

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Two Worship Service Schedule, 8 A.M. and 10:15 A.M., Begins November 1st

Beginning Sunday November 1st, there will now be two identical worship services, one at 8:00 a.m. and another at 10:15 a.m. The CoVid Task Force and Church Council are doing this to spread out attendance in order to meet the new guidelines from our Synod Bishop and Governor Wolf (asking us to go to 20% occupancy due to the recent sharp rise of CoVid spread in Pennsylvania) and to keep our worshippers safer.

Since the services are identical (following the same format and organ music as we are currently using), we are asking as many people as possible to come to the 8 a.m. service in order to create more space at the later service. Wearing of masks over nose and mouth and social distancing for safety will still be observed at both services. Please note that Sunday, November 1st is the end of Daylight Savings Time when clocks will be moved back one hour.

Please keep in mind that the other worshipping options are still available to you as well. You will be able to follow a livestream of the service at both 8:00 am and 10:15 a.m. (to connect, go to the church website, mclchurch.org, or go directly to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube channel). Later on Sunday, this video will then permanently posted to our website, our YouTube Channel and the Muddy Creek Lutheran Facebook. Also, you may sit downstairs in the Social Hall if you wish (this is also our overflow if we happen to exceed our new capacity of 70 persons) with the sound of the service being piped in for both services. Additionally, we are currently working on the capability to transmit the service live to cars in the parking lot on FM radio at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services.

We hope these options, whichever you choose, will keep you and everyone safe and healthy!



All Saints Day - Special Worship on November 1

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, you are invited to come to either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. worship service (or follow the livestream). As is our tradition each All Saints Day, we will be having a special remembrance of all who have passed away since last All Saints Day: Garry Wenrich, Arthur Mohn, Timothy Brower, Edith Demming, Dawn Schnader, Kenneth Adair, Charles Frantz, Clarence (Shorty) Weinhold and Kathryn Berger. As well, we will remember all departed loved ones. All participants will be receiving a small hand-carved wooden cross (yours to keep) as part of the remembrance this year, since we will not be able to light individual candles due to social distancing constraints. Additionally, we will be celebrating Holy Communion in our pews as part of the worship. Hope to see you then!

News and Notes



Write a Note for Stockings for Soldiers

Please take a pack of 10 Christmas cards from under the mailboxes, write a note to a soldier for Christmas, sign it, and return it by Sunday, Nov. 8. These cards will be sent out to Pennsylvania soldiers who will be spending Christmas away from their families. Checks for “Keystone Military Families” (note “Stockings for Soldiers”) can be put in Judy Dengler’s mailbox by Nov. 8 to help purchase care package items to be put in the stockings.

Amazon Smile, Redners

When shopping online with Amazon during this holiday season (or anytime), please consider using Amazon Smile and listing “Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Denver, PA” as the beneficiary. In this way, Amazon gives Muddy Creek a portion of each purchase. We appreciate it! As well, keep bringing in your sales slips from Redner’s Market and put them in the box in the entry way, because we also receive money from Redner’s when you do that.

Devotional Booklets Available

Free copies of the “Christ in our Home” Devotional Book (large print or regular) are available in the bin located outside the downstairs door by the carport and can be picked up anytime at your convenience. They contain daily devotions for October, November and December.

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

- Stephanie and Jason Weaver at the birth of their son, Sawyer, on October 15th. Proud big brother is Tanner and proud grandma is Yvonne Weaver. We rejoice at the wonderful news of Sawyer’s birth!
- Mike and Lynn Breidenstein at the adoption of Asia (now Breidenstein) on October 18th. Asia is currently a resident student at Milton Hershey School. Congratulations to Mike, Lynn and Asia!
- A special welcome to our newest members - the McCalicher family! On October 25, Zach (dad) and daughters Grace and Hope were all baptized, and Katie (mom) joined through Affirmation of Baptism. Welcome Katie and Zach, Grace and Hope!

Council Notes

At its October meeting, the Council was presented with the 2021 budget from the Finance Committee. The Council will formally vote on the Budget in November, and the congregation will then vote on the budget and have elections at a Congregational Meeting towards at the beginning of December.

