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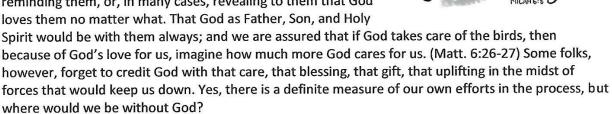
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Greetings!

We all have approached this new year's beginning differently and place credit or blame where we will. We live in a time when lifting oneself up out of the oppressive forces associated with racism, sexism, ageism, classism, nationalism, and even education is admired and we look to strong role models to show us how it is done.

Jesus gave self-worth to the poor and oppressed by reminding them, or, in many cases, revealing to them that God loves them no matter what. That God as Father, Son, and Holy



Jesus also gave a better perception of self-worth to those who were not oppressed, and even to the oppressors. He let them know that God loves them, too, and that they have been given gifts to share and use for the betterment of humanity and for the building of the kingdom.

He reminds us all that we should never put ourselves above others - - loving each other as we love ourselves and as Jesus loves us. When we have the chance to do good things, we <u>need</u> to <u>do</u> good things! It is how God works through us sanctifying us with God's grace. It is how we give back to God. When we do good, we live out Micah 6:1-8. We remember that while it is earthly things and people that bring us down, it is God through Jesus Christ who lifts us up. It is God through the Holy Spirit who empowers us to lift others, and we must remember to continually praise God and give thanks for all God gives us.

What God Requires - - Micah 6:6-8 "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? and serving God by serving others. Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body because we all NEED each other. for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do

justice, and to love kindness, and to

walk humbly with your God?

To do that, we lift our voices in prayer and we lift ourselves to help others in Christ's holy mission. God does not want the burnt offerings and things done only for God - - God doesn't need such things. It is God's children who are in need. Worship is not just a time to sing God's praises but a time to recommit IN COMMUNITY each week to the work that Jesus started for God's children. It is a weekly commitment to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mic. 6:8 NRSV) in Jesus' name by being the body of Christ

That is what God requires. That is what God NEEDS

May you all have a blessed and fruitful year in ministry to and with others in Jesus' holy name! Laurie, your Pastor. Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler

Fall/Winter Sunday Scripture Schedule, Plus...

Here are the scriptures that are scheduled for each Sunday in February and March, and for Ash Wednesday, February 26th. They are subject to change should there be a substitute preacher, or if the Holy Spirit moves me to change one or two... I generally pick two of the four to focus on each Sunday, and often use the Psalter reading as a call to worship.

Feel free to read them in anticipation of the worship services!

Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler

February

February 2 – 4th Sunday After the Epiphany

Prophetic/Old Testament Lesson Micah 6: 1-8 Psalter/Old Testament Reading Psalm 15

Epistle/New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 16-31 Gospel/New Testament Lesson Matthew 5: 1-12

February 9 – 5th Sunday After the Epiphany; Boy Scout Sunday

Prophetic/Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalter/Old Testament Reading Psalm 112: 1-10 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 Epistle/New Testament Lesson Gospel/New Testament Lesson Matthew 5: 13-20

February 16 – 6th Sunday After the Epiphany

Pentateuch /Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalter/Old Testament Reading Psalm 119: 1-8 **Epistle/New Testament Lesson** 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Gospel/New Testament Lesson Matthew 5: 21-37

February 23rd – Transfiguration Sunday

Prophetic/Old Testament Lesson

Pentateuch /Old Testament Lesson Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalter/Old Testament Reading Psalm 99 Epistle/New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Gospel/New Testament Lesson Matthew 17: 1-9

February 26th – Ash Wednesday and Holy Communion

Psalter/Old Testament Reading Psalm 51: 1-17 Epistle/New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 5: 20 - 6:10 Gospel/New Testament Lesson Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

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March

March 1st - 1st Sunday in Lent

Pentateuch /Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32 Psalter/Old Testament Reading

Romans 5: 12-19 Epistle/New Testament Lesson Gospel/New Testament Lesson Matthew 4: 1-11

March $8^{th} - 2^{nd}$ Sunday in Lent; Girl Scout Sunday (observed 3/15)

Genesis 12: 1-4a Pentateuch /Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 121 Psalter/Old Testament Reading

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Epistle/New Testament Lesson

