

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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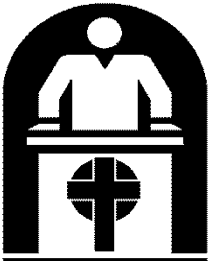
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Dear members and friends,

An old monk prayed many years for a vision from God to strengthen his faith, but it never came. He had almost given up hope when, one day, a vision appeared. The old monk was overjoyed. But then, right in the middle of the vision, the monastery bell rang. The ringing of the bell meant it was time to feed the poor who gathered daily at the monastery gate. And it was the old monk's turn to feed them. If he failed to show up with food, the poor people would leave quietly, thinking the monastery had nothing to give them that day.

The old monk was torn between his earthly duty and his heavenly vision. However, before the bell stopped tolling, the monk had made his decision. With a heavy heart, he turned his back on the vision and went off to feed the poor. Nearly an hour later, the old monk returned to his room. When he opened the door, he could hardly believe his eyes. There in the room was the vision, waiting for him. As the monk dropped to his knees in thanksgiving, the vision said to him, "My son, had you not gone off to feed the poor, I would not have stayed."

The best way to serve God is to reach out in service to our brothers and sisters, especially those less gifted than ourselves. (More Sower's Seeds: Second Planting, Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.)

On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, twenty three members from St. Paul's went to feed those "less gifted than ourselves." We went to Neffs Union UCC Church to an event sponsored by Feed My Starving Children. Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. No, we did not actually hand food to people, but we packaged meals to be sent overseas to feed starving children.

It was done in an amazing assembly line fashion. Four people, one with a cup of rice, one with a cup of soy, one with a small scoop of dried vegetables, one with a small scoop of powdered vitamins, each poured their contents into a funnel. The ingredients went into a plastic bag which was weighed and sealed and set on a table. They were then put into cardboard boxes and put on a pallet to be shipped. There were five stations that did that process. We packed 15,000 meals which will feed 41 children for one year. Not only were we able to feed that many children, but I believe all who participated really felt good about what they did. We could see that we made a difference. We are all called to serve our

neighbor whether near or far. God calls us to respond and in faith we reach out to those who are in need. Jesus said “when you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.”

Many of us who were there said we would do it again. I hope we can increase our numbers next year. Look for the announcement next year when we do it again. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire you to serve your neighbor.

Pastor Miller

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC CANTATA**

It is time again to start rehearsals for the Cantata. This year we will be doing an advent cantata. New members are welcome! Rehearsals begin Thursday Nov. 7 at 7:30. Thanksgiving week cantata rehearsal will be Wednesday. The cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 15.

## **NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A brief but important congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, November 3rd. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2020 church budget and to elect new council members. Please plan to stay for this meeting.

## **POTLUCK & DECORATING**

'Tis the season for tree decorating that is. On Christ The King Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, join us for a potluck lunch following worship. After the potluck we will set up and decorate the Christmas tree. Look forward to seeing you there!



## Coming Soon: “*Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor*”

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we begin a three-week program called ***Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor***. Our theme verse is from Ephesians 6:7: “*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you are serving the Lord, not men.*” We serve wholeheartedly when we give wholeheartedly in service to the Lord. In our resolve to serve wholeheartedly in Christ’s name, we put our faith and trust in the Lord into action. Through this program, we all will grow to understand a little more clearly what it means to be a Christian whose purpose is to serve, not to be served.

God has created, forgiven, and redeemed us, his instruments of love and compassion in the world. God blesses us so we can serve him by serving others. He honors us with the privilege of being the channels through which he works. We are blessed to be a blessing. God wants us to be his channels to live in total devotion to him, and to be his faithful stewards. He empowers us to do the “*good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*” (Ephesians 3:20). The same strength that was available to Paul is available to us. As the Apostle Paul wrote the people in Philippi, “*I can do everything through him who gives me strength*” (Philippians 4:13). Through the reading of his Word and participation in the Sacraments, we are strengthened and equipped so that we can fulfill his purpose for our lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can **give it all we’ve got** in service and commitment to the Lord.

It is our prayer that the Lord will truly bless this program and that God will reveal the true riches of his peace and joy as we give it all we’ve got in serving and glorifying him. Plan to be present at all three Sunday services which address the theme of being **Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor!**



## PRAYER SHAWL NEWS



We had a great Prayer Shawl Group working meeting on October 13 – our official kick-off for the Twiddle Sleeve Project. Thanks to all who

attended on Sunday, and for all who are helping to make sleeves.

Stay tuned for another working meeting for sleeve decorating, which we anticipate will be sometime in January. (It will be here before you know it!)

For those of you who made hats for, or are following, the #HatNotHate anti-bullying campaign –Knitter’s Edge collected over 1,650 hats. According to their newsletter, they were able to “put a blue hat on every single head at Donegan Elementary and Broughal Middle Schools” for their October anti-bullying event.

