



THE CHURCH CANDLE

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

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY— NOVEMBER 1st ...

“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month. “Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your recent donation of food items to our Feed MY Sheep Food Pantry. At our last distribution, we served 247 folks with 34 new ones! In His Service, AUMC, FMS Food Pantry.” *Make His face shine on you. And be gracious to you. Numbers 6:25*

For the month of October twenty-three (23) food items were collected.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ...

If you have filled a box for Operation Christmas Child, please return by Sunday, November 15th. The cost to ship is \$10. The cost of a box online is \$30, which includes the shipping. (You are able to choose items for the box.) As a result of your gifts, families are being reached, churches started and communities transformed by the power of the Gospel. Thank you to all who are participating in this outreach opportunity.



will be held on **November 29th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday or an anniversary in November will be honored. Please bring a dish-to-pass to share.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

A LITTLE

Question: “To whom does Jesus say these words:

“Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

(Find the Answer on another page in Newsletter)



The THANKSGIVING OFFERING ...

will be received on Sundays, November 15th and November 22nd. Offering envelopes will be available. Your gifts enable institutions to offer scholarships, to expand programs, and offer assistance through faith-based services. This offering can help make a difference in the lives of thousands of students.



Sunday, November 1st

and ...

Daylight Savings Time End





PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters in Christ. November and the fall weather have arrived. My hopes are that we can remain active in spite of the cooler weather and the shorter daylight hours. Sunday School classes continue in the book of Romans, and the Wednesday Bible Study group will be studying the Gospel of Luke for at least the remainder of the month. My thoughts are to begin an Advent study for the Wednesday Group on the first Wednesday in December and continue for four weeks [more about that later].

For November, there will be a congregational meeting to approve our budget on Sunday, November 15th after the worship service. Several of the valley church pastors have decided to have an afternoon Thanksgiving Worship Service on Thursday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. We decided earlier so those who "don't drive after dark" can attend. This will be an Ecumenical service held in our sanctuary with participation from five or six area churches. It would be very nice if members of this church could show up to represent the congregation of Sayre Christian Church. As you read this newsletter, take note of the activities and opportunities you have for serving God and this community.

May God Bless, Pastor Paula

COINS FOR A CAUSE / SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW ...

Beginning Sunday, November 1st, "Coins for Cause" will be collecting loose change for the Society of St. Andrew. This ministry based in Virginia is focused on feeding America's hungry.

On Sunday, November 15th, the Advent devotional, *True Advent Character*, will be available. The devotional will provide Scripture readings, reflections, and prayers to help you contemplate the reason for the season — Jesus!

Church Budget ... It is that time again to talk money. The Finance Committee put together, and the board approved a new budget for the fiscal year 2027 that begins January 1st, 2027.

There were some difficult choices to be made - no raises for example. We have seen steep increases in our utilities, especially electric. Attached to the newsletter you will find a copy of the budget. Please review and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. The congregational meeting to formally approve the budget will be held Sunday, November 15th after worship.

Thank you, Oliver McKeithan, Treasurer

ANGEL TREE: GIFTS for the CHILDREN of BRADFORD-TIOGA HEAD START PROGRAM ...

Our church will be participating in the "Angel Tree" Project again this year. We will receive the names of seventeen (17) children, which will be placed on angels and hung around the choir loft. Angels will be available on Sunday, November 29th. (Look for return date in December information.) If you have any questions, please contact Wendy McKeithan.

GIVING REPORT FOR

September 2026:

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

September — 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$4,132.00
Designated	\$677.00
World Outreach	\$400.00
Local Outreach	\$430.00
Building Fund	\$1,210.00

THE BRIDGE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SLEEPOUT ...

This 24-hour fundraiser will be held on Friday, November 27th thru Saturday, November 28th beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Volunteers are asked to spend an hour in a makeshift shelter in the parking lot of the Guthrie Practice (105 Desmond Street in Sayre). To sign up please call or text Kim at 570-867-2628 or sleepout@thevalleybridge.org. Donations can be sent to The Bridge, PO Box 202, Sayre, PA 18840. If you have any questions about the Bridge, please contact Wendy McKeithan.

This is not just a fundraiser, but is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the needs in our community.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE — November 19th -at 2:00 p.m.

