



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS OCTOBER 2024 PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you,

About a month ago in a sermon, I talked about traditions and mission and asked where you saw the church in the next year, the next five years, and the next ten years. I also asked if you are willing to change to reach a new generation with the Gospel and what tradition you are willing to give up. Since then, I have emailed a questionnaire (I will also be printing some out for those who don't have access to a computer) with different questions about worship. Also, I will say that the Holy Spirit has surely been working within the parish and in our communities! The parish has been in conversation with St. John's UCC in Mifflinburg about shared ministries. St. John's is currently without a pastor, and in our discussions, we talked about what worship opportunities could look like for us. After further discussion, the parish council and the congregational councils from Christ's United and First Lutheran agreed and voted to move forward with the following pastoral care needs and worship opportunities with St. John's UCC in Mifflinburg:

- This agreement will begin with a six-month trial starting January 1, 2025.
- I will preach and preside on the second Sunday of each month at St. John's UCC at 10:30 a.m. This will be a combined worship where the congregation of First Lutheran will worship at St. John's UCC in Mifflinburg.
- I will be on call for any pastoral care needs for St. John's and preside at funerals and weddings.
- A quarterly combined worship service will be held at Christ's United at 10:30 a.m. followed by a lunch. The parish council will set those dates.
- After the 6-month trial, the agreement can be extended, or the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish and/or St. John's UCC can end the agreement. St. John's UCC will compensate the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish for my services.

I think this will be an excellent opportunity for us as a community of faith. If you have any questions, please let me know! I continue to lift you all up in prayer.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Curt Wingert



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move.

Every Christian needs encouragement, and pastors are no exception. Because he is used by God to bless and encourage you, it's important that you do the same for him. "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work..." (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)

In October, church members get the chance to show their pastors just how much they're loved and appreciated as it is Pastor Appreciation Month. The entire month of October becomes a time when congregational members can pause deliberately take the time to let pastors know they are deeply appreciated.

We encourage you to let Pastor Curt know he is deeply appreciated, not just in October, but all year through.

PARISH NEWS



Think about how comforting and warm it feels when a blanket is wrapped around you. Now, think how comforting and necessary it would become if you were experiencing the aftermath of a hurricane or disaster. For many, a simple blanket

given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth and hope.

Both churches will receive a special offering for **Lutheran World Relief**. For every \$5.00 collected, Lutheran World Relief will purchase and distribute a blanket to people who suffer from war or natural disasters all around the world.

On October 6, FELC will receive their offering and on October 13, CULC will receive their blanket offering. Special envelopes will be available for your gift, or you can use your regular envelope and mark "Blankets" on the designated gift line. Donations of new and like-new blankets, approx. 60" X 80" for LWR are also welcome (no electric blankets or afghans, please).



The Parish Bible Study is meeting on **Mondays at 1:30 pm** at First Lutheran. They are studying the Book of Ruth and will meet on October 7, 14 & 21. All are welcome.



The Harvest Home Celebration is a tradition that goes back many years. It's a time to gather and give thanks for the harvest, for family & friends, and for God's many blessings.

CULC Will Celebrate On October 13

On this special Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with glories of the harvest. If you can provide any of the following items, please have them here by **9:00 am on October 12:**

Pumpkins; Gourds; Indian Corn; Ears of Corn; Corn Stalks; Fresh Fruit and Vegetables; Fall Leaves; Fresh or Dried Flowers; Home Canned Items; Crates; Baskets

Be sure to have your name on all items so they can be returned to you. Also, if you would be available to lend a hand with decorating, your help would be greatly appreciated.

A collection of non-perishable food and monetary donations for Hope's Haven, to help those in need, will be received at this service. We will collect the donations during worship.

Specific items requested include: pancake mix & syrup, canned tuna, canned fruit (no applesauce cups), canned vegetables, peanut butter & jelly.