Lastly, Peg and I will be attending a Prayer Shawl Ingathering on October 27, hosted by the Knitter’s Edge. It’s a gathering of other prayer shawl groups from local churches to exchange ideas, gain inspiration, and learn about other needs in the community.

Steph Wagaman  
Peggy Kern

## MORAVIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

The Moravian College Choir will be performing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The **Moravian Choir** and its approximately 75 women and men have been an integral performing ensemble of Moravian's noted Department of Music for over four decades. The group consists primarily of Moravian College students, and although many of them are music majors, many come from such diverse majors as biology, chemistry, history, education, math, and English. The ensemble also includes a number of members from the Lehigh Valley community. One must be a member of either Women's Chorus or Men's Chorus in order to participate in this ensemble. Please come out, bring your friends and enjoy this wonderful musical experience.

### THE EMMAUS CHORALE PRESENTS: "CHRISTMAS CHESTNUTS"

Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2<sup>nd</sup> & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. Director, Janet Davis, will lead the Chorale in presenting a variety of music for the season, including, "'Twas The Night Before Christmas," excerpts from Vivaldi's "Gloria," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," "The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy". Join us for this celebration! *Free-will offering – Refreshments Following.* Contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496) for more information.

### CAMERATA SINGERS

Are you looking for some Christmas spirit? Camerata Singers accompanied by the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra will present a concert Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 pm. The concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown at the intersection of Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman Street. They will be performing Vivaldi's Magnificat in G Minor, as well as shorter works by Rutter, Lauridsen, Willcocks, Abendied and others. If you are interested in attending please contact Cathy Waltemyer for ticket information.

## WELCA – INGATHERING

On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, the Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus. Gifts will be sorted and packed beginning at 10:30 a.m. A brief worship service and dedication of gifts will take place at 12:00 p.m. followed by a light lunch.

St. Paul's will again collect donations of gift items to be taken to the Ingathering. These **unwrapped** items can be placed in boxes found in the Narthex marked for the Ingathering. The lists of gift items are included separately in this newsletter.

Our church is also responsible for providing some specific **wrapped** gift items for children at Keenan House (17 total) and adults at Good Shepherd Raker Center (6 total). There will be tags for you to pick up on the table in the Narthex stating age group and sex of the children at Keenan and specific gifts for the adults at Good Shepherd Raker.

All donations need to be at the church by Sunday, December 1, 2019. WELCA members will sort and box the donations according to the agencies requesting them at 1:00 pm on Monday, Dec. 2.

If you have any questions, contact Sandi Wagaman 610-395-6387.

## GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS

It is time to order your Christmas poinsettias Yes I know, Halloween isn't here yet, we haven't celebrated Thanksgiving and I'm asking you to think about and order your poinsettias.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and the price will stay the same at \$9.00.



An order form is in the newsletter. Extra copies can be found in the rack at the sanctuary door, or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

## PARISH NURSING NEWS

I am pleased to announce that our congregation's response to the recent Health Ministry Survey indicated an overwhelming desire to establish a Parish Nurse program. Over the next few weeks, I will continue to contact registered nurses in our congregation to develop a team as well as ask individuals to serve on our Health Ministry committee. If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please let me know. You do not need to be a health care professional to be on this committee so anyone is welcome. The committee will only need to meet about two times a year to focus on the work of the Parish Nurse program.

I hope to have the program in full swing by November and will keep everyone updated via the newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

In the meantime please be sure to get your flu vaccine. Here are some interesting facts from the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) about influenza, commonly known as "the flu."

1. Influenza is transmitted through the air from the respiratory tract of an infected person or by direct contact with respiratory secretions.
2. If you are exposed to the virus, symptoms usually appear in two days but can vary from one to four days.
3. Although a lot of people think of the flu as a common cold, the flu can result in hospitalization and death (usually from the complications.) Symptoms can be a sudden onset of fever, aching muscles, sore throat and a cough. Additional symptoms can include a runny nose, headache, burning sensation in the chest, eye pain and sensitivity to light. If you have been exposed to a similar strain of the virus through infection or vaccination, you are less likely to develop a serious illness (so be sure to get your vaccination!)
4. Besides getting a flu shot, other methods to prevent spreading the virus are to practice good hygiene by covering your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough – preferably with your sleeve or a tissue and then dispose of the tissue. Always wash your hands with soap and water. Stay away from

people who are sick. If you do get the flu, stay at home for at least 24 hours after the fever has ended.

5. The vaccination is recommended for all individuals ages 6 months and older including pregnant women unless contraindicated (discuss with your health care provider with specific concerns.)
6. The vaccine is very safe. The most common side effects of the injection include soreness, redness or swelling where you got the injection.
7. Health experts recommended that you receive your vaccination by the end of October. If you have specific concerns or questions regarding the flu vaccination – contact your health care provider.

