Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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October 25, 2026 **9:30am Worship**

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

"BUSY BAGS': Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY CARE: Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will be held during worship for 1st – 3rd graders, today. Youth meet their teachers after the children's message in the sanctuary. Parents, please pick up your child from the 2nd floor classrooms immediately following worship. Follow signs for the office.
Classes for 4th – 7th grader will not be held today. All Sunday School classes will resume on November 8th.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: You've probably heard the question. If your house was on fire and you could only save three things. What three things would you grab? The question is designed to get us to reflect on what is truly important to us. What is irreplaceable? What is essential? What, out of all the things we surround ourselves with, would we most not want to be without? In the story of the Exodus, it takes a long time for the people of Israel to realize, but what they discover is the one thing they fear losing more than anything else is God. What would lead you to value God that much?

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" - Rick Founds, arr. by Peggy Bettcher Bausman Bells

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord is in his holy temple.
People: Let all the earth keep silence before him.
Pastor: O come, and let us worship the Lord our God.
People: Let us kneel down before the Lord our Maker.
Pastor: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture.
People: We are the sheep of God's hand; the people of God's redemption.
Pastor: Thus we sing with joy and worship in praise of the Holy One of Israel
who has created and is creating, who has saved and is saving,
who stands among us now.
People: We worship the Lord our God with the fullness of our breath;

with the very hope of our lives, we worship you, O Lord.

Pastor: Praise be to God!

People: Amen!

Processional Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (p. #439)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father,
we humble ourselves before you,
under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt.
We have grievously sinned against you in thought, in word,
and in deed.
We have come short of your glory,
we have broken your commandments, and turned aside,
everyone one of us, from the way of life.
Yet now, O most merciful Father,
hear us when we call upon you with penitent hearts,
and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.
Pardon our sin; take away our guilt; and grant us your peace.
Purify us, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing
to serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

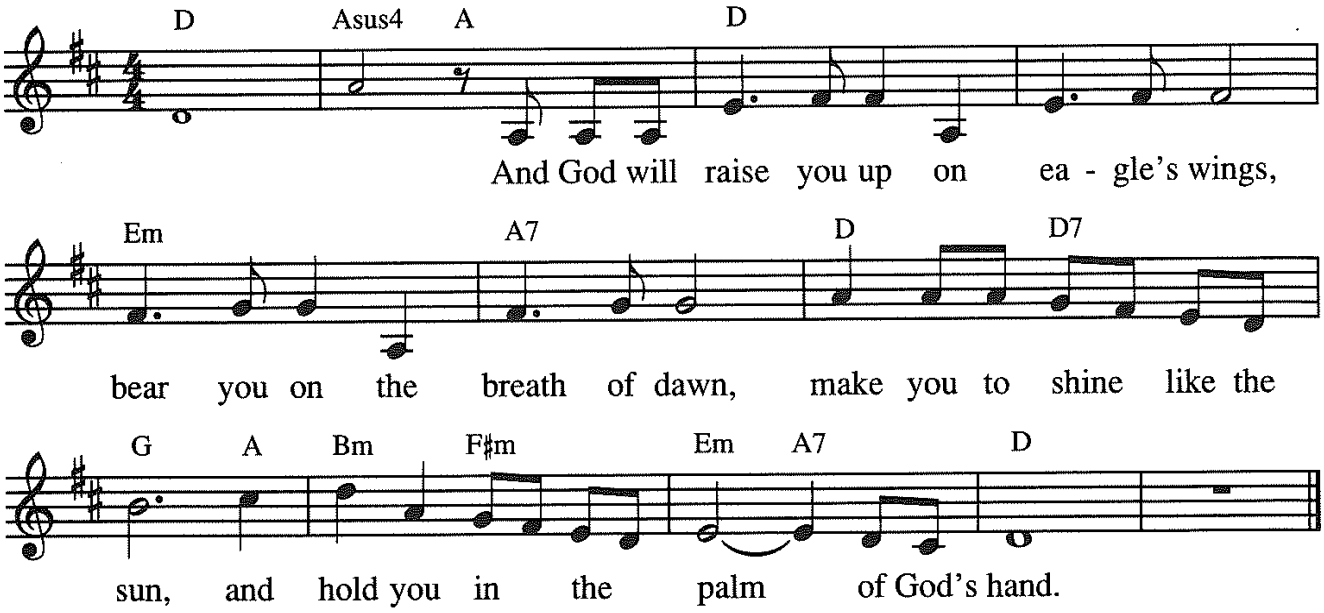
Assurance of Grace

Pastor: …we are forgiven our sins,
and made new to walk in the will and the way of our Lord.