FELC Will Celebrate On October 20

First Lutheran will also be collecting the same food items for Hope's Haven. Food should be brought to the church and placed on the pew next to the pulpit door **no later than Friday, October 18 by noon**. The doors will be open on **Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

<u>Joint Service and Senior Member Dinner – Sunday, October 27</u>
There will be a joint worship service at Christ's United on **Sunday, October 27 at 10:30 am.** A Senior Member Dinner will follow the worship service.



If you were born in or prior to 1962, you, along with a guest, are invited to attend the annual Parish Senior Member Dinner to be held at Christ's United on **Sunday**, **October 27**, **following the service**.

Reservations would be very helpful to us in planning the meal. Please reserve in order for the cooks to prepare enough food. Just fill out the attached form and return it to either church office by **October 20.** Contact Teresa Shuck with questions – 570-966-2053.

SENIOR MEMBER DINNER RESERVATION

October 27, 2024 - following the joint worship service

Name								
Number attending	Phone							
(Return by October 20)								

Volunteers Needed to Help with Senior Dinner

Youth and adults under 62 are needed to help cook, serve and clean up at the Senior Member Dinner. Contact Teresa Shuck for more information.



UPCOMING MEALS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday**, **October 5**, **from 11 am–12:30 pm**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Meals for the remainder of the year will be held on **November 2 and December 7**.

Fall Pot Pie Sale at Christ's United

A 'Drive Through' Pot Pie 'Quart Only' Sale is planned for **November 2** at Christ's United. Beef, Chicken and Ham pot pie will be available. The time is **3:30 pm until sold out**. Advance orders will also be taken. Please check our website at www.4bellschurch.com. The cost is \$12 per quart. We will also be offering Pickled Cabbage for \$5 per pint.

The workday will take place on **Friday, November 1**, starting at **9 am.** Please come out on Friday to help peel and cut potatoes, make pickled cabbage, mix broth, etc. Help is also needed on **Saturday, November 2**, starting at **8 am**, and will be needed throughout the day to cook, take orders to the cars and to clean up. To volunteer or with questions, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at *kim @4bellschurch.com*.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Information for the November newsletter is due in the church offices by **October 20.**

Pastor Curt will be on vacation from October 22-29.

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before retiring on Saturday, November 2.

CULC NEWS

Event Help Needed

Help will be needed to serve food for the following event. Reach out to Kim Blyler (570-716-5601) for details.

Saturday, October 12; Late Afternoon & Evening - Hilkert Family Reunion

Fundraiser

A dessert roll fundraiser is being held at Christ's United. The choices are pumpkin, apple, and banana, all with cream cheese filling at \$10.00 each. Orders are due to Linda Smith by **Monday, October 14**. The choice of pickup dates are November 18 & 19 and December 16 & 17. Rolls will be frozen when picked up. For details, contact Linda Smith or Teresa Shuck.

Western Union County Food Pantry

Hope's Haven Food Pantry continues to serve residents of Union County on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 10-11:00 am at Christ's United Lutheran Church (4 Bells Church). If you are experiencing food insecurity, please visit us. We are located 3-1/2 miles west of Mifflinburg on PA Route 45. Each family receives an assortment of foods based on your family size, including such items as boxed and canned goods, meat, dairy, and produce. For more information: call 570-716-5601 or email administrator@4bellschurch.com.

CULC Money Counters

We continue to be in need of additional helpers to count offerings after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).

FELC NEWS

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards - Updated Information

Gift cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100 and make wonderful gifts for any occasion. **Beginning on Oct. 1, Kim Sawyer will be selling the cards.** The cards will be available on Sundays, before or after church; at her home; in the church office when the secretary is in; and she will also deliver. Contact her at 570-713-4577.

We feel that this mission fund has provided thousands and thousands of dollars for 3 major group work camps in our own town with 400-500 campers every time serving hundreds of homes; 2 trips to Haiti; Montana

Indian reservation; Puerto Rico, and now Rwanda. We've also supported outreach around our community. It's so important to keep this active.

Make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the recipient can do the same. **YOU receive the card's full value, and Weis gives 5% and Wenger's 10% of purchase to our mission fund!** Many thanks to all who support this mission.

