# THE FRIENDLY VOICE OCTOBER 2018



### LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 E. Maple Ave.,

Langhorne, PA 19047

(215) 757-4984

lumc-online.org

#### Pastor's Message for October

When I was little, our family would take Sunday afternoon rides in the hills around Morris County, NJ. It was a great combination of small suburban and rural towns; farmlands and forests; and the occasional Stewart's Root Beer



establishment where we would stop and get car window service of hot dogs, fries, root beer, and orange soda. I thought that was SO COOL! (And no, the waiters and waitresses were not on roller skates.)

While the stop at Stewart's seemed to be the highlight for my brother and me, we often had fun at the farm markets we would stop at on each of those weekly afternoon trips. In October and into November, we got to pick out our own special apple and on rare occasions, THAT apple could be either a candy-apple or a caramel apple (sometimes with crushed peanuts!! WOW!!). What a treat! In the meantime, Mom would be making arrangements for a large basket of apples, a bag of corn, and squash; plus whatever else was needed in the way of fresh vegetables and fruit. If it were August or early September, we feasted on peaches; and in June and July, it was strawberries, raspberries and blueberries.

Until my oldest sister was married in 1967, we were a family of seven; so buying and cooking in quantity was what my parents did. And while such amazing gifts of the earth were well enjoyed by the Pfahler household, there were other reasons we took these weekly Sunday afternoon drives. Mom and Dad wanted us to have some family time and see the world around us. We piled into the station wagon and we watched the seasons change and nature enfold around us. We saw villages of squirrels and maple tree taps; waterfalls and beaver dams; cows and calves – LOTS of cows and calves; horses; deer; eagles, hawks, woodpeckers, and wild turkeys. These, too, are amazing gifts of the earth. God gave us all these wonderful things: food, the world around us, and family in whatever forms they come in. And God gave all this to us because of God's great love for us.

I am reminded often of the praises and thanksgivings lifted in the Psalms. Psalm 104 comes to mind as God the Creator and Provider and speaks of much of what I have related here. God needs to be recognized and credited for all that we enjoy and reap on this earth; for all that we are as the family of God.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (Ps. 127:1a NRSV)

So as we watch the turning of the leaves, sip that cider, and eat that pumpkin pie in this harvest time, remember just how blessed we are to have God as our Father and the love that God bestows upon us each and every day of the year.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" (United Methodist Hymnal #94 – Bishop Thomas Ken 1674)

In praise, love and in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may the blessings of this earth and the family of God be upon you and in you such that you are moved to share them and the love God with others each and every day. Give thanks to God!! Amen.

In God's grace and peace, Laurie, your pastor Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler





# OCTOBER 2018 SANCTUARY SERVANTS

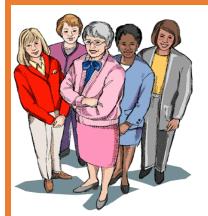
#### October 7

Worship Assistant 9:30	Ron Cookson
Greeter 10:00	Kathy DiGregorio
Ushers 10:00	Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants 11:00	The Raab Family

### October 14

	Worship Assistant 9:30	Erika Paton
	Greeters 9:30	. Ruth & Raul Torres
	Ushers 9:30	Bob & Cheryl Fryer
	Contemporary Assistants 11:00	The Daeche Family
Octo	ber 21	
	Worship Assistant 9:30	Linda Rutledge
	Greeters 9:30Joe	& Helen McDonald
	Ushers 9:30Ror	n & Louise Cookson
	Contemporary Assistants 11:00	Bev Eick
Octo	ber 28	
	Worship Assistant 9:30	Jerry Hill
	Greeters 9:30Ch	ris & Rita Cresswell
	Ushers 9:30Marty	& Marlene Kalbach
	Contemporary Assistants 11:00	The Boyle Family

