

November 1, 2026
8:30 AM
MT.ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HISTORICAL VILLAGE OF CHURCHTOWN
BOILING SPRINGS PA 17007

WELCOME

The members of Mt. Zion extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please sign the guest register in the main entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home and are seeking one, we would love to have you join us. Please speak to the Pastor or to any of our members if you would like to learn more about our community of faith.

All are invited to the communion table. Bread and wine are used as the elements of this meal. Grape juice is also available for those who do not drink wine. There is also a gluten free choice. Children who do not commune may receive a blessing.

About today's lesson:

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

Holy Communion
Service 8:30 AM

SILENT PRAYER:

Lord, graciously hear us, for we seek you alone. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please stand as able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Holy God, who calls all people into one beloved community,
C Teach us the way of peace through life together.
P Merciful Savior, fill us with visions of your eternal reign,
C For you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
P Loving Spirit, pour into our hearts the power of faith,
C Strengthen us as we remember and celebrate with the communion of saints.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

Please be seated.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of he Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was Baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise

P Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.
When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death.

C **We were buried with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life.**

P For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

C **Thanks be to God!**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, those who die in the Lord will live with you in joy and blessedness.

C **We give you thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors.**

Harold Leib
Linwood Hoover
Tabitha Kelley

The congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle, in remembrance of deceased family members and friends.

P Into your hands O merciful Savior, we commend your saints; sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

C Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

P Let us go forth in peace.

C Amen

Please stand as able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Shall We Gather at the River*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) **#690**

GREETING:

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE:

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

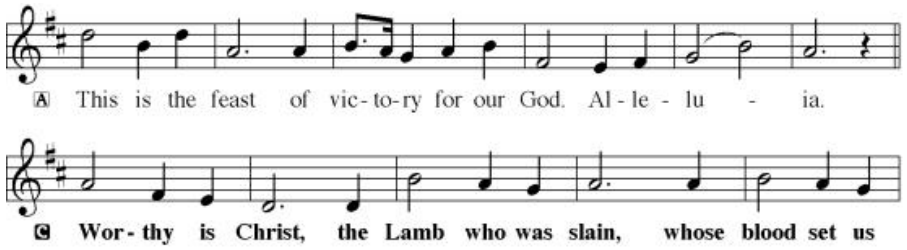
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
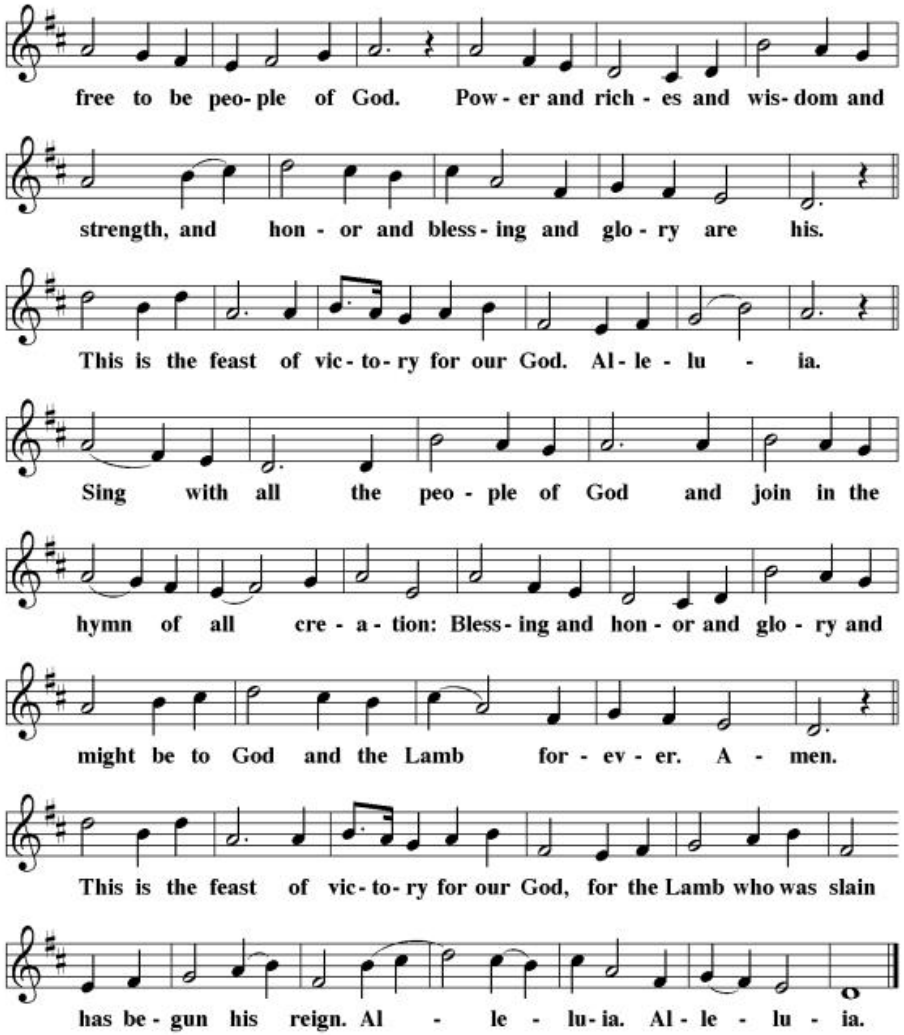
C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE:





