



~We Are the Lord's~

"Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

~Romans 14:8

Dear Members and Friends,

Don't you love the fall? We had the most beautiful October we've seen in years. Thanksgiving is still one of the most truly pure holidays; aside from turkey and cranberry sauce, you can celebrate your gratitude in any un-commercialized way you like. Of course, fall does have its "shadow side." Gory Halloween decorations and pumpkin spice coffee come to mind. But the beauty of this time more than makes up for that: the cooler temperatures, the earthy, leafy smells, the brilliant colors. Even the gathering grays of November have their place in the marching pageant of seasons.

What I don't always love about fall is the annual church stewardship drive. Why does it always have to come in October and November? Each fall we pause to think about the blessings of our lives and the things we have to be grateful for. I suppose we do this especially in the fall because that's when crops come ripe for harvest. Back in the days when society was more closely linked to the land, it was a time of richness and abundance, but also a time to put aside anything you might need for the long winter ahead. In autumn still today, we look upon the fruits of our labors and think about how best to apportion them according to our life's commitments, setting aside certain amounts for the causes, and the people, and the groups that we hold in our hearts. Just from a practical standpoint, the end of the year is also a good time to put together a projected budget for the year ahead.

"Belonging to God" has been our stewardship theme this fall. We've been more intentional this year about highlighting this theme as it applies to every aspect of our lives, not just our finances. Instead of a single "stewardship sermon," which typically culminates in a financial request, we've been exploring what it means to belong to God in terms of our time, and energies, and behaviors. Thank you for your participation in the life of Bower Hill Church. We hope that you will spend some of these lovely fall days reflecting on what "belonging to God" means to you.

In Christ's Peace,

~Brian



WORSHIP PLANS

November 6
All Saints Sunday
Communion
 Daniel 7:1-3, 5-18
 Luke 6:20-31

November 13
Baptisms
Kate Fletcher
 Luke 21:5-19
 Isaiah 65:17-25

November 20
Reign of Christ
 Luke 23:33-43
 Colossians 1:11-20

November 27
First of Advent
Fred Leasure preaching

Sanctuary Flowers/Donation Dedications

If you are interested in purchasing flowers or making a donation to the charity of your choice as a dedication in memory/honor of a loved one, please contact the church office to request a form or information.



Lighting the Steeple

The opportunity to light the steeple of Bower Hill Community Church continues. Many have sponsored a night in honor of a person or a special occasion. It has also been lit as a way to memorialize a special person who has passed away. Notice of the lighting and the person, event, or date that it commemorates, will appear in the weekly bulletin. The cost of this is \$10 a day and can be sent directly to the church. (You will not be billed for this.)

Requests should include; the date(s) you would like to sponsor, the reason you want to sponsor (in honor, in memory, etc.), the name of the person(s) or the event as you want it to appear in the bulletin, and your name. Email your request to: Amy Leasure at amlea97@hotmail.com. MULTIPLE sponsors can share the SAME DATE.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Each year after Christmas and, before the New Year my mother would hand me blank Thank You notes and tell me that before the day was over, I was to have completed a note for every gift I received. This was pure agony. I would say, *"but I already told them 'thank you' when they gave me the gift!"* My mother's response was that was not enough!

Years later when I had four boys to contend with, I repeated the same tradition that I had been taught. Not surprisingly, I got the same reaction that I had professed years earlier. As times have changed and fewer and fewer people can read cursive, thank you notes are sometimes electronic. That is probably ok, but the handwritten note is always impressive.

November's holiday of Thanksgiving brings to mind all the blessings we have received, those people and conditions for which we are grateful. There are many ways that we can acknowledge what we have been given beyond a "THANK YOU NOTE". Perhaps one of the most meaningful is in an affirmation and a realization that all that we have, and all we have hope of receiving, is indeed a gift of God!

~ Rev. Dr. Fred Leasure, Parish Associate



Bells and Choir

Cherub and Chorister Choirs are coming! Both choirs will rehearse at 11:00 a.m. on the following Sundays; 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, and 12/11. Both choirs will sing in worship on Sunday, Dec 18.

Cherub choir - grades K-3 - will rehearse in the choir room.

Chorister Choir - grades 4-6 will rehearse in the Sanctuary.

We need adult volunteers to make both choirs happen successfully. Please contact Anne at anne.smith@bowerhillchurch.org to find out more.

