

# THE FRIENDLY VOICE

NOVEMBER 2018



**LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# November Greetings from Your Pastor



Hello Everyone!!

We associate November with several things: Thanksgiving Day; the climax and decline of autumn and its colors; and the unofficial start of the "Holiday Season" when it seems like most cultures are celebrating holidays right along with everyone else.

For me, I immediately think of Thanksgiving and a few family birthdays that seem to cluster around this time of year. These celebrations have always been a gift to every member of the family; but I would be fairly confident to say that we all (you included) may have different perspectives or even personal definitions of the word "gift." Growing up and right into adulthood, I remember gifts I would rather NOT have received - like socks! In my opinion, socks were not fun in those days. I looked for things that were fun when I was little. And when I was older, I had a terrible habit of measuring how well someone knew me and how much I was liked or loved by that person based on the gift. Was love the driving force behind the giving, or was it obligation? That thinking was so negative... but it helped me to really see myself in both the receiving and the giving of gifts, and how I needed to grow in my relationships with others regarding judgment, forgiveness, and love.



Mark 12:28-34 reminds us of the Greatest/First Commandment of loving God, and the Second about loving others as we do ourselves. And when I think of gifts, I try to also think of that commandment, putting myself in the recipients' shoes: What would I want them to consider if they were to give me a gift? Do I get them "toys," or, do they need socks? Have I bettered my relationship with them to know them enough to have a good idea of what they want or need in their lives? Am I making love part of my gift? God does that.

God knows what gifts to give us because God knows us and loves us. We are given gifts from God on a minute by minute basis and we do not even notice them. It is the bigger, more pleasing gifts we tend to notice, not the socks. But we notice the socks when our feet get cold – THEN we are grateful for having them, I am sure. But then there is that question: Is love a part of the gifts we give?

If the gift is truly a "gift," then yes – love is part of it. In fact, love is all of it – love is the real gift in all gifts we receive and give others. True gifts are free and unconditional, just like love – just like the gift of Jesus Christ to us from God.

Every day, and especially on Thanksgiving, really look at as many true gifts you can possibly think of, and give thanks to those who gave you that love, including God.

Thanks for the socks, Mom... I love you, too.

In great love and thanksgiving to God for this congregation, I thank you for the gifts of love you have given me each day I wake up. God bless you all.

Peace always with Christ, Grace always with God, and Love always with each other.

In that Peace, Grace, and Love,

*Laurie*

Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler, your pastor.



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*This month, for All Saints' Sunday we remember the following loved ones, and the family and friends who miss and love them.*



Joseph Applegate  
Karen Barton  
Norman H. Betge  
Sandra Bumm  
Andrew Cunningham  
Steven Dash  
Stanford Dettman  
Benjamin Eick  
Arvilla Fenton  
John Flack

Steve Gillberg  
Bonnie Peiffer  
Dr. Steven Scofield  
Richard Shapcott  
Elmer States  
Kathy Stephenson  
Bud Thomas  
Margaret Tyler  
Jenny Vishnakova  
Scott Weisser

**John 14:1-28**

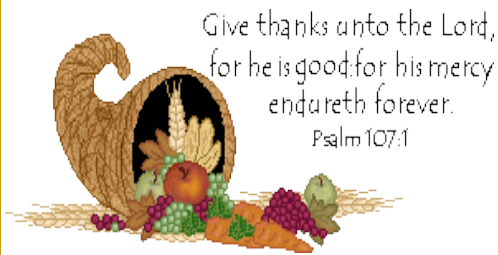
***"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me..." (NRSV)***



Langhorne United Methodist Church

Nov 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Youth	29	30 6:30pm - SS Meeting 7pm - Bucks Mt.	31 7pm - Choir	1 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Praise Team	2 1pm - BUCKS MT. 7pm - BUCKS MT	3 8:30am - Men Min. 10am - BUCKS MT. 10:30am - CHG.
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18 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Youth	19 7pm - Ad Bd. Mtg.	20 6:30pm - Daisy GS 7pm - Bucks Mt. 7pm - Budget Mtg. 7pm - SPR Mtg.	21 7pm - Choir	22 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Praise Team	23	24 8:30am - Men Min. 10am - Missions &
25 9:30am - Children 9:30am - Traditional 11am - Contemporar 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Youth	26 6pm - Shared Meal 7pm - Bucks Mt.	27 7pm - Bucks Mt.	28 6pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Choir	29 7am - Men's Brk. 9am - Steeple Kids 7pm - Bagpipe 7pm - Budget Mtg. 7pm - Praise Team	30	1 8:30am - Men Min.