People: Glory be to Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, and our God!

All: Amen.

Confession Response *(Unison)*



(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. Those in 1st-3rd grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message. No Sunday School for 4-7th graders today.)

Prayer of Illumination

All: O Lord, our God, guide us in the path of your righteousness,
turn our hearts to your decrees and open our minds to your will.
Let your steadfast love come to us,
in the hearing and proclaiming of your word.
Through Christ, your Incarnate Word, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 33:1-8, 12-17 (p. #79)

The Lord said to Moses, "Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey, but I will not go up among you, or I would consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

When the people heard these harsh words, they mourned, and no one put on ornaments. For the Lord had said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, and I will decide what to do to you.’ ” Therefore the Israelites stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (p. #203)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you

that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "What Do You Really Want?"

Pastoral Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Mission Moment: Spartan Station

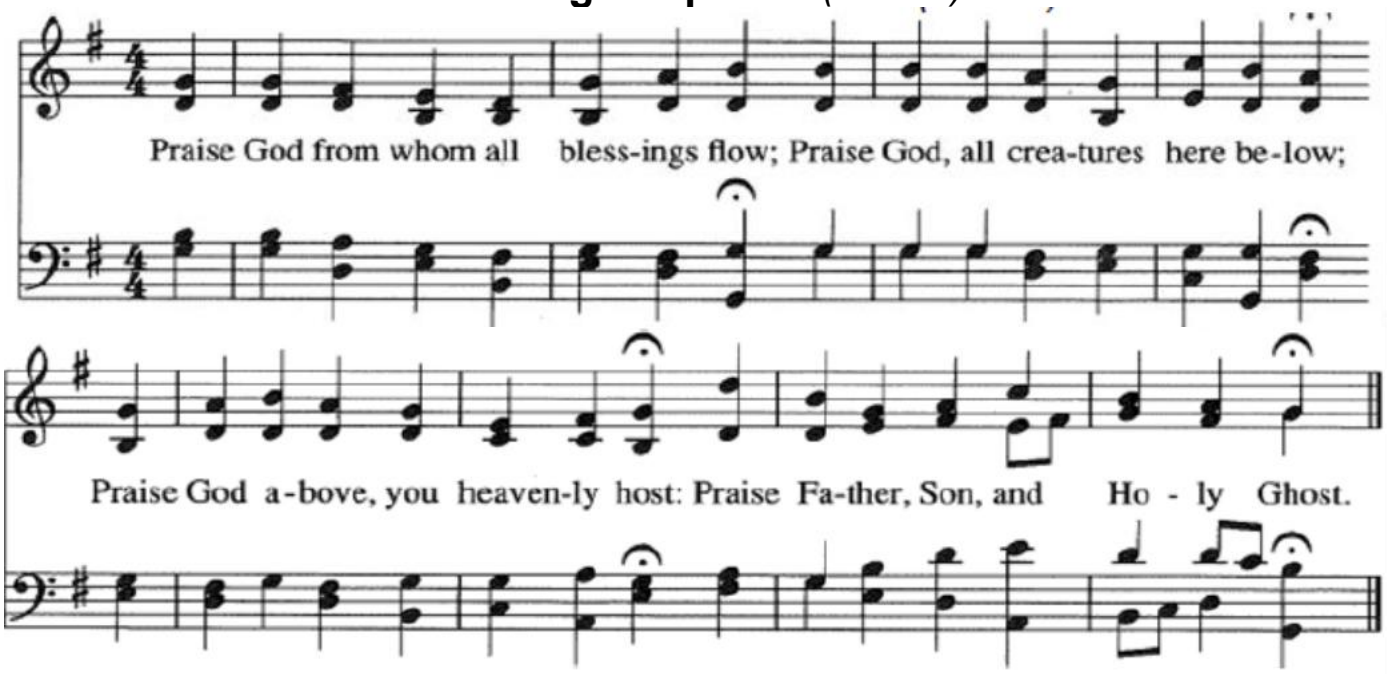
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope. Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)

Offertory: "Quietude" - Felix Mendelssohn

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response *(Unison)*



Prayer of Dedication

All: Bountiful God, receive these gifts of our labor, given in steadfast love.
Use them according to your purposes,
to further your mission through the ministries of this church.
And in your blessing, embolden us to more faithfully walk in your way
and live by your truth.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from Cantata #147
- Johann S. Bach, arr. by Leibergen

Invitation

Pastor: As often as we gather,
People: We gather in remembrance of Christ.
Pastor: When we care for another in need,
People: We care for Christ our Lord.
Pastor: When we break the bread and share the cup,
People: We participate in the kingdom of God.
Pastor: Come to this table, one and all.
Come, because it is Christ who welcomes you here.

