

November 2025

THE GOOD WORD

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How can it already be November? It seems like it was just summer, not that long ago. With everything that has already happened, how can we be ready for Thanksgiving and a season of thankfulness? And with the kind of year that some people are having, it can be hard to find a reason to be thankful.

The Bible often calls us to be thankful and to rejoice, even when we don't feel like it. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)."

So how can we give thanks when we might struggle to find reasons to rejoice? First, we must realize that there are two levels of gratitude. Surface gratitude and inner gratitude. Surface gratitude is expressing thanks for the good things that happen occasionally. Like saying thank you when someone holds the door for us. But inner gratitude is an attitude that sees life itself as a reason to be thankful. One is conditional and the other is unconditional. Try to find that deeper level of gratitude this year, and you will always be able to rejoice through life's highs and lows.

Here are some exercises to think about gratitude this year for kids and adults of all ages.

Conversation Starters

"What is something God did for you this year that made you smile?"

"Who has been a blessing in your life lately?"

"What's something about Jesus you're thankful for?"

"How did you see God answer a prayer?"

Gratitude Sentences for Kids

Encourage each child to finish one aloud:

"I thank God for _____."

"I love how God made _____."

"I'm thankful for the way our family _____."

"I know God loves me because _____."

Pastor Josh

FOREVER

Thankful

ALWAYS

grateful

ABUNDANTLY

blessed



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

10	Sharon Franklin	23	Sheri Maring
14	Candy McConchie	25	Sandy Wright
16	Patricia Lentzner	29	Levi Smith

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.



MT. AIRY NET

November Needs:
Jelly, Soups
Canned Vegetables,
Soap, Shampoo

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

November - Scott & Ritta Jones

READER

November - Anna Grimes

Let Office know if you can help

December
2025

Deadline is:
November
25th



Men's Breakfast ~ All Men
Are Welcome



Saturday, November 1 - 9AM
Bob Evans
206 Malcolm Dr., Westminster, MD

VISION TEAM UPDATE:

For the past year, the church vision team has been developing a vision statement to guide the church as it seeks to make disciples and grow in our area. Recently, the church council decided to adopt the vision teams' statement.

"We seek to faithfully display God's love through our actions toward everyone in our community."

You will start to see it appear in the bulletin and elsewhere in our church. The goal of this statement is to guide us as we seek to develop our missions, outreach, and programs. We ask you to continue praying for the church to live into this vision. As we strive to reach people throughout Taylorsville and the surrounding area, may we display God's love as a source of faith and inspiration for each other and for those not yet part of our community of faith.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Pray for our democracy
 - Pray for our government and leaders
 - Pray for those without jobs
 - Helen Shepherd needs prayers - having blood work for issues
 - Cindy Watts needs prayer-health issues
 - Pastor Josh's friend Sarah Moon, wants prayers
 - Debbie Gillen-still doing treatments, tumor free
 - Sue's friend, Bobby recovery from surgery
 - Sue Leppert's Uncle Dale, has a serious bacteria infection. Drs. are trying to diagnosis it.
 - Audrey is waiting for upcoming surgery in Dec.
 - People with colds, flu and Covid
 - Bob Gillen - skin cancer treatments, Dr. appts.
 - Lisa Twilley under hospice care
 - Vivian's friend, Barb Conaway has cancer
 - Cindy's Harris' friend, Phil Anderson-liver cancer
 - Pray we keep God as our focus in all we do
 - Pray for our military
 - Pray for country, leadership, democracy
 - Chris has improved pain & functioning
 - Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
 - Joe Martin-needs prayers
 - COVID, pray for people who have it & suffer
 - Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
 - Pray for the homeless near and far
 - Those grieving the loss of loved ones
 - Taylorsville UMC
 - The United Methodist Church
 - Pray for our World, Peace, Enemies
 - For those in assisted living facilities, and employees.
- Our member in assisted living is Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown

**Joys**

- Our church family
- Fall activities
- Beautiful fall weather-leaves changing

Prayers for Service Persons

Austin Flagler (Coast Guard)
 Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Tampa)
 Thank you for your service!!

We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles

November

November 2, 2025

All Saints Day, Communion Sunday

Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31
 Sermon Title: "What Makes a Saint?"

November 9, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38
 Sermon Title: "There Will Come a Day"

November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25*, Luke 21:5-19
 Sermon Title: "New Heaven, New Earth"

November 23, 2025

Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43
 Sermon Title: "A King for Christmas and Easter"

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14
 Sermon Title: "Salvation is Near"



Adult Sunday School Class in Basement Fellowship Hall ~ 8:45 a.m. Contact: Dee

November's lessons begin with a look at the last days of Judah, a hard read as it is full of violence and desperation. Then we look at the prophet – priest Ezekiel, in Babylon among the exiles, reporting the devastation in Jerusalem. His prophecies are replete with visions, signs, and symbolic actions, testifying to the utter ruin of the homeland and promises of renewal.

When Ezekiel's wife dies, he obediently follows God's command not to mourn as a sign to the people that no one will weep when Jerusalem falls. Ezekiel serves as a "watchman" to the people, keeping the promise of a return from exile alive.

Ezekiel's message reaches its hopeful climax in his vision of a renewed temple with water flowing from it. Ezekiel died in captivity, his life a living symbol that God's Word is forever active, present, and powerful. His ministry helped transform the people into the remnant who find a renewed orientation for hope in the promises of God.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45. We invite you to join us.