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	-	2	3	4	2	9
Men's Retreat @	7 pm - Trustee's Mtg.	6:30pm - Daisy GS	7 pm - Choir	7 a m - Men's Brk.	5pm - Rehearsal	8:30am - Men Min.
9:30am - Children		7 pm - Bucks Mt.		9am - Steeple Kids		10 am - Animal/Bless
9:30am - Traditional				7 pm - Bagpipe		2 pm - Wedding -
11am - Contemporar				7 pm - Praise Team		
6:30pm - Bell Choir						
6:30pm - Youth						
7	8	6	10	11	12	13
9:30am - Children	7 pm - Finance Mtg.	7 pm - Bucks Mt.	6pm - Girl Scouts	7 am - Men's Brk.	3pm - Wedding @	
9:30am - Traditional	7:30pm - GS	7 pm - Stewardshp	7 pm - Choir	9am - Steeple Kids		
11am - Contemporar		7 pm - UMW		6:30pm - Barats		
1 pm - Hansen Party				7 p m - Bagpipe		
6:30pm - "Gathering				7 pm - Praise Team		
6:30pm - Bell Choir						
6:30pm - Youth						
t		<b>CF</b>				
- -	0	0				
9:30am - Children		6:30pm - Daisy GS	7 pm - Choir	7 a m - Men's Brk.	5pm - Steeple Kids	7:30am - Men's
9:30am - Traditional		7 pm - Bucks Mt.		9am - Steeple Kids	5:30pm - Rehearsal	1pm - TLA
11am - Contemporar		7 pm - SPR Mtg.		7 pm - Bagpipe		2 pm - Wedding
6:30pm - Bell Choir				7 pm - Bucks Mt.		
6:30pm - Youth				7 pm - Praise Team		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am - Children	6pm - Shared Meal	7 pm - Bucks Mt.	6pm - Girl Scounts	7 am - Men's Brk.	7 pm - Bucks Mount-	8:30am - Men Min.
9:30am - Traditional	7 pm - Bucks Mt.		7 pm - Choir	9 a m - Steeple Kids	5	10am - Missions &
11am - Contemporar				7 pm - Bagpipe		
6:30pm - Bell Choir				7 pm - Praise Team		
6:30pm - Youth						
28	29	30	31		2	3
9:30am - Children		7 pm - Bucks Mt.	7 pm - Choir	7 am - Men's Brk.	1 pm - BUCKS MT.	8:30am - Men Min.
9:30am - Traditional				9am - Steeple Kids	7 pm - BUCKS MT	10am - BUCKS MT.
11am - Contemporar				7 pm - Bagpipe		
6:30pm - Bell Choir				7 pm - Praise Team		
100 C 100 C 100						



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2nd Tuesdays of the Month 7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Please join our United Methodist Women (no membership required, and please bring a friend!) **7:00 pm Tuesday Oct 9th** as we gather in faith for fun, fellowship and food with a program devoted to "Sacred Spaces to know God and fellow hu-mankind". Our mission giving outreach will be non-perishable food items for a local food pantry. Our hostesses will be Madge Laughlin and Karen Arner.



Summer has ended and it's time to get back into the routine of keeping up our Church Ministries. You may not be aware of one that provides a valuable service to families who are dealing with sickness, surgery or loss, and that is the Hot Meals program.

We have a list of people who volunteer to provide a hot meal to a family - on average, about once a month. Whenever we are notified of a family who could use our help, an email is sent to all the people on the list. If you are able to provide a meal during the time frame that has been requested, you respond to the email and set your date. You will be provided with information regarding the address and any dietary restrictions.

If you are able, and would like to be included please email Lyn Wallace at lindawallace26@gmail.com.



The devout investment or use of money, time and ability. In biblical times, a steward supervised a household or an estate. Today, as God's children, we deem God the source of all we have, seek to hold it in trust for God and desire to be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10a)

"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.

#### 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.

(Cont'd)

#### 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..

We apologize for the typo in original article that says there are four types of gifts and only shows 3.





Do you remember February 7th?