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no
one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in
their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our
God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are
the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they
who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed
their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and
worship him day and night within his temple, and the one
who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will
hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike
them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center
of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them
to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes."

A The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (Read Responsively)

1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear
the LORD and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger, but those**
who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants, and
those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.
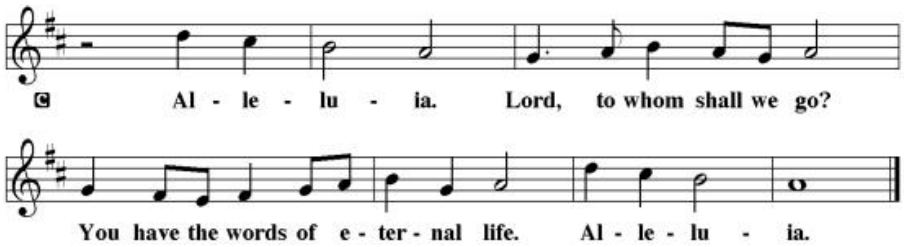
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be
called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason
the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has
not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3
And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just
as he is pure.

A The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 23:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began
to speak and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in
spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are
those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are
the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see
God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely
on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is

great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

SERMON:

Please stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *For All the Saints* **#174**
(LBW Green Hymnal)

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

P United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

R God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share the peace with one another.

Please stand as able.

T*he Lord's table is prepared.*

Offering brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P Eternal God,

C **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

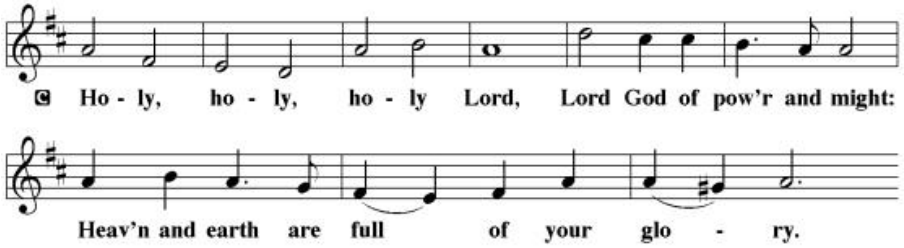
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

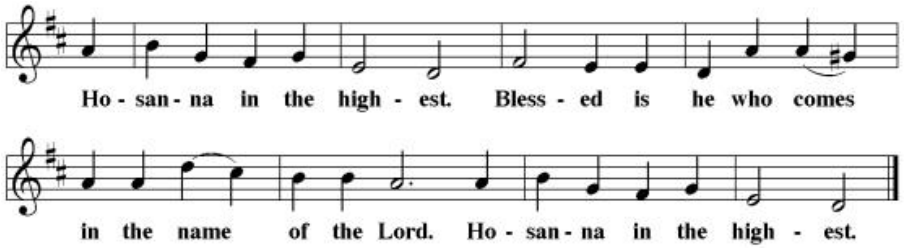
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

PREFACE:

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:





P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.Do this for the remembrance of me.