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Pastor: …Therefore, we lift our voices with all the saints in heaven
and on earth, joining the heavenly choir in praising your name.

Seraphic Hymn *(Unison)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Consecrate this bread and fruit of the vine, revealing through them the very presence of our Savior.
Bless all who share in the eating and drinking at this, your table, that all may taste of your goodness, receive of your mercy, and be brought to rejoicing in the presence of your love.

All: Open our eyes, gracious God, to recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in this meal, and in each other.
Come, Most Holy One. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of Elements – Communion by Intinction

(All who desire to unite their lives in discipleship to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Starting with the front pews, ushers will invite you to come forward to receive a piece of bread – gluten free option in the center - to partially dip into the chalice of red wine or white grape juice. After consuming the dipped bread, continue to the side aisle to return to your seat. To have the elements brought to you, inform the usher who will direct the pastor once all others have come forward.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Sing praise people of God.
People: For God's Spirit has gifted us with life.
Pastor: Sing praise people of God.
People: For here we have known the risen Christ in our midst.
Pastor: Sing praise people of God!
People: For in filling us with mercy and grace,
God now calls us forth into this world
to share and give that all may receive of God's goodness.
Pastor: Amen!

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" (p. #419)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Grand Choeur" - George Blake

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, Oct 25
- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30 AM Worship, Communion, Sunday School (younger class only), Nursery
- 11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study – Fellowship Halll
- 3:00 PM Covenant Association Meeting – Huff's Union Church, Alburtis, PA

Monday, Oct 26
- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Room 22
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22
- 6:30 PM Property – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Oct 27
- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Oct 28
- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Room 22
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22

Thursday, Oct 29
- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Women's Recovery Group - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Reading Community Players – Room 22
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, Oct 30
- 8:15 AM Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Oct 31 - Halloween
- 6:30 AM Wyomissing Football Breakfast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Sunday, Nov 1 – All Saints Day
- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Nursery, First Sunday Fellowship
- 11:00 AM 'Going Deeper' Bible Study
- 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 192 – Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our "Cards of Care" ministry. This week we are uplifting Janet LeLacheur, who is one of our Home Congregants. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week's card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Healing & Strengthening: Peggy Riley; Elise Kiefer; Chuck W.; Jenny; Frances; Peter

Care & Support: Zion Blue Mountain UCC, Bernville and Pastor Partick Morris Sr.; 2027 Pledge Campaign; Wayne Wanner

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family, Friends, & Community of Chris Kaag

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

10/25 Bob Fyock
10/25 Ann Harlin
10/27 Margie Baer
10/28 Paige Wentzel
10/30 Karen Oxholm
10/30 Sloane Miller
10/31 Ron Keller

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: Happy Birthday, Margie from Rod Baer

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members
Head Usher: Mike Ritter
Ushers: Shelby Brunner, Kent Hollinger, Max Spayd, Sue Wentink
Acolyte: TBD
Reader: Sandy Mengle
Welcome: Cece Wagner
Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben
Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Livestream: Rick Shiner
Sound: Rod Baer
Altar Guild: Shelby Brunner
Elders: *Shelby Brunner (assist pastor during intinction), *Kent Hollinger (direct worshippers) (*These Elders uncover and cover the elements.)
Nursery: Margie Miller and Joan Kellenberger

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 72 Online: 6

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person $1660 Online: $904
48 Pledges Received: $184,980

"LOOK AND SEE"
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
OCTOBER 25, 2026

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

Capital Improvements Special Offering - Nov 1 - Join in supporting the capital improvement projects of the church through a special offering on November 1st. Currently we are raising funds for the Site Assessment Improvements such as lighting, lower-level renovation and continuing HVAC upgrades. Thank you for your investment in Bausman's capital improvements! Gifts can be made online or using a pew/special offering envelope.

