



The Circuit Writer

Barts Centenary
United Methodist Church
Littlestown, Pennsylvania 17340

November 2020

Worship In Person Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM or Online via Youtube link
Adult Sunday school in person at 8:15 AM or Via Zoom at 6:45 PM Sunday Evenings

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BCUMC Family,

November Greetings! We have almost made it through 2020, and most of us are tired, a little discouraged and ready for the fresh start a new year promises. In November our liturgical year comes to an end and we will begin a final sermon series. I believe it will be a fitting end to this liturgical season. The bible readings from All Saints' to Christ the King this November have presented us with an opportunity to explore what it means to speak openly about death and the Christian hope of resurrection. Along the way we may even clear up some of society's misguided notions on the subject. Speaking of death has often been limited to funerals, yet at the core of the Christian faith is a message about death and life beyond death. Together we will dig into God's word and see what it has to teach us on the only guarantee we have in this life, one day we will all die; and what we can know about what comes next.

In "An Earnest Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion" Wesley declared,
What religion do I preach? The religion of love; the law of kindness brought to light by the gospel. What is this good for? To make all who receive it enjoy God and themselves: To make them like God; lovers of all; contented in their lives; and crying out at their death, in calm assurance, 'O grave, where is thy victory! Thanks be unto God, who giveth me the victory, through my Lord Jesus Christ.'

It is our quest to be marked by a "religion of love" so that in living and dying we may bear witness to the vibrant hope of redemption found only in Christ.

Whether this has been a season of loss for you, you have been through such a season before, or your season(s) of loss is (are) still ahead of you, we can all be sure such a season will be part of our lives. It is my hope that through engaging in this series we could lessen our fear, increase our sense of assuredness, and attain an increased urgency for those who remain outside of the redeeming grace of Christ. A worthy work lies ahead of us, let's engage!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Tammy



The 2020 Hanging of the Greens will be incorporated into the Sunday Morning worship service on November 22nd. Be sure to schedule a little extra time for worship into your plans that day.

Sermon Series: The Good News about Death

November 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY - The other side of the curtain

1 John 3:1-3 *Revelation 7:9-17

November 8 - Grieving with hope

Matthew 25:1-13 *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

November 15 - How many Shopping days left?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Psalm 90:1-12, Psalm 123

November 22 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY- The Last Word

PSALM 100 *EPHESIANS 1:15-23

And a special worship extension to prepare our church and our hearts for
Advent: The Hanging of the Greens!



FROM THE
Pulpit



Sermon Series: Coming Soon

November 29 – Advent 1 - Stay Tuned

Isaiah 64:1-9 *Mark 13:24-37

December 6 – Advent 2 - Baptismal Limitations

Isaiah 40:1-11 *Mark 1:1-8

December 13 – Advent 3 - John, the doppelganger

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20 – Advent 4 - The Subjective Space

Luke 1:46b-55 *Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve - The Foggy Fringe

Isaiah 9:2-7 *Luke 2:1-20

December 27 - The Cliffhanger

Galatians 4:4-7 *Luke 2:22-40



November 2020

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Those listed to serve below are
serving for the 10:30am service

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Church Conference 6:45 pm Zoom Sunday School	2 Boy Scouts	3 6:30 pm Childrens Zoom worship	4 ZUMBA 10-10:45 Cub Scouts 2 pm Bible Study with Judy Young	5 7 pm Womens Bible Study	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	7
8 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 6:45 pm Zoom Sunday School <i>Pastor's Vacation</i>	9 <i>Pastor's Vacation</i> Boy Scouts	10 6:30 pm Childrens Zoom worship <i>Pastor's Vacation</i>	11 <i>Pastor's Vacation</i> Cub Scouts	12 <i>Pastor's Vacation</i> 7 pm Womens Bible Study	13 <i>Pastor's Vacation</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	14 <i>Pastor's Vacation</i>
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29 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship/Hanging of the Greens 6:45 pm Zoom Sunday School	30 Boy Scouts					