We warmly invite ringers and singers of any ability to join the bell and chancel choirs at Bower Hill. Reading music is not required and there is no audition. Bells rehearse at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, both in the choir room.

Did you know that Ellena Gibbs—the daughter of Nick Gibbs and Bethany Barrone Gibbs—won a national poetry contest!? This is her prize-winning poem, *The Wind*:

The Wind

I drive currents through the soft, green grass
To steer your wandering feet
I wave the tall and sturdy trees
To say "Hi!" when we meet

To you I softly whisper tales
My most beloved stories
Tales of joy and sorrow
And of cowardice and glory

I watch you as you live your life
And guide you as you do
But you neglect to notice me
Although I care for you

Out of all my many hopes
I wish one most sincerely
The hope that you remove your blindfold
And finally see me clearly

Explore Servanthood with Adult Education this November

This month we will continue exploring various examples and aspects of servanthood in our adult education classes. Classes meet from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. There also is a Zoom option if you are unable to attend in person. Look for the Zoom link in the Friday E-Blast from the Church Office. The November schedule is as follows.

October 30: Rev. Martha Neba-Mbandi will speak about the work of the John Neba International Ministries, an organization which provides support for Cameroonian refugees.

November 6: BHCC Service Fair, Fellowship Hall. Come see how you can serve your church community through volunteering at BHCC. As we focus on stewardship, this is a chance to commit as well to giving your time and talents to the many activities that keep BHCC vital. Mark your calendars for this special event, which will begin during Coffee Hour.

November 13: Participants in the Borderlinks Virtual Delegation on immigration will share what Borderlinks is, what was learned in the virtual workshop held at BHCC October 8-10, and how they are working to answer the call they feel to help our immigrant neighbors.

November 20: "Service Through Song" Debbie Boisvert will lead us in an exploration of the linkage between music ministry and service.

November 27: Help BHCC Deck the Halls for Christmas! No Adult Education class.

All members of the church are encouraged to join us and grow in knowledge and faith.



~Sarah Neusius, Faith Formation, Adult Education Sub Committee

UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES -- AMY GRELLA - 412-801-3723
Deck the Halls - Sunday, November 27

Many hands make light work! Please join us immediately following coffee hour, on Sunday, November 27, to help prepare the church for Advent and Christmas. There will be no second hour classes that day so everyone can help. Childcare will be available in room 110.

Remembering our Graduates

Below is the new contact information for our two recent graduates who left home in August for college, and updated information for the sophomores. Whether you or your family can drop a note, share your child's artwork, or send a package, please keep them in your prayers as they meet new friends, adjust to life away from home and acclimate to their school schedules.

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Christmas Pie Sale

Bower Hill Youth will be selling a variety of goods from The Pie Place for Christmas to raise funds for our summer mission trip. Order forms will be available the week of November 27, and youth will be at tables after church to take orders on Sunday, November 27, December 4 and 11. Pies will be available for pickup at church on Sunday, December 18. Thank you for supporting Bower Hill Youth!

What is wrong with this picture?

This picture was taken at Ruth Bennett Farms in Chester, PA during the youth summer mission trip. What is wrong with it? At first glance, you may think the large dumpster on the court is the reason kids can't play basketball here. But upon closer examination, notice that the actual rim – not the net, but the entire rim – is missing. Our youth noticed this immediately and began to ask why. We learned that this court, which sits at the end of a cul-de-sac where the beautiful and peaceful farm is situated, was the scene of a deadly drive-by shooting over five years ago. After the incident, Chester Housing Authority (CHA) removed ALL rims from ALL basketball courts in Chester to prevent people from congregating at playgrounds. The closest basketball courts are now a fifteen minute drive away from this neighborhood! Many families don't have cars and cannot feasibly use public transportation to get to courts. We met with a few local youth who agree that this is incredibly unfair. To advocate for these youth and the local families who use the courts, Natania Schaumburg, Farm Manager, worked with CHA to gain permission to purchase portable basketball hoops that can be secured at night when farm staff are not present. The senior high youth are raising funds to purchase these two portable basketball hoops. If you want to donate toward this effort, we invite you to stop by the basketball hoop in the Narthex and take a ball donation card. Donations can be sent on. Checks should be made out to Bower Hill Community Church and designated "Hoops Fund". We ask all donations to be sent in by October 30. Thank you for supporting Bower Hill youth.



