

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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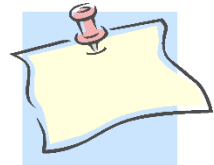
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All Saints Celebration and Remembrance on November 7th

On All Saints Sunday, November 7th, 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. As well, we will remember all departed loved ones with the lighting of small individual candles at our place in the pews. Additionally, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. Hope to see you then!

News and Notes



Elevator Update

The dedication of our elevator had originally been scheduled for Sept. 12th. Unfortunately, because our contractor, Horst Construction, neglected to arrange to have the elevator inspected in a timely manner, we had to postpone the dedication until such time as the elevator is officially inspected and therefore can be used. Nearly everything else is completed on the project, and we look forward to celebrating its dedication soon!

The doorway at the elevator entrance is now fully functional, including a new handicapped pushbutton. To enter during office hours (Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to noon), simply push the button on the door monitor and our Administrative Assistant, Linda Mohn, will buzz you in. The old keys fobs are no longer in use with the new door system, but the door code remains the same.

Special Adult Forum in October: “Standing Up to Hitler: The Lutheran Martyr Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer”

All are invited to a special two-part Adult Forum on October 10 and November 14, both at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. On October 10, Pastor Peter will present about the life and death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was executed for opposing the Nazis. Pastor Peter will also share about his own uncle who was a student of Bonhoeffer’s and who was also killed. On November 14, we will have a special movie screening about Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Sunday School Notes



All adults are invited to come to the Adult Augsburg Bible Study on Sunday mornings, led by John Schutter, in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. Special Adult Forums, led by Pastor Peter, are held on the second Sunday of every month.

Sunday School for all ages for all other children and youth will be held at the picnic tables in the Pavilion in the Grove at 9 a.m. Masks are required for all Sunday School participants and leaders to protect those who are unvaccinated.

New Ministry Comes to Muddy Creek Starting in October

You are invited to help assemble women's pads for the GAIN Warehouse (now called UNTO). These pads are sent to women in developing countries for inexpensive and sanitary hygiene. Muddy Creek is now hosting the LCBA Club which makes the pads and will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month starting October 6th. Please wear a mask. If you would like to donate towels and felt for these pads, please place your donations in the box by the mailboxes. For questions, please contact Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591, pattigb@ptd.net.

Thank You's

*Thank you to all who brought in school supplies for the school kits that we packed on Sept. 19. They were sent to Lutheran World Relief as part of our synod's "Ingathering". We filled up 50 backpacks with school supplies! Thanks also for the soap donations.

*Likewise, thank you to all who brought in food for Peter's Porch which we used for the Harvest Home display on September 26 before giving it to the Peter's Porch food pantry. And thank you once again to Jeanette Leid for the beautiful Harvest Home display!

*Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and sympathy at the loss of my mother, Roma Oberholtzer. I appreciate so much all of your caring and support! – Jane Wenger and family

Confirmation Gatherings Schedule

Confirmation Gatherings are on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the chapel of the Grove (weather permitting – inside in the Fellowship Hall if it rains or is too cold). Confirmation is for youth grades 5-7 and their parents.

Oct. 3 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering
 Oct. 17 - Youth Gathering
 Nov. 7 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering
 Nov. 21 - Youth Gathering
 Dec. 5 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering
 Dec. 19 - Youth Gathering



Jesus 'n Me Playgroup October 24th

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup is for all kids age 0-4 and their parents/caregivers on the 4th Sunday of the month, led by Pastor Peter. Please wear masks, since the young children are still unvaccinated. It is being held outside in the Grove to help keep the young ones safer. Please bring a blanket for your family to sit on. In case of rain, the playgroup is cancelled. (Please note: There will be no playgroup in November or December, so this is the last one of 2021).

Sunday October 24: "Look What God Made" (Outside in the Grove at 9 a.m.)

"Jonah and the Whale". Children love water play, and they will have the opportunity to use their hands to splash around with the whale. They may just catch their own Jonah inside the whale! Singing and a story will complete the morning as we explore this old Bible story.

Some Activities Remain Suspended Due to Increased CoVid

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will not yet resume at Yvonne's due to increased CoVid transmission in the community. Please keep up the good work knitting on your own!

Likewise, the Fellowship Time following the 10:15 a.m. service will also not yet resume due to safety concerns with CoVid.

Peace U.C.C Anniversary Celebrations Oct. 16 and 17

Our sister congregation, Peace United Church of Christ (we were union congregation together with them for 238 years while they were known as "Muddy Creek Reformed Church") is celebrating their 50th anniversary, and the 290th anniversary of Muddy Creek Reformed Church. We are invited to a Celebration Picnic in the Peace Grove on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 4 pm. There will be food (pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, vegetables, cheese, rolls and cupcakes), games, live music, a campfire, s'mores and a vesper service to end the evening. If you would like to come for the meal and the evening's festivities, please e-mail secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org or call Peace UCC (717) 484-4400. On Sunday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. they will have a celebration service and a rededication of their cornerstone. The address is 37 E. Swartzville Rd.

Peter's Porch Collection

Thank you to all who continue to bring in canned, bagged and boxed items for the Peter's Porch drive-thru food distribution located at our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Items can be placed in the collection bins at the sanctuary entrances.