Acolytes

11/1—
11/8—
11/15—
11/22—
11/29—

Communion Stewards

Counting Stewards

1st week-B. Carter
2nd week-R. Seggessenman
3rd week-P. Hewes & Y. Davis
4th week-G. Updyke & P. Clarke
5th week-B. Carter & P. Clarke

Greeters

11/1—
11/8—
11/15—
11/22—
11/29—

Liturgists

11/1—
11/8—
11/15—
11/22—
11/29—

Usher – Team – Captain

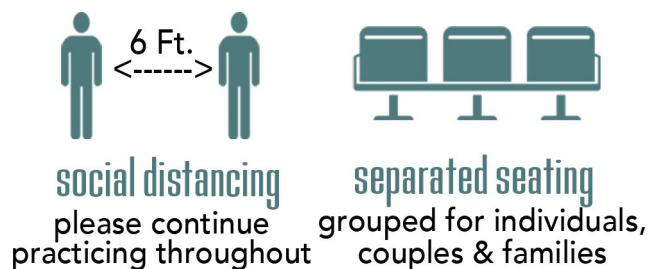
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11/22—
11/29—

What does being in the “green phase” mean for worship?

No Limit on Worship Attenders (no more lists!)

Worship Social Distancing rules for attending worship still apply.

Online Worship will continue through the summer



Rules for attendance at in house worship

1-Please enter for and exit from worship using the sanctuary side door at the top of the ramp from the parking lot.

2-Do Not attend in house worship if you are feeling sick/or exhibiting any symptoms of illness (sniffles, cough, fever (100.4 or higher ...)

3-Use your own best judgement about worship attendance in the green phase if you immunocompromised or in an at-risk demographic.

4-Please do bring and wear a mask from home. (We will have limited disposable masks for those who forget or do not have them)

5-Please do bring hand sanitizer from home if possible. (We will have stations available, but supplies are limited)

6-Everyone MUST be accounted for, so attendance at all events will be recorded. This is so we can establish accurate contact tracing in case of an active COVID case.

7-We will receive the music rather than sing along, due to increased rates of transmission with singing. Feel free to express yourself by lifting your hands, clapping along, or humming. (I'm all about the humming!)

8-We will not have Bulletins at in house worship, all announcements will continue to be emailed to the church wide list. If you are not currently receiving church wide emails, simply email tblose@susumc.org and share the email you wish to include.

In House Order of Worship-Green Phase

Fall 2020. 9:30 AM Worship only
(45-60 min service).

Doors Open 9:00AM Worship Begins 9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Shown –Worship Music –Pre –recorded (YouTube link)

Shown –Possible (Drama Pre –Recorded) (YouTube link) or other

Pastoral Prayer

Readings

Sermon

Shown Worship Music Pre-recorded (YouTube link)

Congregation Come forward to place offering in plates during Song

Offering Prayer

Communion (when scheduled)

Benediction

Postlude



*Children's Sermon and Song will be prerecorded and shared in email since children are not famous for their observance of personal space.

CMW



Children's Midweek Worship

ON ZOOM – Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:00PM

Beginning OCTOBER 13th 2020

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85904951708?pwd=UFBEaFFPOWpwbzBXTVZyeFI4ck1kQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 0495 1708

Passcode: 145732

YOU'VE GOT
THIS, PARENTS!
We love you.



Families –

Children's Midweek worship is a wonderful opportunity for your little one to connect with God, their Children's ministry leaders, and their church friends. We will be meeting via zoom to decrease time away from home for parents and children on busy weekday evenings.

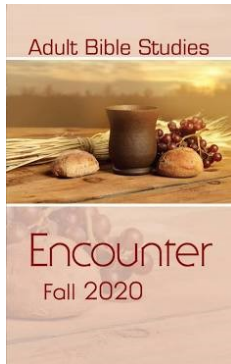
The Children can come in PJS or day clothes, as they connect with Zoom ready to worship with their friends and leaders.

