**November 6, 2016 8:30 & 10:45**

**Reaching Outward, Nurturing Inward, and Growing Together**

1000 members involved in 100 ministries for 1 mission

This morning, we pause to remember the members of our church who have died in the past year. We now carry on the ministry of this church in their memory. Do we know why all Christians are called to give, as these faithful ones have given? Giving is essential to discipleship. We give in order to express gratitude, to be involved, and to grow.

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

 **Hymn 707 Hymn of Promise**  (seated) *Promise*

 **Worship & Song 3033 God of great and God of small** (stanzas 1-2) *God of great and small*

**Greeting**

 Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

 **People: and let us exalt God’s name together!** *Psalm 34:3*

**Announcements**

**Choral Introit** 10:45 *Richard C. Baker*

 O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Look, here is our God, the One we have waited for.

**People: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

Leader: Come feast on the bread and the cup.

**People: Enjoy the blessings of the Lord, the vindication from our God.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

 *Adapted from Isaiah 25 & Psalm 24*

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymn of Praise 711** For all the saints (stanzas 1-2 and 4-6, standing) *Sine nomine*

**Opening Prayer** (in unison, standing)

**God of new beginnings, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Remove the shroud that separates us from your mighty presence that we may see you as you are. Wipe away our tears and take away our disgrace that we may come before your throne with hearts full of song and souls ablaze with joy. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die, and enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that whether living or dying, our hearts will always belong to you. Amen.**

*Mary J. Scifres*

 **… TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**The Sign of Peace** *Please pass the peace to your neighbors as a sign of reconciliation and love.*

 Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: And also with you.

Gathering Song *James Ritchie*

 This, this is where children belong,

 welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

 Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:

 This is where children belong.

 WORDS: James Ritchie MUSIC: James Ritchie ©1999 Abingdon Press

**Message for Young Disciples** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

 (All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward.)

After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 through 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise** in the Welcome Center. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service, and parents may meet them.

**Act of Remembrance**

 Leader: Everliving God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are with us no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

 **People: Their memory is a blessing forever.**

 Leader: We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven,
 their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

 **People: Their memory is a blessing forever.**

 Leader: We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witness, they surround us with their blessings and offer you hymns
 of praise and thanksgiving.
 **People: They are alive forever more. Amen.**

**In Memoriam**, **All Saints Day 2016**

Following are the names of members who have died since All Saints Day 2015. Let us remember them now in love and gratitude

Arthur "Art" Stewart November 18, 2015

Mary McFadden February 13, 2016

Mary Jane Seymour March 29, 2016

Sanford "Sam" Morton April 1, 2016

Helen Manning May 5, 2016

Jane Morton May 8, 2016

Elaine Coverdale May 12, 2016

Claire Coverdale May 17, 2016

Marge Jellison May 22, 2016

Virginia "Ginnie" Smith May 28, 2016

Mary Griffin July 26, 2016

Hoyt Hickman September 10, 2016

Robert Critchlow September 25, 2016

William "Bill" Davis October 7, 2016

Jean Bouvy October 30, 2016

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**Worship & Song 3033 God of great and God of small**  *God of great and small*

Scripture Reading 8:30 Joeta D’Este 10:45 Bob Mallery

 A Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture

 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 All generations praise God’s works

**Worship & Song 3135 In God alone** (seated) *In God alone*

 **In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.**

 **Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

 A Lesson from the New Testament

 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Encouragement to give generously

**Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**… TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES …**

**Offertory Solo** 8:30 Where'er you walk  *G. F. Handel*

**Anthem** 10:45 *T. F. H. Candlyn*

 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;

both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail, yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

 O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth here afford!

O may our souls forever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be

 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,

cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; increase our faith and love,

that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.

 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,

to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

**Doxology 94**

 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

 Praise God the source of all our gifts!

 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon** “Good Growth Giving” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

Sacrament of Holy Communion

 Worship & Song 3168 **Come to the Table of Grace** (stanza 1 seated) *Table of grace*

**Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.**

 **This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.**

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Setting E, U.M. Hymnal, p. 25

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 Leader: *(The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words. . . )*

Therefore with all your faithful people from every time and place we join the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise :

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: *(The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words . . .)*

As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: *(The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words . . .)*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity.

