November 8th, 2026 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Preludes

Welcome

Call to Worship:
We come with grateful hearts for the gift of today.
God has entrusted us with time, not to simply fill our days, but to live them with purpose.
Teach us to use our time with wisdom, love, and faithfulness.
In our work and in our rest, in our service and in our relationships, God is present.
May every moment of our lives reflect God's love.
Come, let us worship the One who gives us life and calls us to live it fully.
This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.

Opening Prayer:
Gracious God, thank you for the gift of another day and the opportunity to gather in your presence. Forgive us when we become so busy with life that we forget to truly live it. Open our hearts to your wisdom, help us recognize what matters most, and teach us to use the time you have given us to love, serve, and grow closer to you. May this time of worship renew our spirits and guide the way we live each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Praise: "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

A Baptismal & Affirmation Celebration
Katja John Harris, Jaylin Marie Harris, Miley May Walts

Children's Message "5 Minute Bible Stories w/Pastor B"
"Gifted-Part Two: Stewardship"
"The Gift You Can't Put in a Box"

Joys and Concerns/Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer
*GLORIA PATRI UMH #070

The Offertory
*"The Doxology" UMH #095
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:
Generous God, everything we have comes from you, including the precious gift of time. As we offer these gifts today, we also offer ourselves—our days, our abilities, and our opportunities to serve. Bless what we give and guide how we live, so that all we do may reflect your love and bring glory to your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn "This is the Day" UMH #657

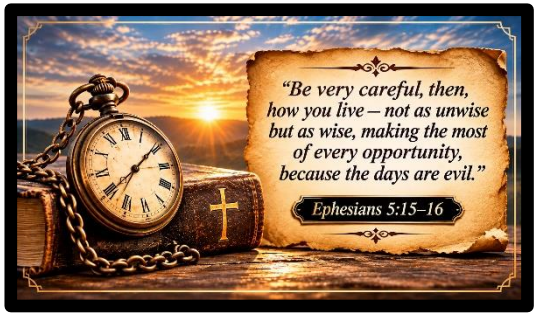
The Scripture Lesson(s): Ephesians 5:15–17; Psalm 90:12

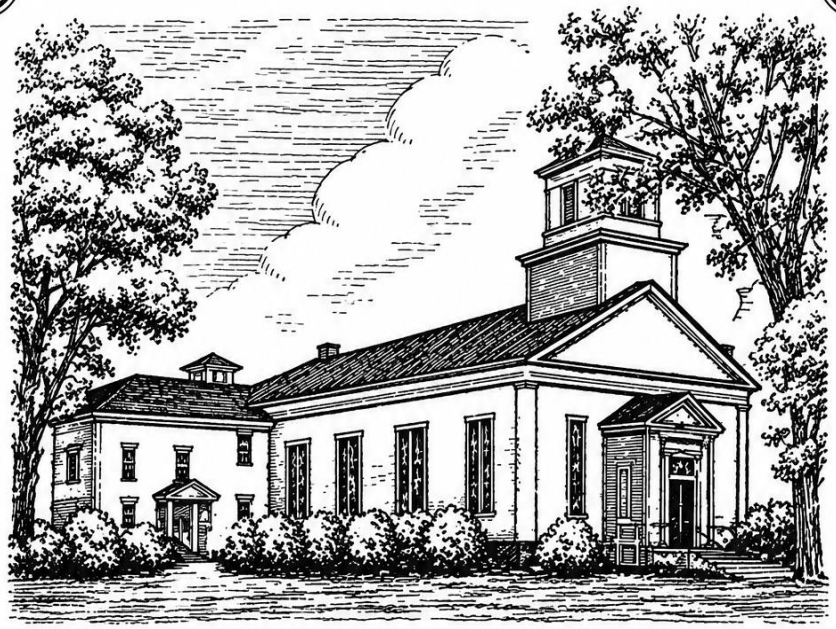
Message: "Gifted"
Part Two: Stewardship
Week 2: "The Gift of Today"

Music Ministry "Washed, Changed, Clean"
Written and inspired by the 2026 Baptisms
At Lycoming and Mexico First UMC

*Hymn "Lord I Want to be a Christian" UMH #402

Benediction and Going Forth:





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"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ, for the Transformation of the World"

All are Welcome, None are Turned Away!

GIFTED

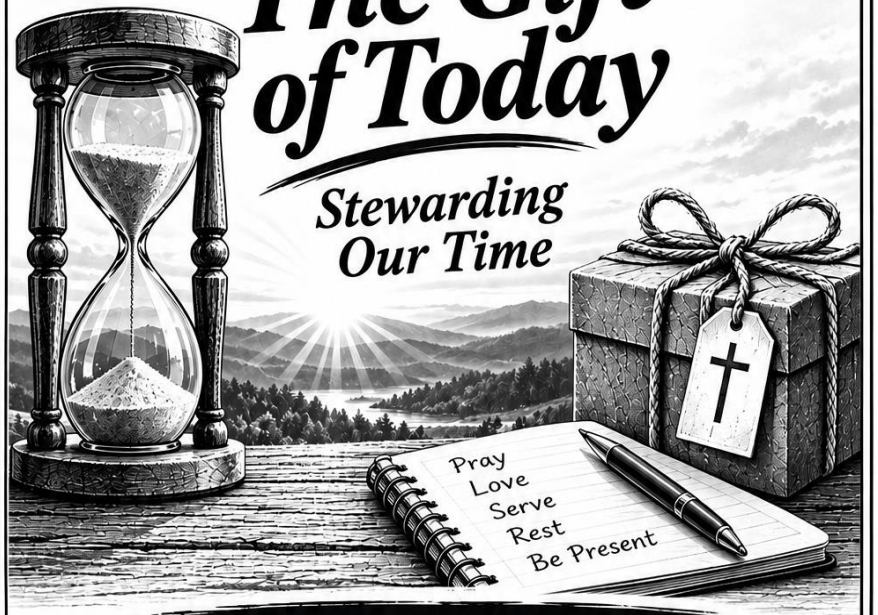
Part Two

STEWARDSHIP OF EVERYTHING

Week Two:

The Gift of Today

Stewarding Our Time



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Mexico First United Methodist Church

Clergy: ***Pastor*** Brandin Greco

Music Director: Mrs. Kaylee Gilmore