Holiday Meals for those in need



We are supporting New Hope Ministries Holiday Meal drive this year. We have been challenged to provide 100 cans of corn, and as many turkeys as we can donate. Each church in the Littlestown Community Ministry Council has taken on an item to ensure that the holiday meals provided at our Littlestown center are as complete as possible. Please begin bringing in cans of corn as you are able to do so and we will orchestrate a time in November to collect the frozen turkeys and deliver them to New Hope Ministries.

What's new for Fall 2020



**Adult Sunday School
resumes!**

**Beginning September 6,
2020**

We will be using the UMC curriculum

Adult Bible Studies

In two forms!

- at church in Fellowship Room 8:30 – 9:15 AM
- or via Zoom at 6:45 – 7:30 PM

Contact Pastor Tammy Blose at

tblose@susumc.org if you are interested in
attending either form so that arrangements can
be made for you to get your student book



ZOOM invitation for Nov. 1st at @2:30 PM room opens 2:15 PM

Tammy Blose is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Church Conference Practice (10/28) and Meeting (11/1)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84085242071?pwd=MmZSRjhmaFBheWI4dStYUUxTTGgwZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 8524 2071

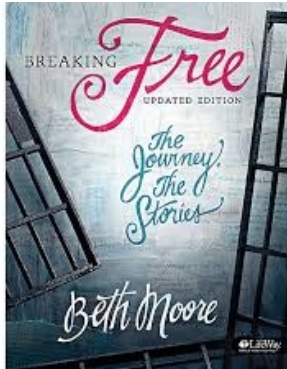
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Thursday Evening

Begins September 17th

Bible Study on site

7:00 – 8:30 PM

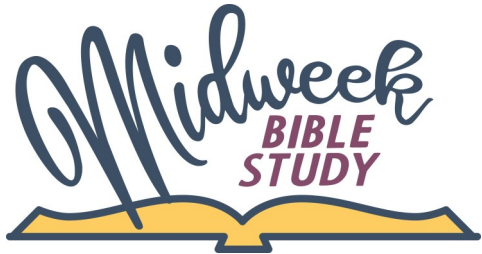


This in-depth women's Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites of the Old Testament and New Testament believers in Jesus as the Promised Messiah. Beth looks at the Book of Isaiah through the lives of the kings who ruled during the prophet's ministry. These kings exemplify many of the obstacles to freedom with which we must deal. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small, Beth explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage.

Join Beth Moore on a Bible journey unlike any other. God intends for you to know and believe Him, glorify Him, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence. *Breaking Free* is Beth's life message that she wants to share with you. Taped live at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, this study includes testimonies of how women like you have found freedom and have been delivered from personal captivity.

Purchase your workbook online at

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/breaking-free-bible-study-book-P005222032>



All are welcome to join a 2 pm Wednesday Bible study using *God's One Another Plan*, which looks at scriptures focusing on 8 "one another" themes, including "love one another, pray for one another, use your gifts for one another," etc. Starting on Oct. 7th at 2 pm some will meet in Fellowship Hall on first and third Wednesdays, while those who prefer to will participate on Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom or for further info contact Judy Young at jsmithyoung@gmail.com or 717 398 2195.

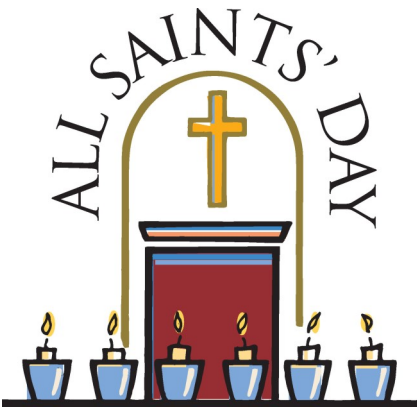
A Prayer Room will be available in the front of the church
(The Overflow Room)

Monday – Thursday from 9 AM – 1 PM for anyone who would like some solitary time in a sacred space.
A great alternative to in house worship for those not ready to be in a group

This room will be monitored and touched areas will be sanitized
after each use.

Please wear a mask when visiting this space. Please use the front door entrance.

Church Office Open Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM.