Probably not, but it was the last time we had a Wednesday Dinner!

I had to have a spinal fusion. The doctor told me it would take a LONG time to heal completely – I thought I would be fine. Turns out – he was right! It has been a long road of limited motion, and wobbly feet but I am making progress.

So – to answer the question posed by many; "when is the Wednesday Dinner going to start again?" Answer – I am hoping to be ready by October 17th. I will be out of the brace on October 10th, which will allow me more range of motion – but I am concerned about lifting those heavy pots—so cross you fingers and say a prayer for me – and we'll see you for dinner on October 17! Lyn Wallace



# LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 62nd ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY

Each year our Living Nativity brings the love of the Christmas Story to our community. This annual event is much loved and anticipated.

LUMC will again be sponsoring a living nativity this year. The dates of the event will be as follows:

> Saturday, December 22nd, 6pm till 9pm Sunday, December 23rd, 6pm till 9pm Monday, December 24th, 6pm till 9pm

Will have a signup sheet for participants and helpers in fellowship hall starting the first Sunday in December. We will also be requesting donations to help with the cost of having the live animals present. The donation box will be placed in the back of the sanctuary starting the first Sunday in November. As I am sure you are aware this ministry has been occurring each year for many years now and we would like to keep it going. Any assistance, monetary, or in person, that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.



September 18, 2018

Dear Bill,

Your church is so gracious and faithful! We are so grateful that you were able to participate in the baby bottle campaign again this year. The total amount contributed from Langhorne United Methodist Church through the Mother's Day Baby Bottle Campaign of 2018 was **\$1147.31**! God is so good! We are so blessed by how generously your church family has given to ChoiceOne!

Please extend our deepest gratitude to all those who participated. We are most grateful for all the prayers extended on behalf of the young women and men we serve as each person filled these bottles. We also ask you pray for young people to make the call; many are so alone, feel ashamed and are fearful, we would love to reach them before they make any decision.

Our main desire for serving the young people of our community is that they would be touched by Christ. Your baby bottle donation will nourish a life for eternity! By helping us with this campaign you continue to give opportunity to share real hope and life.

Thank you on behalf of those we serve. We look forward to your participation in future baby bottle campaigns. You and your church are an encouragement to all who are a part of ChoiceOne.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Musser ChoiceOne Community Engagement Director 215-269-6912

Bucks County 2189 Second Street Pike Wrightstown, PA 18940 Lower Bucks County H E A D Q U A R T E R S 2222 Trenton Road, Levittown, PA 19056 Phone: 215.269.6912 Fax: 215.269.8350 Mercer County 1764 Brunswick Ave Lawrenceville NJ 08648

Number One Choice for women...Number One Choice for caring <u>help</u> and support. SERVING NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA



Shop our online catalog at Cokesbury.com



## Sunday School Notes

Sunday School class began on Sunday 9/9/18. We are pleased that we have a total of 8 smiling, happy faces attending. Much thanks to the parents and grandparents who are supporting the program by bringing the children.

The focus this year is on the family and how families can be different and we can have many families, such as immediate family, grandparents, cousins, church family, school family, etc.

We always need help in the Sunday School room. We are not asking for a weekly committment but perhaps you can consider helping once a month, or every 2 months, etc. WE ARE FLEXI-BLE, and we really want the children to know their church family, so helping is a good way to get to know the children and their families. Please contact Holly Rogerson at 267-879-5547 or by email at hcrogeron@gmail.com

See the attached pictures of a recent class. We have fun and learn about Jesus. We sing, learn sign language, watch videos about Bible stories and have great SNACKS that help reinforce the Bible story.

Additionally, the Sunday School hosted the church picnic on Sunday 9/16/18 and the weather was beautiful! Thanks so much to all those who helped put this together as well as those who attended. The Squires singing group joined us to share their talent with us. We thank the Kephart family for the music playing as we all enjoyed food and fellowship. Oh yes, and a big hit was roasting marshmallows. The kids really had fun with this. See pictures from the picnic below.



