



THE CHURCH CANDLE

NOVEMBER 2024

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

ALL SAINTS DAY is observed on Sunday, November 3rd

(All Saints Day is November 1st) All Saints Day is the day when the Christian Church celebrates all those who have died and ascended into heaven. Most churches have some type of remembrance on the nearest Sunday to All Saints Day to commemorate those who have passed from our congregational family.

In loving memory, we remember:

"We celebrate today the solemnity of All Saints. This invites us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have already reached the blessed land, and points us on the path that will lead us to that destination." quoting Pope John II

Judy Felt Fuller — December 15, 2023

Joan Nolan — February 3, 2024

Donald "Tiger" Johnson — May 2, 2024

Shirley Rolls — January 6, 2024

Marlene Enlow — January 8, 2024

Jane Hibbard — October 19, 2024



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION TIME ...

If you have filled a box for Operation Christmas Child, please return to the church by **Sunday, November 17th**. The National Collection Time is November 17th thru November 25th. You can also build a box on line and choose the items at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. The cost on line is \$25 which includes the shipping. Thank you to all who participate in this outreach opportunity.

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS MONTH?



October God Sightings ...

- I saw God in my many travels through flying, taxis, walking, and seeing the clouds in the sky and the waves on the beach and how beautiful, calming and peaceful they were.

A LITTLE

Question: How did Jesus conclude the parable of the Good Samaritan?



(Please find the Answer on another page in Newsletter)



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd



Food Pantry

Sunday is observed on the first Sunday of the month. For the month of October fifty-seven (57) items were collect-

ed and delivered to the *Feed My Sheep Food Pantry* at the Athens United Methodist Church. Thank you for all who contributed.

SEED FAITH CIRCLE DINNER-OUT ... We will gather on Wednesday, **November 20th at 6:00 p.m.** at The Grille on North Lehigh Avenue in Sayre. Please note the change of date. All women of the church are welcome to join us for dinner and fellowship. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008, if you plan to attend.

VETERAN'S DAY

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 11TH**



FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ... will be held on Sunday, **November 10th** at 4:00 p.m., at the Canton Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ). Performances will be given by choirs and individuals from churches of the East Central District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Admission is free, an exit offering will be taken for the Week of Compassion Hurricane 2024 which will provide support to areas effected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Please contact Pastor Paula or the Church Office if you would like to attend. There are plans to carpool.

DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN ...

TUESDAY, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.

To be held at the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) in Covington, PA. The meal will be followed by a program. More information will be included in the bulletins for November. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Paula. Plans are to carpool to Covington.



We will receive the **Special Thanksgiving Offering** on Sunday, November 17th and Sunday, November 24th. We will make available envelopes for this offering in the pews. This offering will benefit the general ministry of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) of the Christian Church (DOC) partnering with the fifteen colleges / universities and seven seminaries / divinity houses associated with the Christian Church (DOC). Your gifts go directly to the institutions enabling them to offer scholarships, expand programs and aid to make a difference in the lives of students through faith-based services.

PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

This past week I attended our church's regional assembly.

We gathered with churches from across Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In that assembly we highlighted some of the reasons we are better together, which was the theme for our gathering. It made me wonder if you all know why we are better when we work together with other churches rather than being an island isolated in Northeastern PA. I know I have given you information about what our region and our general church does, the ministries that we support through our combined efforts in giving and in mission. I know you are aware of

our district meetings, our fellowship dinners once a quarter in various churches – even if you don't travel to those dinners with us. At our assembly I had the opportunity to speak and highlight what we do as a district, we belong to the only functioning district in Pennsylvania – seven churches that work together for the communities we serve and are better together because we can support each other. If you happen to have the time there are two posters in Matthew's place that I displayed at the assembly, one highlighting the work of Sayre Christian Church and the other highlighting the work of some of the other churches in our district.

The biggest advantage I can see of belonging and working with the district, region, and general church is the ability to reach across the United States and globally to areas that need the support of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We support missionaries through Global Ministries, we help in disasters within this country and internationally through Week of Compassion – most recently through our donations for Hurricane relief. Combining the strength of the seven churches in our district, and the many Christian Churches in PA and WV we are indeed better together. We are the full church as we worship in our sanctuary each Sunday morning, but we are not the only church. God has called us to serve but we are not the only ones called, what we cannot do alone God has called others to do WITH us – that is what it means to be better together.

Blessings, Pastor Paula Kraus

Thanksgiving



Eve Service

The Valley Clergy will hold a community Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sayre Christian Church. All are invited regardless of church affiliation. There will be a community choir conducted by Mr. Derek Young and all singers are welcome to join. The choir practices will be Saturday, November 9th

and Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in our sanctuary. Tell your friends!!!

***DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH ...***

GIVING REPORT FOR

September 2024:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

September — 2024	
For Current Expenses	\$5,097.50
Designated	\$951.00
World Outreach	\$204.00
Local Outreach	\$279.00
Building Fund	\$1,117.00

“Coins for a Cause” ...

The collection continues to collect for the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

To: Bryan Smith, brother of Laurel Mareck. He received the 2024 Legacy Award from the Johnstown Community Arts Center of Cambria County for his contribution to the arts community. He teaches photography and related subjects at the center and is currently President of the Johnstown Camera Club.



Johnstown Camera Club.

Celebration Sunday ...

will be held on November 24th, following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in November will be honored.

Please bring a snack to share.



NOVEMBER 2024 ...

- 01 - Nicole Boockoff
- 02 - Lucille Northrup
- 03 - Sheila Donovan
- 10 - Nick Rava
- 11 - Laura Stephenson
- 11 - Hazel Bradley
- 14 - Christopher Bennett
- 16 - Linda Coe
- 16 - Nancy Swartwood
- 18 - Jerry Cron
- 19 - Howard Sinsabaugh
- 22 - Joe Kraus
- 24 - Donald Valentine
- 27 - Eric Northrup
- 30 - Nancy Cain
- 30 - Deb Searfoss



- 17 - Jeffrey and Kathy Robert
- 22 - Rick and Kathy Rava

LET US PRAY ...

- Ric Rava
- Mike Spencer
- Brett Latimer
- Joe Kraus
- Bonnie Beley
- Kathi Hunsinger



Daylight Savings
Time Ends on ...
Sunday,
November 3rd ...



ECD Cookbooks are available.

“Makes a great Christmas Gift.”



Answer to Trivia Question ... “Go and do likewise” Luke 10:37

REPORT FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM ...

In August 2024, Tioga County PA experienced storms which caused flooding and damages. A total donation of \$500 was sent to the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health to be used for repairs caused by the storms. The Local Outreach Fund offered \$150. Donations from the congregation totaled \$355. The Reconciliation Offering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was received on September 29th and October 6th. Our church was able to send \$185 to support the programs of this ministry.

THANK YOU! To all who provided relief and support through their donations to our local outreach fund and the special offerings of the Christian Church (DOC). Hurricane Helene (September 26th) and Hurricane Milton (October 9th) brought devastation and loss to six states. Week of Compassion the relief, refuge, and sustainable development mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC) has connected to Disciples' Regional leadership and pastors establishing partners in the impacted areas. This fund is sending grants to Disciples congregations and households affected by those hurricanes. If you would like to add your contributions to this relief effort, envelopes labeled **Hurricane 2024** are on the table by the sanctuary door.


Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Thanksgiving Day

Word Search

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THE BRIDGE'S 22ND ANNUAL SLEEPOUT 24-HOUR FUNDRAISER ...

Friday, November 29th from 3:00 p.m.
thru Saturday, November 30th
at 3:00 p.m.

To be held in the parking lot of the
Guthrie Desmond Street Practice,
105 Desmond Street in Sayre.

The Sleepout goal is to raise \$15,000 to
assist those in need in our community.
Our challenge to You ...

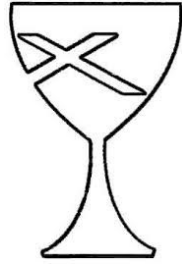
Pray for the Sleep, ministries of The
Bridge, and those served.

Sponsor a one-hour block of time during
the Sleepout with others from your
church.

Stop by the Sleepout during the event to
show your support and make a tax-
deductible donation or mail your dona-
tion to:

The Bridge
PO Box 202, Sayre, PA 18840

For more information, please contact
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or sleepout@thevalleybridge.org



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UPCOMING DATES FOR NOVEMBER ...

Friday, November 1st is “All Saints Day”
Sunday, November 3rd - “All Saints Day Sunday”
Food Pantry Sunday
Sunday School **every week** at 9:15 a.m.
Wednesdays - November 6th, 20th and 27th / Bible
Study Group at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 10th - Fall Festival of Music at the
Canton Church of Christ - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 11th - Veteran’s Day
Tuesday, November 12th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13th - Paula out of office
NO Bible Study Group
Tuesday, November 19th - DCF Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20th - Seed Faith Circle
Dinner-Out at 6:00 p.m. / The Grille Restaurant
Sunday, November 24th - Christ The King Sunday
Celebration Sunday / Worship Service at the
Athens Healthcare and Rehab Center at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 27th - Community Thanksgiv-
ing Service at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 28th - Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
Friday, November 29th - Church Office Closed

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