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LIVING BY FAITH

By Pastor Jonathan Lamb

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 11:32-39

Recently, I visited the Shenandoah Valley Museum, which includes many beautiful gardens. You can see the history of the families that owned this huge estate. In Hebrews 11 we are given a roll call of the righteous who lived by faith including Abraham and Sarah lived by faith, trusting God who is going to lead them away from their homeland in a city to live in the wilderness in a tent. Many generations to come have followed their example of walking by faith such as Issac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, and many others.

The righteous people sought to help their neighbors live out their faith by leading God's people to victory. Some shared wisdom and were prophets who called people to live out justice. Others were very successful as leaders; others suffered and were put to death. Some were seen as failures in the eyes of the world because society didn't listen to God's word and put them to death. However, they were remembered by God. We live by faith and seek to live the Gospel of Jesus, by sharing the love of God. May we continue to seek the Lord by praying and reading Scripture daily. I consider the importance of walking in faith. I believe that **John Wesley's Covenant Prayer** reminds us of living as God's people following Jesus. *[Please see the Covenant Prayer on the next page]*

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me
with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid
aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for
thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have
nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made
on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*

-John Wesley
Covenant Prayer (UMH 607)

RUMC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Theresa Lynn Kurtz



On October 14, 2023, Pastor Jonathan Lamb and members of Rectortown United Methodist Church welcomed Theresa Lynn Kurtz into our church family. After the commendation and welcome, Terry told us how she had attended RUMC in the 1980s then moved away.

When she returned she visited RUMC to see if the painting of Jesus (1941 by Warner Solomon) was still here and was thrilled to see it still front and center for everyone to see. During her time away she happened upon a print of the painting in a thrift store and bought it.

She went on to tell us about the symbolism in the painting: It contains a concealed heart shape (the light part of the painting), the grill in the door points out that all is not hopeless (the person inside can see out), and there is no door knob or latch (so the door must be opened from within).

Thanks to Terry for reminding us about something we see every Sunday and welcome back!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Karyn Landoll - Nov 2

Tyler Willis - Nov 6

Morgan Crossen - Nov 8

Diane Harrington - Nov 13

Tara Wegdam - Nov 14

Tyler Crossen - Nov 19

John Crossen - Nov 21

Jackson Glascock - Nov 23

Theresa Roberson - Nov 26

The Power of Prayer

That moment when a storm has passed and a rainbow bends across the sky, or when the caterpillar finds it's become a lovely butterfly—when night gives way to dawn's new day, when hope outshines the heart's despair—that's when we see God's perfect plan and understand the power of prayer. *[Thanks to Shirley for sharing this]*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**National Collection Week:
NOV 13-20, 2023**

We have preprinted boxes in the sanctuary or you can **donate a box online** www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

To drop off at RUMC, place boxes on the pews at the front of the sanctuary by Nov 12.

"Behold, Children are a heritage from the Lord"

Psalms 127: 3

OCTOBER SNAPSHOT

On October 8, RUMC welcomed back some familiar faces! Cindy and Roxie were joined by Jeff, Emily, Laura, and Matthew.



NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Nov 2, 7pm

- Admin Council Meeting*

**Note: All RUMC committees except Trustees and SPPRC will now meet during Admin Council*

Nov 8, 6pm

- Trustees Meeting

Nov 12, 2pm

- Charge Conference

Nov 21, 10am

- Fig Leaf Meeting

EVENTS

Nov 2

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 7

- Election Day

Nov 11

- Veterans Day

Nov 20-24

- Pastor Vacation

Nov 22-24

- Office closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 25, 9am

- Ornament Making & Tree Decorating

Nov 26, 6pm

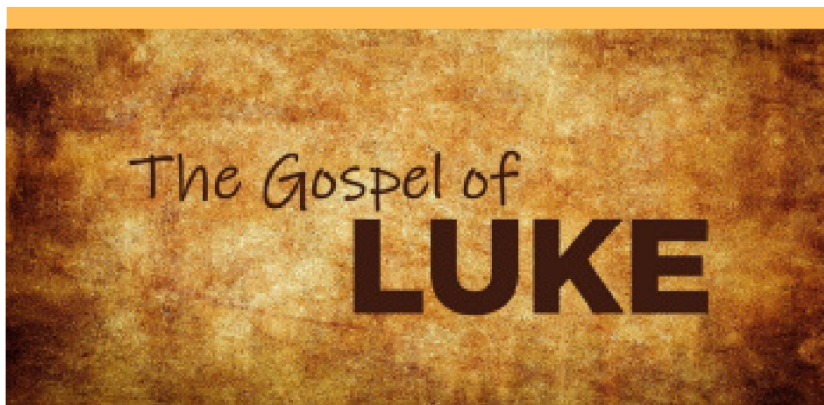
- Community Christmas Tree Lighting



NOON TIME PRAYER

Please Join Us

**Thursdays at Noon at
Middleburg UMC's Sanctuary**



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

New YouTube Video Available on Tuesdays.

www.youtube.com/channel/UC9xozS-dgwWTZ-rR-iOnDjA



RECTORTOWN UMC MISSION STATEMENT
SERVING GOD THROUGH **PRAYER, ACTION,**
AND **LOVE THROUGH SERVICE.**

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE PLAN

Day	Date	Gospel Lesson
305	Wed. Nov. 1	Micah 2-3; Psalm 112; Acts 3
306	Thurs. Nov. 2	Micah 4-5; Psalm 113; Acts 4
307	Fri. Nov. 3	Micah 6-7; Psalm 114; Acts 5
308	Sat. Nov. 4	Nahum 1-2; Psalm 114; Acts 6
309	Sun. Nov. 5	Nahum 3; Habakkuk 1; Psalm 116; Acts 7
310	Mon. Nov. 6	Habakkuk 2-3; Psalm 117; Acts 8
311	Tues. Nov. 7	Zephaniah 1-2; Psalm 118; Acts 9
312	Wed. Nov. 8	Zephaniah 3; Haggai 1; Psalm 119:1-8; Acts 10
313	Thurs. Nov. 9	Haggai 2; Zechariah 1; Psalm 119:9-16; Acts 11
314	Fri. Nov. 10	Zechariah 2-3; Psalm 119:17-24; Acts 12
315	Sat. Nov. 11	Zechariah 4-5; Psalm 119:25-32; Acts 13
316	Sun. Nov. 12	Zechariah 6-7; Psalm 119:33-40; Acts 14
317	Mon. Nov. 13	Zechariah 8-9; Psalm 119:41-48; Acts 15
318	Tues. Nov. 14	Zechariah 10-11; Psalm 119:49-56; Acts 16
319	Wed. Nov. 15	Zechariah 12-13; Psalm 119:57-64; Acts 17
320	Thurs. Nov. 16	Zechariah 14; Malachi 1; Psalm 119:65-72; Acts 18
321	Fri. Nov. 17	Malachi 2-3; Psalm 119:73-80; Acts 19
322	Sat. Nov. 18	Malachi 4; Romans 1; Psalm 119:81-88; Acts 20
323	Sun. Nov. 19	Romans 2-3; Psalm 119:89-96; Acts 21
324	Mon. Nov. 20	Romans 4-5; Psalm 119:97-104; Acts 22
325	Tues. Nov. 21	Romans 6-7; Psalm 119:105-112; Acts 23
326	Wed. Nov. 22	Romans 8-9; Psalm 119:113-120; Acts 24
327	Thurs. Nov. 23	Romans 10-11; Psalm 119:121-128; Acts 25
328	Fri. Nov. 24	Romans 12-13; Psalm 119:129-136; Acts 26
329	Sat. Nov. 25	Romans 14-15; Psalm 119:137-144; Acts 27
330	Sun. Nov. 26	Romans 16; 1 Corinthians 1; Psalm 119:145-152; Acts 28
331	Mon. Nov. 27	1 Corinthians 2-3; Psalm 119:153-160; John 1
332	Tues. Nov. 28	1 Corinthians 4-5; Psalm 119:161-168; John 2
333	Wed. Nov. 29	1 Corinthians 6-7; Psalm 191:169-176; John 3
334	Thurs. Nov. 30	1 Corinthians 8-9; Psalm 120; John 4