UPDATE CONTINUED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES -- AMY GRELLA

Children's Worship (Preschool - 2nd grade)

Children preschool (potty trained) up to second grade will start in worship with their families. After the Children's Sermon, kids will be escorted downstairs to room 103, our Children's Worship space. Children will have their very own worship time using the Godly Play format. Kids will experience Bible stories through seeing, hearing, and hands-on activities. Parents may pick up their children in the classroom after worship ends.

Tweens (3rd - 5th grade) – NOTE NEW LOCATION

The 3rd – 5th graders will now meet during worship in room 110 using the Sparkhouse Holy Moly curriculum. This class will still take place during the entirety of worship service, so kids should go directly to room 110 on Sunday morning. Parents may pick up their children in the classroom after worship ends.

Middle & High School (6th - 12th grade)

Older youth in 6th - 12th grades are invited to remain in worship at 9:30 a.m. with their families.

Upcoming Youth Group Activities

Bower Hill has two separate youth group options: one for 3rd-8th grades, and one for 9th-12th graders. These groups meet once a month on Sunday at the church. Because we are only meeting once a month, it is vital that you make every effort to have your child participate, so we have enough kids to make these groups meaningful. Kids are welcome and encouraged to bring friends.

November/December

November 6 – 3rd-8th grade youth group 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Room 110.

November 20 – 9th-12th grade lunch after church (location TBD). Meet in Fellowship Hall

November 11-13 – Fall retreat at Ligonier for both groups, kids in 6th-12th grades

December 4 – White Elephant Gift Exchange and Party

Children's Christmas Pageant

Bower Hill is excited to prepare for a Children's Christmas Pageant again this year, the first time back since COVID. The pageant will be performed during the special Children's Christmas Eve service at 11 a.m. on 12/24. Kids will use the time in Sunday school during the weeks leading up to it to prepare. Older youth will be engaged to work on props. If you would like to help lead this effort, please reach out to Amy at amy.grella@bowerhillchurch.org.



Last Call - Youth Fall Retreat at Ligonier

Eight youth in grades 6-12 are registered for our annual Fall Retreat the weekend of November 11-13 at Camp Ligonier. We leave from church on Friday at 6 p.m. and return on Sunday by noon. While registration has closed, we have room for you! Let me know if your child wants to attend.

UPCOMING

Fellowship Events

Senior Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, November 1
8:00 a.m.

Join us at Denny's restaurant at 2180 Greentree Road, near Swallow Hill Road. No reservation is required, and conversation is spontaneous. The regular meeting date is on the first Tuesday of each month. **All men are welcome.** Any questions or comments, contact Glenn Child at gstchild@yahoo.com.

Hooks & Needles
November 5 & 19
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hooks and needles continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. We will meet in Room 110 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

New Members and needle workers of all skills welcome! Hope to see you there!

Koinonia
Wednesdays
9:00 a.m.

All women are welcome to join Koinonia, BHCC's women's Bible study group, and to explore and share in faith and fellowship with other women. This group meets on Wednesdays, fully in-person at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge (Room 110). Contact Sarah Neusius (sraahneusius@gmail.com) for more information or just come and join us.

Get Outdoors
Saturday, November 5

The hike for this month will be trails in [Hartwood Acres County Park](#). We will most likely do the purple trail and if time permits the orange trail. This hike will be moderate difficult with minor elevation changes. The purple trail is 2.25 miles in length and the orange trail about 1 mile.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the main parking lot and carpool to the hike. The trailhead is about a 45 minute drive. The hike should take about 2 hours. So, it will about 12:30 p.m. when we return. If it rains, we will reschedule. **Please email me at gstchild@yahoo.com or call so we don't leave without you.**

Bookworms
Tuesday, November 22
1:30 p.m. via Zoom

This is an open invitation to anyone attending Bower Hill Community Church, friends and family members, to join Bookworms, the Church Book Club. Reading and discussing books since 2001, members have enjoyed the variety of perspectives readers bring: from 'loved it', to 'yuk', to everything in between.

The group reads fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, biographies, really anything the group suggests. The conversation is assisted by online reader guides. Different perspectives create great discussions. All opinions are welcome. A list of the books read by the group is available on the church website. (<https://www.bowerhillchurch.org/books-read>). Check out the variety!

The group currently meets by Zoom on the fourth Tuesday, January through November, at 1:30 p.m. We met in the evening at the church until Covid made meeting in-person impossible. Virtual contact is still comfortable for most attendees, although that could change in the future.

