

# THE FRIENDLY VOICE

## OCTOBER 2017

*Give Thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
Psalm 107:1*



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## October Friendly Voice

### Letter from Your Pastor



Greetings in the name of the One who brings the colors to the trees, and the apples to our tables!!

October is such a beautiful month. The last of the summer harvest is gathered, and the fall harvest begins with late corn; new apples, pears, and other tree fruits; and squash, including pumpkins. If possible, many folks take the time to go apple and pumpkin picking at the local farms and orchards; or at least visiting the local farm stands for the freshest fruits.

While as family, we never went apple picking, we DID make a few trips to local farm stands each fall as part of one of our Saturday or Sunday afternoon drives through the hills, woods, and farmlands of northern New Jersey. Getting apples was a must! We all love our apples in our family. We would have them in our lunchboxes, after school, with dinner and after dinner, all the time. Mom had several recipes for both cooked and raw apples. I can't imagine my life without apples!

I remember that Dad even brought an apple to church one time, but not to eat. He delivered a sermon in which he used the apple to make a point, sighting the star in the middle. I really wish I could remember what the sermon was about. But as I think about the apple star myself, I am inspired to look at when we have these apples ready to eat, and when the star is most visible. I like to think of the star as a reminder of the coming Christ. For me, somehow God is telling me, with this apple star, that I must prepare for Emmanuel.

Just as the apple has formed and nurtured the star holding the seeds in each of its five arms, there comes a time when the apple is ripe and ready to be opened; the flesh consumed; and the star to release the seeds to the earth. For us in the northern hemisphere, this happens to be shortly before our celebrations of Advent and Christmas. The apple flesh is both tasty and good for us to eat. As it provides for the development and protection of the star seedpods, it grows and sweetens (to varying degrees – some more tart than others) so that it is edible by humans, animals, and insects. It provides nourishment to our bodies, and healthful benefits to our digestive systems. The apple is good food...

...good food, much like the Word, the Gospel, the truth of Jesus Christ. The Word feeds us, helps us to grow and develop as Christians; satisfies us; fills us; helps to keep us cleansed of that which is unhealthy and we cannot keep in our human or spiritual lives; and it gives us a mission. Like the seeds of the apple, we are given seeds of love to plant in others. Once we have feasted on the Word, we go out into the mission world, just outside our doors, to serve others in love and on behalf of Christ and help to prepare for the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth. But the benefits of eating just one apple, and the seeds of that same apple, are not going to last for our entire life. And feasting on the Word just once will not last either. We are constantly bombarded by those earthly things that create hunger in us, body and soul. We need to be fed on the Word in communion with others on a regular basis, and even more often when life throws challenges of heart and soul in our path. When we are physically ill, we must eat good food to keep up our strength. When we are spiritually ill, we need to be fed on the Word, good food for the soul that strengthens us for the work ahead as disciples.



Well fed, we see the star and remember that all we do and say we do and say to and for God through Christ. We serve and plant seeds to make more disciples for Christ and to transform the world, ready for the second coming of Christ.

Wise people still seek the star in all its forms to be fed, cleansed, and brought closer to Christ and his Kingdom to come. Even in apples! Enjoy the apples; enjoy the Word. Seek the star, and plant the seeds.

Happy October!!

With love,

*Laurie, your pastor*



## October 2017 Sanctuary Servants

### October 1

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....Linda Rutledge  
Greeters, 9:30.....Joe & Diane Wachstetter  
Ushers, 9:30.....Ron & Louise Cookson  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....Letham Family

### October 8

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....Dolores Chemey  
Greeters, 9:30 .....Cheryl & Bob Fryer  
Ushers, 9:30 .....Marty & Marlene Kalbach  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00.....Tyler Family

### October 15

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....Barbara Jordan  
Greeters, 9:30.....Kathy DiGregorio  
Ushers 9:30 .....Stacy & Tami Lewis  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

### October 22

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....Ron Cookson  
Greeters, 9:30.....Erika Paton  
Ushers 9:30 .....Paul & Jackie Hansen  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....Raab Family

### October 29

Worship Assistant, 9:30.....Jeannette Hesser  
Greeters, 9:30..... Joe & Helen McDonald  
Ushers 9:30 .....Sunday School Kids  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 .....Curtin Family

It is Fall Baking Time!