Protect yourself and your family – get the influenza vaccine!!  
Peggy Saylor, RN



## OUR DIGITAL SIGN IS WORKING AGAIN!!!

A huge thank you to Bruce Wagaman for being the point man, go between, technician, and whatever other role he played in getting our sign to work!

Our sign was struck by lightning in one of our summer storms and it's taken a long, drawn out, frustrating time to fix it. We thank Bruce for his patience for dealing with "red tape" with 4 different entities: the manufacturer in Texas, Signs Plus in Florida (from which we purchased the sign), a technician in California, and WilliamSIGNS in Allentown. We also need to thank Norm Williamson from WilliamsSIGNS who has not charged us for his expertise and labor. Also, we want to thank Edgar Mejia from Signs Plus who also helped us out. And lastly, we want to thank Sandi, Bruce's wife, who helped Bruce do some hands on repair work.



## ADVENT OFFERING ENVELOPE



Enclosed in the newsletter is your Advent Offering Envelope. Extra envelopes are available in the rack at the sanctuary door.

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

## Upcoming Events of W-ELCA:

- Thankoffering Sunday – November 17. Offering envelopes will be handed out that morning,
- Ingathering, December 4, St. John's Church, Emmaus....several ladies will be attending this event.
  - Sandi Wagaman handed out the list of items needed and will be placing list in the newsletter.
    - Wrapped gift list is coming shortly.
  - We are going to meet on December 2 to sort the items collected by the congregation to take on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- At our Soup 'n Sandwich Sunday, January 5, 2020, after worship service we will have Charlotte Gross speak on Mission Interpreters. *Mission interpreters tell the story. They are making Christ known by sharing the excitement of our global and churchwide mission and ministry with their own and other congregations.*
- The 11<sup>th</sup> triennial registration is open. The triennial is July 16-19 in Phoenix. So far, three ladies from our congregation plan on attending.

Our Bible study was *No hard feelings? Session two, The ache of grief by Anna Madsen*. Readings from Lamentations and Psalms aided us with discussing this common but complicated emotion. Grief can be over a myriad of things [i.e. *loss of loved one, job, friendship, etc.*] and usually associated with sadness and anger.

Please join us on November 13 at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting and Bible Study on *No hard feelings: Session three, Stewarding the gift of joy by Anna Madsen*. The meaning of joy will be explored – what it is, where it comes from and what the poetry of the Bible has to teach us about this gift.

## CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

## ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR 2019

Your sponsorship of the flowers and the bulletins is a great way to pay tribute to someone special in your life and also to help offset the cost of these weekly items for the church.

The prices will stay the same. Altar flowers – one vase is \$22 or both vases at \$44. If you are sponsoring both bouquets, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. The cost for the bulletin sponsors will remain at \$20 per week.

The flower chart and bulletin chart are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to call the church and reserve a spot for a date, please feel free to do so.

## HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.



## PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at 610-351-6040 or cell # 610-573-7117. She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer; a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

## THANK YOU, VETERANS!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

# NOVEMBER

## FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any item will be acceptable.

**THANK YOU** to all who brought in Macaroni & Cheese during our monthly collection for the food bank.

During November our “food of the month” will be soup.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 03 – Brief Congregational Meeting Following Worship

November 10 – Moravian Choir 3:00 p.m.

November 17 – Stewardship Sunday and Luncheon

November 17 – Thankoffering Sunday and Organ Donor Sunday

November 24 – Deadline To Order Your Poinsettias

November 24 – Potluck & Tree Decorating

December 04 – Ingathering at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Emmaus

December 15 – Cookie Social (Cookies, Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate)

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 4:00 p.m. Family Service

9:00 p.m. Festival Service

The Youth Group will be hosting a babysitting day on the afternoon of December 8, 2019. Be on the lookout for further details.





To The Congregation of St. Paul's,

Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Thanks for the table full of fruits and vegetables for the residents of Heilman House from your Harvest Home collection. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Peace,  
Marlane Druckenmiller

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of food on September 17, 2019.

Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

Again, thank you for your donation.  
AAEFB  
Margaret Rosenbeger, Corres. Sec.

## **PRESENT TENSE**

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How *was* your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?

**VETERANS RECOGNITION BREAKFAST  
ST. PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1249 TREXLERTOWN ROAD, TREXLERTOWN, PA  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019  
9 A.M. – 11 A.M.**

St. Paul’s UCC is hosting a breakfast to honor and recognize the sacrifice and service of men and women that have served our country to protect our freedom.

This is a complementary event for Veterans, current service men and women and their immediate family.

Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Baked Goods, Coffee, Orange Juice.