Please consider joining the group to discuss any book that interests you. Reading every book and attending all the discussions is not mandatory to be a member. Come try us out. We may 'worm our way' into your reading routine.

November 22 - The Library Book ~By Susan Orlean

Bookworms will not meet in December.

January 24 - Of One Blood All Nations: John Bingham: Ohio Congressman's Diplomatic Career in Meiji, Japan (1873 – 1885) ~By Sam Kidder

WESTERN PA DIAPER BANK

Remember to save coupons for disposable diapers and feminine hygiene products that you collect. You can drop them off at the church office during regular business hours or send them with your weekly offering.

UNITY FOOD PANTRY Collection Date - November 13

Unity Food Pantry's greatest need is for cake mix and icing, canned yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, and packets of gravy mix.

Coat Tree update:

Thanks to all who provided coats and other items for the Closet at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community. We collected 55 coats. Here is a photo Karl Casey took of the collection before he took it to the church on the South Side.



BHCC GIVING TREE

Continuing the joyful spirit of giving, the BHCC Mission Committee has put up a Thanks GIVING Tree in the Narthex. Gifts will be collected through the month of November. This tree offers the opportunity to buy gifts for the many children in need through the "Holiday Project" of the Department of Human Services of Allegheny County.

"The DHS Holiday Project provides meaningful holiday gifts to children in families receiving DHS services related to child maltreatment and homelessness. Recipients of these gifts range from newborns to young adults. In every case, gifts from the Holiday Project provide an invaluable sense of normalcy for children and youth whose lives are shaped by daily challenges."

Currently there over 1000 families in need and the need grows every day. There are two ways to be part of spreading joy for the children of these families thru this project.

1- Pick a gift request off of the ThanksGIVING tree!

2- There is a list of things that can be purchased directly from Amazon. Gifts from the [Amazon.com Holiday Project Wish List](#) are shipped automatically to the "Holiday Project Workshop." There are many listings for all ages \$40 and under! The deadline for all gifts to go to DHS is December 3.



You can read more about this project by searching DHS Allegheny Services. Search Holiday Project in their search bar. On that page you will see a link for "Holiday Project Brochure." The Amazon link can also be found there.

If you have questions please contact Darendia Lease.

The church office will be closed on the following dates.

Veteran's Day -- November 11

Thanksgiving -- November 24 and 25

Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, November 6

Don't forget to turn
your clocks back!





The last two months of the year seem to have devolved into an orgy of consumerism (okay, maybe it's only slightly worse than the rest of the year). Thanksgiving, long an oasis of meaning and love, has even become a day (or night) for shopping. This year, take back your holidays as we celebrate God's gifts, await the arrival of the Nativity, and celebrate One who owned nothing but the truth and presence of God.

The traditional Thanksgiving menu contains side dishes and desserts made from fresh fall fruits and vegetables, all of which should be available from local farms and orchards. If you don't make your own breads and pies, consider buying them from local bakers. Turkeys are likely to be expensive and even hard to get this year, due to the depredations of avian flu and on-going supply chain issues. If you go with the traditional bird, perhaps consider donating to an organization feeding those who go without. The adventurous among us may even consider a vegetarian meal this year! If you avoid shopping on the following weekend, you might go hiking, weather permitting, play board games with friends and family, and get a start on your holiday gifts and decorations. After all, that hike might provide materials for both.

You may not need to worry about shopping after the previous weekend, specifically November 19, which will highlight the ever-popular BHCC Flea Market! You can find gifts for all ages and interests, from toys and games to sporting goods, from jewelry and home decor, to useful items for the kitchen or workshop. Leave there and head to the Mt. Lebanon Library, which will be the site of the Book Cellar's Holiday Shop. A project of the library's used book store, the sale features holiday themed books and gifts, along with carefully curated beautiful gift quality books, covering a wide range of interests.

The book sale is part of the library's celebration of Jolabokaflod. The Icelandic word is also the name of a popular tradition in Iceland. "Jolabokaflod" translates to "Yule Flood of Books," and takes place on Christmas Eve, when friends and family shower each other with books. It's a worthy tradition to begin in your own family, and many library staff members, patrons and volunteers have adopted it in recent years. It may also be your only opportunity for such a worthwhile sale, as the USC library is in the midst of construction, and the Scott Township library had a sale in the spring and is not planning one now.

Let's make this season one of gratitude and celebration for God's creation and infinite love for us!