Give thanks unto the Lord,  
for he is good: for his mercy  
endureth forever.  
Psalm 107:1

## NOVEMBER 2018 SANCTUARY SERVANTS

### November 4

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Erika Paton  
Greeters 9:30..... Paul & Jackie Hansen  
Ushers 9:30 .....Paul & Jackie Hansen  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00.....The Tyler Family

### November 11

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Ron Cookson  
Greeter 9:30.....Connie Dettman  
Ushers 9:30 .....Stacy & Tami Lewis  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00 .....Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

### November 18

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Jeannette Hesser  
Greeters 9:30.....George & Barbara Dito  
Ushers 9:30.....Sam & Joan Phillips  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00.....The Raab Family

### November 25

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Linda Rutledge  
Greeters 9:30.....Barbara & Peter Jordan  
Ushers 9:30.....The Smigiel Family  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00 .....The Daeche Family



## **HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**

Harvest Home Sunday is November 18th. For many years our church has celebrated Harvest Home Sunday with a food drive. We have been able to help numerous local families and our bags have been donated to Local Food Banks. The need is still with us to help people. We need to ask for your generosity to support this. We will be handing bags out starting October 28th. Please fill your bags and bring them back to the church **by November 18th. For anyone who doesn't like to shop we will take cash donations and do the shopping for you.**



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesday of the Month

7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Please join our United Methodist Women (no membership required, and please bring a friend!) 7:00 pm Tuesday Nov 13th as we gather in faith for fun, fellowship (and food) with a program by Rev. Pfahler recounting her mission trip to Guatemala, thru her Drew Theological School and UM Volunteers in Mission programs. Our mission giving outreach will be gently used blankets for local homeless. please join us!!!

Hostesses will be Deb Schaffer and Brenda Tyler.



Congratulations to:

Dana & Charles Keeny  
Married October 12, 2018



We welcome Travis Conway Keeny son of Dana & Charles Keeny into God's Holy Church, Baptized Oct. 14, 2018

New Address!



Betty Bunting has recently moved to the Brunswick at Attleboro, her new address is:

310 E. Winchester Avenue  
Apt. C26  
Langhorne, PA 19047

New Phone Number : 267 572-0108

# LUMC Christmas Cookie~ Walk

Sunday December 16, 2018



For this Christmas, Stewardship will again offer Christmas Cookies to the members and friends of LUMC through our annual Cookie Walk. We are asking for volunteers to bake Christmas Cookies to be offered for sale on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, between 8:30 and 11:00am. If you bake cookies, can you please bring your cookies to the church on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> between 8:30am and 11am.?

Of course, we also need members and friends to help by purchasing the cookies. The cost would be \$7.00 per pound. We are also offering pre-ordered cookie packages for gift giving. The cost would be: small- 1lb. \$9.00, medium- 1 ½ lbs. \$13.00 and large-2 lbs. \$16.00.

Order sheets will be available starting 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Any questions or if you would like to help please contact one of the following people;

Jackie Hansen at [jhansen597a@hotmail.com](mailto:jhansen597a@hotmail.com) or  
Holly Rogerson at [hcrogerson@gmail.com](mailto:hcrogerson@gmail.com)





The 2018 **Christmas Festival** will be held on Sunday December 2. The program will once again feature a 20 to 25 piece band made up of church members with Tri-County Band members filling out the sections. The Christmas Band is a special time of Christian fellowship and fun that is enjoyable for all who participate. Those interested in participating in the band should complete the sign-up form or contact Dale Habel at 215-357-5697. It is important to know the make up of the band by November 25 so that sections can be completed, and music folders assembled. Vocal selections will be performed by various groups from the church. Those performing will have dinner at 5:00 pm followed by a band rehearsal until about 6:45 pm. The Festival program will begin around 7:00pm. All members of our congregation are invited to the family fun evening which will include the singing of many familiar Christmas carols.