# **LUMC FAMILY PICNIC**











The BucksMont Squires of Song presents our Fall Show "SHIPWRECKED!"

With Entertainment by the featured

" PIECES OF EIGHT"



from Phillipsburg High School, Directed by Debbie Keretz

### Langhorne United Methodist Church 301 E. Maple Avenue, Langhorne, PA 19047 Saturday, November 3rd, 2018

Show starts at 2:00 PM

Adults - \$15; Seniors/Students 12 & Under - \$12; Children 5 & Under - Free

Contact John Steckowich at 717-685-9883 or any of your Squires friends for tickets and information

Name	Noof Adult Tickets at \$15 per ticket =	\$
Address	Noof Seniors and Students at \$12 per ticket = No. of Children	
	Total Amount Enclosed =	\$
Phone	Email	

(Mail: BucksMont Squires of Song, c/o Langhorne United Methodist Church, 301 E. Maple Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047. Make checks payable to "Abington-Levittown Chapter") Visit us at <u>bms.harmonize.com</u> or email: <u>BuckMonSquires@gmalcom</u> Visit our Society at <u>www.barbershop.org</u>

We are a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, a non-profit, fraternal and educational singing Society. The charitable mission of the Society is to preserve our musical legacy of the barbershop harmony art form through support of vocal music education in our schools and communities. The Abington-Levittown Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

#### Yardley Friends Meeting is inviting faith-based communities, community leaders, local schools and concerned citizens to join us for interfaith events during September and October 2018, located at 65 North Main Street, Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067.

#### Witness Day Ceremony

Sunday, October 7, 2018, at 11:30 AM - Yardley Friends Meeting - All are welcome

Come join us for a simple memorial service honoring the victims of gun homicide featured in our t-shirt memorial. Reading of the names, a prayer service, and a table of awareness information will be followed by fellowship and refreshments.

You are welcome to start your morning by joining us for our Worship service starting at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend.

#### Special Speaker on Gun Violence Issues

On Tuesday October 23, 2018 from 7 - 9 PM at Yardley Friends Meeting – All Are Welcome to Attend



Richie Schulz from Lutheran Ministries in Philadelphia will speak on gun violence in America and provide information on how Bucks residents can take action.