Gospel/New Testament Lesson John 3: 1-17

March 15th – 3rd Sunday in Lent; Observation of Girl Scout Sunday

Exodus 17: 1-7 Pentateuch /Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 95 Psalter/Old Testament Reading

Romans 5: 1-11 Epistle/New Testament Lesson

John 4: 5-42 Gospel/New Testament Lesson

March 22nd – 4th Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Sunday Special Offering; Holy Baptism

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23 Psalter/Old Testament Reading

Ephesians 5: 8-14 Epistle/New Testament Lesson

John 9: 1-41 Gospel/New Testament Lesson

March 29th - 5th Sunday in Lent

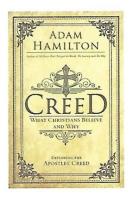
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Psalter/Old Testament Reading Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11 Epistle/New Testament Lesson Gospel/New Testament Lesson John 11: 1-45

Plus...

Mark your calendars...



Lent Bible Study - - <u>Creed</u> <u>"What Christians believe and</u> <u>why."</u> by Adam Hamilton; an exploration of the Apostles' Creed.

Wednesday morning class: 10:00a Feb. 26 – Apr. 1 Thursday evening class: 7:00p Feb. 27 – Apr. 2 Class sign-up sheet is hanging next to the pastor's office door.

New Weekly Early Morning Bible Study: The Lectionary Scriptures - - Every Thursday morning starting MARCH 26th 2020 from 8:00-10:00a we look at the scriptures that will be the focus for the following Sunday's worship, while enjoying the fellowship of a light continental breakfast here at church (with an occasional breakfast out!). Group members will be asked to help with the goodies on a weekly volunteer basis.



Class sign-up sheet is hanging next to the pastor's office door.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule (Watch for more information to come!):

- ★ April 5 - Palm Sunday with Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- ☆ April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
- ♣ April 10 - Community Cross Walk followed by the Good Friday Community service HERE at LUMC
- * April 12 - Easter Sunrise Service at Core Creek Park; Easter Holy Communion Services



Langhorne United Methodist Church

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February Sanctuary Servants

February 2, 2020

Worship Assistant ----- Dave Tyler ----- Chris & Rita Cresswell Greeters (9:30) ----- Smigiel Family Ushers (9:30) Contemporary Assistants ----- Carol Annucci February 9, 2020 Worship Assistant ----- Jerry Hill ----- Cheryl & Bob Fryer Greeters (9:30) ----- Robyn Rowlands Ushers (9:30) Contemporary Assistants ----- Bev Eick February 16, 2020 Worship Assistant ----- Erika Paton ----- Joe & Diane Wachstetter Greeters (9:00) ----- Bob & Cheryl Fryer Ushers (9:00) Contemporary Assistants ----- Carol Annucci February 23, 2020 Worship Assistant ------Dave Tyler ----- Jennifer & Matt Kephart Greeters (9:30) Ushers (9:30) ------ Sam & Joan Phillips

Contemporary Assistants ----- Bev Eick



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesday every month - 7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

At our December meeting, the United Methodist Women celebrated Christmas by decorating a tree with handmade ornaments that had cash attached. It is truly amazing how creative and generous people can be with the right inspiration. The money received was donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Rather than our two-person hostess team, each member brought a holiday treat. It was almost an embarrassment of riches, but it was fun to sample all the goodies.

January brought a new year, and we evaluated how we use the precious gift of the time God has given us. We ratified the slate of officers elected in October, so those women will serve through December of 2020. Joan Phillips presented an informative message following through on the UMW yearly theme of "Light." Hostesses were Carol Annucci and Sue VanCamp.

Barbara Dito will present the message at the February 11 meeting. Hostesses are Christine Stoudt and Madge Laughlin.

The very popular salad supper this year will be held on May 12th. Women from surrounding churches look forward to joining us for this event. We feel very blessed to have Sandel Livingstone for the guest speaker.

This is an open group, please join us.



SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR MARCH

Finance Committee will be Meeting on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 PM, Raul Torres **Ad Board** will be meeting quarterly on the third Monday of the month. The first scheduled meeting will be Monday March 16 at 7pm. Thanks, God Bless Jerry



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SALAD SUPPER

The very popular, annual salad supper sponsored by the United Methodist Women will be held in May this year instead of June. This change was made so that Sandel Livingstone will be able to be our guest speaker. She was unavailable for the usual June meeting date.