Please Support Our Annual Fall



October 8, 2017

9-11 AM

## In Support of Stewardship

If you are a **baker**, share your talents and bake an apple or pumpkin item for the table!

If you enjoy **eating**, share your talent and purchase an item from our bake sale table!





## HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

Harvest Home Sunday is November 19th. 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 29th. Please fill your bags and bring them back to the church by November 19th. For anyone who doesn't like to shop we will take cash donations and do the shopping for you.






## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Please join us for our United Methodist Women's meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be picking back up on our prayer shawl crocheting - bring a needle - come and learn how to crochet - or simply come to relax in a fun fellowship time! We will pray over the shawls which are often given to persons of concern who can feel the warmth of God's Shared Love. Refreshments will be provided by Karen Arner and Beverly Eick.

Outreach will be yarn for future prayer shawl making.



7:00-8:30 a.m

THURSDAY Mornings at the

Great American Diner

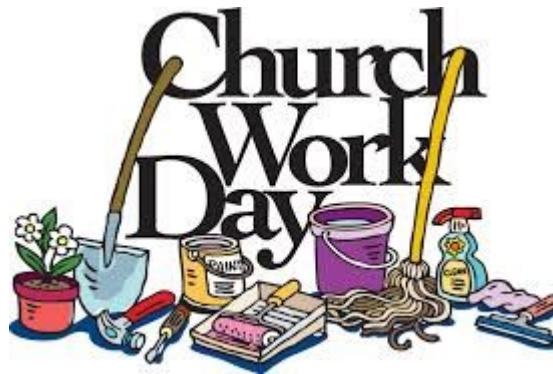
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We meet every Thursday – same time – same place!

**All men are welcome!**

**Keep current with Langhorne UMC throughout the week by**

- 1) Joining us on FaceBook -  
<https://www.facebook.com/langhorneumc/>
- 2) Joining us on Twitter -  
<https://twitter.com/langhorneumc>
- 3) Receive church emails - send your e-mail to  
[bill@langhornechurch.org](mailto:bill@langhornechurch.org). and say Sign Me Up!



## **FALL WORK DAY**

**Saturday, October 14th, at 9:00 AM**

On this day, we get together to work on the projects that our church needs done.

If you can join us for whatever amount of time you are available on Saturday morning, the coffee will be on us.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Cookson at [cwo5gunner@gmail.com](mailto:cwo5gunner@gmail.com)



## **2017 Charge Conference**

**Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 PM**

All Church members are invited to come to this year's Charge Conference.

The Conference will be held at:

Scottsville United Methodist Church

2400 Brownsville Road

Langhorne, PA 19053

# **2018 Youth Rally**

# **Marathon!**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great  
cloud of witnesses,  
let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin  
that so easily entangles.**

**And let us run with perseverance the race marked  
out for us.**

**Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)**

Scheduled performers: Tenth Avenue North, Social Club Misfits, Jasmine  
Murray, Josh Griffin, Jim Gravity, and Preston Centuolo

**January 5-7, 2018**

Roland E. Powell Convention Center

Ocean City, MD

Cost: \$120.00 (includes transportation, lodging for the weekend,  
meals and a ticket for the rally!!)