### **Band Members Wanted**

*To reserve a seat in the Christmas Festival Band please complete the form below and return it to the church office no later than November 26. Please bring your own instrument and music stand. Dress is casual.*

*Name of Band Member:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Instrument:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_ *E-Mail:* \_\_\_\_\_

Order Your  
**Poinsettias**



**CHRISTMAS  
POINSETTIAS 2018**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to order Poinsettias (6" pot; 4-6 flowers) @ \$9.00 ea.**

(indicate # of each type):

\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_ Pink



**Total # Poinsettias:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) on Christmas Eve:

\_\_\_\_ After the 5 p.m. Contemporary Service

\_\_\_\_ After the 7 p.m. Children's Service

\_\_\_\_ After the 9 p.m. Service

All order forms along with payment must be received in the church office by

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

Please do not put your order form in the offering plate where it may get overlooked; put it in the Secretary's mailbox or mail your order form and payment to the church Office. Thank You.



### **LUMC LIVING NAVITIY: DECEMBER 2018**

LUMC will again be sponsoring the 62nd Living Nativity this year. The dates of the event will be as follows:

Saturday, December 22nd, 6pm till 9pm

Sunday, December 23rd, 6pm till 9pm

Monday, December 24th, 6pm till 9pm

There will be a signup sheet for participants and helpers in fellowship hall starting the first Sunday in December. We will also be requesting donations to help with the cost of having the live animals present. The donation box will be placed in the back of the sanctuary starting the first Sunday in November. As I am sure you are aware this ministry has been occurring each year for many years now and we would like to keep it going. Any assistance, monetary, or in person, that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.



**ANGEL TREE**

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

All across the nation, churches are gearing up for another Angel Tree® Christmas season and so are we. We have registered again this year with the intent of providing a special Christmas for 20 children in our area who have an incarcerated parent.

The Angel Tree ministry here at Langhorne United Methodist Church **GOES BEYOND CHRISTMAS.**

For the past three Christmases we have helped brighten the lives of local children of incarcerated parents through Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship®. The Christmas component of the ministry encompasses the purchasing, wrapping, and delivering gifts to prisoners' children on their parents' behalf. This delivers not only a message of love from parent to child, but also the true meaning of Christmas—the Good News of Jesus Christ.

But the Angel Tree ministry doesn't end with Christmas. For us, that first Christmas connection was the beginning of a rewarding, ongoing relationship with these children and their families. We have been working on continuing our Angel Tree ministry throughout the year and asking God to use our church to help these children and their families grow in their faith, strengthen their family relationships, and fulfill the purposes that God has for their lives.

We have opportunity to reach out to these families and embrace them in the life of our church. I would like to explore these opportunities with you in person. Join Becky Remillard (bremy26@yahoo.com / (215) 920-3344) and myself as we kick off year four of our Angel Tree Ministry here at Langhorne UMC. I'd love to hear your ideas on how we might connect further with the children and their caregivers.

Pray for the kids to come to know the Lord and for believers to be there to support, disciple, and follow up with these kids until their parent returns home.



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I'm interested in becoming an active instrument of God by participating in the **ANGEL TREE** ministry of Langhorne United Methodist Church.

Bill Bryan, Church Coordinator

[bill@langhornechurch.org](mailto:bill@langhornechurch.org) / 215-847-2130

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- |       |                            |       |                                             |
|-------|----------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|
| _____ | Child's Xmas Gift Purchase | _____ | Inmate Correspondence (M / F)               |
| _____ | Caregiver Encourager       | _____ | Child's Prayer Aunt/Uncle                   |
| _____ | Ministry Prayer Warrior    | _____ | Contact me when a need arises and I'll help |

Check all of interest to you or share your own idea \_\_\_\_\_



## Stewardship Updates for November

### Harvest Home Food Collection

You can shop for items, or give a donation to the church to buy items for you.

Please deliver your bags by no later than 11/18/18, but you can start bringing them in now.

### New Program:

**Words to live by:** Each month we will present a word and scripture and ask members to concentrate on that word for the month.

Read scripture about it

Pray about it

Incorporate the meaning into your daily life

How can LUMC act on the word and scripture?

How does this fit in with the vows we took when we joined the church?