**People: Amen.**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

*(During the 10:45 service distribution of the elements, join the choir in singing all stanzas of 613-614 and continuing with 616)*

**Prayer following Communion**

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn of Commitment 660 God is here** (standing) *Abbot's Leigh*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The altar flowers** are given by Anne Hoffman in loving memory of her husband, Paul W. Hoffman.

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given by John and Ruth Ann Esaias in honor of all the volunteers of our Rummage Sale.

**The rosebud on the altar** is in celebration of the birth of Emily Jane Schmidt who was born on October 25, 2016. She is the daughter of Eric and Courtney Schmidt and sister of Dillon and Olivia.

**Special music at 8:30** is provided by Robert Richards, a member of the Chancel Choir.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir.

**Greeters 8:30** Cynthia Jelic **10:45** Judy and Mark Lewis

**Acolytes** Riley and Max Siegert

**Worship options for children** We encourage children to participate in the **Children’s Sermon** at both services, and in **Kids Praise** during the 10:45 service. **Nursery services** are offered in Room 204 of the Education Building. Ask ushers or greeters and follow signs for direction.

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons** Would you like to share this morning’s sermon with a friend or did you miss a Sunday? Catch up on the messages from MLUMC with a podcast of Pastor Tom’s and others’ Sunday sermons. Sermons from the past three months are at http:// mlumc.buzzsprout.com. You can navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org, through the app, Stitcher or through iTunes.

**Flower Donations** Honor or remember a loved one or friend with a Sunday flower arrangement donation. Contact Sharon Slater, 412-343-1137

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21**

1I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

2Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

3Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

4One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

5On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

17The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

18The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

19He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

20The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

21My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; 2for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, 4begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— 5and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, 6so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

7Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. 8I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— 11now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

**Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Gwen Lammert, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Andy Smith, Concordia Health Care

Tim Watters, Baptist Homes

**Convalescing at Home**

Earl Killian, Arlene Stewart

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Capt. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Adam Kmick
PFC Brendan Lamport
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda
Lt. Col. Mark Patterson

Lt. Com. Scott Patterson

Lt. Col. Sean Patterson
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes
Capt. Azizi Wesmiller

Capt. Matthew C. Wesmiller
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Sympathy**

Condolences are offered to the family of church member Jean Bouvy, who passed away on Sunday, October 30 at the age of 84. Words of sympathy can be sent to the family:

 Thomas Bouvy

 641 Mount Hope Ridge Rd.

 Avella, PA 15312-2400

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**SUNDAY 11/6**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages/Coffee Café Various/Brookline Parlor

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 Kids Praise Welcome Center

 12 pm Blood Pressure Screening Brookline Parlor

 4:30 pm Youth Choir Choir Room

 5 pm Youth Group Asbury Center

**MONDAY 11/7**

 6:30 pm Tiger Cub Scouts Epworth Chapel

 7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 7 pm Olmstead Evening Wesley Hall

**TUESDAY 11/8 ELECTION DAY POLLING IN ASBURY CENTER**

 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

 7 pm Boy Scout Board of Reviews Room 105

 7 pm Cub Scout Planning Committee Epworth

**WEDNESDAY 11/9**

 6:30 pm Wolf Cub Scouts Epworth

 7 pm Tiger Den Room 105

**THURSDAY 11/10**

 9:30 am UMW Executive Board Room 105

 9:30 am Hands and Hearts Epworth Chapel

 11 am UMW Meeting Wesley Hall

 6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 6:30 pm Webelo I Wesley Hall

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**FRIDAY 11/11**

 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study Room 102

 1:30 pm Memoirs Group Wesley Hall

 6:30 pm Bear Den Cub Scouts Epworth

**SATURDAY 11/12**

 10 am Food Distribution Pantry

 10 am UMW Holiday Gift Bazaar Asbury Center