Music for October

- 6 Katelyn Chen, cellist (a HS student from Lewisburg)
- 13 Choir with Olin McIlwaine, violinist
- 20 Tone Chimes
- 27 SU Sax Quartet

Coming in November...the SU Flute Ensemble!

Milestone Birthdays

Two members of FIRST will celebrate milestone birthdays in October. Both ladies will turn "90"! Doris Moll on Oct.19 and Lois Elliott on Oct. 27. If you would like to send them a card, the addresses are: Doris Moll, 2705 Blair St., Montoursville, PA 17754 and Lois Elliott, Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, 189 E. Tressler Blvd., Lewisburg, PA 17837

<u>Monthly Coffee Hour – Sunday, October 20</u>

We will be holding our next monthly coffee hour on **Sunday**, **October 20**, **following worship.** We have a monthly coffee hour on the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is held in the MPR following the service. We need 2 or 3 people to volunteer each month by making food items. The set-up and beverages are provided. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up.

<u>Seafarer Campaign</u> - We will once again be providing Christmas-at-Sea gift sacks for ships' crews that come into East Coast ports during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Fabric gift sacks, with instructions, are available on the hall table. **Please pay attention to the detailed instructions for each bag! Substitute items should not be included**. Please return the filled bags on the seat in the hallway by **October 27**. Contact Shirley Heasley at 570-847-4574 with questions.

Word in Season Devotionals

The Word in Season devotionals for October-December 2024 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Buy the Books Program

The women's church group is again distributing money for the higher learning 'Buy the Books' program. If interested in receiving funds, please send a letter to the church in care of 'WELCA Jane Moore' by **Oct. 31**st. The funds will be distributed for the semester starting in January. For any questions, please contact Jane Moore.

Thanksgiving Offering

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will be designated to support Izzy Kissinger, a teacher at Mifflinburg Elementary School, who underwent brain surgery in June to remove a tumor. Contributions will help with her medical expenses as she proceeds with the next steps to slow down the regrowth of the tumor. To give to this outreach, please write "Thanksgiving" on your checks or envelopes or use the designated "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope from the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Congregational Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 1**. The purpose of the meeting is the adoption of the 2025 operating budget and capital budget. In addition, the election of council members for a 3-year term will be held. The nominees are: Jeff Mensch (2nd term), Kim Sauers (2nd term), Drew Christy (1st term), Perry Hull (1st term). If you are interested in serving on Council, please contact a Nominating Committee member: Harry Boyer, Shirley Heasley, Linda Lewis, or Marianne Motto.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight will be held on **Sunday, December 8**th this year. Please let either Liz Loss (570-412-5598) or Libby Loss (570-966-1606) know if you would like to host a table.

Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering this year will be designated for Lutheran Disaster Response (to assist with recent Hurricane Helene disaster relief) and the Helping Hands Fund, which assists local people with rent, utilities, car repairs, etc. All loose offering, and designated monies collected during the Christmas Eve services will be split 50/50 to benefit these ministries.

Empty Coffee Cans Needed

We need empty #1 coffee cans for altar flowers. You may place them on the pew in the office hallway.



Veteran's Day Ceremony: Saturday, November 9, 11 am At the Union County WW 2 Honor Roll, Mifflinburg, PA

Speaker: Missy Weidensaul and Featuring:

Gold Star Families, Nazarene Church Singers, Shikellamy JROTC, Union County 4-H Clubs, Rosie the Riveter, Children of the American Revolution, and Girl, Cub, and Boy Scouts Leading the Pledge

In case of bad weather, meet at the Nazarene Church, 12 Market St., Mifflinburg.

To purchase a Memorial Brick or to make a tax deductible donation to help maintain the monument, mail your check to: Union County Veteran's Foundation, 916 Washington Ave., Lewisburg, PA 17837. mazeppa@ptd.net 570-713-8919

Once again, we are including a benefit with our Veteran's Day program in Mifflinburg. The Veteran's Home in Hollidaysburg has become our permanent place to help. The wonderful thing is that 100% of what is donated is utilized by the residents.