We will participate in the church through our:

Prayers

Presence

Gifts

Service

Witness

The Word for November is: **Blessing**

One scripture related to this: **Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Blessed  
to Be a  
Blessing



## Sunday School Updates for November

### November Lessons

#### Unit 3: Different Kinds of Family

*But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."*

—Ruth 1:16

#### Session 10

**Naomi and Ruth** - Book of Ruth

#### Session 11

**Hannah, Samuel, and Eli** -

1 Samuel 1:1-28; 3:1-21

#### Session 12

**The Widow and Her Sons** -

2 Kings 4:1-7

#### Session 13

**Esther and Mordecai** - Book of Esther

### Christmas Singing:

We plan to sing on a Sunday during worship in December, Date to be announced

### Bulletin Cover

Rev. Pfahler would like the parents/grandparents to work with children at home by reading a scripture that she will provide, and then having the children draw a picture of their version of the scripture/lesson as they see it.

Once a month a picture will be used as the bulletin cover .

Each month a scripture will be assigned.

### December lessons

#### Unit 1: Celebrate Advent with Your Family

*In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. —Luke 1:47*

#### Session 1

**Elizabeth and Zechariah** - Luke 1:5-25

#### Session 2

**Mary** - Luke 1:26-28

#### Session 3

**Mary and Elizabeth** - Luke 1:39-66

#### Session 4

**Joseph, Mary, and Jesus** -

Luke 2:1-20

#### Session 5

**Simeon and Anna** -

Luke 2:25-38

### Helpers Always Needed and Welcome

Come feel and see the joy of serving God's children.

Contact Holly Rogerson at [hcrogerson@gmail.com](mailto:hcrogerson@gmail.com) or by phone at

267-879-5547

# KIDS PAGE



Thank You God  
for everything -  
for family,  
friends  
and fun ~

But most of all  
for Jesus, My Savior  
and Your Son.

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Dornacher

# Help LUMC earn up to 15% this Holiday Season!

Purchase gift cards from Langhorne United Methodist Church at face value; the church purchases the gift card at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate to the church. It's really that simple!

When you spend the gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations to pay for your normal weekly purchases or give as gifts this holiday season.

Gift cards will be sold primarily on a presold basis. Only a limited number of cards will be available for purchase without being preordered. You can start placing your orders November 4th!

Order forms are available at the gift card table, at the church office or on the LUMC website (<http://www.lumc-online.org/>). For the full list of retailers available go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. Orders can be paid for using cash or by checks made out to LUMC.

***THE LAST DAY TO ORDER GIFT CARDS TO BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS WOULD BE DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. THE CARDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON DECEMBER 23<sup>TH</sup>.***

For more information contact Jackie Hansen; [jhansen597a@hotmail.com](mailto:jhansen597a@hotmail.com) or call 215-932-1594.





# **CODE BLUE Needs for the 2018-2019 Winter Season by AHTN**

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need provides a Code Blue Shelter to the homeless each year from Dec. 1st through March 31st when the temperature outside reaches 26 degrees or lower (*with windchill*).



**Advocates for Homeless  
& Those in Need**

This year will be AHTN's 10th Code Blue season. Last season they opened 67 nights and served 158 individual guests here in the Lower Bucks County area.

When a guest arrives to an AHTN shelter they are given a cot to sleep on with bedding, dinner & breakfast provided by the church and resources on how they can try to get out of their current situation and other free services available to them.

***At times, AHTN guests come into the Code Blue shelter and are in need of dry, warm clothing due to the elements outside. This is where AHTN needs our support!***

AHTN is in need of the following items for this Code Blue season:

- New or Gently Used Waterproof Gloves
- New or Gently Used Adult Thermal Underwear (sizes med through 2XL)
- New or Gently Used Hooded sweatshirts (sizes med through 2XL)
- New or Gently Used Sweatpants (Sizes medium through 2XL)
- NEW Deodorant
- NEW Underwear (for both Men & Woman)
- NEW "dollar store" reading glasses (varying strengths needed)

*At this time, AHTN is not in need of socks or warm coats.  
Their main needs are for the items listed above, only.*

***LANGHORNE UMC will be collecting the items listed above  
in Fellowship Hall (in separate boxes) from  
NOW until NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.***

***If you, your church or social groups, or your family would like to do more,  
please contact the AHTN Donation Chairperson, Karen McKinney at [Kmckinney@ahtn.org](mailto:Kmckinney@ahtn.org)  
for more information.***

Would you like to learn more about **Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need**, the issues of homelessness and how you can make a difference in Bucks County? Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and without their help, someone in your community might not have a warm meal, or a ride to a doctor or work, or sleep without fear of hypothermia, and hope that someone cares enough to give them a helping hand. Take the next step to becoming a valued AHTN team member – attend a Volunteer Orientation.