A Reservation is Not Required

Question – 610-395-4571

E-mail: [stpaulsucc@trexuucc.org](mailto:stpaulsucc@trexuucc.org)



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**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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| Dave Apgar    | Peg Apgar       | Linford Bastian |
| Doris Fenner  | Hughey Haughney | Helen Kessler   |
| Bill Knoll    | Esther Nolfe    | Heather Sedlak  |
| Kathy Shryock | John Thomas     | Irene Wenz      |

(Their names were printed in the bulletin during the last month)

## **“A LITTLE CHILD WILL LEAD THEM”**

Isaiah 11 prophesies hope for the world: wisdom, understanding, righteousness, justice, faithfulness, peace. In the words “a little child will lead them” (v. 6), Christians hear a foretelling of God’s coming to earth as the child Jesus. Today, children — Jesus’ examples of fitness for God’s kingdom (Mark 10:14) — often lead in showing love.

At age 11, avid baker Michael Platt opened a pastry shop in Maryland to benefit homeless people; for desserts sold, he gives an equal number to shelter residents. Eric Schubert, 18, of New Jersey, uses his genealogy research skills to help strangers — more than 1,000 so far — find long-lost family. In Pennsylvania, Neijae Graham-Henries became a certified barber at age 7 to give free haircuts to kids who couldn’t afford them. (Stories shared on GoodNewsNetwork.org.)

May these children inspire us to use our passions and skills for good, in the name of the Christ-child, who grew up and taught us to serve others in love.

## **LEARNING TO GIVE THANKS**

Last December I had my second knee replacement. Expecting this recovery to mimic the first, I went home to heal quickly. Instead, 10 days later one normal step led to the vertical splitting of my femur, an ambulance ride and surgery to insert screws and a long metal plate. I spent Christmas in the hospital and New Year’s in a rehab unit, feeling anything but thankful. Nearly a year later, the slow recovery continues.

Yet I see much to be thankful for: my caregiver cousin, who lengthened her stay considerably; my family; church friends who provided meals, prayers and love; and doctors and therapists, who put me back together and continue to encourage me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to work on patience but am learning — with God’s help — to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

—Sandy Hyland

# Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

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Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
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**NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY THIS DATE.**



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Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz  
Parish Secretary ..... Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky  
Sexton.....Mr. Charlie Meitzler



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<p><b>3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>            9:00 a.m.-Morning Bells            9:15 a.m.-Sunday School            10:30 a.m.-Worship            11:30 a.m.-Brief Congregational Meeting After Worship</p> 	<p><b>4</b>            9:30 a.m.-Bible Study            1:00 p.m.-Worship &amp; Music Committee            7:00 p.m.-Mutual Ministry Committee At Peggy Saylor's Home</p>	<p><b>5 ELECTION DAY</b></p> 	<p><b>6</b>            6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b>            10:00 a.m.-TOPS            6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers            7:30 p.m.-Choir</p>	8	<p><b>9</b>            2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.            Carole Beck Reserved Fellowship Hall</p>																																										
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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Those Who Serve for the Month of November

Council Person: Tom Kellogg 610-398-9033

**If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please notify the council person of the month or call the church office at 610-398-7000.**

### Sunday, November 3, 2019

Altar Guild: Michele Rampen, Patrice Walters  
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman  
Greeters: Peggy Saylor, Kelly Whitt  
Reader: Carol Weiser  
Communion Bread: Madeline MacMechan  
Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman  
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf, Frank Szukics,  
Judy Szukics, Marilyn Thomas

### Sunday, November 17, 2019

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman, Amy Williams  
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson  
Greeters: Jen & Meredith Schmoyer  
Reader: Joyce Eisenhard  
Communion Bread: Jen Schmoyer  
Communion Assistant: Jeremy Schmoyer  
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,  
Martha Lindenmuth, Amy Williams

### Sunday, November 10, 2019

Altar Guild: Rebecca & Keith Theodore  
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer  
Greeters: Carol Derr-Breinig, Martha Lindenmuth  
Reader: Kelly Whitt  
Communion Bread: June & Tom Kellogg  
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz  
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,  
Richard Hartley, Tom Kellogg

### Sunday, November 24, 2019

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter, Susan Xander  
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz  
Greeters: Carl & Esther Seibert  
Reader: Michele Rampen  
Communion Bread: Melody Pavlacka  
Communion Assistant: Tom Kellogg  
Ushers: Aubrie Pavlacka, Garret Pavlacka, Diane Kropf,  
John Kropf, Madeline MacMechan

**TOPTON HOME**

- Small sand art bottles
- Colored sand
- Large gift bags (non-Holiday)
- Scrapbooking supplies
- Jars of bubbles
- Scotch tape
- Hand sanitizers
- Children's board games
- Children's scissors
- Clorox Wipes
- Stickers
- Markers & Pens
- Baby Wipes
- Glue Sticks
- Plain popsicle sticks (crafts)
- Tissues
- Children's books (any theme)
- Colored construction paper
- Gel Pens
- Dish Soap

**DAYBREAK**

(Former residents of Allentown State Hospital)