If there is anyone who has not attended a salad supper, it is a lovely, ecumenical gathering. We invite members of United Methodist Women's groups from our ministerium and beyond to join us in fellowship hall. The array of salads is amazing, there is also a lot of greeting and singing; then we end the evening with our guest speaker.

Now is the time to mark your calendars. The salad supper will be held Tuesday, May 12, beginning 6:30 pm. All are invited, please bring a salad to share.



HATS FOR HOMELSS AND NEEDY

I was given a donation of twenty-eight, hand-knitted hats from a woman in Kentucky. She had created them in her leisure time and was looking for a worthy cause to which she could donate the hats.

Of course, I immediately thought of our shared meal and this year's very successful drive to provide all the attendees with new socks. Perhaps next year we could distribute hats. I'm writing this now so that you needle workers in the congregation can pull out your leftover yarns and make some hats. Twenty-eight is a good start. By next December, we should have plenty to distribute.

Thank you for your interest, we at LUMC are good at this kind of outreach.



Sunday School

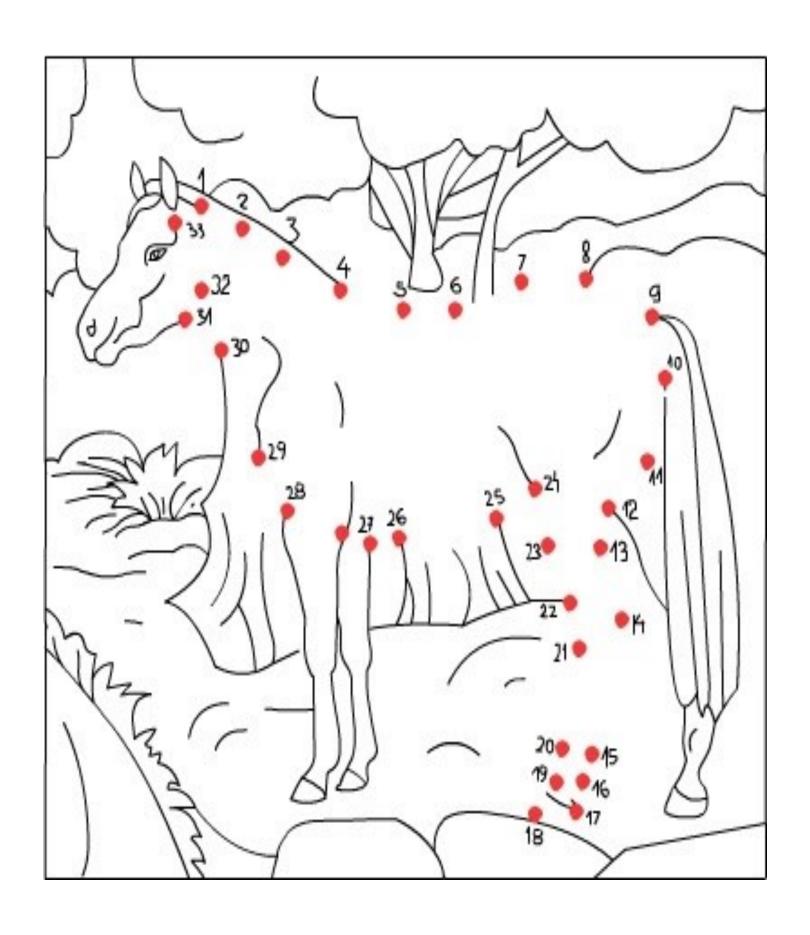
We hope you enjoyed our Christmas songs, we were very pleased the support you gave, including singing along. We are planning to sing again, but haven't settled on a date yet. We will be sending the words home again and ask that you please help your child learn them.