We are accepting money donations, along with gift cards from Weis Markets, Giant, and Wal-Mart. All 3 stores are represented in the Hollidaysburg area and can be used there.

We are also accepting NEW, with TAGS: Sweatpants and tops, size Small to 3X. Any donations can be dropped off at our Veteran's Day program in Mifflinburg or by contacting us.

Checks can be made out to: Hollidaysburg Veteran's Home. This is a tax deductible donation and their tax number is: 23-6002830.

These veterans already did their part to ensure our freedoms and the least we can do is say Thank You by brightening their lives. We are trying our best to make this a true community event, where we not only honor our heroes, but do something tangible to help them. Mifflinburg, where every day is Veteran's Day!

Doug & Tracy Walter
Union County Veteran's Foundation
916 Washington Ave., Lewisburg, PA 17837
Cell: 570-713-8919 Email: mazeppa@ptd.net

FACEBOOK: UNION COUNTY WW2 HONOR ROLL - MIFFLINBURG PA

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

CHRIST'S UNITED

Ashley Blank Louise Ritter
Paul Brann Larry Sampsell

Roger Dunkle Sam & Ethel Schnure

Darlene Endy Sabrina Sickle

Dorothy Furgison Lee & Kathy Spangler

Gary Gemberling Chuck Spurr

Pearl Gemberling Dave & Linda Swartz
Gary & Janet Hackenberg Kerm & Joyce Wagner
Tom Janaes Gary & Marline Walters

Roy Laudermilch
Tom Watters
Tonia Longer
Donald Weller
Harry Moyer
Steve & Judy Moyer
Glenn Wiand

Dave Oberlin Alicia Zimmerman

The Shut-Ins: Betty Goss, Helen Pirone, Dottie Rathfon

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.

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The Shut-Ins: The Troops:

Mary Lib Dunkle Thaddeus Miller Lois Elliott Zachary Miller

Doris Moll

Ethel Musser

June Ocker

Barb Reed

Dotty Seebold

James Shipton

Ken & Pat Smith

Nancy Ulrich



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sarah Alexander, David Swartz
- 2 Kris Ruhl
- 3 Arlene Behrent, Jennifer Galer
- 7 Justin Marshall
- 8 Judy Shirk
- 9 Quinton Bartlett
- 10 Emil Stenger, Jr.
- 11 Brynn Ruhl, Don Seebold II, Richard Troutman
- 12 Samantha Orren
- 13 Grace Bollinger, Marjorie Dunkle, Sam Zimmerman
- 14 Victoria Harvey, Conner Neece, Paige Uehling, Idella Zimmerman
- 15 Nancy Klinepeter
- 16 Barb Reed, Mary Wehr
- 17 Ava McBryan, Sherry Zimmerman
- 19 Doris Moll (90)
- 21 Kendall Neece
- 22 Colten Page, Shayne Reed, Barry Spangler
- 24 Christian Boyer, Gloria Mincemoyer, Andre Roupp
- 25 Linda Dale, Gregory Swenson
- 26 Rebecca Forcheskie
- 27 Lois Elliott (90)
- 29 Pearl Gemberling
- 30 Karen Libhart
 - 9 Bob & Karen Musser (41 yrs.)
- 10 Paul & Sherri Klauger (1975)
- 11 Eugene & Katherine Hassinger (1959)
- 12 Jace & Carla Watson (35 yrs.)
- 13 Tom & Shelly Orren (34 yrs.)
- 16 Jim & Karen Zimmerman (1976)
- 20 David & Dayna Bickhart (1979)
- 21 Tom & Judy Mecouch (1972), Michael & Tracy Mensch (35 yrs.)
- 23 Fred & Linda Dale (53 yrs.)
- 27 Justin & Jodi Marshall (2007)
- 28 Dale & Sybil Spotts (58 yrs.)