Throw Blankets (NEW) to be used as Christmas presents

- Hand Lotion
- Combs & Brushes
- Toothpaste
- Conditioner
- Men's & Women's Deodorant
- Shower Gel
- Small Jars of Coffee
- Toothbrushes
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Chapstick
- Shampoo
- Shower Curtain

- Hats, Gloves & Scarves
- Sweatpants & Sweatshirts (Size XXL-XXXL) (NEW)
- Men's Underwear (Size L-XXXL) (NEW)
- Women's T-shirts (Size M-3X) (NEW)
- Sweat Socks (NEW)
- Pillows, Standard Size (NEW)
- Thermals (XXL-XXXL) (NEW)
- Pillowcases (Standard Size) (NEW)
- Sheets (Twin-Full - NEW)
- Comforters (Twin-Full- NEW or Gently Used)
- Men's & Women's Slippers

**PLEASE!! NO CLOTHING EXCEPT ABOVE ITEMS!!!**

**\*\*Small denomination gift cards \$5.00 are great!!!  
Requested - Wal-Mart**

**SUGGESTED SMALL ITEMS  
LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING  
2019**

**ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION**

- Peanut Butter
- Boxed cereals (non-sugar)
- Hand warmers
- Air Fresheners
- Toilet Paper
- Bleach
- Coffee
- Bottled salad dressing
- Chapstick
- Cleaning Spray
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent

Winter Work Gloves NEW

- Undershorts (size 28-52) NEW
- Thermal Shirts (Size M-XL) NEW

Anything on the Rescue Mission Amazon Wish List

**TURNING POINT**

- NEW: Bath towels
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Body Lotion
- Baby Wipes
- Pull-Ups (all sizes)
- Paper Plates
- Plastics forks, spoons & knives
- Diapers (Sizes 4-6)
- Disposable Cups (hot/cold)
- Full size comforters
- Conditioner
- Scented hand creams for Moms

\$10 gift cards to the following stores:

- Giant
- Weis
- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Wawa

**BRIGHT HOPE PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTERS**

Diapers – Sizes 3 thru 6  
Baby Wipes

Boys & Girls Summer Clothes sizes 12 month up to 2T\*  
Boys & Girls Winter Clothes sizes 12 months up to 2T\*  
Sleepers sizes 12 month up to 2T)\*  
*\*Gently Used or New*

New Sippee Cups  
New Towels/Wash Cloths  
New Baby Bottles  
Baby Wash  
New Crib Sheets

Similac  
Baby Lotion  
New Diaper Bags  
Baby Shampoo

**NO TOYS!!!!**

**SHARING LIFE (ST. MARK, ALLENTOWN)  
STOCKING ITEMS**

Toothpaste  
Deodorant – Men  
White socks – Men  
Chapstick  
Individual packs of gum/lifesavers/mints

Toothbrushes  
Gloves – Men/Women  
Beanies – Men

**BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUBS OF ALLENTOWN**

Christmas plates  
Plastic knives, forks & spoons  
Plastic cups (cold drinks)  
Candy canes

Christmas napkins  
Plastic tablecloths  
Christmas candy

**YMCA – WARMING STATION**

Paper Plates  
Plastic fork & spoons **ONLY!**  
Disinfectant spray  
Underwear (Men's Only) (M-2XL)  
Undershirts (Men's Only) (M-2XL)

Paper cups (hot)  
Laundry detergent  
Flip Flops (Men's All sizes)

**\*\*\*Paper plates and hot cups are the greatest need!**

**SIXTH STREET SHELTER**

**CLEANING SUPPLIES:**  
Dish soap  
Paper Towels  
Floor cleaner  
Laundry detergent  
Mops

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**  
Toilet paper  
Bath towels **(NEW)**  
Trash bags, large kitchen size  
Cutlery **ONLY** (spoons, forks & knives)  
Can openers  
Pots and pans  
Twin size sheets **(NEW)**

**PERSONAL PRODUCTS:**  
Disposable razors  
Women's deodorant  
Women's shampoo

**BABY ITEMS**  
Disposable diapers Sizes 4 & 5  
Baby Wipes

**GIFT CARDS FOR:**  
Giant & Wal-Mart

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES  
(REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT)**

Twin size blankets **(NEW)**  
Bed pillows  
30 gallon trash bags  
Large stock pots  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Liquid laundry detergent  
Swiffers  
Full size blankets **(NEW)**  
Tall kitchen waste cans  
Buckets  
Cookware sets **(NEW)**  
Multi-surface cleaner  
Dust mops  
Sponge mops

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas, that heart warming time of the year and it is time to start thinking about ordering your Christmas poinsettias.

Why not take a few moments now to fill out the order form and you will not have to think about it during the Christmas *whirlwind*.

This year's price will be \$9.00 per plant. Feel free to fill out this form and do one of the following:

1. mail it with your check (made out to St. Paul's, memo: Poinsettia) to the church;
2. place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate; or
3. hand deliver to Janine Ritter.

