

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



November 2024

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"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

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8:40 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

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Our Mission: To love others as God loves us... To be a lighthouse radiating God's love!



A Meditation on Grace

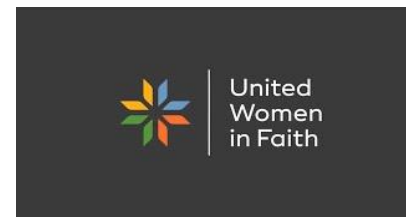
What if we choose grace—the sheer, immense, and free grace of the one we call Christ—and let our whole selves fall into it? We will discover then that grace has the power to transform our hearts and minds from dualistic and either/or way of thinking into non-dual and both/and consciousness. In his love-centered life, Jesus clearly shows us that having a strong concept of grace makes a person more open-hearted, empathetic, and accepting of those who are marginalized, rejected, and powerless. The weaker our concept of grace, the more we will become egoistic, self-centered, and self-righteous, the greater we will discriminate against persons who are different from us, and the stronger we will condone the annihilation of those whom we regard as unworthy. But when our hearts are consumed with grace, we are able to appreciate life as a whole---in all its intricate beauty and messiness, in all its multifaceted diversity and difference. By grace, we are able to see Christ in every human being, in every creature, and in all of creation. It's only by grace that we are able to regard our neighbors, the so-called "least of these"---and even our enemies---as our "other self".

Sadly, not many persons would persistently choose grace. This is so because falling into the grace of Christ is never easy. It is an arduous journey to the cross and self-denial. Risks, ambiguities, fear, pain, disintegration, persecution, suffering, self-sacrifice, and letting go are part of the sanctifying process of grace. The experience of radical grace always begins and

continues with the way downward----which is the way of Christ. Our descent into the depths of Christ's grace moves us to pull back from self-centeredness and self-righteousness, as American philosopher-theologian Philip Clayton asserts: "One thing could save us, though. It's a matter of the heart first, not the mind. The heart of the gospel is love. And grace. Something that God did before we could do anything. No theologian saw and spoke this truth more strongly than John Wesley...Centering on love and grace allows us to pull back from the sense of absolute certainty and hence, universal normativity that separates the disputing parties. If the shared experience of grace forms the bird's body, then the right and left wings can again work together, symmetrically, to propel the bird forward. Personal piety and social holiness become complementary parts of sanctification, for both individuals and groups."

Grace is God freely and wholly giving away Godself to us. It was fully revealed to us in the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When we live in God's grace, we will find ourselves going through the daily process of dying and rising, of death and resurrection. That is how we know, receive, and practice grace.

Pastor Manny Cruz



The next meeting will be **November 4th** at 9:30 am.

Questions/Concerns can be addressed with UWF board members: Linda Reburn- President, Pat Collins- Vice President, Darlene Hunsberger- Secretary, Donna Eshleman- Treasurer



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2nd 9 am – 7 pm Card Making
November 4th 9:30 am – UWF Meeting
November 10th 2 – 4 pm – Real Estate presentation
November 12th – Office Closed
November 16th 9 am – 10 am Charge Conference at Lampeter UMC
November 20th – Making Mincemeat
November 21st – Pie Making and pick-up day
November 26th 4 pm – Outreach Meeting
November 28th 11:30 am - Communion
November 28th 12 pm - Thanksgiving Meal
November 30th 9 am – Hanging of the Greens



COMMUNITY DINNER

There will be no community meal in November

Our Church Outreach community meals are growing, and we want to be able to serve you better. We ask that you please reserve your meal by the date below:

Deadline:

December 7th

Meal Date:

December 11th

December's meal will be Chicken Pie

To order please call (717) 305 – 0215

Take-outs will be available from 4:30-5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-in will be seated from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.

Join us at 6:15 pm for activities.



2024 SOUP SALE

This year the total number of all quarts of soup made to sell on soup sale day was 1,051 quarts.

Chicken corn soup = 722 qt.

Chicken noodle soup = 139 qt.

Vegetable beef soup = 190 qt.

Soup sale income total was \$7,713.00, including approximately \$325.00 of baked good items. Expenses totaled \$1,801.05. Sale day profit was \$5,911.95.