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE:

Why do White Americans have on average 13 times more wealth than African Americans? There have been government policies since the Civil War that have led to this disparity. Bread for the World has documented some of these policies. Here is their Policy # 5 contributing to the gap.

Minding the Gap: **Policy #5 The Social Security Act**

This act excluded farmworkers and domestic workers, who were predominantly black, from receiving old age and unemployment insurance. Although Social Security was meant to help those affected by the Great Depression, and African Americans were twice as likely as the “average” American family to face hunger during this time, 65 percent of African Americans were ineligible to receive Social Security.

How did the Social Security Act contribute to the racial hunger, income, and wealth gaps?

African Americans were more likely to be unemployed during the Great Depression, but far less likely to receive support from unemployment insurance. They were paid less for their work than whites, but were largely ineligible for Social Security old age benefits when they got older and could no longer work. Most African Americans were barely able to get by during the Great Depression, whether they were seniors, working-age adults, or children, and had no savings to leave later generations.

Where can I find more information?

1. Adelman, Larry. “A Long History of Racial Preferences, For Whites.” The Power of Illusion. PBS. http://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-background-03-02.htm
2. “Race During the Great Depression: American Memory Timeline.” Library of Congress. <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/depwwii/race/>

Kentucky Flood Relief Update: Because of your generous support, Mission decided to increase the match for your contributions from \$1000 to up to \$2000. We are happy to say that we matched contributions from you of \$1965.



BORDERLINKS VIRTUAL DELEGATION HELD AT BHCC

On October 8, 9 and 10, eight BHCC members and Pastor Snyder participated in a virtual delegation over Zoom provided by Borderlinks (<https://www.borderlinks.org/>). The goal of this workshop was to learn more about immigration, our southern border, and social justice. It also provided an opportunity for those of us who feel called to this work to reflect on ways to support our immigrant neighbors lovingly and responsibly in the midst of the broken US immigration system. It was an intense three days. We are still processing what we learned and what the next steps for our group might be. An Adult Education class will be held on November 13 to provide you with more information on our experience. Until then, we hope this article will give you an idea about what Borderlinks is and what our virtual delegation entailed.

Borderlinks is a non-profit organization based in Tucson, Arizona, which provides immersive educational experiences designed to help build understanding of the impact of immigration policies and inspire social justice work. You can learn more about the history of this organization on the website given above. In short, Borderlinks grew out of the faith-based Sanctuary movement of the 1980's. Since 1988, it has brought groups of people to the border in "delegations" for education about immigration, life along the border and justice. During the pandemic, it began to develop virtual delegation options, such as the one held at BHCC.

During our delegation we met for approximately four hours each day, and shared takeout lunches between the morning and afternoon sessions. The sessions were a mix of presentations and discussion led by Tania Garcia and Deena Elrefai from Borderlinks, presentations from organizations who partner with Borderlinks, and small group exercises about related topics. During our lunch breaks, over tasty take-out Mexican and Latin American food, we continued our discussions.

We learned a lot during our three days together, but several highlights stand out. We were both sad and a little surprised to realize that, like most Americans, we knew relatively little about the history of immigration. The Immigration Timeline workshop emphasized the linkages between this history and racism, and it also brought out the connections between US policies, such as NAFTA, and the circumstances that drive people to migrate. Most disturbing was the increasing criminalization and dehumanization of immigrants. We came away from this part of the workshop with many new questions.

Another key presentation was from No More Deaths, a Tucson based organization which provides humanitarian aid to migrants in the desert and documents abuse of migrants as well. We were shocked by film clips included in this presentation that showed Border Patrol agents emptying and cutting open water and destroying other supplies left in the desert for migrants because they define it as "litter." This is happening while migrants are intentionally funneled into dangerous crossing areas in hopes that it will deter migration. Maps of known migrant death locations were sobering.

A migrant from Nogales, Mexico, who also works part-time at Borderlinks told us about the large number of US owned electronics and other factories or *maquilas* located in this town on the Mexican side of the border. The location is attractive to the US companies because of the cheap labor and the more lax hiring and safety regulations. This border town, which has a much smaller US counterpart, is home to 450,000 people, 70-80% of whom have migrated north in the hopes of coming to the United States for a better life. Living and working conditions are substandard and wages are insufficient, but many potential migrants remain there, working in the factories producing goods used mostly in the United States. An exercise in which we calculated the number of hours workers in these factories must work to buy basic commodities drove home the point that these people are victims of US and Mexican trade policies. Moreover, the pandemic has made the situation even more tenuous.