C Amen.

P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

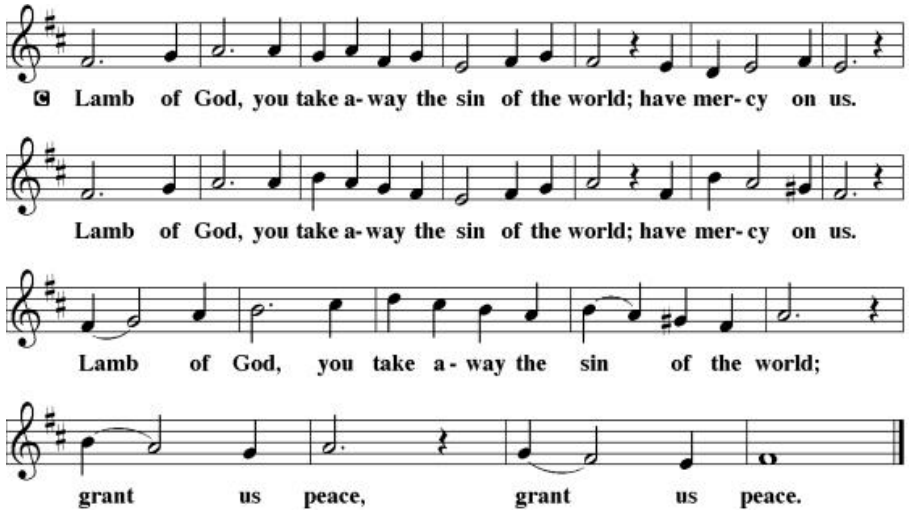
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is

the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. For those who will commune in your place. This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Please be seated.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION We will be communing by tables. Please follow the instruction of the usher. Communion hymn of meditation is played until everyone has communed. **(Green Hymnal #212)**

Please stand as able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER:

P Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING:

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (LBW Green Hymnal) **#535**

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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This week's bulletin given to the Glory of God by Julie Jones.

ATTENDANCE

October 25, 2026	20
Last Year	20
Online October 18, 2026	74
Last Year	89

STEWARDSHIP

October 18, 2026	$ 1830.00
Last Year	$ 2543.02
Noisy Offering	**$** 53.02

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF OTTERBEIN have once again invited the Women of Mt. Zion to enjoy some fellowship and some delicious breakfast. November 21 at 9:00 AM. We must RSVP by November 12. See downstairs bulletin board.

ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, as part of our discussion around the ELCA's Social Statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," Pastor Jen will host an educational movie night at Mt. Zion, beginning at 6:00. Together we will watch the documentary, *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture.* This documentary was released in 2022 that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice.

MUSIC AT THE SPRING presents Harrisburg Harp Orchestra, Sunday November 8, 2026 at 3:00 PM at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg PA.
Boiling Spring.

BIBLE STUDY on Lectionary Reading Tuesday online 1:00 PM.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. We will begin our new study on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

THE BULLETINS To sign up the chart to sponsor bulletins, ($25), is located on left bulletin board inside church doors. As this is part of our budget please sign up.

WALKING WORSHIP will continue to meet at 2:00 PM at Spring Meadows Park, (address 640 West First Street gent, Shampoo,Toilet paper; paper towels, Tooth Paste.

NEW HOPE'S DILLSBURG CENTER SPECIFIC NEEDS: Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew, Canned fruit and fruit cups, Canned vegetables, Peanut Butter, Juice and juice boxes, Ketchup and mustard, Diapers, wipes, diaper cream, Feminine hygiene products, Laundry detergent.

PLAN AHEAD

November 1	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
November 2	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM
November 3	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
November 4@ Mount Zion		6:00 -8:00 PM
November 5	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
November 7	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
November 8	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
November 10	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
November 12	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
November 15	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
November 17	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
November 19	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
November 21	Breakfast at Otterbein	9:00 AM