Additional soup has been sold since then. Frozen chicken corn soup is available to purchase.



CARD MAKING & SCRAPBOOKING

November 2nd – 9 am – 7 pm – Scrapbooking and Card making – Supplies, as well as lunch and dinner, will be provided. Contact Linda Reburn at (717)305-0215 if you have any questions.

REAL ESTATE PRESENTATION

Considering Buying Real Estate But Don't Know Where to Start? The Outreach Committee is sponsoring "Tips on Buying Real Estate" presented by Judy Rambo at the Church on Sunday, November 10, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This presentation is not intended to promote any specific real estate or lender company but is intended to provide basic information for the first time real estate buyer. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact the Church at 717-872-7951 by November 5th to indicate the number of persons attending for planning purposes. Hope to see you there!



SHOE BOXES

It is that time of the year again! Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes are due by **November 17th**. Boxes can be found in the Narthex. If anyone does not want to shop, Jean or Debbie can do the shopping for you. Please contact Jean Garret (717)284-3606 or Debbie Byrne (717) 284-1995 if you have any questions.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 30th – 9 am – We will be decorating the inside of the church. Light snacks will be provided. Please see Sue Rineer for more information.



MINCEMEAT & PIE BAKE

It's that time of year again! Time for mincemeat making and pie baking! Mincemeat will be made on Wednesday, November 20th with a start time of 8 am. Pie baking will be on Thursday, November 21st with a start time of 6 am. Come one, come all to help! Mincemeat by the quart will be available to purchase as well as mincemeat pies. \$11.00 per quart or per pie. Orders may be picked up on Thursday, November 21st from 10 am – 7 pm. If you have not placed your mincemeat or pie order, please do so by November 3rd by calling the church at (717)872-7951.



THANKSGIVING MEAL

Thursday, November 28th - For those who are lonely or have nowhere to go, please join us for a Thanksgiving meal: Turkey, filling balls, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, candied sweet potatoes, and desserts. We are looking for a turkey or 2 and pies are needed for desserts. Please contact Sue Rineer if you can help.

Holy Communion will be available in the Sanctuary from 11:30 am to 12 pm for those who are interested.

Meal will be served at 12 pm. ***Eat-in Only - Reservation only***, please call Sue Rineer at (717)872-4334 or the church office at (717)872-7951 by **November 18th**. The meal is free, all donations will be given to local food banks.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Conestoga Food Bank – It's the holiday season, and they have holiday food needs Items needed: Canned fruit (ie. Pears, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail), Apple Sauce, Canned vegetables (ie. Peas, Corn, Lima Beans, Gr. Beans), Instant Oatmeal, Instant Pancake Mix, Syrup, Pop Tarts, Jelly/Jam, Pasta Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Potatoes, Flavored Potatoes, Flavored Rice, White Instant Rice, Canned meat (ie. chicken, tuna), Helpers (ie. Chicken, Tuna, Hamburger), Canned Ravioli, Hearty Soup, Creamed Soup, Canned Soup, **NO GREEN BEANS!!** Please no expired items, they cannot be accepted.

PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through December will go to the Millersville Meals on Wheels. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

Community Aid: Please give our Partner number #40101 when dropping off clothes at the Columbia Avenue/Good Drive location. Colemanville UMC will receive six cents per pound on donations. Donations are usually accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RED BIRD MISSION

Hats, scarves, gloves/mittens as well as small toys/books will be collected for and mailed to children served by Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. These items may be placed on/under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary until December 8th.



SAVE THE DATE



MOVIE NIGHT

The Outreach Committee will have a Children's Christmas Movie night on Saturday, December 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be fun for the whole family so please mark your calendar to come out for an enjoyable evening. There will be snacks served during intermission and a small gift sent home with the children.

BISHOP DAY

December 9th at 7 pm – A district-wide service will be held at Lampeter UMC

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

February 22nd at Salem UMC in Manheim.



175TH ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, God, for beautiful weather the entire weekend! And, for all who attended our 175th anniversary events. What a blessing to see the pews filled for our worship service! This weekend was a TEAM EFFORT!