2027 Budget Process - A very heart-felt thank you to all who turned in their 2027 pledge forms to be blessed on Stewardship Sunday. Your pledges are an incredible help in the development of the 2027 budget and determining the direction of Bausman's future. If you have not had a chance to deliver your pledge, you can do so online through Realm this year. The budget will be finalized this month, presented to consistory for approval and prepared for the congregational vote on December 6. Thank you for your spirit-filled generosity and living out "Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be".

"Going Deeper" Bible Study will be held today from 11:00am – 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Going Deeper Bible Study is a great way to grow in faith of Christ and understanding of the Scriptures. The discussions focus on the scripture and sermon from the day's worship service. Plus, there will be coffee and snacks!

All Saints Sunday - Next Sunday, we invite you to return and be a part of a special All Saints Sunday worship. During this service, everyone will have an opportunity to light candles and to share in prayers for loved ones who have died and no longer stand with us in the flesh, but whom we daily hold in spirit and prayer. This deeply meaningful worship service is open for all to share in.

Harvest Home Collection – November 15 - The annual collection for the Calvary UCC food pantry, New Journey Mission and Spartan Station has begun. A list of items needed for each mission has been stapled to a bag and are available in the sanctuary. Bags with a yellow shopping list will go to Calvary UCC Food Pantry; bags with an orange shopping list will go to New Journey Community Outreach; bags with a green shopping list will go to Spartan Station. Please donate only the items on the list and **drop them off at the church by November 15** when the donations will be blessed. Thank you for helping care for your neighbors!

The Knit Hat Ministry- We are in dire need of large and extra-large hats due to increased needs by the organizations we sponsor. If you are currently making smaller sizes, could you please switch over to large and extra-large. If you are currently not making hats and could assist us over the next few weeks, we would greatly appreciate it. For additional information, please contact Bonnie Shiner at (610) 488-1671 / blshiner@comcast.net.

Bausman's Annual Chicken Pot Pie Dinner will be held on November 14 from 4-6pm. A full dinner will include homemade chicken pot pie, green beans, pepper cabbage, apple sauce, and a slice of cake for dessert. Cost for dinner will be $13 for adults, $8 for children (ages 6-12), and under 5 eat free.
A la Carte items that will be sold: Pot Pie $12/qt, Pepper Cabbage $5/lb., and Green Beans $3/lb.
This is an eat-in or take-out event. Those who stay have a great time!
Pre-orders are due by Sunday, November 8 but walk-ins are welcome until we're sold out. You can order via the QR code or by contacting Lori Moser (484) 577-5188 / lmoser928@gmail.com or Bonnie Shiner (610) 488-1671 / blshiner@comcast.net.

Christmas at the Valley – **Music and Scripture of Advent & Christmas** - Bausman members and guests are invited to attend *Christmas at the Valley* on December 6 at 3pm (prelude begins at 2:20pm). This is a free Christmas concert presented by various choral & handbell ensembles and organ students at the Lebanon Vally College Music Dept. There are only 7 out of 30 reserved seat tickets available for the pews at Miller Chapel. If you would like to attend, please don't delay signing up. There is a sign-up sheet on the church library bulletin board or contact Bob or Sue Showalter directly at 610-334-8357 / showalterrs@comcast.net. Reservation deadline is November 15, 2026. **Transportation is via personal vehicles**

Jewish Cultural and Food Festival - The Annual Jewish Cultural and Food Festival will be held Sunday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the synagogue, located at 555 Warwick Drive in Wyomissing. There will be Apple cake, brisket, pastrami, corned beef, hot dogs and more. New options include chopped liver, health salad, homemade coleslaw, rye bread and chocolate chip cookies. Pre-order: ohebsholom.org

The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

October 20, 2026

Members and Friends of Keystone Conference,

"Some of the best things I have ever thought of I have thought of during bad sermons." - Wendell Berry, Jayber Crow

The quote above is from Wendell Berry, who recently passed away, and it's from my favorite book of fiction. It made me think of all the good thoughts I've helped give birth to over the years without meaning to, though I am glad to be of use even in those moments. Like Dolly Parton, a fellow Southerner, Berry was one of those folks who seemed to be liked by everyone or at least respected by almost all. He was a Christian, and his books are replete with Christian thoughts and values, but non-Christians and those with no faith at all seemed to love his work as well. Praise for his life and work came from all corners of the political and theological spectrum, from left to right and, I suppose, up and down. He lived a good life, and whatever your disagreements with him on some issues, you couldn't argue with the man's basic goodness. Again, like Dolly, people just loved him, whatever their disagreements with him, and his disagreements with you.