CULC

Date: **Greeters:** Lay Reader: **Communion Assist:** 6 **Torey Showalter** Greg Shuck Greg Shuck Eugene/Katherine Hassinger Barry Spangler 13 Janice Wagner Maurice Clouser 20 Kim/Sue Blyler Judy Moyer 27 Dennis/Tammy Boop (10:30 Joint Srvc) Glenn Spangler (10:30) **No Communion**

Sound System: Dave Bickhart Altar Guild: June Wenrich

Ushers: Cliff Valentine/Jim Zimmerman

REMINDER! You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be here when scheduled. Altar Guild Members, Sound System Operators & Ushers are responsible for any special services scheduled during the month.

FELC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Ushers:	Acolytes:
6	Linda Skinner	Jeff Crossland/Linda Skinner	Evan McBryan
13	Shirley Heasley	Eric/Gwen Hull	Erica Boyer
20	Tom Orren	Nicole Klose/Andy Long	Ava McBryan
27	10:30 Joint Service-CULC	Joint Service	Joint Service

Chief Ushers: Jamie Bartlett & Sue Jows

Money Counters: Kim Sauers/Nancy Snook Altar Guild: Jamie Bartlett/Barb Randecker

Volunteers, Please Note: If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the head usher.

If you are scheduled to count money and are unable to do so, please find a substitute.



355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 Telephone (570) 922-1587 Fax (570) 922-1118

E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

Young Adult Fellowship

If you consider yourself a young adult, you are invited to join in a time of conversation, study, and prayer the last Wednesday of every month. It's online! Contact jim@campmountluther.org for more information!



Fall Frisbee Fun Day! - Ready to enjoy a fall day outdoors and get some exercise? Everyone is invited to come to Camp Mount Luther on Sunday, November 3 at 2:30 p.m. to play a round of disc golf. Please meet us at the A-Center. There is no need to sign up. Just show up, ready to play!



SYNOD NEWS

Synod Office Hours Update

We wanted to let you know that Synod Office hours will be inconsistent for the time being. Brenda Krouse, our administrative assistant, is managing some family medical issues which may lead to her working more from home. Please be sure to call the synod office (570-524-9778) before stopping by. Thanks for your understanding and prayers.

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's cell phone: 1-814-876-0974

Pastor Curt's e-mail: <u>pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com</u>

Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline,

Linda Lavia Marianna Matta Barry Spangler

Linda Lewis, Marianne Motto, Barry Spangler

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CULC e-mail: <u>culc@4bellschurch.com</u> CULC Website: <u>www.4bellschurch.com</u>

CULC Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

The Members of the Congregation – The Ministers

Matthew Wagner – Organist Diane Valentine & Karen

Zimmerman – Pianists **Barry Spangler –** Digital Music Arranger

Loretta Martin - Custodian

Margie Dunkle - Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Dianne Shuck – Treasurer/Financial Recording Secretary

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Kim Blyler – Facilities & Administration

Gina Buttorff - Inreach & Outreach

Bev Catherman - Eucharist & Visitation

Terry Kline – Facilities & Administration

Lisa Lapp – Facilities & Administration

Greg Shuck – President/Christian Ed.

Teresa Shuck - Inreach & Outreach

Linda Smith - Inreach & Outreach

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig – Church Secretary
Katiann Lloyd – Financial Secretary
Diane Scott – Director of Music
Hank Dorman – Sexton
Kay Trick – Housekeeping

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Jeff Mensch – Council President
Kim Sauers – Council Vice President
Linda Lewis – Secretary
Gloria Mincemoyer – Treasurer
Jamie Bartlett – Council
Christian Boyer – Council
Shirley Heasley – Council
Sue Jows – Council
Jane Moore – Council
Barb Randecker – Council

October 2024									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
		1	2 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Council- FELC	3 1:00 WELCA- FELC	4	5 11-12:30 Community Meal			
6 Blankets-FELC 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC Choir Rehearsal- FELC	7 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	8	9	10	11	5:30 Hilkert Reunion-CULC			
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27 Reformation No Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Joint Worship-CULC Senior Member Dinner after service-CULC Pastor Vac.	No Bible Study-FELC	29	30	31					