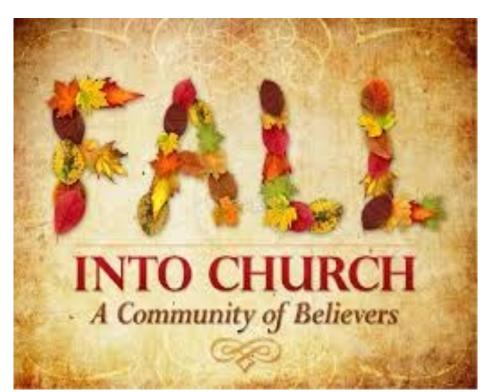
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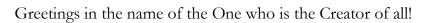
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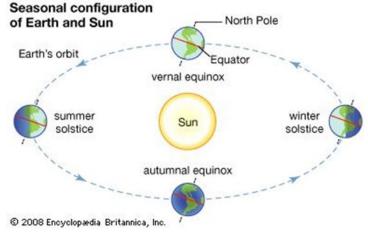
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This month, we go from summer to autumn. Autumn, or "fall," is marked by the autumnal equinox. For those not up on those terms, don't worry. Unless you're a contestant on Jeopardy, and thousands of dollars are riding on your knowledge of astronomy and planetary positions during the year, knowing what the autumnal equinox is (or not) will probably not change your life. But in case you are interested, or have signed up for a game show, the autumnal equinox is one of two times during the year when the sun is directly over the earth's equator, and the hours of day and night are equal. It happens between September 22 & 23. The other equinox takes place marking when spring begins and is called the vernal equinox between March 20 & 21.



Earth's orbit around the Sun, with the positions of solstices and equinoxes. Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.

For me, that is so fascinating – "cool" in today's vernacular. And it makes me love God all the more. If it weren't for the variation in the position of the earth during the year, the different parts of the earth would not get the best sun exposure to help with vegetation growth, temperature control, and even rest for the ground and natural systems of the earth. All because the earth spins on a tilt!

"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he done in creation." Genesis 1:31 – 2:3 NRSV

Pastor's

Message

 2 Ibid

¹ https://www.britannica.com/topic/autumnal-equinox

God created the world so very carefully to go through seasons to make life here on earth possible and even pleasant. God was able to balance it all out to our advantage because of God's great love for us. In each part of this life here on earth, there are moments, or seasons of birth and growth; transition; more growth and harvest; transition; rest/death; and rebirth. In the life of the earth, in our physical lives, and even in our spiritual lives, this cycle keeps on turning. We all have been at points in our lives when we have been changed by something that caused you to stop what you were doing, shed the dead, and be reborn in Christ. That something is God through both the Holy Spirit and Christ.

You are God's greatest creation! And God keeps recreating you as you fall in sin; winter in reflection and repentance; thaw in the warmth of grace through justification and forgiveness; and spring back reborn in Christ to grow even more as a Christian in the summer Son. Like the earth, we are always on "tilt." A bit imperfect, but situated in a way to receive all that God wants to give us to live better lives of love and service. We experience this life from all angles because God knows it is the best way to be exposed to all that life is. Nothing and no one stays in the dark forever.

Enjoy the beginning of autumn with all its wonderful harvest goodies in anticipation of the rest late fall and winter will bring. Share those goodies with all those around you in need. Think about how you can share the blessings of the sun and the Son with all you meet.

And remember, God loves the "tilted" you!!

Happy September! See you in church!!

Laurie, your Pastor





2017 Annual Charge Conference

October 12, 2017; 7:00P At Scottsville UMC

ALL REPORTS ARE DUE in the office on or before

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

(Some reports are due in the conference office two weeks before the conference starts: Sept. 28!!)



September 2017 Sanctuary Servants

September 3

Worship Assistant, 9:00	Ron Cookson
Greeters, 9:00	Madge Laughlin & Tim Eick
Ushers, 9:00	Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00	Daeche Family

September 10

Worship Assistant, 9:30	Jeannette Hesser
Greeters, 9:30	Elmer & Marybeth States
Ushers, 9:30	Sam & Joan Phillips
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00	Curtin Family

September 17

Worship Assistant, 9:30	Erika Paton
Greeters, 9:30	June & Bill Gill
Ushers 9:30	Bob & Cheryl Fryer
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00	Merritt Family

September 24

Worship Assistant, 9:30	Jerry Hill
Greeters, 9:30.	Ruth & Raul Torres
Ushers 9:30	Sunday School Kids
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00	Boyle Family



ALL Children are Welcome to come and EXPERIENCE the LOVE of GOD!