In the Solidarity/Charity workshop we explored what it means to really stand with marginalized people which got us thinking and talking about important distinctions in how we interact with immigrants. For example, are we focused on our own goals or are we working *with* immigrants to learn what they need and desire as they try to create their new lives in the US?

A real highlight for our group was the presentation from Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson about the Sanctuary Movement of the 1980's and the New Sanctuary movement that continues today. This interfaith movement began when Southside Presbyterian let Central American migrants stay in their church to avoid deportation before they could build a legal case for staying. It has grown and changed, but today includes 1100 faith communities across the United States who actively seek to stand with people at risk of deportation (<https://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/>). There is a very active New Sanctuary movement in Philadelphia, but the Pittsburgh organization has fizzled. The courage and commitment to the Gospel to help the stranger and protect the weak evidenced in the work of those at Southside Presbyterian was amazing and inspiring for us, especially since this church has only about 150 members, and had fewer than this in the 1980's.

We ended our delegation with visioning about the action plan that would work for our group at BHCC. This discussion is ongoing, but the call to act on behalf of our oppressed neighbors in a meaningful way remains strong within our group.

We hope this introduces you to Borderlinks and what your Immigration team has been doing. Stay tuned as we continue to discover where we are being led to welcome the stranger. If you're interested in learning more, please attend Adult Education on Sunday, November 13, or ask any of us your questions individually at any time.

Sarah Neusius, Linda James, Betsy Hohlfelder, Alan Hohlfelder, Darenda Lease, Theresa Child, Jean Miewald, Judy Delestienne, and Brian Snyder

FLEA MARKET HELP NEEDED

The Fall Flea Market will be held on Saturday, November 19. As always, there will be many opportunities to help.

Here's the scoop:

Sunday, November 13 - Final collection

Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17 - 9:00 a.m. - Unpacking the Boxes

Help us unpack for an hour or two or stay all day and really get a workout-typically we're done between 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided, but if you're planning on staying all day you may want to bring a bagged lunch.

Saturday, November 19 - 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Sale Day

The Flea Market opens at 8:30 a.m. and we usually have shoppers arriving early. We usually need the most help the first two or three hours, but with four total rooms, help in the afternoon is important as well.

Sunday, November 20 and Monday, November 21 - Packing up

If you have some time following worship or during the day on Monday, we can always use help packing up boxes to take back upstairs for the next flea market or for donation. Times on Monday TBD. (The Boy Scouts take up the boxes-all we need help with is packing.)

SOUP COOKS AND BAKERS NEEDED, TOO

Most likely we'll do a grab and go snack bar like we did for fall 2020. We're looking for bakers to make items for the snack bar such as mini muffins, cookies, and brownies. Baked goods can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, November 18 sometime between 10:00a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We're also looking for 1-2 gallons of each soup: Chicken Noodle, Potato and Chili. Containers can be provided, and soup can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or brought to the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the Flea Market.

If you can help, we'll have sign-ups for soup cooks, bakers, and day of sale help outside the Sanctuary after the worship service on November 6 and 13, or contact Theresa Child at 412-429-9519 or at treetoowon@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance for all your help to make this year's fall flea market a success.





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for Our Care List

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Georgia Gallo, Nina Helbling
Nate Ivey, Linda James
Joan McAnulty, Dottie Post**



Nov. 1: Kate Junker Anna Kocher Bennett Kocher Michael Simpson-Hunt	Nov. 20: Allison Druckenbrod
Nov. 2: Andrew Marsteller	Nov. 21: Cassandra Gibbons Melanie May
Nov. 3: Josie Sheldon	Nov. 24: Vickie Bruce
Nov. 6: Kara May Madelyn Salvante	Nov. 25: Lisa Schwallon Michelle Snyder
Nov. 8: Georgia Gallo Jason Rising	Nov. 28: Gloria Child Kate Fletcher Clint Kelley Chuck Laufer
Nov. 10: Greta Snyder	Nov. 29: Sam Kidder
Nov. 13: Jason May Ellie Rising	

THE BIRTHDAY BLESSING:

Please take a moment to read through the names, pray for them, and offer them your best wishes!

Have we missed YOUR birthday? If your name is not listed, it is because the church office does not have your information. Please call the office administrator at 412-561-4114 with updated information.

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Children's Worship (PreK-5th gr.) 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship (Coffee) 11:00am Adult Education (FR & Online) 11:00am First Baptist Worship 2:30pm Compassionate Friends (101, 105, 110, FR)	31 8:00am Montessori School	1 All Saints Day 8:00am Men's Breakfast Group - Denny's 8:00am Montessori School 11:00am Staff (101) 7:00pm BS Troop 28 (FH)	2 8:00am Montessori School 9:00am Kolonia (110) 7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110, 105)	3 8:00am Montessori School 10:00am Worship & Music (101) 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH, 105, 110) 7:00pm Choir	4 8:00am Montessori School	5 Get Outdoors - See the weekly church announcements for details 10:00am Hooks & Needles (RM 110)
6 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:30am Children's Worship (PreK-5th gr.) 9:30am Worship 10:30am BHCC Service Fair (FH) 10:30am Fellowship (Coffee) 11:00am First Baptist Worship 11:00am Service Fair (FH) 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop (Rm 110 & Playground)	7 8:00am Montessori School 7:00pm A & P Comm. (Google Meet)	8 Election Day Montessori - No School 10:00am Adult Ed Committee (Google Meet) 11:00am Staff (101) 7:00pm BS Troop 28 (FH) 7:00pm Communication Committee - (Rm 101 &	9 8:00am Montessori School 9:00am Kolonia (110) 7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110, 105)	10 8:00am Montessori School 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH, 105, 110) 7:00pm CE Meeting (Virtual) 7:00pm Choir	11 Camp Ligonier Fall retreat Holiday - Office Closed Montessori - Fall Conferences/No School Veterans Day	12 Camp Ligonier Fall retreat
13 Baptisms for Jamison Sammy Slazer and Christian Michael Stakich Camp Ligonier Fall retreat Flea Market Setup (FR) Unity Food Pantry 9:30am Children's Worship (PreK-5th gr.) 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship (Coffee) 11:00am Adult Education (FR & Online) 11:00am First Baptist Worship	14 Flea Market Setup (FR) 8:00am Montessori School 7:00pm Building & Grounds (101) 7:30pm Mission Comm. (Google Meet)	15 Flea Market Setup (FR) Newsletter and Session Report Deadline 8:00am Montessori School 11:00am Staff (101) 4:00pm Flea Market Setup (FH) 5:00pm TABLE at Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community 7:00pm BS Troop 28 (FH) 7:00pm Youth Committee Mtg (Virtual) 7:30pm Finance Meeting	16 Flea Market Setup (FR & FH) 8:00am Montessori School 9:00am Kolonia (110) 7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110, 105)	17 Flea Market Setup (FR & FH) Montessori School - Fall Conferences/No School 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH, 105, 110) 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Eco-Justice Team (Hybrid/FR)	18 Flea Market Setup (FR & FH) Montessori - No School	19 Flea Market (FR & FH) 10:00am Hooks & Needles (RM 110)
20 Flea Market Cleanup (FH & FR) 9:30am Children's Worship (PreK-5th gr.) 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship (Coffee) 11:00am Adult Education (FR & Online) 11:00am First Baptist Worship 11:00am High School meeting (Rm 105)	21 Flea Market Cleanup (FR & FH) Montessori School - Fall Break 7:00pm Deacons (Lounge 101)	22 Flea Market Cleanup (FH) Montessori School - Fall Break 11:00am Staff (101) 1:30pm Bookworms (Zoom) 7:00pm BS Troop 28 (FH)	23 Flea Market Cleanup Montessori School - Fall Break 9:00am Kolonia (110) 7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110, 105)	24 Holiday - Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH, 105, 110) 7:00pm Choir	25 Flea Market Cleanup Holiday - Office Closed Montessori School - Fall Break	26
27 Advent 9:30am Children's Worship (PreK-5th gr.) 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship (Coffee) 11:00am Deck the Halls 11:00am First Baptist Worship	28 8:00am Montessori School 7:00pm Session Mtg. (ZOOM)	29 8:00am Montessori School 11:00am Staff (101) 7:00pm BS Troop 28 (FH)	30 8:00am Montessori School 9:00am Kolonia (110) 7:00pm Mayfair on Moffett (110, 105)	1 8:00am Montessori School 10:00am Worship & Music (101) 6:00pm Bells 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 28 (FH, 105, 110)	2 Three Rivers Ringers 8:00am Montessori School	3 Get Outdoors - See the weekly church announcements for details 10:00am Hooks & Needles (RM 110)