Advocates for Homeless  
& Those in Need

**October 29, 2018 – 7:00 pm**

Calvary Baptist Church  
250 Green Lane  
Bristol, PA 19007

**January 8, 2019—7:00 pm**

Morrisville United Methodist Church  
501 W. Maple Ave.  
Morrisville, PA 19067

**December 12, 2018 – 7:00 pm**

Saint Ignatius Church  
Old Rectory/Antioch Center 2nd Floor  
999 Reading Avenue  
Yardley, PA 19067

**January 27, 2019—1:00 pm**

Emmaus Road Lutheran Church  
2185 Bristol Oxford Valley Road  
Levittown, PA 19057

There are many volunteer opportunities in our missions, including Code Blue, Those in Need and Wheels to Meals. AHTN is looking for bus drivers - NO CDL is required. We also need drivers to drive our van to transport “those in need” clients to their doctors, hospitals, mental health appointments, drug court, thrift stores, laundromat, etc.

To register for one of our Volunteer Orientations, visit <http://ahtn.volunteerhub.com> to complete a profile and sign up for the date you are available. Visit our website at [www.ahtn.org](http://www.ahtn.org) for more information. Thank you!

## **Our Church Finances**

*Finance Committee, Chuck Boyle, Chairperson*

As of the end of September our church's financial status continues to be stable, in fact a bit better than stable. Our year-to-date total income is above expectations, our expenses are below expectations, and we have recorded a net gain year-to-date. So far so good, but there are still three months left in the year. It is, though, a rather positive picture. We do have a wonderful church family.

Outlined for you below are the significant areas of our financial reporting that are coming in differently than what was budgeted for year-to-date through September 2018.

On the revenue side our total revenues equaled \$230,400, which is \$7,300 more than our budget. The major differences between our budget and actual revenue are noted below:

1. General offerings came in \$4,500 above the budget.
2. Facility usage income is \$1,100 more than the budget. The use of our church by others is rather hard to predict and will fluctuate through the year.
3. Donations for the purchase of offering envelopes are \$200 more than budgeted.
4. Donations for flowers came in \$200 above the budget.
5. Wedding income is \$400 above the budget.
6. Our Wednesday night dinners are \$2,000 below the budget. Lyn Wallace, the founder and leader of this outreach program had personal medical matters to deal with and, as such, there were fewer dinners. The dinners have restarted as of October and the first one was very well attended. We thank Lyn and her team for their hard work.
7. Giving to our fellowship and refreshment fund is \$300 below budget. Please remember to support this program.
8. Investment returns from the McKay Fund are \$3,200 more than budget. This is most likely a timing issue that should correct itself over the year. The proceeds from this trust can come in at times that do not coincide with our monthly reporting.

On the expense side for the year we reported total expense of \$225,600, which is \$14,300 under our budget. The continued controlling of our expenses can result in a good bottom line this year. The hard work of our staff, committees, and congregation make this possible. The major differences between our budget and actual expenses are noted below:

1. Flower expense was \$800 more than the budget.
2. Youth transportation was \$500 less than the budget.

3. Sunday school expense is \$500 more than budget. Based on our decision to focus on making LUMC a wonderful home for young families this overage is totally acceptable.
4. Youth funding from the LUMC general account is \$700 under than budget. This will correct itself next month.
5. Music supplies are \$200 more than budget. This is due to the purchase of a new sound board that is used in our sanctuary.
6. Choir director's compensation was \$6,800 less than the budget because this position has been combined with the organist position.
7. Health Insurance is \$300 under the budget. This is due to the budget being over estimated as actual cost projections were not available when the 2018 budget was created.
8. Church Secretary compensation was \$2,900 less than the budget. This position was reduced from two part-time professionals to one with extended hours for that person. The office also is now closed on Fridays.
9. Sexton compensation was \$1,100 less than the budget. This area will fluctuate over time based on the amount of hours worked.
10. Our Pastor's CPE allowance was \$1,300 less than the budget.
11. Social security tax expense was \$500 less than the budget because of a reduction in total staff compensation expenses.
12. Nursery worker compensation was \$300 more than the budget. This is a new expense that was not included in the 2018 budget. The cost of this position is fully funded by the savings account set up to support LUMC's young family focus.
13. Organ and piano maintenance are \$700 more than budget. This should correct itself over time as bills do not always match up with the budget on a monthly basis.
14. Utility expenses were \$700 less than the budget.
15. Telephone was \$700 more than budget.
16. Internet expense is \$300 less than budget.
17. Copier lease is \$500 less than budget.
18. Office operation expenses were \$1,600 less than the budget.

