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November 2017

2,300+ Verses



Yep. That's how many verses in the Bible refer to — money! One fifth of all that Jesus talked about was — money! And yet how often have you heard someone (maybe it was you) say, “I don't think the church should talk about money.”

November 5 is the Sunday when we are asked to bring in our commitment cards that indicate how we intend to express, in a tangible way, our love for God and His gospel.

Think about it. When you truly love someone you don't skimp when you choose a gift for them. It means the most when it represents an element of sacrifice — in time, effort, cost. And it makes you happy! (Remember how miserable Scrooge was until he was transformed into a generous, giving person.)

You should have received a letter from our Stewardship Committee, which included your commitment card. Just in case you're a techie who is allergic to paper and didn't read your letter, see page 2.

M.B.S.

“The sign of our professed love for the gospel is the measure of sacrifice we are prepared to make to help its progress.”

- Ralph Martin



Stewardship Letter

*“Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.”*

Charles Wesley. “Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above.” United Methodist Hymnal

On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. It is a day when we will remember those members who have gone before us, but it is also a day to honor their legacy and service to our church and to God’s Kingdom. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley refers to it as: “*a festival I truly love.*”

All Saints Sunday is also a day to celebrate our history; what United Methodist call “the tradition of the church”. Quakertown United Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a congregation whose mission it is to: reach out to those inside and outside the church to **SHARE** the love and message of Jesus Christ; help people to **GROW** in their relations with God and each other; equip followers of Jesus Christ to **SERVE** our neighbors, our community, our nation and our world.

Through your generosity and service, QUMC provides opportunities for faith development, education, space to worship God and be in fellowship together, mission support locally and through the United Methodist connectional system - all of which transforms lives by helping people experience and live the saving life of Christ, and to work for a more just, loving, and peaceful world.

While God offers us boundless gifts, our tendency is to call them our own and claim them for ourselves. Christian Stewardship reminds us that these gifts are not our own, that we merely have a trusteeship over them, not ownership. To give back a portion of these gifts in service to God and for those in need, is a way of expressing directly our thanksgiving to God for His many gifts to us.

While we will spend time on November 5 to honor our past, we will also look to the future with the privilege to celebrate the reception of new members to our congregation. As current members of Christ’s church at QUMC, we will participate in the new member liturgy by renewing our covenant of membership in the United Methodist Church. This allows us the opportunity to renew our vows to God:

*To confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
To believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments;
To promise to live a Christian life; and
To uphold The United Methodist Church with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.*



Sermon Plans

Date	Main Scripture	Title	Summary
November 5, 2017 All Saints Sunday Communion	John 15:1-12	SIGNS: Positive Connections	Isn't this what being a member of Jesus' family is all about? Isn't this how we should see our Sisters and Brothers? Is this not who we should each be to one another?
November 12, 2017	Mark 9:14-29	SIGNS: Run Your Self-Doubt into the Ground	The father responded to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Self-doubt can be humbling, but it may also become paralyzing. We are called to face our doubts and then run them into the ground!
November 19, 2017	United Methodist Women	Thankoffering Service	
November 26, 2017	Luke 13:10-13	SIGNS: We Rise	Like the woman in this gospel, afflicted and bent over, we can feel as if the burdens of life are overwhelming us. Jesus wants us to be free, to rise up and stand tall.



Puerto Rico Aid to Our Brothers and Sisters

Thank you to all who donated supplies needed immediately in Puerto Rico. Quakertown UMC, in consultation with our District Superintendent, conference leaders, and the Bishop in Puerto Rico, served as a drop-off site.

Rummage Sale



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Friendship Circle's Fall Rummage Sale a fundraising success. Complete report in next newsletter.



QUMC Educational Endowment Fund Grants

The Endowment Committee is happy to be able to distribute grants to our eligible students this year on November 26.

Eligibility:

1. Student must be a member in good standing of QUMC.
2. Student must be enrolled in and attending that academic year an institution of higher education (including technical schools).

How it works:

1. Beginning October 1, the student must request an application by phone, mail, email, or in person directly from the Endowment Chair Steve Finch (Finchsc1@verizon.net or 215.538.0835).
2. Fill out the application and return it to Steve Finch by email in Word or pdf format, preferably from a college email account or printed and postmarked snail-mail to the church by midnight November 1.
3. Following their review the committee will send a written (email) confirmation that the student has met the eligibility requirements to receive the grant.
4. Grants will be distributed during services on United Methodist Student Sunday, November 26.
5. There are no financial aid requirements. The grants' formula is:

$$\text{available funds/number of eligible students} = \text{grant per student}$$

If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Steve Finch, Nancy Parry, David Rush, John DeSimone, Julie James.



Opportunities To Be In Mission

Flood Buckets

Sunday School, in cooperation with Missions, seeks donations for flood bucket filling on Sunday, November 12 at 10:00 to support UMCOR Flood Relief. Place your donations in the narthex.

Items needed:

- Liquid laundry detergent (25 or 50 oz.)
- Liquid household cleaner (12 to 16 oz.; mix with water)
- Dish soap (16 to 28 oz. bottle)
- Clothespins
- Aerosol or pump air freshener
- Insect repellent (6 to 14 oz.); aerosol or spray with cover
- Scrub brushes
- Clothesline (50 or 100 ft.)
- Sponges (no cellulose)
- Heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- Scouring pads (no soap or stainless steel)
- Work gloves (leather or cotton with leather palm)
- Kitchen dishwashing gloves
- Dust masks

Wait! There's More...