Children will experience social interactions with children their own age
Children will learn Bible Stories through interactive lessons, crafts and games
Children will learn quickly that they are an important part of our church family

Sunday School begins September 17th at 9:30 am during the Traditional Worship Service





Sunday School for Children:

Begins: Sunday 9/17/17 at 9:30am. We will gather in the Lounge.

Lessons: FROM THE START

God Created the World	Genesis 1:1-23	
God's Plan for People	Genesis 2:4-24	
ad Dad's are invited to belo "Share the Word"		

Mom's and Dad's are invited to help "Share the Word".

We are also still looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers and mentors!

Teacher and helper training: Saturday 9/9/17 9-11:00

We will also work with you to get our clearances



Sunday School for Adults:

There will be two time slots offered this Fall:

10:00 to 11:00 Led by Bill Bryan in Classroom #5, Education Wing

10:30 to 11:30 Led by Ron & Louise Cookson in the Church Lounge

Join us on Rally Day, 9/10/17 to register for classes and talk with Leaders.

Then come back at 4 pm for our Rally Day Church Picnic.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE Beginning Sunday, September 10, 2017...

9:30 am Traditional Worship	
9:30 am	Sunday School
*10:00 - 11:00 am	Adult Sunday School
*10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School
11:00 am	Contemporary Worship



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





Fall 2017 Adult Sunday School Classes

Here is a bit of information about our first study entitled *The Dark Side*:

The battle is on. Join the fight!

Few people want to be in a battle. As followers of Christ, however, we're in the middle of a conflict that has been raging for thousands of years—whether we know it or not. Ours is a spiritual battle, and it's critical for us to know the stakes.

Anyone with military experience will tell you the value of knowing your enemy and determining what you're up against. In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis identified two wrong attitudes people often hold about evil: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

In this study, "The Dark Side," we'll take a deeper look at the truth about Satan, demons, and the pervasive evil in the paranormal world. Yes, those are dark subjects, but they're also critical for those of us who need to know what we're up against.

Thankfully, this study will also examine everything we've been given in Christ to stand against the forces of evil. We don't need to be afraid! In fact, through the truth of who we are in Christ and the armor He has made available to us, we can stand confidently against the devil's schemes.

Yes, Satan is mighty, but our God is Almighty!

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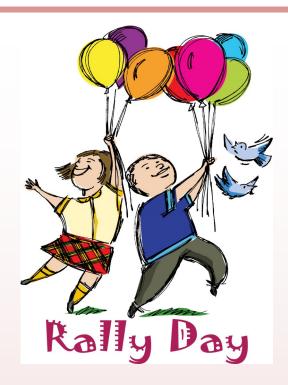
Please consider pre-registering so that we can be sure to have sufficient study materials available for all.

To register just email any of the class leaders to let us know:

Bill Bryan bill@langhornechurch.org

Ron Cookson <u>cwo5gunner@gmail.com</u>

Louise Cookson porthlevengirl64@gmail.com



Join us for a church picnic to "kick off" the church year! Sunday September 10, 2017 4:00 pm EVERYONE IS INVITED

Last names A-L, please bring a dessert.

Last names M-Z, please bring a salad.

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Come for food, fun and fellowship!

Children and adult games will be available!







UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

"Inviting all women and please bring a friend! Please join us Tues Sept 12th for our UMW meeting at 7pm in fellowship hall. We will catch up on each others summer adventures and we will host speaker Debbie Colby, RN who will share her experiences as a field supervisor with Eleanor's Gardens LLC, a Hospice care service. Our mission outreach this month will be to bring school supplies for children in need. Please join us for sharing Faith, Fun and Fellowship!"



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The United Methodist Women are crocheting or knitting prayer shawls to be given to members and friends of LUMC who have lost family members or who have a serious or long term illness. We are looking for knitters who could help, also we are asking for donations of leftover yarn you may have or donations of new "worsted weight" (4 ply) yarn so that we can continue to make the prayer shawls.

Thank you! Please contact Debbie Letham or Carol Annucci for more information

Confirmation Class 2017-2018 Langhorne UMC

We are now taking new students for the

2017-2018 Confirmation Class.

Students need to be 13 years old or older, or starting the 7th grade this fall (2017).

If they have NEVER been baptized in any church, we can take care of that as well.

Students and parents MUST understand that Confirmation Class is a commitment, and once enrolled, attendance is required, and parental assistance will be needed for chaperoning the trip and retreat as well as sitting in on classes and assisting with the class project.

The sign-up chart is hanging up just to the left of the door to Rev. Pfahler's office.