This leaves us with a year-to-date net operating gain of \$4,800, which is \$21,500 better than our budget. Financial stability is challenging to accomplish and maintain. Together, in 2018, we are achieving success.



As of the end of September we have \$64,500 in the L.U.M.C. general fund. This provides the financial cushion that we need.

The Reserve Giving Fund continues to grow nicely thanks to our congregation. As of the end of September the balance in this fund is \$18,400.

The Young Family Focus Fund has a current balance of \$9,700.

Faith promise offerings have improved over the last seven months. If we continue upon this financial trend we will break-even for the year. Special thanks go out to all that have made this possible.

A new grocery/gift card inventory control program has been put in place thanks to the input and hard work of Bill Wallace, Jackie Hansen, and Amy Hansen. The purchasing of these cards by our church family brings needed funds to our church. On average the church retains 5% of the card value at no additional cost to the card purchasers.

The church audit for 2017 is completed. The two areas that required attention have been resolved in a positive manner.

The finance committee will begin working on the LUMC 2019 budget very shortly. Please feel free to drop a note in the finance mail box at church if you would like to have any specific items considered for this budget. All input is welcomed.

If any member of the church would like to receive a copy of the church's 2018 financial budget and/or detailed 2018 financial reports please place a note in the finance committee mail box outside of the secretary's office.



“Thank you for your continued support. We are the Church and its future is in our hands. Lord, What do You want me to do?... .” (Acts 9:6).

## NEW TESTAMENT TRIVIA

1. How many books are in the New Testament? A: 24, B: 27, C: 36, D: 39
2. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?  
A: Ants, B: Locusts, C: Beetles, D: Scorpions
3. Who were the first disciples called to follow Jesus?  
A: Peter and Andrew, B: Peter and John, C: James and Simon, D: James and John
4. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves of bread and two fish?  
A: 500, B: 1,000, C: 2,000, D: 5,000
5. After Jesus was arrested, which apostle disowned him three times?  
A: Andrew, B: Judas, C: Thomas, D: Peter
6. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the temple?  
A: Ananias, B: Simeon, C: Cornelius, D: Zacchaeus
7. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?  
A: Mary, B: Joseph, C: John, D: Nicodemus
8. Paul was shipwrecked on what island? A: Malta, B: Cyprus, C: Crete, D: Tarentum
9. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?  
A: Jude, B: 2 Peter, C: 2 John, D: 3 John
10. Who is the author of the book of Revelation? A: Paul, B: Peter, C: John, D: Jesus

**ANSWERS:** 1-B; 2-B; 3-A; 4-D; 5-D; 6-B; 7-B; 8-A; 9-C; 10-C.

**RANK:** All 10 correct = Theologian!; 8-9 correct = Bible scholar!

### “Grandma, what’s a percolator?”

Little Eva is visiting her grandmother. Eva is 11 years old. In their conversations, grandmother has mentioned many things Eva doesn’t understand. Her mother said to Eva, “Why don’t you keep a list and ask grandma someday?” So today is the day. Pretend you are the grandmother. How would you answer these questions?

1. What is a fender skirt?
2. What is a steering knob or “necker’s knob”?
3. What was an emergency brake? Is that the same thing as a parking brake?
4. What is a “foot feed”?
5. Why do you talk about “store-bought” things?
6. What does it mean if someone is “in a family way”?
7. What’s a percolator?
8. What’s a rat fink?
9. What’s a mimeograph?
10. Why do you say “durn!” a lot?

**Activity:** If you don’t know the answers to Eva’s questions, chat with your neighbors about this list. Or, make this a topic of conversation with the next person who visits you. Do you recall other words or objects of a bygone era that sound strange to us today?



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9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10 -11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School \*

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11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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