



The Courier

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Indianland

OCTOBER 2021



ISOLATION

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 34 - 39).

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As the pandemic continues, there are instances where some are isolated from others out of the abundance of caution as well as fear. There is some loneliness for some, a sense of security for others, and a hope that, at some point, something new will happen that will enable all to live life in a more relaxed, and safe environment. Paul wrote these words to encourage the Roman church to feel God's love, that there wasn't anything that could separate us, or isolate us, from God's love. Yet, we challenge that love as we let anger, self-desires, fear and hatred enter into us and then out of us upon others. However, God still loves us, even when we mess up, even when we isolate ourselves from God. God is present for all who call, who call from their hearts. Let us feel the presence of God and we will not feel so isolated in these times and in the times to come.

On Sunday, October 3rd we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Christians from all over the world will celebrate at the table of Christ, invited to come, wherever we are, and whoever we are. May we, even if in isolation, come to the table together in body, soul and mind and feel, not only God's love, as Paul wrote, one another's love as well. We covenant to love, support, and care for one another and we have been very deeply challenged to do that in this pandemic. God, however, is always in our presence and we are not alone. The Savior of the world is welcoming us to the table of love again this month along with our brothers and sisters in faith. Celebrate that we are not in isolation from God, and all that God has to offer us.

Looking forward to coming to the table together, no matter where we are gathered, and together with our ever-present God.

Christian Education News

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Sunday school program started on **Sunday, September 16**. We celebrated the return of meeting in person as a Sunday school. As we begin to come together, we are "checking in" with our children by asking how and what they have been doing the last year. We also had a time of games and of course snacks! I am hoping that as time goes on more of our children will be attending our Christian Education Hour.

Our children are questioning and we need to help them understand about their FAITH, and how Jesus is with them always. The saying is "We learn something new every day." As we teach/mentor we learn about the people we interact with and we also learn how our faith gets us through those hard and not so hard times.

WE ALSO HAVE AN ADULT CLASS THAT MEETS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. OUR CURRICULUM USES THE REVISED LECTIONARY SO YOU ARE STUDYING THE SAME TEXT PASTOR NUSCHER IS USING TO PREACH. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!!!

If you are willing to take the plunge to help our children/youth seek the true Light, or want to know more about the adult program please see Beth Sikorsky.

ADULT OPPORTUNITY

Since the Pandemic, we have put our Adult Opportunity Program on hold. We are hoping we can offer something in early 2022. If you have any suggestions or educational opportunities, please see Beth Sikorsky.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will resume on **Monday, October 18th at 7:00PM** and we will be meeting via Zoom. There will also be a class on **Monday, October 25th as well at 7:00PM** online. If you have a child who is entering 7th grade or higher, they are welcome to affirm their baptism and accept responsibility for their faith journey, by joining our **two-year Confirmation program**. We have been meeting via Zoom for the past two years and have gathered about twice a month on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm**. Registration materials are located on our website — www.indianland.org. Each participant will also be given a book to be used over the two years and should have access to a Bible. Pastor Martin will also show the youth how to use an on-line Bible browser as well. It does not matter how much preparation a person has done, it only matters that they wish to learn and participate to the best of their ability. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Martin. Thank you.

WEEKLY LESSONS

Even as our children have been gathering together, Pastor Martin will continue to post an educational moment on our Facebook page each Sunday morning for you, your children and others to

PRAYER LIST

Current Need:

Debbie Budinetz	Don Brensinger	Sheila Doll	Gloria Newhard	Brenda Usher
Dustin Miller	Sallie Weaver	Karen Hantz	Beverly Putt	Ruth Doll
Robert Christman	Ron Graver	Carl James	Mary Ann Miller	Donna Henninger
Linda Hartzell	Shirley Eckhart	Phyllis Geiss	Robyn Hill	Terry Carlton
Carol and Angela	Debbie	Heather Cottier	Mike Nester, Jr	Alexa Muffley Holt
Eric Hantz	Robert Knot	Carol McDonald	Johnny	John Weaver
Mike Hartman	Mae Fredericks	Anne Harrity	Angie	Richard Vesely
Faye Neff	Kim Mickey	Jimmy Hurstman	Mike Miller	Carl
Robbie Moore	Judy Silnik	Evan Hantz	Nancy Green	Andrea Coughlin
Zachary Long	Courtney Bloom	Kristen Meeker	Kay Bolus	Carol Williams
Harold Frable	Jeff Reihoff	Donna Whitman	Charles Wagner	Jerry
Linda Baumgartner	Logan Krick	Alyzah Borger	Diane Cimo	Dale Coughlin
Nadia Cosper	Julie Gelfuso	Jessica Harris	Kayla Bartholomew	Jeanette Haram
Gina Sikorsky Mitchell				