**\$60.00 deposit due by October 8, 2018**

**Balance due November 5, 2018**





## **Missions & Outreach News**

Your Missions & Outreach Team will be working to provide you with timely updates concerning our Missions & Outreach activities. A list of our current missional connections includes, but is not limited to:

### **FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS**

Aileen Agoncillo

Neal and Shirley Hicks

Dave and Sandel Livingstone

Tony and Gwen Martin

Chaplain Jack and Anne Nigro

Steve and Gail Quigg

Correen Russo

Larry and Rita Sherbondy

Paul and Donna Tocco

### **LOCAL MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS (Partial List)**

A Woman's Place

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN)

Aid For Friends

American Red Cross

Breathing Room Foundation, The

CARES Cupboard

ChoiceOne

CLPRM (Christian Life Prison & Recovery Ministry)

Cru Philadelphia

Gift of Life Donor Program

Harvest USA

Liberty Ministries

Life Abundant Incorporated

Penndel Community Food Pantry

Redeemer Lutheran Food Pantry

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**SPECIAL SUNDAYS**

**Churchwide Special Sundays with offerings**

Human Relations Day Sunday

UMCOR Sunday (Formerly One Great Hour Of Sharing)

Native American Ministries Sunday

Peace With Justice Sunday

World Communion Sunday

United Methodist Student Day

**Special Sundays approved for Annual Conference offerings**

Disability Awareness Sunday

LUMINA

Shores Of Grace - Philly

**Special Sundays without offerings**

Laity Sunday

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

**WHY MISSIONS & OUTREACH?**

To fulfill the Great Commission:

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” ~Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

We provide opportunities for all to participate in the Great Commissions through many connections – from very local to worldwide. Consider becoming an active member of your Missions & Outreach Team – there is room for many more to participate! Please contact Bill Bryan ([bill@langhornechurch.org](mailto:bill@langhornechurch.org) / 215-847-2130) for more information on how you might be able to fulfill your calling.



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.



ANGEL TREE

A Program of Prison Fellowship

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 / 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 if I can

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

## GARDEN ANGELS!

Throughout the **HOT** weather this summer, a group of people have been hard at work keeping our church grounds looking good, they have done a super job. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be the Garden Angels. This group includes; Paul Hansen, Ron & Louise Cookson, Elmer & Marybeth States, Bill & June Gill, Joe & Helen McDonald, Raul Torres, Chuck & Cheryl Boyle, Dave & Nicola Laich, The Raab Family, Lyn Wallace, Bob & Charlotte Downs, Chris & Rita Cresswell, Kathy DiGregorio, Debbie Letham, Erika Paton, Linda Rutledge, Marlene & Marty Kalbach, Jeannette Hesser.



Thank you to all that have donated for my Girl Scout Silver Award project. On Friday, September 21st, I presented No More Pain, Inc. with over 50 blankets and 2 boxes of toiletries! Some of the blankets were loaded on a truck and sent to Texas to be given to those affected by the recent hurricanes. Thank you once again for your support! I couldn't have done it without you!

*Laura Smigiel*



## 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. Gift card orders can be picked up the Sunday after you place your order. You can start placing your orders October 29th!

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



## **61TH ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY**

### **HELP NEEDED!**

One or more folks/families to step up and agree to take the lead on coordinating this year's LIVING NATIVITY.

Cynthia Schick is willing to assist but she is not able to take on the total responsibility of organizing this year's event.

Please contact Bill Bryan or Pastor Laurie as soon as you can - thank you for your prayerful consideration!!

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A COORDINATOR  
or there will be no Living Nativity this year.**



The Rescue Mission of Trenton is placing a Box in the church (next to front door) from October 2nd to October 16th.

Please donate items in good condition that you no longer need. These articles will be donated both local and to hurricane victims.

### **ITEMS YOU CAN DONATE:**

Clothing (all sizes, all types)

Cold weather apparel

Coats and Jackets

Boots & Shoes

Business suits/professional attire

Undergarments/pajamas

Belts/socks



## Our Church Finances

Finance Committee, Chuck Boyle, Chairperson

August 2017

Our financial picture continues to be positive. As of the end of August 2017 our revenues are ahead of expectations and our operating expenses are below expectations. Our bottom line is showing a small gain. Typically at the end of the summer we carry a significant negative bottom line, but this year we are doing a bit better. Thanks go out to our loving congregation. This picture could change, but for now we are looking financially stable.