Mr. Schulz previously worked at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which is the larger Quaker Community to which Yardley Friends belong. Currently, he is the community educator at Lutheran Settlement House (LSH), where he trains people on how to support survivors of domestic violence in their professional and personal contexts. At LSH he also organizes the Men Can Campaign, which focuses on engaging men to join the anti-violence movement. He is an organizer with Philly Showing Up for Racial Justice.

~~~~~~

Please join us as we endeavor to increase public awareness of the tragic toll exacted by gun violence and honor the victims in Bucks County Lost to gun homicide.

For further information please contact Peg Smedley via e-mail at: smedley46@comcast.net

# CODE BLUE Needs for the 2018-2019 Winter Season by AHTN



Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need provides a Code Blue Shelter to the homeless each year from Dec. 1st through March 31st when the temperature outside reaches 26 degrees or lower (*with windchill*).

This year will be AHTN's 10th Code Blue season. Last season they opened 67 nights and served 158 individual guests here in the Lower Bucks County area.

When a guest arrives to an AHTN shelter they are given a cot to sleep on with bedding, dinner & breakfast provided by the church and resources on how they can try to get out of their current situation and other free services available to them.

At times, AHTN guests come into the Code Blue shelter and are in need of dry, warm clothing due to the elements outside. This is where AHTN needs our support!

AHTN is in need of the following items for this Code Blue season:

- New or Gently Used Waterproof Gloves
- New or Gently Used Thermal Underwear (sizes med through 2XL)
- New or Gently Used Hooded sweatshirts (sizes med through 2XL)
- New or Gently Used Sweatpants (Sizes medium through 2XL)
- NEW Deodorant

NEW Underwear (for both Men & Woman)

At this time they are <u>not</u> in need of socks or warm coats.

Their main needs are for the items listed above, only.

# LANGHORNE UMC will be collecting the items listed above in Fellowship Hall (in separate boxes) from NOW until NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you, your church or social groups, or your family would like to do more, please contact the AHTN Donation Chairperson, Karen McKinney at Kmckinney@ahtn.org for more information.

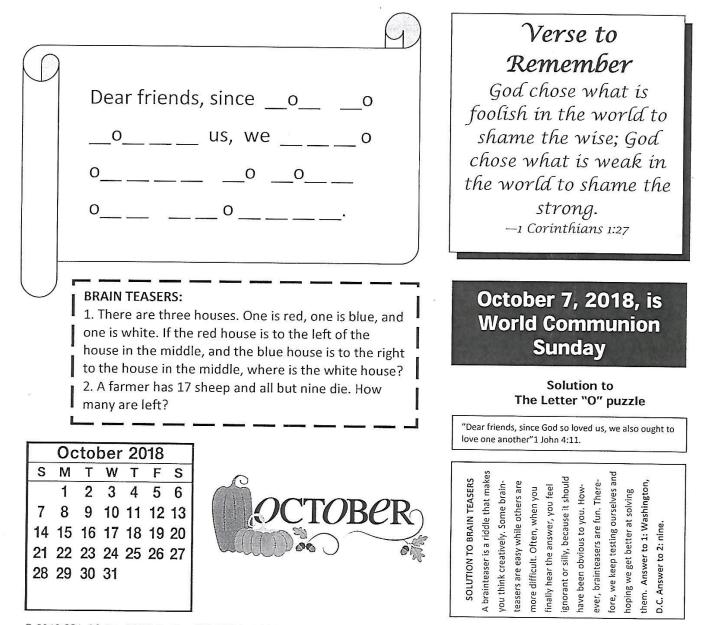
Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need Jesus Calls His Disciples Coloring Pages



#### The Letter "O"

The nine words below are spelled correctly, except they are missing one letter — O. Use these incomplete words to complete the verse below where you will find all the missing O's!

#### S, NE, ANTHER, GD, LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE



© 2018 CRI, PO Box 9290, Canton OH 44711. 1-800-992-2144. Visit us at: HomeTouchMinistry.com.

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

10/16

10/19

10/20



| Ruth Torres             |
|-------------------------|
| 803 Sterners Mill Road, |
| Feasterville, PA 19053  |
| Virginia Shapcott       |

800 Trenton Road #361 Langhorne, PA 19047

**Cheryl Hart** 910 Upton Way Warrington PA 18976

10/24Fred Fleishman18 Sagebrush LaneLanghorne, PA 19047

- 10/26 Bill Bryan 104 Hollow Road Levittown, PA 19056
- 10/31Joan Phillips4301 S. Woodland DriveBensalem, PA 19020



# Langhorne United Methodist Church 301 East Maple Ave., Langhorne PA, (215) 757-4984 lumc-online.org

### **Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler**



### JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP! Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10 -11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School \*
10:30 - 11:30 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.

Laurie J. Pfahler, Pastor, laurie@langhornechurch.org Bill Bryan, Director of Congregational Care, bill@langhornechurch.org Erika Paton Lay Leader, jerp1968@verizon.net Donna Goodwin, Church Secretary, church@langhornechurch.org Anthony Vigile, Contemporary Worship Leader, Anthony@langhornechurch.org Kerry Fenton, Organist, Kerry@langhornechurch.org Amy Hansen, Treasurer, amy@langhornechurch.org Hugh Green, Youth Director, Hugh@langhornechurch.org Barbara Jordan, Choir Accompanist, acompanist@aol.com Kim Stockberger, Bell Choir Director, Gs5th@comcast.net Kurt Tommuscheit, Sexton Amy Rodda, Steeple Kids Director, steeplekids@comcast.net