The treasurer informed the council of two impending generous bequests to Muddy Creek - one for \$303,000 from Luke Coldren and his daughter Victoria (who both passed away), and another from Edith Demming of \$20,000. As well, the congregation received two gifts of stock from a member. We are deeply honored by these bequests and gifts.

Terri Meckley was welcomed to Council, appointed to fill the position vacated by Natalie Frankfort.

The Council also reviewed the status of the Elevator Project, taking into consideration congregational giving during the coronavirus time. It found that while giving to the General Fund has been somewhat down, people are still giving generously. In light of the congregation still generously supporting the General Fund even during this coronavirus time as well as the bequests and gifts received, the Council will address the Elevator Project again at its November meeting to later discuss with the congregation about advancing the plans for the project.

Great Response to Greg Gehman Organ Performance

A special thanks to Greg Gehman for the wonderful Facebook Live Organ Performance on September 27th! The pipe organ performance of hymns and musical pieces was beautiful, and had 257 views on Facebook.

Attendance

Worship in the Grove Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel	Viewed on Facebook
September 6 - 68	42	11
September 13 - 63	102	12
September 20 - 46	72	15
September 27 - 48	70	10
Indoor Worship:		
October 4 - 93	45 (includes Livestream)	N/A
October 11 - 61	Not available (pastor on vacation)	N/A
October 18 - 70	9 (includes Livestream)	3

(There are currently 45 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 148 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in September: \$8,943.98
 Expenses to General Fund in September: \$12,270.90

Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of September: \$145,770.39 (includes \$30,000 CARES PPP Loan which can be forgiven).
 Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of September: \$134,398.93

Elevator Fund total as of October 22: \$189,382.05

November Birthdays



Happy Birthday to our "Over 80" Members with November Birthdays:

Nov. 2 - Sara Frazer, 87, Keystone Villas at Ephrata, Apt. 105, 100 N. State St,
Ephrata, PA 17522

Nov. 15 - Larry Shober, 81, 9 Debra Circle, Ephrata, PA 17522

Nov. 16 - Charmaine Wenrich, 89, 235 Vera Cruz Road, Reinholds, PA 17569

Nov. 17 - Charles Leid, 82, 12 Jason Ave., Denver, PA 17517

Nov. 20 - Philip Webber, 82, 100 San Lino Circle, #133, Venice, FL 34292

Nov. 26 - Harold Weinhold, 86, 503 W. Willow Drive #5, Manheim, PA 178545

November Birthdays

Nov. 2 - Sara Frazer, Joanne Saylor

Nov. 4 - Christopher Killian, Peyton Rideout

Nov. 5 - Beth Witmer, Brad Rauch

Nov. 7 - Rory Hassler

Nov. 8 - Sharon Roth, Alyson Becker

Nov. 9 - Bradley Fry, Caryn Pirollo, Scott Meyer

Nov. 10 - Katie Brooks

Nov. 11 - Christopher Steinman

Nov. 12 - Edwin Blatt, Adler Eshleman, Stephen Staudt

Nov. 13 - Jeanette Bubbenmoyer, Jolene Weaver

Nov. 14 - Brandi Brinton

Nov. 15 - Larry Shober, Ruth Brossman, Vicki Moyer

Nov. 16 - Charmaine Wenrich, Ausma Buffenyer, Meghan Shober, Hayden Rideout, Christopher Gallagher

Nov. 17 - Charles Leid, John Bearinger, Brenda Peters

Nov. 18 - Pat Brendle, Daniel Witmer, Collin Engle

Nov. 19 - Natalie Frankfort Howe, Christopher Steinman

Nov. 20 - Philip Weber, Adrienne Becker, Geoffrey Bentz

Nov. 21 - Stephanie Spangler

Nov. 22 - Doug Haines, Gracie Bentz

Nov. 23 - Teresa Fritz

Nov. 24 - Michelle Warkentin

Nov. 25 - Joan Shimp

Nov. 26 - Harold Weinhold, Barbara Ruth, Michael Lausch

Nov. 27 - Tara Wert, Kayla Gehman

Nov. 29 - Ryan Hassler

Nov. 30 - Tim Fritz, Kimberly Walmer