Take time off from busy holiday preparations to praise and give thanks to God for God's provisions from the abundant earth. The Pastors of Sayre Christian Church (DOC), St. John Lutheran / Church of the Redeemer / Valley United Presbyterian Church / Athens Methodist and the Epiphany Church will lead this worship service.

BIRTHDAYS ...

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



HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO ...

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

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Eric Rava
Anthony Stella
Gloria Lincoln
Howard Sinsabaugh
Bob Felt



SEED FAITH CIRCLE ...

The women of the Seed Faith Circle will gather on Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30 p.m. at Yanuzzi's Restaurant in Sayre. Please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008, if you plan to attend.

Answer to Trivia Question ...
Find the answer in
Matthew 19:2-10



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UPCOMING DATES FOR NOVEMBER ...

Sundays - November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th Sunday School
9:15 a.m. / Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 1st - All Saints Sunday / Food Pantry
Sunday / Daylight Saving Time Ends

Tuesday, November 3rd - Election Day - Don't forget to Vote!

Wednesdays - November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th / Bible Study
Group - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Tuesday, November 10th - Elder/Deacon Meeting - 3:00 p.m. /
Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 12th - Office hours 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12th thru Saturday, November 14th -
Paula out of town

Sunday, November 15th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time / Congregational Meeting following worship

Tuesday, November 17th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out at
5:30 p.m. at Yanuzzi's Restaurant in Sayre

Thursday, November 19th - Community Thanksgiving Service
- 2:00 p.m. (At Sayre Christian Church)

Sunday, November 22nd - Reign of Christ Sunday

Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day / Church Office
Closed / Friday, November 27th - Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29th - First Sunday of Advent / Celebration
Sunday / Worship Service at the Athens Healthcare and
Rehab Center - 1:30 p.m.

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Proposed Budget for 2027

	2026 Amount	2027 Amount
Church Office		
Office Expense	\$750.00	\$750.00
Postage	\$200.00	\$50.00
Copier Expenses	\$400.00	\$400.00
Petty Cash	\$150.00	\$150.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$900.00	\$250.00
Financial Secret Expen	\$100.00	\$100.00
Advertising Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00
Church Pro Expen	\$360.00	\$360.00
Group Total	\$2960.00	\$2160.00
Internet/Website		
Internet&Phone	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
Website	\$180.00	\$180.00
Group Total	\$1680.00	\$1680.00
Nurture&Evangelism		
Meals Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00
Concerts	\$600.00	\$600.00
Funeral Dinners	\$150.00	\$150.00
Ministry Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00
Group Total	\$1450.00	\$1450.00
Salaries		
Secretary Salary	\$13,680.00	\$13,680.00
Janitor's Salary	8320.00	8320.00
Organist	\$5000.00	\$4000.00
Supply Minister	\$300.00	\$300.00
Financial Secretary	\$686.00	\$686.00
Payroll Tax expenses	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
Group Total	\$29,986.00	\$28,986.00

	2026	2027
Pastoral Compensation		
Salary	\$9733.00	\$9733.00
Utility Allowance	\$5200.00	\$5200.00
Pension Fund	\$2212.00	\$2212.00
Car Allowance	\$1000.00	\$1,000.00
Personal Books	\$300.00	\$300.00
Group Total	\$18,445.00	\$18,445.00
Church Expenses		
Workers Comp	\$370.00	\$370.00
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$500.00	\$500.00
Property Taxes	\$1900.00	\$2000.00
Group Total	\$2770.00	\$2870.00
Church/Annex Utilities		
Gas	\$4,006.00	\$5100.00
Sewer	\$640.00	\$640.00
Electric	\$4220.00	\$7600.00
Water	\$1254.00	\$1,000.00
Group Total	\$10,120.00	\$14,340.00
Worship Expenses		
Worship Supply	\$100.00	\$200.00
Communion Expenses	\$150.00	\$150.00
Copyright Licenses	\$450.00	\$450.00
Technology Expense	\$1400.00	\$1400.00
Group Total	\$2100.00	\$2200.00
Church Cleaning		
Church Cleaning Supplies	\$1000.00	\$1,000
Group Total	\$1000.00	\$1,000
Total Budget	\$70,511.00	\$73,131.00