- FEAST Food Pantry items for November: instant mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce.
- Ham Dinner: November 4, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$10. Children ages 4 to 10: \$4.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive: November 17, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Miller Hall. Sign up sheet in the narthex.
- Share Thanksgiving with Jerusalem House and the surrounding community in Allentown by donating turkeys and non-perishable side dishes. Place turkeys in freezer and side dishes on kitchen counter, marked J.H. Please bring everything to the church by November 20.
- Blanket Sunday - November 26. This offering will go to UMCOR to distribute blankets and other necessities to disaster areas in the U.S. and around the world.



Attention Kids!

The November Kid's Club event will be an Ice Cream Social and painting party! Please plan to join us from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on November 19 for a night of service, art, and fun. We will be taking on the task of painting the K-2 Sunday School room as well as making some art of our own, topping it all off with ice cream sundaes and other activities. Come out and join us!

Adults and youth: We are in search of someone with an artistic streak to help us with our (non-wall) painting for this event. If you'd like to help inspire and encourage our elementary age church friends to make some art, please contact Babs Kerns by email at babs.kerns@gmail.com. Thank you!

An Apple a Day



On Saturday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 15 we will offer the opportunity again this year to make and can (or freeze) fresh applesauce.

We will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m. Come either day or both. Don't feel you have to stay for the whole day.

If you don't know how, come and learn. It's easy. We will be using the church kitchen so you can learn from others.

Please bring your own supplies: apples (variety; your choice), canning jars, lids, rings or freezing containers (plastic containers or Ziplock freezer bags.)

Questions? Contact Steve Finch (215.538.0835) or Babs Kerns (babs.kerns@gmail.com).



Strikes & Spares

Family Bowling, Saturday, November 25, 7:00 p.m. at Earl Bowl, Quakertown. First game is \$4.25, shoes \$2.50. Or bowl three games for \$12 and get shoe rental free! Bring a snack or dessert to share. Contact Steve and Janet Finch with questions (215.538.0835 or finchsc1@verizon.net).



Save The Date!



Family Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 17, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dinner to follow.



**Hanging of the Greens
with Lovefest**

**Sunday, December 3
at 9:00 a.m. worship**

Please join us!

(8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. worship to be held as usual that day)



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Revenues through the end of September 2017 - \$217,182.24

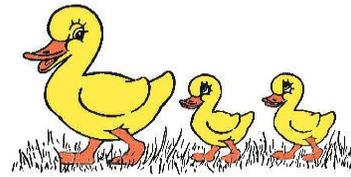
Expenditures through the end of September 2017 - \$209,749.97

Important Notes:

1. We need to be prayerful about the 2018 QUMC Budget as it pertains to the mission of stewardship that God has for our church.
2. Remember to bring your commitment card to church on November 5 or during the month of November. The budget process is informed by the intended contributions of our membership.



Family Matters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Ethel Setman - November 6 and Adele Winkler - November 26.

Note: Birthdays are recognized for members 70 or older.

BAPTISM on October 8: Akok Malek Akok, son of Michael and Adhieu. Akok was born on July 19.

IN MEMORIAM: Hattie Bowman - September 30.

A NOTE OF THANKS:

Dear Members and Friends of Quakertown United Methodist Church,

I am writing on behalf of the guests and volunteers of Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$200. Thank you.

Your continued support of this code blue shelter ministry allows us to provide shelter, a hot meal and breakfast to our homeless friends and guests when the temperatures are 26 degrees and below. The program will begin November 15 and end April 15.

As we prepare to serve in this ministry during the 2017-2018 winter season, your gift and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated.

Please keep our guests and the volunteers in your prayers.

*God's love, peace and joy,
Linda Frey, Secretary*



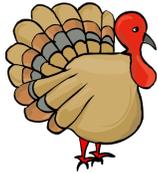
Older people have been frequent targets of a phone scam. The caller claims that a grandchild has been in an accident or has been arrested and is in immediate need of a stated sum of money. Instructions are then given as to the transfer of funds.

If this happens to you do not give the caller any information. Hang up and check on the whereabouts of the relative.



November 2017

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p>			<p>1 6:30 a.m. Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Radical</p>	<p>3 4:00 p.m. Set-Up for Ham Dinner</p>	<p>4 4:00 p.m. Ham Dinner</p>
<p>5 ** New Member Sunday 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>7 ELECTION DAY  7:00 p.m. Trustees</p>	<p>8 6:30 a.m. Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00 a.m. Applesauce Making</p>
<p>12 ** 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group</p>	<p>13 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>14 7:00 p.m. Finance</p>	<p>15 6:30 a.m. Life Group 9:00 a.m. Applesauce Making Life Group 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band</p>	<p>17 10:00 a.m. Kitchen Reserved (UMW) 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive</p>	<p>18 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Plain & Fancy Boy Scout Court of Honor (Sanctuary & Miller Hall)</p>
<p>19 ** UMW Soup Sale 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group, Kid's Club</p>	<p>20 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>21 7:00 p.m. Leadership</p>	<p>22 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Habitat for Humanity 5K Run (Miller Hall Reserved) 7:00 p.m. All Church Bowling</p>
<p>26 ** Educational Endowment Grant Day Blanket Sunday 6:00 p.m. Life Group</p>	<p>27 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:30 a.m. Life Group 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band</p>		