ALL Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Please email the church office or place a note in the offering plate with the names of family or friends who have died since our last All Saints Day Celebration that you would like to honor by having their name spoken and a candle lit on their behalf during our worship service.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to everyone who contributed in any way to the Operation Christmas Child effort this year. Even though this year has been far from normal, Samaritan's Purse has not wavered in its commitment to go to the end of the earth to continue to reach millions of children and their families in the name of Jesus Christ. Now, more than ever, this work is SO important. The shoebox gifts that we are sending will be tracked for shipment again this year, so an update will be provided as soon as the destination information is available. Please continue to pray for those that facilitate the shoebox gifts on their journey, and pray for the recipients and their families that they will learn about and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior as a result.



Plainly Speaking – The Monthly Numbers for: September 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

Week 1 -Sept. 6	Amount non designated giving /general income	\$ 3,969.00
	Designated giving in	\$ 0.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00
Week 2 - Sept. 13	Amount non designated giving /general income	\$ 1,415.00
	Designated giving in - Kitchen, Music	\$ 300.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00
Week 3 -Sept. 20	Amount non designated giving /general income	\$ 1,455.38
	Designated giving in - Kitchen	\$ 1,000.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00
Week 4 -Sept. 27	Amount non designated giving /general income	\$ 3,579.78
	Designated giving in - Kitchen	\$ 260.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00
September Monthly Amount non designated giving/general income		\$ 10,419.16
	Designated giving in	\$ 1,560.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00

Designated giving not paid out: Kitchen, Music

Reminders: 2020 Budgeted Expenses = **\$157,886.07**

Budgeted monthly expense = **\$13,157.17** Budgeting quarterly expense= **\$39,471.52**

Overall budget divided by 12.

Overall budget divided by 4.



Plainly Speaking – The Quarter Numbers for: July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

Month 1 - July	Amount non designated giving /general income	\$ 10,164.90
	Designated giving in	\$ 2,465.00
Month 2 - August	Amount non designated giving/general income	\$ 13,229.30
	Designated giving in	\$ 3,225.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00
Month 3 – Sept.	Amount non designated giving/general income	\$ 10,419.16
	Designated giving in	\$ 1,560.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00
Quarterly	Amount non designated giving/general income	\$ 33,813.36
	Amount that was paid out for expenses	<u>\$ 34,728.09</u>
	profit/loss -	\$ 914.73
	Less Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 6,253.73</u>
	profit/loss	\$ 5,339.00
	Designated giving in	\$ 7,250.00
	Designated giving out	\$ 0.00

Designated giving not paid out: Kitchen, Music, Memorials

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What do you need? Let your church family help.

It is important in these uncertain times to stay informed and keep good communication with the church. If you have a specific prayer request or if you are isolated in your home and unable to go out for things you need, please contact the church office. We have had offers from people who are willing to go out for and deliver supplies to members of the BCUMC family who might need a helping hand. Please ask instead of going without things you need.



God comes first, not last. Otherwise, we give him only the leftovers after we have made sure that we have provided for our own comforts.

The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that he has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.



Birthdays This Month

Shawn Frey	11/07
Nicole Happel	11/08
Isaac Evans	11/14
Kristen McCormack	11/14
Megan Clabaugh	11/16
Jackson Thomas	11/18
Ross Fair	11/21
Sharon Lentzner	11/21
Brenda Warehime	11/25
Amanda Braham	11/27
Shannon Hughes	11/27
Judy Young	11/29



FOR SALE!

The UMW are taking orders for Rada cutlery. Also available homemade dishcloths. Call Gwen Updyke 717 359 4454 or Aline Hedges 717 359-5575.

