Holloway, Husband of Kate Stottlemyer Bob Schmidt, Brother of Dottie Titmas Gary Wachter, Member Michael Wachter, Son of Gary and Kay Wachter The Wynne Family, Friends of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder Lin Snider. *Member* Sue Snyder, Member Kim Currier, Daughter of Sam Purswell Barb Callow, friend of Marie Purswell Susan and Paul Holloway, Family of Kate Stottlemyer Robert Hoff, Member, son of Betty Walker Lillian Foucart, Member Hank Holiday, Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemyer Chris Muesing, Family of Jacki Waas Parker Bazarewski, member of Ed Chaney's extended family John Baker, Member. Nancy McIntyre, Friend of St. Paul's Elyse Acosta, friend of Dianne and Robb Port Shannon Smith, Friend of the Mildenstein Family Caroline Dunning, Daughter of John and Regina Baker The Jones Family, Close family friends of Joann Valainis Greg, Dani and Dax Sorge, Family of Trish Valcarcel Bishop Gohl, Bishop Delaware/Maryland Synod Gil Eiker. Husband of Rebecca Eiker Dee Dee Kopp, *member* Sue Jones, friend of Pastor Phil Roxanne Smith, Member

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator

(<u>officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org</u>). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing! *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* **Matthew 18:20**

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, niece to Linwood Snider
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
+Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj Gupta
+Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of Mary Ann Ferguson
+Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in law Do you have need for prayer? Do you know someone else who has need for prayer? If so, please know that we have a prayer team at St. Paul's that is ready to help. Simply contact the Church Office. All requests are confidential.

Please remember all the names on our prayer list, and especially those that are **bold. They have a specific current need for Christian love and support.

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

The soul is like a housewife who has put all her household in good order and prudently arranged it and well disposed it; she has taken good care that nothing will damage it, her provision for the future is wise, she knows exactly what she is going, she acquires and discards, she does what is proper, she avoids mistakes, and always she knows how everything should be. So it is with the soul: the soul is all love, and love rules in the soul, mighty and powerful, working and resting, doing and not doing, and all which is in the soul and comes to the soul is according to Love's will. For it is Love's power that has seized the soul and led it, sheltered and protected it, given it prudence and wisdom and the sweetness and the strength which belong to love. Like the fish, swimming in the vast sea and resting in its deeps, and like the bird, boldly mounting high in the sky, so the soul feels its spirit freely moving through the vastness and the depth and the unutterable richness of Love. *—Beatrice of Nazareth*

[Beatrice of Nazareth, trans. Eric Colledge, in Medieval Women's Visionary Literature, ed. Elizabeth Alvilda Petroff (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986), 204.]





Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income November 12, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,071.79
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 255.00
Total:	\$1,326.79

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,581.15
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$2,781.15

ATTENDANCE:

November 12, 2023 In person: 55

Virtual: 18

This Week at St Paul's

<u>Sunday, November 19th</u> Worship (Livestream) 25th Sunday After Pentecost Generosity Speaks, Shari Scher	9:00am
<u>Monday, November 20th</u> FEC	8am-5pm
<u>Tuesday, November 21st</u> FHS Council	9am-3pm 7:00pm
<u>Wednesday, November 22nd</u> FEC	8am-5pm
<u>Thursday, November 23rd</u> Thanksgiving Day	
<u>Sunday, November 26th</u> Worship (Livestream) 25th Sunday After Pentecost Temple Talk Interactive Sermon	9:00am

*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9u8oCfF1Y-s</u>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow117</u>_Q



Each year St. Paul's rallies together to make Christmas Stockings for the children who are benefitting from the Glade Valley Holiday Toy Shoppe. Our Congregation has been wonderful over the years in making this annual community outreach project a huge success!