BAZAAR TIME IS HERE!!

NOVEMBER 15TH IS THE DATE, and the time is 9AM – 3 PM. It is just 2 weeks away! If you have not volunteered for a job, now is the time! Our numbers are small, but many hands make a lighter workload. Please contact me if you have some free time to help out. We will need people to relieve workers for lunch and to help with the clean-up at 3PM.

Baked goods should be at the church no later than 8:30 AM on the day of the bazaar. Please note on items if they are sugar or gluten free, contain nuts, etc. There will be time on Friday to drop off bake goods also. Call the office to check if someone is here if you come on Friday in the afternoon.

The price of oysters goes up every year. Donations are greatly appreciated for the cost of oysters and can be given to Susan Maring, Sandy Wright or Dee Haines.

Please continue to invite your friends and put signs up. Most workers should arrive between 8:30AM – 8:45AM Saturday morning. Please Park your cars in the lower parking lot behind the Ed Building.

Pray for sunshine and NO rain for the 15th!

Thank You!

Sue Leppert slepp@comcast.net



It's **Shoebox Time** again!

We have shoeboxes at church on the back table in the sanctuary or you can just fill any shoebox.

We need all shoeboxes back to church by **November 16th!**

Light up a child's life with the gift of a shoebox.

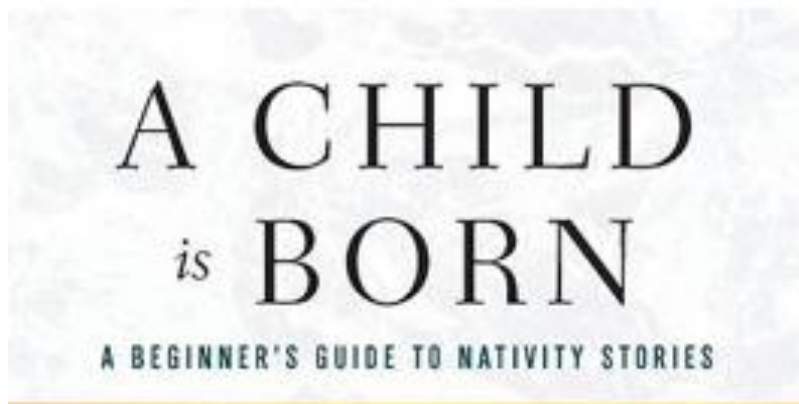


Advent Study:

When: December 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 6:30PM

Please sign-up on sheet in back of sanctuary.



Upcoming Events:

We will have a truck out front of the church from 7:00AM to 5:00PM for you to drop off donations for Mt. Airy Net.



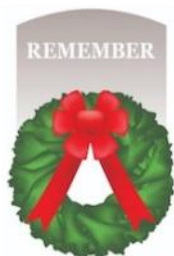
**Fall
Back**
SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025
AT 2:00 AM

Wreaths Across America Service

At Taylorsville on December 13th at Noon

We have 54 Veterans buried at Taylorsville

To sponsor a wreath for a Veteran fill out the form below and return it to Cindy Harris.



Sponsor A Wreath Today!

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Saturday December 13, 2025

12 Noon

Name: _____
 Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsorship Levels	Price	Total
Individual - 1 wreath	\$17.00	
Family - 4 wreaths	\$68.00	
Business - 10 wreaths	\$170.00	
Business - 25 wreaths	\$425.00	
Business - 50 wreaths	\$850.00	
Corporate - 100 wreaths	\$1700.00	

Apply my sponsorship to the following approved cemetery;

or

☐ apply wherever needed

Make Checks Payable to: Wreaths Across America

Credit Card QR code: visit BabylonVaultCompany.com under the community tab

Group ID: MD0316 (please use this group ID to keep donations in Carroll County, MD)

Family Wreath Placement Request

A portion of the ceremony allows family members to place a wreath on a family members' grave at our approved cemeteries. Please indicate:

Cemetery: _____ Veteran Name: _____

Volunteer Opportunities (check your interests below):

___ Deliver wreaths ___ Ceremonial Wreath Assembly ___ Lead Ceremony
 ___ Vocalist ___ Bugler ___ Wreath Cleanup



Wreaths Across America Approved Group #MD 0316

Please call or email for more information.

410-848-0393

Tammy@BabylonVaultCompany.com

Please make checks payable to **Wreaths Across America** and mail to:

Wreaths Across America
 c/o Babylon Vault Company
 925 Wakefield Valley Road
 New Windsor, MD 21776

Babylon Vault Company and Wreaths Across America would like to *Thank You* for your wreath sponsorship.

made a donation of \$ _____ to
 Wreaths Across America of Columbia Falls, Maine.

Date: _____ Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) organization
 Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. You should always consult a tax professional.



NOVEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM Men's Breakfast
2 Communion Sunday/All Saints 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/ website	3 7:00PM SPRC	4	5 6:30PM Choir	6	7	8
9 Mission Sunday 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/ website	10	11	12 6:30PM Choir	13	14	15 9AM-3PM 
16 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/ website	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/ website	24 6:30 PM Choir	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27 	28	29
30 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/ website					<u>Upcoming Events:</u> Dec 1-Council Dec 2-Giving Tuesday/Advent Study starts	Dec. 7-Baking Class Dec. 15- Christmas Open House



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Our Mission of Purpose

**We seek to faithfully display God's
love through our actions toward
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**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN
CHURCH THIS MONTH**

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