Cans and Jars: fruits, vegetables, fish, chicken, poultry, beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, salsa, broth boxes (chicken, vegetable, beef).

Pasta, rice, tortillas, taco shells.

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix.

Snacks, crackers, popcorn, peanut butter. Monetary donations also appreciated.

Condolences

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to the following for their losses:

*The family of Marvin Sweigart, who passed away on September 2. The funeral was on September 8. Our sympathy also to his wife Thelma at her loss.

*The family of Roma Oberholtzer, who passed away on August 31. The funeral was on September 10. Our sympathy to her daughter Jane Wenger and the rest of the family.

*The family of Diet Aseli, who passed away on September 13. Funeral and burial were on September 15 in Philadelphia. Our sympathy also to his wife Gloria at her loss.

*Pat Artz at the loss of her friend Miriam Bailey to whom she was a caregiver. Service was on September 14.

*Lee Zimmerman at the loss of his sister, Gladys Stauffer.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hollie Kemper on the birth of her 2nd grandchild, Myles Stanley Kemper!

New Members and Baptisms

Welcome to Joe Sanchez, who joined Muddy Creek on August 29th. Joe lives in Adamstown, and we are delighted he is participating in our congregation. Welcome Joe!

Welcome to Rennie Rose Ueberroth, who was baptized on September 12, and whose mother, Mackenzie Ueberroth also joined Muddy Creek at the same time. Welcome to Mackenzie, husband Ricky (already a member) and to daughter Rennie!

Welcome to Mercy Marie McCalicher, who was baptized on September 26. Mercy's parents are Katie and Zachary McCalicher. Proud big sisters are Grace and Hope.

Stockings for Soldiers Deadline November 7th

As the Christmas season approaches, once again Keystone Military Families in partnership Blue Ridge Communications has begun the Stockings For Soldiers initiative. Our Muddy Creek Church family has been very active over the past 4 years with our Prayer Squares that are tucked into each soldier's Christmas Stocking and our Christmas Card signing which is also included in the stocking. Here are ways you can help:



Please take a pack of Christmas cards from the table under the mailboxes, write a brief message on each card if you want, sign it with your name, town, state and church, and put it back in the envelope, **BUT PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE**. Bring the signed cards back to the church no later than Sunday, November 7th. You are also welcome to use your own Christmas cards if you want.

Muddy Creek's Knitting Ministry is continuing their efforts to supply prayer squares to send to our Pennsylvania Military to let them know that we are still praying for them and thinking of them this Christmas season. Muddy Creek started this addition to the stockings and it has become a very important gift to our soldiers. Help is needed to tie the prayers onto the prayer squares. Please take a pack of squares and prayers from the red bin near the mailboxes, tie the prayers on, and return to them to the bin by November 7th.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please feel free to write a check to: Keystone Military Families (include in note section: Stockings for Soldiers). You may put your check in an envelope labeled "c/o Judy Dengler" and put it in her church mailbox. The donations collected will help to pay for shipping of stockings all over the world to our Pennsylvania military, which is a huge expense. Again, the deadline to receive monetary donations is November 7th.

In the past, our church family has graciously donated food and personal care items for the soldiers. Unfortunately, I am unable to collect, repackage, and deliver the items any longer. If you would still consider helping in this cause, I will have die cut paper stockings that you can sponsor for a minimum of \$5.00. You can write a special message on the stocking. The money collected from these stockings will help defray the cost of shipping the packages to our Military all over the world. Please feel free to contact me at 717-484-2082 or denglerj@ptd.net if interested in purchasing a stocking.

For more information on Keystone Military Families, visit keystonemilitaryfamilies.com

For more information of Stockings For Soldiers, visit brctv.com/stockingsforsoldiers

Again, thank you for your amazing support in helping to make this Christmas special for our service men and women stationed around the world. - Judy Dengler

Altar Flower Sign-Ups

If you wish to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins (you may make them in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish), please sign up in the binder located outside Pastor Peter's office. Cost is \$30 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

Attendance

Worship Attendance	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	Views on YouTube and Facebook
July 25	20	53	17 (includes livestream)
August 1	22	62	26 (includes livestream)
August 8	23	44	36
August 15	16	44	n/a
August 22	13	45	25
August 29	23	54	31 (includes livestream)
September 5	20	43	23 (includes livestream)
September 12	42	46	28 (includes livestream)
September 19	27	37	12 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 71 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 172 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)

Offering

Received in General Fund in July: \$13,190.76, Expenses to General Fund in July: \$12,805.48

Received in General Fund in Aug.: \$13,101.00, Expenses to General Fund in Aug.: \$17,745.01

Income to General Fund year to date through August: \$111,645.03

Expenses to General Fund year to date through August: \$128,736.59

Received in Elevator Fund as of Sept. 19: \$224,019.79 (Donations to the Elevator Fund are still being gratefully accepted, since additional expenses are still coming)

Worship Helpers Schedule

Helping as Lay Readers, Acolytes, and Communion Assistants has been temporarily suspended due to the rise of the CoVid Delta Variant.

Money Counters (Please wear masks)

October 3 – Hollie Kemper, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll

October 10 – Ray and Susan Sweigart

October 17 – Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

October 24 – Lesia and Matthew Aungst, Kim Eshleman

October 31 – June and Neal Leid