THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:
*** in the congregation (at random):** Joe & Pat Grabey; Tim, Tricia & Tess Naylor; Frank, Elizabeth & Wade Valle

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:
~ Monday, 7-9 PM: Fellowship Hall in use
~ Tuesday, 7 PM: Session meeting
~ Wednesday, 7 PM: Community Thanksgiving Service, The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road
(NOTE: NO Choir Rehearsal)
~ Saturday, 2-7 PM: Fellowship Hall in use

NEXT SUNDAY———Last Sunday after Pentecost———Nov. 26th
– 9:15 AM: Prayer, sanctuary
– 9:30 AM: Education hour; begin Advent topics
– 10:45 AM: Worship; Scripture, Matthew 25: 31-46
– After worship: Advent Luncheon & Hanging of the Greens

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY if you plan to attend the Advent Soup Luncheon and help with Hanging of the Greens activities next Sunday. Thanks!

DEACONS' FUNDRAISER ITEMS are for sale TODAY. If you need church note cards or sticky cleaners, stop by their table in Fellowship Hall. Think *Christmas Gifts*!!

COMING SOON:

* Monday, Nov. 27, 2 PM	Faith Circle
* Monday, Nov. 27, 7 PM	Space for God
* Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 PM	Bible Study
* Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:45 AM	First Sunday of Advent; Worship, with Communion

A THANK YOU. "I cannot express in words how much I have appreciated your prayers, cards and support the last several months of my husband's sickness and since his death. Your concerns and prayers have given me the strength that I have needed each day. Thank you to everyone!" *Earlene Heckendorn*

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available throughout the church. Reminder! Orders and payments are due Dec. 10.

A COMBINED ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will focus on a study of four well-known Advent hymns:
- "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Nov. 26)
- "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" (Dec. 3)
- "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Dec. 10)
- "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Dec. 17)

ITEMS for the December issue of "Meeting House News" are needed in the church office **today**. Thanks.

ABOUT TODAY'S HYMNS

♪ Our opening hymn, written by Dean Henry Alford (1810-1871), is considered one of the finest harvest hymns in all hymnody. Alford wrote his first hymnbook at age 11 and at 16 dedicated his life to God on the flyleaf of his Bible: "I do this day, in the presence of God and my own soul, renew my covenant with God, and solemnly determine henceforth to become his, and to do his work as far as in me lies."

♪ Our second hymn is the Netherlands melody KREMSER (1626). This hymn of praise combines present and past to give hope for the future--we humbly and thankfully sing God's praise (st. 1); we praise God for his protection throughout our lives (st. 2); and we go forward under God's guiding hand (st. 3). The text was written at the request of J. Archer Gibson, organist at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Gibson asked Julia Cory (1882-1963) to write a text to this tune to replace the older text associated with it, "We Gather Together." The new hymn was first sung at Thanksgiving Day services in 1902 at the Brick Presbyterian Church.

♪ Our closing hymn's tune ASH GROVE is a Scottish melody. Text writer Katherine Davis (1892-1980) published nearly 800 separate items, and frequently used the pseudonyms John Cowley or C.R.W. Robertson. She is buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, MA.
(Sources: *The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion,* by LindaJo H. McKim; www.hymnary.org)

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The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
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LARGE PRINT AND YOUTH BULLETINS, AS WELL AS CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE. AN USHER CAN ASSIST YOU.

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Order for Worship

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017 10:45 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDES
Thanks Be to God Handel
The Promise of Living, The Gift of Thanksgiving Copeland
Now Thank We All Our God Bach

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please sign and pass the pew registration pads.)

For the Fruit of All Creation Welsh melody

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 100)*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love
endures forever; his faithfulness continues
through all generations.

* HYMN #551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have given us many good gifts.
The bounty and blessing
of your hand is amazing!
Today we thank you for all of your gifts,
but we also confess that at times
we love those gifts more than we love you.
We confess wanting more and more things:
food, clothes, toys, and money.
Forgive us for not being content and thankful.
Forgive our selfishness.
Help us to use our gifts and to love you more
than everything else.
We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN
(silent confession . . .)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

* PASSING THE PEACE
Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus,
let us also forgive one another and offer signs
of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.
(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. AMEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON "XXX" Debby Madden

FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 (O.T., p. 874)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Will Sing Praise Unto the Lord" Martin

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25: 14-30 (N.T., p. 28)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN *(insert)* "We Praise You, O God"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) (Blue Hymnal, p. 14)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Blue Hymnal, p. 16)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES and PW THANK OFFERING
Offertory *All Good Gifts* Schwartz

* Response - #592 "Praise God"

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and merciful God,
we your unworthy servants give
you most humble thanks for
all your goodness and loving kindness,
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.

SENDING

* HYMN #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* RESPONSE #586 "Amen"

* POSTLUDE *Let All Things Now Living* Behnke

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BOLD indicates ALL read
***** indicates please stand if able

TODAY'S FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emeline Thompson by her family.

AFTER WORSHIP, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments.

AFTER WORSHIP, the Prayer Community meets.

SERVING TODAY:
Reader: Bruce Mulvey
Ushers: Heather, Rebert & Camryn Thompson; Mary Jane Blosser
Flowers: Ellen Darr (chair) & Sandra Ilgenfritz
Fellowship Host: Peggy McKeehen
Counters: Joe & Molly Shane; Lynda Mann
Service Recorder: Ray Thomas
Sunday School Teachers:
~ **Age 3-K:** Barb Crum & Lynne Hofferica
~ **Grades 1-5:** Bob Davis
~ **Youth (pre-confirmed):** Rita Beck & Debby Madden
~ **Youth (post-confirmed):** JJ & Jen Patterson
~ **Adults:** Bill Beck