**The Due date for orders is  
November 24, 2019**

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

As always, thank you for making our church a special place.

Janine Ritter  
610-285-2127  
Festival Committee

# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

PRICE PER PLANT: \$9.00

**ORDER DEADLINE:** Sunday, November 24, 2019

# OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: RED    PINK    WHITE    MARBLE  
(CIRCLE ONE)

ORDERED  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PICK UP AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATE TO SICK OR SHUT-IN: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADVENT IDEA

Are you looking for an Advent idea to do with your family? Here's an idea that is not only fun, but worthwhile, productive, and serves our neighbors in need. It's called a Reverse Advent Calendar. Each day of December beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, you add a food item to a box. On December 24<sup>th</sup> you take it to a food bank. Some of us may find it difficult to deliver it to a food bank on Christmas Eve, but if you do collect the food, you may bring it to St. Paul's and we will call the food bank and they will pick it up. So, here's a suggest list:

- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 – boxed potatoes
- December 5 – macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 – jar of applesauce
- December 11 – canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 – cranberry sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – box of crackers
- December 15 – package of rice
- December 16 – package of oatmeal
- December 17 – package of pasta
- December 18 – spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21 – canned corn
- December 22 – canned mix vegetables
- December 23 – canned carrots
- December 24 – canned green beans





# Twiddle Sleeve Project Kick-Off Meeting

10/13/2019





# Pet Blessing



**Basket Winners**



**Successful Adoption**



**Resident Chef**

October 6, 2019



**St. Paul's and Brindle Buddies Volunteers**





**St. Paul's Volunteers**



**October 12, 2019—Neff's UCC — 2:30—4:30**

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Synod Assembly 2020 June 4, 5, and 6 - Kalahari Resort - Pocono Manor, PA



We Are Church  
Together

NEPA Synod Assembly 2020

It'll be here before you know it - Synod Assembly! Our annual gathering of congregations and ministries, members and ministers, all of us who call the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod our home. It's a special time we get together and get to meet, see and hear from leaders and guests from across our synod, and beyond - ELCA Churchwide representatives, as well as other denominations and faith communities. It's also a great opportunity to learn, to share, to work, and to celebrate and challenge ourselves around our theme: **WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER.**

Last June our shorter, one-day Assembly was meant to help us all save up resources for this coming year's three-day program - necessary to allow time for the election of a new Bishop. We're returning to the Kalahari Resort, in their

newest, state-of-the-art conference facilities, set to open in early 2020. In many ways it will be the ideal location for conducting God's business, praising the Lord in worship, and taking a little time for a little fun as well.

Voting members, visitors, and their families can stay at a reduced rate - saving the most when the spacious rooms are shared by four people. Anyone staying overnight also gets free admission to the Water Park, and extending your stay can be a great way to tag on some extra fun time. More details about rates and accommodations will be published soon.

For now - we invite congregations and their leaders to spread the word and starting thinking about whom to invite and encourage to attend. All are welcome! For now - save those dates! And watch the Synod News and our synod website for more information as it becomes available, as we count down to June 2020 and declare:

**WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER!**

### ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY LOGO:

- \* The colors are tied to the four colors of the ELCA logo.
- \* The circle suggests movement: God is moving in and with us to make us new, but also brings us "full circle" to the things that are everlasting.
- \* The circle is also incomplete: the church is a work-in-progress; and God's work in Christ is never done until the day when all can enter in and go out free and well, sharing in God's mercy, grace and peace.
- \* The circle and the word "Together" are the color green - symbolizing life and growth, and our care for all creation.
- \* The cross marks us as the church of Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One, who died for all and brings life to all.



## We Did It!

Always  
being made  
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

**Always Being Made New campaign concludes with a total impact of \$250 million.**

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, has concluded after more than five years with a total impact of \$250 million, including \$195 million in cash gifts and gift commitments, as well as \$55 million for planned gifts to campaign ministries.

"The Campaign began in 2013 with a goal of nearly \$200 million," said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop. "That was a big goal. But with God's help and our members' generous support, we made it. I thank God for what this church has done for the ELCA's ministries – here at home and around the world."

The campaign focused on areas that include growing this church's communities of faith, forming new leaders, welcoming neighbors, overcoming malaria, confronting hunger and poverty, and accompanying our global churches.

For a detailed look at the campaign's impact in its four priority areas, as well as a breakdown of giving, please visit [ELCA.org/campaign](http://ELCA.org/campaign).

## Renew Your Required Background Checks for Employees and Volunteers



At the end of 2014 new laws took effect that require all employees and volunteers working with children to receive background checks. Laws were amended in 2015 that changed the requirement from every three years to every five years and made some of the background checks free for volunteers.

**If you completed this process in 2015 it is time to think about renewal of these checks.** Our synod website has links and other information you can use to renew these clearances (<http://nepasynod.org/child-safety>).

