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9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Gathering

Prelude - *Sharon Shenk* Welcome and Announcements - *Ann Frank* Call to Worship and Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing - *Gerald Shenk* Offering for Missions (*includes coin offerings*)

Listening

Children's Time - *Kim Powell* Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6-11; Matthew 25:31-46 Sharing about Faith and Vocation - *Kim Powell, Ken Showalter*

Responding

Song of Response Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song Benediction

Nursery Volunteers: Sharon Shenk, Marian Mininger

Please **pray for** <u>Dotty VanLear & Family</u> (death of Dotty's mother, Betty Berry, on Oct. 20); <u>Ann Showalter</u> (hospitalized recently with flu & pneumonia, but is improving); <u>Philip Burkholder</u> (Cindy Houff's brother who recently underwent double bypass surgery); and <u>Dave</u> <u>Mininger</u> (working with MDS in Jennings, LA this week).

Don't forget - Daylight Saving Time ends next Sun., Nov. 5!

TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today after Worship: Biking / Walking Event (Lexington) Thurs. 7:15 a.m.: Morning Prayers 9:30 a.m.: Sewing Circle

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Nov. 5: Vote on Membership Requirement SuspensionNov. 6: Providing Lunch for Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)Nov. 10-12: Mennonite Women of VA Retreat (Glen Allen, VA)

Portions of our bylaws were suspended for 2023 & 2024 to help us live into the current size & reality of our congregation. In that same vein, Congregational Council is recommending a **temporary suspension of the membership requirement** to serve on Discerning Committee & Spiritual Health Council (as a way of increasing the number of people available to serve). A vote will be held on this recommendation next Sun., Nov. 5. Please talk to Ann Frank if you have any questions. (*Membership would still be required to serve on Congregational Council or as a Delegate to wider church gatherings.*)

As part of All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), we **remember and celebrate** the lives of those who have been a part of our congregation, including the following people who have "gone home" during the last three years:

Paul Weaver (12/24/22)	Darrell Beyeler (6/7/21)
Wayne Smallwood (12/7/22)	Ethel Weaver (5/6/21)
Lou Sinclair (6/14/22)	Nathan Showalter (3/26/21)
Marion Weaver (9/29/21)	

If you are willing to **help with Advent worship services** (visuals, children's times, skits, etc.) or plan our **Christmas Eve service**, please contact Pastor Kevin or Nancy Stoll. Resources are available.

We are collecting **Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes** again this year! Check your email for online instructions & dates. If you are shopping in person locally, cardboard shoe boxes, brochures, & labels are available in the foyer (\$10 per box is requested for shipping; if paid online, you will have the capability to see where your box is sent). Physical shoeboxes will be collected at Springdale Nov. 12-19.