It's so rare nowadays to find people who just live and love well. The Committees on Ministry (COM) in your Association often try to discern whether a candidate for authorized ministry has the gifts to serve the people of God, but they're also looking at something else, something more indefinable, namely character, which is the choice to do the right thing when it comes down to it. I've known ministers with great gifts but lacking the character needed for ministry, and I've known a few souls with the character but not the gifts to serve God's people. Discerning whether someone has both is the hard work of any COM. Whatever our gifts, whatever we have been called to do in this world or in our church, the ability to do something well (though imperfectly) and the character to do it with integrity really do matter. People like Wendell and Dolly had gifts and character, and I think that is why so many different kinds of people loved them. I hope that's what we are becoming, with our gifts and our lives well lived.

When Wendell died, I went hunting for my copy of Jayber Crow, which is extensively underlined and overflowing with sticky notes. I couldn't find it, and I still can't, though every couple of days I hunt through my bookshelves, hoping to find it. I probably let someone borrow it, and now I must wait for its safe return. It will show up again, as all good things do, thanks be to God.

Rev. Kevin J. McLemore

Transitional Regional Conference Minister for Region I

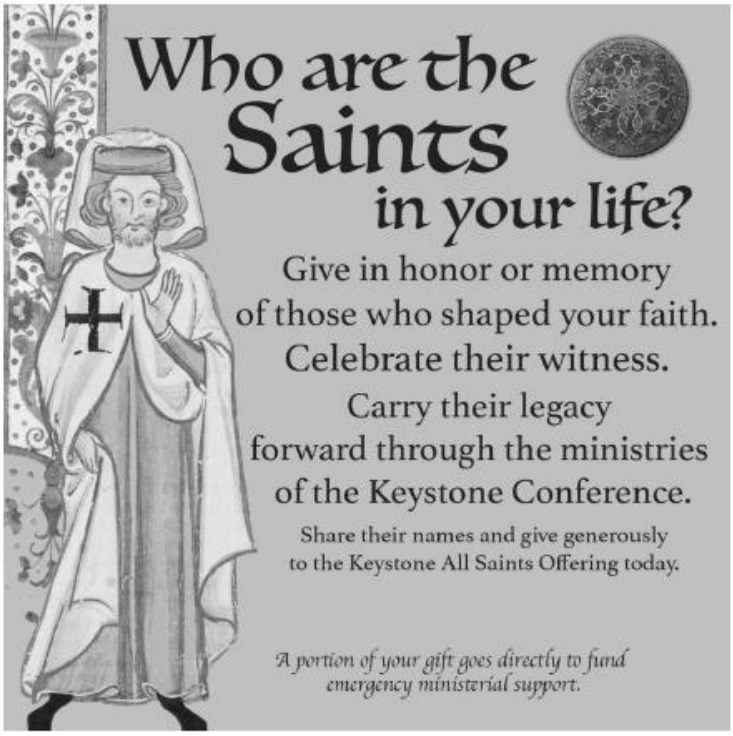
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Who are the Saints in your life? Give in honor or memory of those who shaped your faith. Celebrate their witness. Carry their legacy forward through the ministries of the Keystone Conference. Share their names and give generously to the Keystone All Saints Offering today. A portion of your gifts goes directly to fund emergency ministerial support. This offering is a new project of the Keystone Conference and replaces any offerings historic conferences may have had for All Saint's Day.

Donate by clicking on "Donate Here" at key- stoneucc.org and choosing "All Saints Offering"

All Saints Gifts in Memory of:
Carole Thomas (given by David Ackerman)
My sister Arlene Lynn (given by Andrea Kopcak)
Sister Rose Anne Schultz (given by Carrie Call)

All Saints Gifts in Honor of:
David and Mary Call (given by Carrie Call)



A Tent of Our Own Making
Oct 28, 2026 | 6:30PM

Join Transitional Area Conference Minister Nora Foust, Executive Conference Minister Carrie Call, and several Keystone participants from A Tent of Our Own Making on Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. for a conversation about this ongoing churchwide project, what we learned, and what it might mean for our life together in Keystone. Register by clicking on the link on the Calendar page of keystoneucc.org

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

439

Martin Luther, c. 1529
Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

Ps. 46



There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
Martin Luther, c. 1529
Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, *1930; alt.*
For another version, see 440

419 Nun danket alle Gott
(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.



For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840