New Hope Ministries' Christmas Wish List

Infant/Toddler (6 months to 24 months)

Anything Little Tikes
Anything Playskool
Anything Baby Einstein
Anything Fisher Price
Anything Vtech
Learning Walkers
Sit-n-Spin
Tonka Trucks
Trains
Stacking rings
Mr. Potato Heads (all kinds)
Doctor kit
Plush Doll
Books
Bath Toys

Preschoolers (ages 2 to 5)

Play Instruments
Cars/Truck/Trains
Kitchen Play Set
Mega Bloks
Lincoln Logs
Mr. Potato Head
Play-Doh sets
Princess Dresses & accessories
Tea Sets
Baby Dolls & accessories
Legos Duplo
Super Hero Figurines
Ride on toys/scooters
Dress Up Clothes
Educational toys

Older Children (ages 6-12)

Baby Dolls and accessories
Barbie Dolls & accessories
Remote Control Cars
Super Hero Figurines
Science kits
Nerf Guns
Kids Crafts
Legos
Sport balls/bats
Razor Scooter
K'nex
Books/Puzzles/Games
Educational toys

*Teens

Skateboard
Basketball
Soccer ball
Baseball/bat
Football
Make-up
Jewelry
Purse
Tote bag
Dress scarf
Hair accessories
Perfume
Journal
Bean bag
Decorative pillow
Skin care basket
Earbud headphones
Games

*Men

Tool Set/Tool box
Work Gloves
Wallet
Hair Trimmers
Shaving kit
Electronic Razor
Watch
Grilling set
Thermo Carrying Mug
Gadget kit
Belt
Robe
Slippers
Hat
Sunglasses
LED headlamp

Women

Purse
Umbrella
Watch
Dress scarf
Jewelry
Perfume
Skin Care Basket
Tote Bag
Sunglasses
Apron
Gloves
Thermo Carrying Mug
Slippers
Purse Compact Mirror
Curling Iron
Flat Iron
Nail Care Kit

Games (age 3 to 7+)

Chutes & Ladders
Candy Land
Memory
Hungry Hippos
Operation
Monopoly
Twister
Clue
Battleship
Jenga
Yahtzee
Dominos
Uno
Skip-bo
Any Board Games

Clothing

Adults/teens

Pajama set (S—XL)
Robes (S—XL)
Sweaters (S—XXL)
Dress shirts/T-shirts (S—XXL)
Sweatshirt/pants (S—XXL)
*Plus Size Clothing
Shoes & Socks

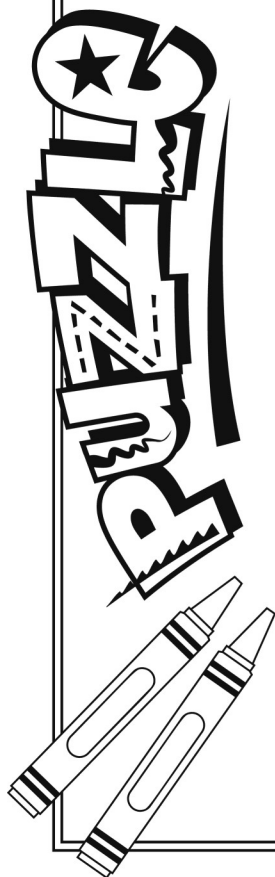
Kids

Pajama set (infant—size 12)
Outfit sets (infant—5T)
Kids Jeans (size 4—16)
Shirts (size 2T—16)
Skirts (size 2T—16)
Shoes
Socks
Barrettes

*Household

Iron
Ironing board
Serving Utensils
Bed Sheet Sets (full & queen)
Tupperware
Toaster
Crockpot
George Foreman Grill
Electric Skillet
Toaster Oven
Hand/Kitchen towel set
Oven Mitts
Glassware set
Dinnerware set
Flatware set
Towels
Bath set
Coffee maker
Non-stick Frying Pan
Roasting pans
Laundry basket

Thank you for your generosity. This is suggested gift ideas. To assist those that often ask what we are in most need of and very rarely receive, we have marked those items with an asterisk (*).



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water. _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant. _____
3. To plant. _____
4. Sharp part of a plant. _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel. _____
7. Person who plants. _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

"But the _____² falling on good _____⁸ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____⁵, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____³n."

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt

What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

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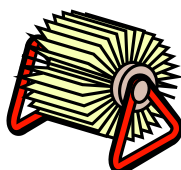
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The Deadline for the December Newsletter information will be Monday, November 16th.