Longer Term Need:

Theresa Carbonell	Jean Hankee	Darryl Wentz	Jessica Smith	Pat James
Brandon Snyder	Franklin Dorshimer	Joe & Deb McGeary	Mary Beatrice	Gary Kresini
Pat Neff	Vicki Hall	Cole Ruch	Kevin Reilly	Nigel Mease
Joseph Vadenya	David Jones	Linda Barkley	Aryiah	Becky
Russell Blakeslee	Deborah Peterson	Dawn Stattler	Karen Bet	Bob Bakross
Michelle Brosious	George Borger, Jr.	Marion Bossard	Sharlene Weaver	Shirley Cressman
Lori Rader	Pamela Martin	Susan Zachary	Joan Drey	The Chupa Family
Stan Butz	The Thomson Family	Kim Rey	Sam Steinmetz	Clark Plummer
Jim Miller	Howard & Ida Bachman		John Hine	Darlene Hock
Joanne Peters	Rose Lanus	Dorian Arnwine	Margo Roberts	Robert Custard
Vicki Eltz	Jeannie Yehl	Linda Becker	Laura Rannella	Gail Bauer
Noah Iucci	Lisa Dotson	Amber Steffie	Corey Doolan	Louise King
Karen White	Ryan Holmes	Peter Rosales	Katie & Maggie Paules	
Janet Erickson	Cindy Hogman	Edie	Ashley Henninger	The Bauer Family
Tina Rehrig				

Those Who Mourn:

The family and friends of Rebecca Laponuke
 The family and friends of Elaine Watto

The family and friends of Eleanor Snyder

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

people & Places

- 2 — Jessica Long
- 3 — Dean Beers
- 4 — Julie Beltz
- 5 — Donna Miller
- 6 — Christopher Rehrig
- 9 — Eve Langley
- 13 — Amber Bickert
- 21 — Tammy Marsh
Katelyn Bickert
- 22 — Shane Hershman
- 25 — Emily Fritz
- 27 — Monroe Balliet



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please contact the church office so we can add you to our listing! Thank you.

Exceptional 80's Club

- 27 — Monroe Balliet

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 — Tami & Wes Miller —
6 years
- 6 — Diane & Chris Kuntz —
31 years
- 7 — Sherri & David Penchishen —
26 years
- 15 — Melissa & Scott Fritz —
22 years
- 21 — Debra & Michael Budinetz —
43 years
- 22 — Melissa & Daniel Siegfried —
16 years
- 25 — Inge & Joe Nierer —
52 years
- 25 — Diane & Frank Cseve —
8 years
- 27 — Tina & Michael Ressler —
31 years
- 31 — Marlene & Richard Kriner —
40 years

OUR MISSIONS

Noisy Offering for October is: Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley

It's not always easy to tell at the beginning of a relationship if it will become abusive. Abuse can be verbal, physical, emotional, sexual, or financial. Domestic and intimate partner abuse does not discriminate against age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or economic status.

If you have any questions or need our services, please call our 24/7 Helpline at 610-437-3369. If you have general questions about our agency, its mission and work, please call our administrative offices at 610-797-0530.

How You Can Get Help

Domestic and intimate partner abuse is a pattern of abusive and coercive behaviors including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners.

Domestic and intimate partner abuse can take many forms, including physical abuse, psychological, emotional, verbal and financial abuse, sexual violence and isolation.

Turning Point staff and volunteers are trained to help victims of all types of domestic and intimate partner abuse.

Does your partner:

Embarrass you with bad names and put downs? Look at you or act in ways that scare you?

Control what you do, who you see or talk to, or where you go?