Classes will run from September through May, with a confirmation retreat scheduled for February 23-25, 2018 at Pocono Plateau, and one Saturday trip to Old St. George UMC in Philadelphia on Saturday, October 14, 2017 in the afternoon. There will also be a service project that the students will design and implement themselves. Depending on what it is, there may be other hours or days that will be needed to complete the project outside of class-time.

Classes will run about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours from 6:30p to 8:30p on Thursday evenings.

Rev. Laurie Pfahler will be the instructor.

Tentative schedule

(subject to change with the life and needs of the church)

September 21 & 28

October 5, 19, & 26 (with Philly trip Oct. 14th)

November 2, 16, & 30

December 7 & 14

January 4, 11, & 18

February 1, & 8 (with retreat on Feb 23-25)

March 1, 8, & 15

April 12, 19, & 26

May 3 (we will add May 10 if needed only)

Confirmation Sunday will take place at the traditional service (9:30A) on

MAY 20, 2018, Pentecost Sunday



"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace." — Melvin Amerson, Celebrating the Offering

We Give

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

One character in some of Jesus' parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master's property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God's stewards we have three responsibilities:

Receiving: We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.

Managing: We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.

Giving: Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let's look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

Our time

We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, always over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves.

As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

(Cont'd)



Our abilities

Do you remember Jesus' parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We've each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. Like two of the servants in Jesus' story, we can invest them wisely — or like the third, out of fear we can hide them (Matthew 25:14-30).

As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology. We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

Our resources

We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ's work in the world. We've learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite proportion of our income through the church. For many, this proportion is one-tenth, or a tithe. Whatever the amount, we have discovered the joy in giving to God the "first fruits," an amount "off the top" of our income, not what's left over at the end of the month.

Excerpt from The United Methodist Member's Handbook Revised and Expanded, pgs. 20
 -21, George E. Koehler © 2006, Discipleship Resources.



Faith Promise Giving Encouragement

As a church, we've embraced Jesus' Great Commission and have accepted God's call to crossculturally share the Gospel. We support this global ministry through our Faith Promise giving which provides financial support to several missionaries.

It is both the privilege and the duty of the Christian to send missionaries by means of generous financial gifts. In ways beyond all human understanding of logic or of math, God takes our gifts, multiplies them, uses them, and repays the giver with blessing.

When we make a Faith Promise, we are trusting God to provide. Focus on your faith in God and His ability to do the unexpected.

Please prayerfully consider how you can bring your Faith Promise giving up to date. Perhaps you forgot to share a blessing that came your way? Or maybe you feel led to support our global mission ministry - please indicate Faith Promise giving on your offering or pew envelope.

Encouragement from your Missions & Outreach Ministry



7:00-8:30 a.m. THURSDAY Mornings at the Great American Diner

Rte. 1 Langhorne

We meet every Thursday - same time - same place! All men are welcome!

Keep current with Langhorne UMC throughout the week by

 Joining us on FaceBook https://www.facebook.com/langhorneumc/

 Joining us on Twitter https://twitter.com/langhorneumc

3) Receive church emails - send your e-mail to bill@langhornechurch.org. and say Sign Me Up!



Mark your calendars for the

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7, 2017

10:00 AM

All animals must be leashed, crated, caged, or boxed as appropriate for the pet to attend.

All pets are welcome. If coming with your pet will not work, you may bring a photo, or collar, etc. instead and we will bless your loved one in absentia.



Our sincere thanks for the wonderful outpouring of love and prayers during Andrea's lengthy illness this past year. Some sent cards, some brought meals, and most of all everyone prayed.We thank you again and again.Words cannot adequately express the overwhelming sense of caring that we felt and continue to feel! Love Andrea & Bill



Our Church Finances Finance Committee, Chuck Boyle, Chairperson July 2017

Our financial picture continues to be a positive portrait. As of the end of July 2017 our revenues are ahead of expectations and our operating expenses are below expectations. Our bottom line is very close to break-even. Typically at the end of the summer we carry a significant negative bottom line, but this year we are doing 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 \$189,700, which is \$4,100 above our budget, which is very good. The major differences between our budget and actual revenue are noted below:

Total offerings came in over budget by \$6,300. 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.

The Wednesday night dinners have generated \$1,000 more than what was budgeted. Not only do we have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal, but we also help support our church.

Investment returns from the McKay Fund are \$1,400 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.

Facility usage fees are \$1,000 below budget. This is due to a lack of use of our church for weddings, personal gatherings, etc.

Fellowship and refreshment giving is \$200 less than budgeted.

Gifting for the altar flowers is \$200 less than budgeted.

Sunday school offering is \$300 less than budgeted.