We are continuing the tradition again this year. Thanks to Shirley Eshelmann, the stockings are made and ready to be filled. We will be stuffing the stockings on November 26, 2023 but *we are still in need of the following items:*

Older Kids

- 73 Toothbrushes
- 2 Toothpaste
- 27 Game Cards (Small kids)

Pre-wrapped candy (no nuts)

- **Babies**
- 7 Tub toys
- 9 Bodywash
- 18 Rattles
- 16 Small Tissues
- 9 Shampoo
- 14 Washcloths
- 10 Bibs
- 12 Cloth Books
- 17 Board Books
- 18 Small Cars or Trucks
- 11 Small Balls

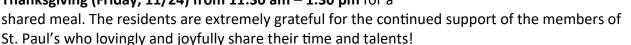
You may drop off donation items to the Parish Office, Monday through Friday from 9am—1pm up until **November 22nd**, you can bring them to church on the 19th or contact Kay Wachter through the Parish office to set up a time and place for pick up. If you are not able to get out and get any of these items, please consider contributing financially. You can donate online, just make sure to note it's for the Christmas Stockings, put it in the offering plate today or next week, again making sure to note its for the Christmas Stockings or give it directly to the program coordinator, Kay Wachter.

And again, thank you to the congregation for your continued generosity!

FRIENDSGIVING

St. Paul's has another opportunity to live out our mission statement, "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all," by providing and serving Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Victoria Park.

We will be encouraging residents to join us the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, 11/24) from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm for a shared meal. The residents are extremely grateful for the centinued supp



Please see the link below to sign up for food and/or volunteering to serve. Donated items can be dropped off at the Parish Hall at 11:00 am on 11/24 or pickup arrangements can be made. https://www.perfectpotluck.com/HBUR2414

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Mildenstein at mrussamy@aol.com or Lori King at lb69king@yahoo.com.



Winter Love Bags – an outreach project to comfort those during the winter months who are recently bereaved, sick, elderly, unable to leave one's home and those we care about at St. Paul's and in our community.

ALL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

Congregational Life Committee is asking for your support by donating monies or purchasing the following items to help us fill the comfort bags: packaged hard candy bags, cough drops, Chapstick (brand), playing cards, word search books, puzzle books, Kleenex small square boxes, any prepackaged snacks, or anything that will bring care and love to shut-ins.

Now through December 3rd – Submit names of loved ones to receive a comfort bag to the Parish Office.

Now through December 10th - Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall during office hours (in the designated bin) or on Sundays (church).





From Your Attic to the North Pole!

Mrs. Claus searched her attic for gently used items for her Christkindl Market booth, but her attic is empty!

She needs your help. Venture into your attic, basement, garage, closets, etc. in search of indoor/ outdoor decorations, re-giftable items, white elephant gifts, items not matching your décor, Christmas or otherwise--in good repair. Bring them (boxed, please) to the Library area of St. Paul's on Sundays between now and Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Claus will do the rest. Thank you.



CHRISTKINDLMARKET 2023 Is quickly approaching!

Christkindlmarket is December 2nd from 9am to 3pm. The signup sheets are available in the church overflow for volunteers and also donations to the bake sale. If you have any questions feel free to contact Amy Mildenstein or Trisha Valcarcel.



Help us decorate for Christmas by purchasing a Poinsettia!

Red are available for \$10.00 each. You can sign up on line at: <u>https://forms.gle/o63FE7QbApssKuyw5</u>, use the sign up sheet on the side bulletin board or in person at the Parish Office, with a check or cash.

> The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 17th.



Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Updated Items of need are:

Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, boxed crackers, baked beans, canned pasta, canned tuna and mac 'n' cheese

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall, or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you.



We are in need of volunteers to serve as Ushers and Greeters at Services

Ushers smile, sign in members and take names of visitors; report names of visitors to Pastor before Service; pass the plate during Offertory; direct people and serve wine during Communion; and, in the absence of Greeters, offer bulletins and a cheerful greeting.

Greeters offer bulletins and an enthusiastic greeting (hugs optional) to all, especially visitors.

Ideally, we want two of each for each Service. To serve, please contact Kate Stottlemyer or the Church Office.





The final day for the December Epistle is Wednesday, November 22nd

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