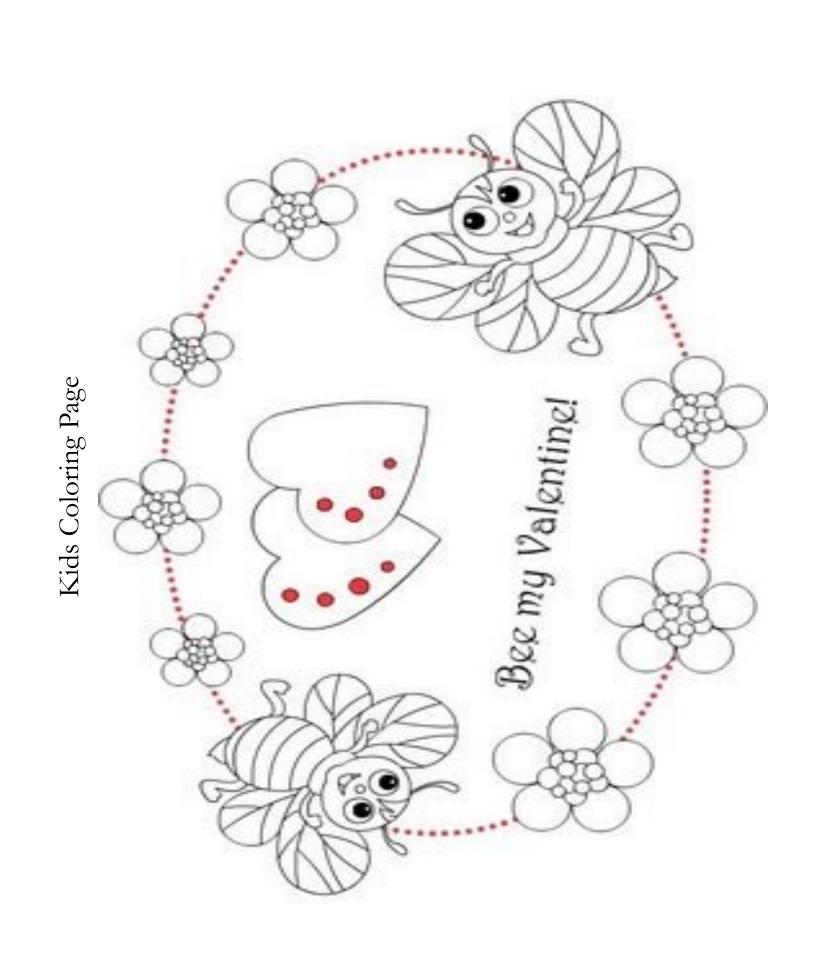
We are still working out o the Deep Blue program for one-room Sunday School. During the month of December, we covered Mary, Joseph, the coming of Jesus, and the birth of Jesus and the significance of the manger. In January we learned about the shepherds, Jesus baptized by John the Baptist, Jesus bringing the Good News to the temple, and Jesus calling Levi. In February we will learn about Jesus sending out his disciples to spread the good news, the stories of Deborah, David, and Josiah. We will also be celebrating the love of God for Valentine's Day.

We appreciate your continued support.

Lyn Wallace

KIDS ACTIVITY PAGE





SAY YES!

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, an anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Matthew 10:40—42 NIV

In today's super busy, run-here-run-there, don't stop-for-a-minute world, do you ever take the time to pause in the moment and consider the needs of another human being? Or are you stretched so thin that you just can't take a minute to think of anyone other than yourself?

If you find yourself hurried and harried, pause. Right. This Very. Minute. Quiet your heart. Ask Jesus to calm the chaos in your spirit. Because He *can...* and He *will!*

Once your spirit finds the calm it craves, you'll be better able to really see the needs of others. Look around! Is there someone who could use your kindness, your hospitality, your generosity? ... Pinpoint what that person needs — then take action!

In caring for the needs of others, it's as though you're caring for Jesus Himself. Say yes to meeting someone's need today — say yes to Jesus!

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Jesus, thank you for helping me recognize the needs of others!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE CHOICE ONE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

ChoiceOne Pregnancy & Sexual Health Centers 2222 Trenton Rd Levittown, PA 19056 215-269-6912



Donation Statement

Date: 1/17/2020 Number: 16218

Langhorne United Methodist Church 301 E Maple Ave Langhorne, PA 19047

The team at ChoiceOne is overflowing with thanksgiving for your partnership of love. Jesus told us to share His message of love and redemption and He made it clear that we are to take care of the fatherless.

Through you, single moms were given the help of baby food, clothes, and friendship. You helped save lives for today and for all Eternity!

May your God be glorified by your generous donations in 2019!