On the expense side for the year we reported total expense of \$190,100, which is \$3,200 under budget. The major differences between our budget and actual expenses are noted below:

The Missions Conference was not held this year resulting in a \$500 reduction in expense.

Our Youth Director volunteered to generously donate his services to our church which resulted in a savings of \$6,000.

Our Sexton's compensation and supply expense is \$300 less than budget.

Utility expenses are currently \$3,800 below our budget.

Various other staff compensation areas are showing in total \$1,600 in savings when compared to our budget.

Mission School expense is \$200 less than budget.

Altar flower expense is \$500 more than budget.

Moving expenses for Pastor John were \$800, which was not in our budget.

Lease expense for our copy machine is \$300 more than budget.

Property taxes were \$8,700 more than budget. This expense was paid in July but budgeted for the month of August. Next month we will have the reverse impact to our budget as the actual tax bill is close to the amount budgeted in August. This is just a timing issue.

Payments made to the Methodist Conference are \$400 less than budget because of the change in pastors.

Sunday school supplies are \$200 less than budget.

Youth transportation is \$200 less than budget.

This leaves us with a net operating loss of \$400. This is good as we had budgeted a loss of \$7,300 for this period. This small bottom line loss should turn to a small gain by year end 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 July we have \$55,000 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 July the balance in this fund is \$8,000.

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. We 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 finance committee just wants to keep our congregation informed.

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.



BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow	John 14
When people fail you	Psalm 27
When you have sinned	Psalm 51
When you have worry	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger	Psalm 91
When God seems far away	Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical	
When you feel down and out	
When you want peace and rest	
When the world seems bigger than God	
When you want Christian assurance	
When you leave home for labor or travel	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness	Col. 3:1217
If you want to be fruitful	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty	Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people	1 Cor. 13
If people seem unkind	John 15
If discouraged about your work	Psalm 126

AVAILABLE 24/7 - PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 1 Thessalonians 1-5 Monday: 2 Chronicles 7-9 Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 10-13 Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 14-16 Thursday: 2 Chronicles 17-19 Friday: 2 Chronicles 20-22 Saturday: Psalms 100-102

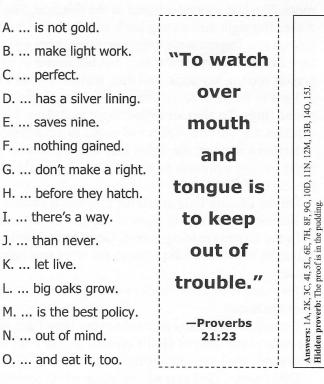


PROVERBIAL MIX-UP

The proverbs below have been split in half and rearranged. Match the phrase in the column on the right to the proper beginning in the column on the left.

C. ... perfect.

- _____ 1. All that glitters ...
- _____ 2. Live and ...
- ____ 3. Practice makes ...
- ____ 4. Where there's a will ...
- 5. From little acorns ...
- ____ 6. A stitch in time ... 7. Don't count your chickens ...
- _____ 8. Nothing ventured ...
- _____ 9. Two wrongs ...
- _____ 10. Every cloud ...
- _____ 11. Out of sight ...
- _____ 12. Honesty ...
- _____ 13. Many hands ...
- _____ 14. You can't have your cake ...
 - _____ 15. Better late ...



WHAT PROVERB DO YOU SEE IN THE LETTERS BELOW?

K. ... let live.

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SEPTEMBER 2017

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



September 2

Jeannette Hesser, 771 Cypress Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047 September 9 Charlotte Downs, 64 Digi Farm Lane, Bensalem, PA 19020 September 14 Audrey Kent, 510 Orchard Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047 September 17 Tracy Camp, 274 Barclay Court, Langhorne, PA 19047 September 19 Bill Wallace, 1975 Quarry Road, Yardley, PA 19067 September 22 Edna Guy, 3315 Hogan Court, Rapid City, SD 57702 September 24 Virginia Hill, 1720 Silver Lake Rd., Langhorne PA 19047 September 25 JJ Hunte, 593 White Swan Way, Langhorne, PA 19047 Audrey Myers, 34 Hollow Road, Levittown, PA 19056 September 28

Jackie Stout, 133 Winchester Avenue, Langhorne, PA 19047



Congratulations, and Welcome to Our Church Family

Giana Celin Davila,

Daughter of Greg Davila and Kimberly Taylor

And

Caleb James Benson

Son of James and Melissa (Boyle) Benson

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Sunday Worship Hours: Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m. Contemporay Worship, 11:00 a.m. Effective Sunday, September 10, 2015 9:30 a.m.Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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