For the year-to-date on the revenue side our total revenues equaled \$211,700, which is \$4,300 above our budget, which is very good. The major differences between our budget and actual revenue are noted below:

1. Total offerings came in over budget by \$6,100. The main reason for this was a generous and much appreciated offering of \$6,000. Please keep in mind that large offerings like this cannot be counted on every month.
2. The Wednesday night dinners have generated \$1,200 more than what was budgeted. Not only do we have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal, but we also help support our church.
3. Investment returns from the McKay Fund are \$1,300 less than budget. We have checked with the Trustees and they confirmed that there have not been any changes in the way this fund is invested. This may be a reflection of over budgeting a bit.
4. Facility usage fees are \$1,000 below budget. This is due to a lack of use of our church for weddings, personal gatherings, etc.
5. Fellowship and refreshment giving is \$300 less than budgeted.
6. Gifting for the altar flowers is \$200 less than budgeted.
7. Sunday school offering is \$300 less than budgeted.

On the expense side for the year we reported total expense of \$211,100, which is \$16,000 under budget. The major differences between our budget and actual expenses are noted below:

1. The Missions Conference was not held this year resulting in a \$600 reduction in expense.
2. Our previous Youth Director volunteered to generously donate his services to our church which resulted in a savings of \$6,600.

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## **Our Church Finances**

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3. Our Sexton's supply expense is \$200 less than budget.
4. Utility expenses are currently \$5,500 below our budget.
5. Pastor compensation is \$3,200 less than budget due to the change in leadership.
6. Church secretary compensation is \$400 less than budget.
7. Social security tax expense is \$500 less than budget due to a decrease in total staff compensation expense.
8. Altar flower expense is \$300 more than budget.
9. Moving expenses for Pastor John were \$800, which was not in our budget.
10. Payments made to the Methodist Conference are \$500 less than budget because of the change in pastors.

This leaves us with a year to date net operating gain of \$600. This is good as we had budgeted a loss of \$19,700 for this period. This small bottom line gain should hold through the rest of this year if we continue to control our expenditures and catch up on the offerings that were missed over the summer when many of us were away.

As of the end of August we have \$54,600 in the L.U.M.C. general fund. This is the financial cushion that we need to move forward. Our cash position has decreased over the summer because of our offerings decreasing.

The Reserve Giving Fund continues to grow nicely thanks to our congregation. As of the end of August the balance in this fund is \$7,500.

Faith promise offerings have decreased this year and we are currently dipping into the faith promise cash reserve to continue funding the missionaries that our church supports. The offerings are only short by approximately \$300 a month, but the cash reserve will at some point run out. Different members of the mission committee have spoken to us about this during the Sunday services. The unused cash reserve is currently \$5,700.

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



<b>LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>				
<b>Budget vs. Actuals: 2016 Budget - FY16 P&amp;L</b>				
<b>January - August, 2017</b>				
	<b>Total</b>			
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
4100 Income	211,686.31	207,428.00	4,258.31	102.05%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 211,686.31</b>	<b>\$ 207,428.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,258.31</b>	<b>102.05%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 211,686.31</b>	<b>\$ 207,428.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,258.31</b>	<b>102.05%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
5100 Administrative Board	18,688.96	19,170.00	-481.04	97.49%
5200 Council on Ministries	6,705.82	6,982.00	-276.18	96.04%
5700 Staff Parish Relations	123,762.14	134,243.00	-10,480.86	92.19%
5800 Trustees	56,673.25	62,023.00	-5,349.75	91.37%
5900 Business Operations	5,268.06	4,727.00	541.06	111.45%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 211,098.23</b>	<b>\$ 227,145.00</b>	<b>-\$ 16,046.77</b>	<b>92.94%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 588.08</b>	<b>-\$ 19,717.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,305.08</b>	<b>-2.98%</b>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT

**“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?...”**

**LET'S REMEMBER OUR SENIORS BY  
SENDING THEM BIRTHDAY CARDS!**



- 10/6 ***Elmer States,***  
2041 Hillside La.,  
Feasterville PA 19053
- 10/6 ***Sandra Bumm,***  
412 W. Maple Ave.,  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 10/16 ***Ruth Torres,***  
803 Sterners Mill Rd.,  
Feasterville PA 19053
- 10/19 ***Virginia Shapcott,***  
800 Trenton Road #361  
Langhorne, PA 19047
- 10/20 ***Cheryl Hart,***  
910 Upton Way  
Warrington, PA 18976
- 10/24 ***Fred Fleischman,***  
18 Sagebrush Ln.,  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 10/25 ***John Flack,***  
1394 Bridgetown Pike,  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 10/26 ***Bill Bryan,***  
104 Hollow Rd.  
Levittown, PA 19056
- 10/26 ***Ernie Graf***  
5264 Ridge Rd.  
New Hope, PA 18938
- 10/31 ***Joan Phillips,***  
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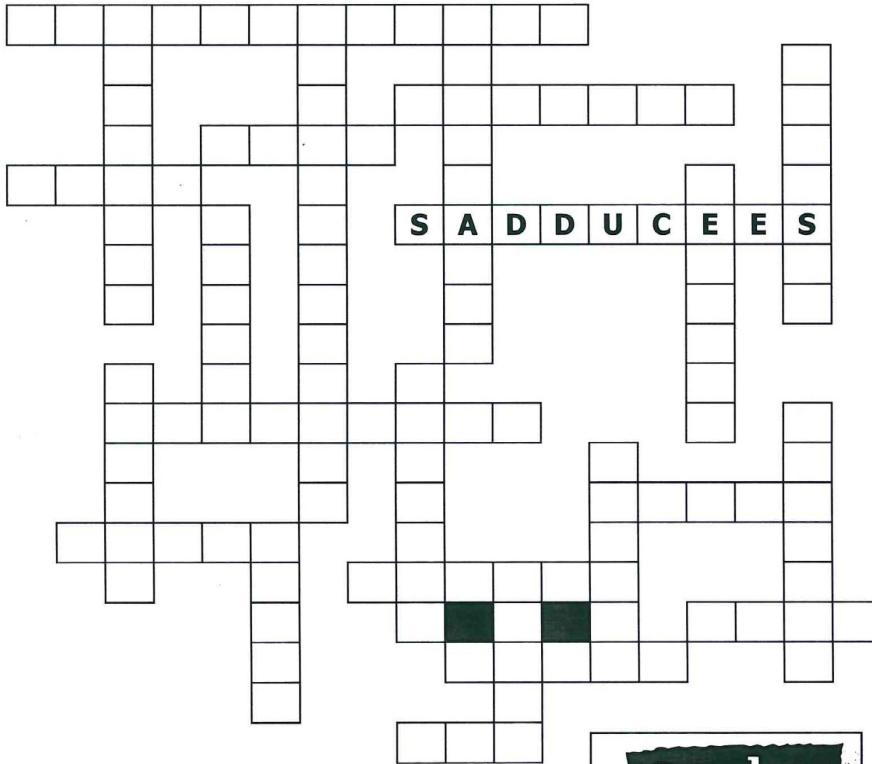


**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday:** 1 Corinthians 9-12  
**Monday:** Daniel 7-9  
**Tuesday:** Daniel 10-12  
**Wednesday:** Esther 1-3  
**Thursday:** Esther 4-7  
**Friday:** Esther 8-10  
**Saturday:** Psalm 119

**CLUELESS CROSSWORD**

**This crossword has no clues! Fill in the squares according to the length of the word. We've filled in one word to get you started.**



**3 letter words**

God

**4 letter words**

holy  
John  
plot

**5 letter words**

faith  
guard  
Jesus  
Peter  
Satan

**6 letter words**

beggar  
Israel  
nation  
Spirit

**7 letter words**

Ananias  
miracle  
priests  
prophet  
servant

**8 letter words**

Sapphira

**12 letter words**

resurrection

**9 letter words**

ignorance  
Sanhedrin

**13 letter words**

encouragement



**"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." —Albert Camus**

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Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

### Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

\*11- 12:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

2 Adult Sunday School Classes being held pick which time is best for you.



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