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Sunday Soup Supper

Our annual Sunday Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 5 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Bread, salad and desserts are provided, we only need soup donations. If you are ready, willing and able to provide a pot of soup, please complete the following and get it back to me, personally or in my mailbox, or to my email (lindawallace26@gmail.com. (Lyn Wallace) This will allow us to get ready with enough crock pots, labels, etc.

How do you bring in the soup? There are two ways of doing this. If you bring it in the morning, it can be in any container and does not need to be heated. We will make sure it is hot and ready and on the table before everyone arrives. [We have quite a few crock pots here that can be filled and heated.] If not, you can bring it (already hot) in a crock pot and take it directly to the serving table where a marked space will be available for you.

You do not have to bring soup in order to come and enjoy the evening. Bowls and taste cups will be available for you.

	(name) will bring a pot of soup to
the Sunday Soup Supper on March 8.	
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Come and Join us for a Family Night of Bowling With Newtown Methodist Church 3/21/20 6:00 PM

\$14 per person

Includes shoe rental, bowling ball and pizza and soda.

Penndel Bowling Center

449 W Lincoln Hwy, Penndel, PA 19047

See Linda Rutledge in Fellowship Hall or contact her by phone at 267-394-1779

STEWARDSHIP IS WORK

Enjoy a Short Stack for a Tall Cause! SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 (Palm Sunday)

8:00 - 11:00 am

You're invited to a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

to support Langhorne United Methodist Church



Requested Donation is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for children under 12

Contact Linda Rutledge at 267 394-1779

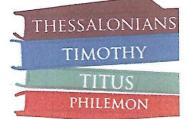
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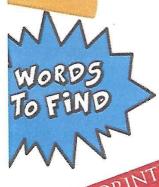
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Update from Trustee and Finance Committee

Last spring, the trustees told you about the work that needs to be done on the Parsonage, and the projected costs. We are pleased to tell you that we have met our financial goals, and reduced our costs. Since that time, we have contacted additional contractors and have found:

Side-Rite in Morrisville Pa has given us an estimate of \$9.350 (other was \$18,600). Of course, both of these costs could be higher depending on what is discovered when the shingles are removed – but we have spoken with Side-Rite, asked him to add an estimate for the gutters and gutter-guards and tentatively told him we are interested in signing his contract.

Exterior Improvement, of Langhorne has presented a bid of \$2,330 for replacement of the two garage doors and two electric garage door openers (last estimate was \$3,490). The doors have been ordered and the installment is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28.

The Boy Scouts are in full operation – stop in on a Friday evening and you'll see lots of busy kids. They have installed their new shed on the rear of the property and all is well.

We've had a mini "appliance revolution," the kitchen dryer quit heating but has been repaired, and the freezer on the stage decided it no longer wanted to freeze anything – we were advised that it was not worth the cost of repairing so it has been removed, and picked up by our trash service.

On the Finance side of the church there are some serious issues we need to address (again).

We have approved a budget that is already \$35,000 short of our projected income. There are no extravagant purchases, just bare bones expenses, and we have lost considerable revenue over the past year. We all need to pray for guidance during the upcoming split of the church.

We are going to ask you for continued prayers, donations, and observance of cost – cutting ways we can lower some of our bills. Sometimes we need to think and do things that we do in our own homes – turn off lights when we leave a room, make sure doors and windows are shut, etc.

After **many** years of dedicated service, the Davis and Habel families have retired from counting. While we thank them for their service, we must now look for replacements for the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested and would be willing to be a counter once each month, or know of someone you think may be interested, please contact me – or Kim Stockburger.

February is Audit time – and we need the financial records from UMW, LBE, Youth Group, Boy and Girl Scouts (and any other organization that has independent checking accounts. Please give these records to me, or Kim a.s.a.p..

If you have any questions, or suggestions, feel free to contact me and I will do what I can to explain or respond.

Through the Grace of God,

Lyn Wallace



FEBRUARY SENIOR BIRTHDAYS



Send our Seniors a Birthday Card and let them know you are thinking of them!!!!!

February 3

Peter Jordan, 35 Bellwood Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053

February 7

Lynne Gardener, 481 Hulmeville Road, Langhorne, PA 19047

February 13

Kathy DiGregorio, 378 Shady Brook Dr., Langhorne, PA 19047

February 14

Dick Davis, 335 Berkshire Rd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030

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February 16

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February 17

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February 22

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Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Casual Worship

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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