The laws that came about in 2014 also put into place the new reality that our church volunteers now are mandated reporters if they become aware of or even suspect abuse or neglect toward a child. If your employees and/or volunteers have not been informed or trained in what this requires, now is as good a time as any to make that happen.

Here is a link to a document from the PA Department of Human Services that provides a lot of useful information and answers frequently asked questions: [http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/C\\_135249.pdf](http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/C_135249.pdf).

Finally, if your congregation does not already have a policy that outlines how children and youth will be kept safe in your church, you should be working on one. If your insurance carrier has not yet required you to do so, they probably will in the near future. Many insurance websites have resources, or you can browse the internet for "Safe Church Policies."

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**December 2019 LMD NL news will be due November 15, 2019.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**Homemade Thanksgiving Sides Sale** - Looking to add some St. John's, Fogelsville favorites to your meal? Place your orders for the following: 3lbs. potato filling in a conveniently packaged, oven ready aluminum baking pan for \$7.00. (Remove the lid, put the container in the oven, bake, and enjoy!) Applesauce will be available in quarts for \$5.00 each. Bacon dressing is available to order in a pint for \$4.00 or a quart for \$6.00. We will be taking orders from **Oct. 13th until Nov. 14th** – contact Carol Moyer at [610-398-0569](tel:610-398-0569). **PICK UP:** Sat., Nov. 23rd from 9 AM to 12 PM. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org).

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus:** Spaghetti Dinner – Are you hungry for delicious homemade food? Looking for a place to socialize with friends on a Saturday night? Then come to the annual All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Hall, 501 Chestnut St., Emmaus, PA 18049, **Sat., Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. The cost is \$7 per person, \$4 for children 5 – 12 years, and free for children under 5. Reservations are not required, so spread the word and invite your friends to join us for food and fellowship.

**Holiday Craft Bazaar** – Zion Lehigh Church, 8269 Spring Creek Rd, Alburtis, PA 18011. **Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Crafts, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, Grandma's Attic and lunch. Please call the church office with any questions [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215). See attached flyer.

**Book Study at Luther Crest: Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved**, by Kate Bowler. Luther Crest (800 Hausman Road, Allentown) will host a 5-week book study on **Thurs., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4 p.m.**, in the Fuellenbach Room, led by Rev. Dallas Bradel, Interim Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Allentown. Bring your thoughts and questions about suffering, grief, and grace. Participants are asked to purchase the book and read the first two chapters prior to the first meeting.

**Spaghetti Dinner and Puppet Show – Sat., Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 201 E Juniata St., Allentown, PA 18103. It will be a Christmas show presented by the St Paul Pulpiteers. The dinner will be served from 4:30 – 5:30pm. The show will start at 6:00pm. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, children 5-12 \$5, and children 5 and under are free. Donations of spaghetti noodles, sauce, salad items and drinks will be appreciated, as well as baked goods. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen. Please contact the church office at [610-797-6440](tel:610-797-6440).

**Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran - Open House and Reception** – Sun., Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon. See attached flyer.

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Breinigsville** will be hosting – Moravian Choir Performance Sun., **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 3 PM. There will be a reception with light refreshments and snacks in fellowship hall following the performance. This event is free and open to the public with a nonperishable food item or free-will monetary donation for a local food bank.

**Save the Date** – Fri., **Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:30pm for a holiday string art fundraiser. Join us to make a holiday string art creation. Invite your friends and family to come and have fun, enjoy the company and refreshments while supporting St. Mark's. You can check out Just Stringing Around string art by Lisa on Facebook. Registration will be required in advance, along with a \$10 deposit. The additional cost is \$25 or \$27 cash at the door (\$2 increase is for lights, if you so choose). A poster and sign-up sheet are on the glass case in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Linda Gier [484-538-7707](tel:484-538-7707).

**Come One! Come All!** – to the debut of the **“BRIDGE”** – St. Mark Lutheran Church, Luther Hall, 201 E Juniata St, Allentown, PA 18103. Fri., Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00-9:00pm. Come together to share scripture, poetry, art, and music. Have some coffee or tea, light snacks and fellowship! [610-797-6440](tel:610-797-6440)

**“Christmas Chestnuts” – The Emmaus Chorale's Christmas Concert** – Sun., Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2<sup>nd</sup> & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. Director, Janet Davis will lead the Chorale in presenting a variety of music for the season. Including, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas”, excerpts from Vivaldi's “Gloria”, “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”, “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”. Join us for this celebration! *Free-will offering – Refreshments Following.* Contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496) for more information.

**St. Mark Adventures** – Pines Country Christmas at the Pines Diner Theater, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Price is \$50.00 per person which includes dinner, show and gratuity; \$30.00 for show only. Doors open at 12 noon and the show is at 2:00pm. Deadline for reservations and payment is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the church office at [610-797-6440](tel:610-797-6440).