THANK YOU...

- District Superintendent Rev. Jennifer Freymoyer, for an inspiring message!
- former Pastors Rick Rimert and Jim Goudie, for attending the worship service and sharing with us!
- "Guitars for Veterans", for an enjoyable and well attended Friday evening concert!
- Mrs. Joan Olsen, for playing piano for the hymn sing and sharing your amazing talent with us! A very enjoyable time!
- Boehms UMC congregation for your support throughout the weekend...Oksana/Alex Reedy and Boehms choir for participating in the worship service! Jeanne Hess for the pumpkins and mums used for decorating.
- 175th anniversary committee – Pastor Manny, Debbie Byrne, Linda Reburn, Susan Rineer. Jill Kelley for organizing the Friday evening concert. Pastor Manny, Jill and Ellen Peifer for organizing the worship service.
- UWF for your generosity with financing the luncheon.
- those who assisted with the cleaning of the church building inside - Debbie Byrne, Doug Rankin, Lori/ Warren Walter; the siding outside - Jere Breneisen, Donald Hoover, Howard Warfel; the cemetery gravestones – Donald Hoover, assistants Suzanne Hoover/Leoma Zecher, Barry Rankin. Cemetery and church grounds – Eric Peifer, Doug Rankin and Barry Rankin.
- to those who offered pictures and other items for display.
- those who assisted committee members with preparations – Ellen Peifer and Darlene Hunsberger.
- Leoma Zecher, for overseeing the making of the mints and assistants Angie/Karissa Berry, Darlene Hunsberger and Linda Reburn.
- Darlene Hunsberger, for shortening the pew cushions so all pews had cushions for this special weekend.
- to those who assisted with chairlift duty throughout the weekend – Pat Collins, Barry, Kathy & Keith

Rankin. I think I also saw Bob Porterfield checking on the chairlift while greeting with wife Pam on Sunday morning.

- Steve Peifer, for operating the sound system throughout the weekend. And Eric Peifer for operating the Power point for the worship service. And, to those who participated in the worship service.

-Thank you Barry Rankin for providing the straw bales.

- Bobbi Sue Heistand and her mother Linda for providing childcare during the worship service.

And lastly, but not least, THANK YOU

- Michelle Smith, for your patience with additional requests for your assistance.

I apologize if I inadvertently missed identifying others who assisted in any aspect. God knows who you are! THANK YOU!

This 175th milestone is important to remember and honor the saints who came before us. Those who prayed, preached, sang, taught, witnessed, and served in this sanctuary, as well as the original church building across the road. For their dedication, example, and love they shared with us!

More importantly, though, we acknowledge and thank God for His steadfast love for this congregation for 175 years! For the Lord's grace, faithfulness, and love we give thanks to our Gracious and Merciful God! May we seek God's guidance as to the direction He will lead us.

Donna Eshleman

LET US PRAY

Dorinda Brown

Tillie King

Charlie Rineer

Can Booth

Justine Olsham

Cara Evans

Dana Reisinger

Steve Peifer

Linda Reburn

Matthew Hsia

Haley Bianco

Sarah Rankin

Fran Rankin

Our Shut-ins

Grace Aukamp

Bill & Corie Cauler

Edie Harrington

Edna Searle

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Card Making 9 am – 7 pm
3 All Saints Day Communion	4 UWF Meeting 9:30 am	5	6	7	8	9
10 Real Estate Presentation 2-4 pm Soup & Hymn Sing at Bethel	11	12 Office Closed	13	14	15	16 Charge Conference 9 – 10 am
17 Shoe Boxes Due	18	19	20 Mincemeat Making	21 Mincemeat Pie making and pick-up	22	23
24	25	26 Outreach Meeting 4 pm	27	28 Thanksgiving Communion 11:30 am Meal 12 pm	29	30 Hanging of the Greens 9 am

Thankful,



Grateful,



Blessed

Happy Thanksgiving

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HOLIDAY JOY KINDNESS LEAVES LOVE
MEMORIES PRAYERS PUMPKIN THANKFUL
TRADITION TURKEY WORSHIP