Stop you from seeing or talking to friends or family?

Take your money or Social Security, make you ask for money, or refuse to give you money?

Make all the decisions? Tell you you're a bad parent, or threaten to take away or hurt your children?

Act like the abuse is no big deal, it's your fault, or even deny doing it?

Destroy your property or threaten to kill your pets? Intimidate you with guns, knives or other weapons?

Shove you, slap you or hit you? Force you to drop charges? Threaten to commit suicide?

Threaten to kill you?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you may be in an abusive relationship.

Help, support, and information are available to you through Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.

OUR MISSIONS

October Mission: Neighbors in Need

In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

Most churches collect the offering on October 3, 2021 as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time. We will be collecting for this offering in the month of October and November.

How is the offering used?

Through this offering we express our deep commitment to reaching out and touching our neighbors with justice and compassion. This allows us to speak prophetically to those in power and to advocate for a society where all people have a voice in decisions that affect their lives. In the spirit of Christ, we will seek to confront evil in the world and to alleviate suffering. We will do this through direct service as well as advocacy.

Where and how are the funds dispersed?

Not only are NIN funds shared with CAIM, they are utilized by staff to develop curated and created social justice resources, i.e. webinars, bible studies, curriculums, advocacy tools, etc. within the program areas of environmental justice, racial justice, LGBTQ justice, economic justice, women’s justice, immigration justice, and more. Additionally, a portion of the monies collected are used to fund grants at the following levels and needs:

Direct Service (\$1,000 – \$3,000) – provides funding to meet the immediate needs of an individual or group (i.e. food, clothing, utilities).

Advocacy (\$3,001 – \$5,000) – offers funding to assist communities who wish to change policy on a state or federal level via an advocacy campaign.

Grass Top (\$5,001 – \$10,000) – is a highly competitive tier which seeks to award uniquely innovative programs which can be replicated in other settings.

How much money is raised during the NIN SMO on an annual basis?

Lay, Life and Work

Fall is here and the cooler weather will be enjoyed as the days become shorter!!

The chicken and pulled pork dinner was again enjoyed by many. The hoagie sale was also a success with a **\$260 profit to benefit a Sunday School Bus Trip in 2022**. Thank you to all who supported these events.

Dream Come True is planned for Oct 3rd and Becky's will allow St. Paul's to run the main stand for lunch. Anyone interested in helping for the day would be greatly appreciated. The profits benefit the general fund and a donation will be made to Dream Come True. We look forward to seeing you there!!

College care packages will be distributed by mid November. Please send updated information about college students to Dawn Vilanova. A collection box for snacks and other small items is available in the Narthex. Once again, gift boxes will accompany a gift card.

Keep in mind, because of all the unknown factors a Chili Dinner has been postponed at this time.

Finally, more information will be available soon about the filling sale and Thanksgiving Dinner. Please check for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with more information to follow in the bulletin and next newsletter.

The church office phone number is (610)767-5751 and email is office@indianland.org. **The next LLW meeting will be held after Worship and Arts on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021.**

WOMEN UNITED for CHRIST

Women United for Christ will again take orders for **holiday sweet rolls** which will be delivered on **November 18th, in time for Thanksgiving**. The following varieties may be ordered: apple, apricot, coconut cream, lekvar, walnut, poppyseed, pumpkin cheese and red raspberry. **Payment of \$16.00 for each roll is required at time of ordering.** All orders and payment are **due** to Beverly Putt **by November 1**. If anyone needs an order sheet, please contact Beverly. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

St. John's UCC — Howertown is participating in this event this year and Pastor Martin has the **shopping pass which offers up to 25% off the lowest sale price** on items at Boscov's on **October 20th from 8:00am to 11:00pm**. The **donation for the pass is \$5.00** and all of the proceeds are kept by St. John's for their ministry programs. Please contact Pastor Martin if you would like a shopping pass. **There is also a drawing for a \$100 Boscov's gift card.** Thank you.

Worship Information

October 3rd — World Communion Sunday

Flowers: None Presented.

Bulletins: Presented by Mary Ann Miller to the Glory of God.

OT: Job 1: 1; 2: 1 — 10

NT: Hebrews 1: 1 — 4; 2: 5 — 12

Gospel: Mark 10: 2 — 16

October 10th

Flowers: The first vase is presented by the Family Trust in memory of Elda Bachman.

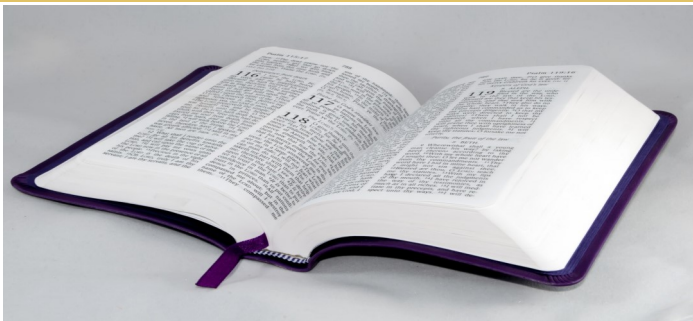
Bulletins: Presented by Mary Ann Miller to the Glory of God.

OT: Job 23: 1 — 9, 16 — 17

NT: Hebrews 4: 12 — 16

Gospel: Mark 10: 17 — 31

The consistory persons for the month of are Michael Budinetz and



October 17th — Harvest Home

Flowers: The first vase is presented by the Prutzman's in memory of Clarence Witt.

Bulletins: None Presented.

OT: Job 38: 1 — 7, 34 — 41

NT: Hebrews 5: 1 — 10

Gospel: Mark 10: 35 — 45

October 24th

Flowers: The first vase is presented by The Field Family in honor of Deb and Mike Budinetz's anniversary.

Bulletins: Presented by Claudine and Robert Fritz in honor of granddaughter Emily's 21st birthday on October 25th.

OT: Job 42: 1 — 6, 10 — 17

NT: Hebrews 7: 23 — 28

Gospel: Mark 10: 46 — 52

October 31st — Reformation Sunday

Flowers: The first vase is presented by Tara, Terrence, Brennan, James and Jules Field in honor of Lily Fields's 9th birthday.

Bulletins: Presented by Max and Eli Nuscher in honor of their parent's 25th wedding anniversary on November 2nd.

OT: Ruth 1: 1 — 18

NT: Hebrews 9: 11 — 14

Gospel: Mark 12: 28 — 34

Lay Readers Needed: If you would like to be a lay reader on a Sunday morning during worship, please see Pastor Martin. You would be reading the Old and New Testament lessons before the Hymn of Preparation. It has been some time since we have been able to have Lay Readers in church. All are welcome to read and a schedule will be made once volunteers respond

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00A — Christian Education 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone World Communion Sunday Dream Come True	4	5 7:30PM — Elders	6	7	8	9
10 7:30A — Contemporary Praise Service 9:00A — Christian Education 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	11	12	13 7:00PM — Worship and Arts 7:30PM — Lay, Life and Work	14	15	16
17 9:00A — Christian Education 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	18 7:00PM — Confirmation Class	19 7:00PM — Consistory	20	21	22	23
24 9:00A — Christian Education 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone	25 7:00PM — Confirmation Class	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00A — Christian Education 10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone						

OFFICE HOURS: The office hours vary. Please call the office to schedule an appointment if you need to. General messages may be sent to **office@indianland.org** or call 610-767-5751. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Martin Nuscher on his cell phone, 484-707-7006 or by email to **pastor@indianland.org**. Church website is www.indianland.org.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note that the next Courier for publication will be the **November 2021 newsletter**. Please plan your submissions accordingly and submit no later than **October 15th**. If there are any questions or concerns please call the office at **610-767-5751** or email them to **office@indianland.org**. **Thank you very much.**

Traditional Worship Service — Sundays at 10:30 am — in person, on-line, FM transmitter (.25 mile radius from church) or via your telephone

Christian Education Hour — Sundays at 9:00am. Weekly lessons will be on Face Book at 9:00am as well.

Contemporary Praise Worship — in person only service on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30am.

Please send any prayer requests to office@indianland.org or call and leave them on our answering machine at 610 — 767 — 5751. We love to **PUSH** — that is **Pray Until Something Happens**.

Celebrating Our 273rd Anniversary — 1748 — 2021