**Centering Prayer** - the first Friday of the month – 10:30-11:30am. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, **1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102**. Parking in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, look for the sign “Schantz House/Ruhe Annex”. **Please let us know if you will be joining us.** Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening [tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@rcn.com) / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

## IN GRATITUDE WE GIVE Stewardship Season

Gratitude is a quality that is in short supply these days. While not everyone is guilty of gross ingratitude, many of us fail to be thankful for the many good gifts we receive each day. Between God's gifts and our responses lies a gratitude gap.

This suggests an appropriate attitude for us to maintain as we contemplate our giving to the special needs we address in and through our congregations and our communities. Obviously, an initial stewardship concern involves assuring that our congregation will remain solvent and that our immediate needs will be met. But those of us who have had the privilege of having contact with numerous congregations have also become well aware of commitments to reach out, even from this home base. Many congregations extend themselves to meet the needs of individuals and families with special needs within and around their family of faith. And many extend special gifts to Good Shepherd Home, Diakon and Muhlenberg College. In gratitude we give!

Appropriately, this spirit also involves our support of the mission and ministry of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. In the spirit of this season, we have been reminded that 53 cents of every dollar of our contributions to Mission Support is committed to deepening our spiritual lives, supporting the sharing of the good news, enhancing the connections between young people and their communities, strengthening ministries to youth, young adults and families, and developing leaders for a new church in a new world. In gratitude we give!

The other 47 cents of that dollar support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands." it emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. At a recent meeting of the ELCA Conference of Bishops, this group issued a communication to the governmental leadership in Washington asking for the restoration of funding support for the Augusta Victorian Hospital and other hospitals in East Jerusalem. This group also committed to working in new and concrete ways to give priority to our response to the global crisis of climate change. In gratitude we give!

And, ultimately, this brings us back to contemplating both congregational and our personal responses in support of efforts. Even though these have become unusual times for many, we are uplifted if we allow ourselves to project a spirit of gratitude for the blessings which we have received and experienced. Obviously, these begin with the beautiful summary in the "Small Gospel" *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16)*. And they continue as we respond in ultimate gratitude to this blessing and as we reach out to those with special needs in the world around us. Welcome to the season when we are encouraged to respond in gratitude to the gifts with which we have been blessed!

**God Bless!**  
*Pastor Stough*

## OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18109  
Phone: 610-435-9155  
Open: Mon 11-3 and Wed. 11-3  
E-mail: [LMDopsunshine@aol.com](mailto:LMDopsunshine@aol.com)  
Web site: [www.LMDopsunshine.com](http://www.LMDopsunshine.com)  
Paula & Dick Skelly Co-Trip Coordinators

*Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.*

**ALL 2019 TRIPS ARE WAITING LIST ONLY**

**SNEAK PEAK AT 2020**

**\*NOT YET ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS\***

**February 27** – Paper Mill Playhouse  
UNMASKED – MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBER

**March 25** - Dutch Apple Theatre  
GRUMPY OLD MEN, THE MUSICAL

**April 9** – Bristol Riverside Theatre  
CABARET

**\*\*\*\* CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON THE FOLLOWING EVENTS \*\*\*\***

- 1 – 2019-2020-First Friday** – Learning to Understand One Another. Muhlenberg College, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 1:00pm  
[www.muhlenberg.edu/IJCU](http://www.muhlenberg.edu/IJCU).
- 2 – The Gospel of Thomas Series** – First and Third Wed. of the month starting Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions or to register contact Mary Howe, [mhowe@rcn.com](mailto:mhowe@rcn.com) or 610-821-4007.
- 3 – Wisdom Way of Knowing** – Last Fri. of the month starting Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. RSVP: [marcellak2@aol.com](mailto:marcellak2@aol.com)
- 4 – Welcome to SoulCollage Fall Series** – Fri., Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.
- 5 – Come get a Taste...and See** – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.
- 6 – Passing the Word** – Muhlenberg College, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-8:00pm. For more information and to register go to: [www.muhlenberg.edu/passingtheword](http://www.muhlenberg.edu/passingtheword).
- 7 – Holiday Craft Bazaar** – Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am – 3pm. Questions call the church office [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215).
- 8 – Sufism Explored** – Christ Lutheran, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10-1:00
- 9 – Basket Social** – Jerusalem ELC of Eastern Salisbury, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00
- 10 - Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo** – Fearless Fire Company, Allentown, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30. For more information or questions: Lori Young [610-390-2107](tel:610-390-2107) or Kristen Cunningham [484-661-9631](tel:484-661-9631), [standrewssummit@aol.com](mailto:standrewssummit@aol.com).
- 11 – The Dynamic Enneagram** – Center for Spiritual Awakening, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 4:00pm.
- 12 – Annual Celebration and Open House** – Center for Spiritual Awakening, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon.