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**ARC LINK
 NEWSLETTER
 OCTOBER 2021**



Let your light shine so
 people everywhere may
 see your good actions
 and praise God in
 heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16

ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE

Senior Pastor: Rev. Deb Kociban

Lay Minister: Terri Wells



First United Methodist Church-301 N Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA 16201 724-548-4312

Worship 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM

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Ford Memorial United Methodist Church-1024 Fourth Ave, Ford City PA 16226 724-763-1540

Worship 11:00 AM **Email: fordmemc@comcast.net**

Manorville United Methodist Church-P.O. Box 174, 800 Water Street, Manorville PA 16238

Worship 9:45 AM

Email: mumc@windstream.net 724-763-1254

Union Avenue United Methodist Church-421 Union Ave, Kittanning PA 16201

724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

SUNDAY, October 17, 2021. Thank you



Your new life, which is your real life...is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Colossians 3:3–4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My best friend and I had been stressing for weeks now. We were determined to go trick or treating together and we wanted to have a wonderful costume. We thought about each of us wearing costumes that complemented one another, say like, the Scarecrow and Dorothy. Or maybe we should share a costume, but who wants to be the wrong end of a horse? Adding to the difficulty was the fact that we had no money. Whatever costume we decided on was going to be made by us. It was a dilemma for a couple of 5th graders.

Paul's letter to the church in Colossae was written to address some false teaching that had become popular. His intent was to set the congregation straight on the sufficiency of Christ for their lives and to remind them that their lives were now hidden with Christ.

As believers, we know that we have new life in Christ Jesus. Paul declares that our new life, our real life, is with Christ. Christ is with us while we are on earth, yet we are also seated with him in heaven. Because of this we get a glimpse of heaven's delights and wonders now. Best of all, when Christ returns, we will become our real selves for eternity.

In the end, my friend and I threw a sheet over us and went trick or treating as a two-headed ghost. Not very creative, to say the least. We didn't fool anyone. Everyone knew who we were, but at least our bags were full of candy.

Even as a child, I never understood the fascination with putting on costumes for Halloween, or any other occasion. I suppose I simply wanted to be myself and not pretend to be something, or someone, I wasn't. For that reason, I can't wait for my real life to be revealed at the coming of Jesus. That is the life I desire more than anything else. It will be amazing to no longer have to hide behind these earthly costumes we currently wear. We will be who we truly are. We will be the children of God, fully revealed, at last!

Blessings, Pastor Deb



Happy Fall, Sisters and Brothers,
I recently picked one of my favorite songs to sing with the congregations in church. I am sure you all know the song, "Lord of the Dance". As fall approaches, it is my most favorite time of the year. Not only because it is hunting season, but because, as you look out over the beauty of the fall leaves as they turn to such amazing colors, how could anyone not see the power of God? The song, "Lord of the Dance", is a quick rendition of Christ's life. The song reminds us that God made the earth, sent his son Jesus Christ to give us life, and that through him we have the gift of eternal life to dance. Christians do not have to be somber, matter of fact we should be joyous, we should be celebrating every breath and every day that we have more time on earth to share Christ's Compassions. As the leaves dance in the wind in their brightly colored fall attire, take a moment and dance for life, dance in celebration that we have Jesus Christ as our savior. "Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he."

Terri Wells



OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

October 3, 2021, All Charge Picnic
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26,
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021,
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Job 23:1-9; 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15,
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31



October 17, 2021,
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Job 38:1-7, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c,
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8,
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146,
Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

There will be chicken, hot dogs w/ kraut and hamburgers and condiments. We will also supply the paper products, plastic ware, drinks-water, coffee, capri suns and creamer. Please bring a side dish or dessert. There is a pond-if you wish to fish bring fishing supplies and enjoy some fishing.



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING



Chris Kindle of the Conference Discipleship and Spiritual Formation office will be offering this training for the entire Indiana district. It is a necessary training for all who are currently working with children, those who anticipate volunteering in the future and those in leadership positions in the church. The training will be held on **October 30, 2021** at 10 AM at the Covenant Center. It is approximately a 2 hour training session. If you plan on attending, please call the office at First (724-548-4312) so that we will have an approximate number of those attending.



CLERGY APPRECIATION 2021

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and the Staff Parish Committee asks that you show your love and appreciation to both Pastor Deb and our Lay Minister, Terri Wells.

The Allegheny River Charge churches are indeed blessed by the presence of both of our leaders. Pastor Deb and Terri are working tirelessly during these unsettling times, finding new ways to care for us and finding ways to assure that the Word of God continues to be shared.

Please set aside some time, especially this month, to express your gratitude and love to each of our spiritual leaders. Perhaps you can send a personal note or better yet, express your thanks in person and as always, we ask that you remember each in your daily prayers.

Be sure to let Pastor Deb and Terri know that you appreciate their never-ending labor in the name of God.

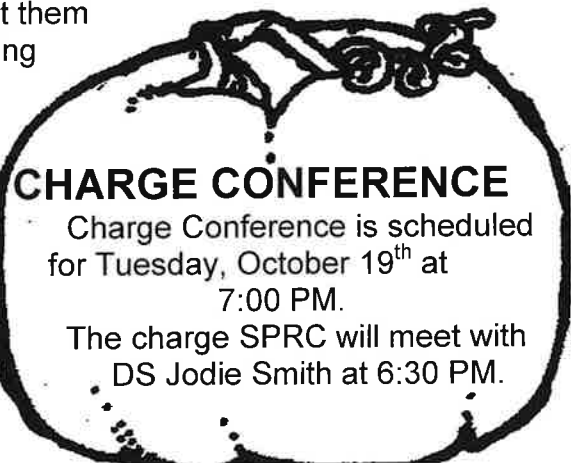
“How can we thank God enough for YOU in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of YOU?” (1 Thessalonians 3:9)

OUR CHURCH COOKBOOK



CHARGE COOKBOOKS ARE STILL FOR SALE!!!!!!!

And Christmas is coming! It has 300 delicious recipes for you to try out on your family when everybody gets together for the holidays. Any donation will be accepted—we were selling them for \$9.00 each (which is a BARGAIN once you see all the stupendous recipes inside!). See Donna Shaffer at Union Avenue, Luella Bennett at Manorville, and Beulah (Boots) Mitchell at Ford Memorial to get yours today! Make your checks payable to “ARC” or cash is good, too! We’d like to get them all sold and feel an accomplishment of linking all our churches together in this project.



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM.

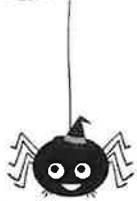
The charge SPRC will meet with DS Jodie Smith at 6:30 PM.



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MANDATORY VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

So that we will be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy, all volunteers of First need to update their Act 33 and Act 34 clearances. Leadership in the church is highly encouraged to obtain their clearances as well since they hold perceived positions of authority for our children. Update clearances need to be on file in the church office by October 30, 2021. There are direct links to the clearance applications on the conference website www.wpaumc.org (Resources-Safe Sanctuaries-Direct Links.) If you need assistance in obtaining the clearances, please call the church office so that Audrey may assist you. (forms are in the office for volunteers who want to mail in your clearances.)



FUMC RALLY DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

We will celebrate the start of Sunday School with a rally day breakfast.

Please come at 9:00 AM to the Covenant Center for a start to your day and the start of Sunday School.

RALLY DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 10th

9:30 AM in Covenant Center

We will supply breakfast casseroles and are looking for donations of white & chocolate milk, orange & apple juice, muffins and donuts.

See you there!

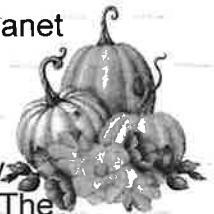


MISSIONS FOCUS FOR OCTOBER

Our church family will show our care & love as we contribute in two ways:

- 1] we will continue to financially give to UMCOR, specifying our monies go directly to help the flooding in our country. Remember: every cent given to UMCOR, goes directly to the need (not salaries, office equipment, etc..)
- 2] we will give canned and packaged foods for families at Thanksgiving thru our local Food Bank. You may start bringing your items in early October thru Sunday, November 14th. suggestions: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, canned fruits, canned pie fillings, tuna, peanut butter, pie crust packages (not frozen).

Missions Team, Meaghan & Janet



OCTOBER SIFT LUNCHEON

Our October SIFT luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 21st at 12:00 Noon in the Covenant Center. The menu is Beef Vegetable Soup, Bread, Carrot and Celery Sticks, Gingerbread with Cool Whip.

The Program will be "The Accordion Man" by Dave Palezney. Reservations are due by Monday, October 18th at 724-548-4312 or email to firstchurchkittanning@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATE:
Bowling Night:
November 13
@ Kings Lanes



RISE AGAINST HUNGER update & thanks!

The September 11, Rise Against Hunger's 8th packaging event was quite successful! Our church, along with 3 other churches, joined our financial gifts totaling \$6,255.00 which provided us to package 18,576 meals. We had approximately 57 volunteers. **Awesome!**

First UMC's volunteers were: Brenda, Carlee & Chelsea Beers, Lu Bennett (contributed case of bottled water), Bonnie Bowser, Kathy Coleman, Vicki Fotheringham, Joe & Sarah Heckert, Brad, Jenny & Mert Hellein, Janet McKelvey (contributed 2 dozen cookies), Maddie & Merissa Smith, Jim Ternent and Kim Yankasky. **Great team work.**

To date our group has raised \$62,793.98 and packaged 207,728 meals. **Blessings!!**

2022 VBS ALUMINUM CANS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We continue our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity

Cans Received August 15th-September 15th—6,909

Total cans received through September 15th—13,912

Thanks to ARC Manor for 118 cans and thanks to somebody for 7 bags, 1989 cans.

Many thanks to everyone who is saving aluminum cans and bringing them to the

church-at the ramp at the back of the church. If you haven't been saving aluminum

cans, please start-soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food-Aluminum only-not "TIN CANS",

food, soup, etc.

Call the church office 724-548-4312 or me 724-548-7124 or

724-859-0819 if you need a can pick-up. Thank you, The Can Man, Jim Ternent



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family at First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for gifting three Jesus Wells for villages in India!

Every day hundreds will enjoy the good, clean water from these wells. It's amazing to think about the lives transformed by these Jesus Wells for now and for eternity!

Thank you church family and VBS children! We are so appreciative for your heart for the people of S. Asia.

In Jesus, Cindy Brewer GFA

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls and cards. Rich is improving from his sinus surgery now. I know your support made the difference while we waited on God. God Bless,

Rich & Kathy Riffer

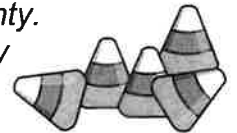
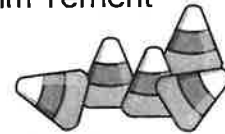
Dear members of First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Armstrong Habitat for Humanity I want to thank you for your continued support of Armstrong Habitat for Humanity. Your generous donation of \$925 is greatly appreciated and important to our success in providing decent and affordable housing in Armstrong County.

Michael McElhaney



God answers knee mail. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please call the office 724-548-4312 or Sarah Heckert 724-543-1083.





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- 16 Ryan & Crystal Zier-11 years
- 24 Matthew & Jolena VanMeter-7 years
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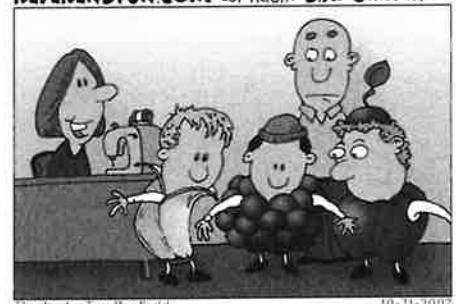
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- 3 ARC Picnic
- 10 Mike & Luella
- 17 JB & Jack
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WELL HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT MAKING FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT COSTUMES

MUSIC & REMINISCE

Join us at **2:00 PM** for our casual service on **Saturday, October 23rd**. So far, Pat Cleary, Sara Wrona and Brenda Sommerville-Schall have RSVP'd to return and share their remembrances of their lives here at Manorville UMC. Bruce Shaffer and Michael Coats will join us with their music ministries. Nancy Busch will lead us in hymn singing on the organ.

Anticipation is rising! It will be so great to share time with our beloved former ministers. We are hoping some more pastors will let us know they are coming but plans are going forward. We're planning on having a GOOD time in celebrating the life of our church along the Allegheny River for these 130 years. Everyone is invited to join us!!

Refreshments will be available following the service. Pictures of our history will be posted for viewing downstairs during the fellowship time. Nancy Gaul has been pouring thru all our history picture albums to choose the "perfect" ones for your reminiscing.

MANORVILLE CHURCH HISTORY BOOK

The Manorville Church History Book is progressing nicely. There is only one problem-I keep getting lost in reading about all the many activities our church has supported over the years. The booklets will be available for sale for \$5 on a first come basis since it will be a limited quantity at the October 23rd and November 7th celebrations. Luella





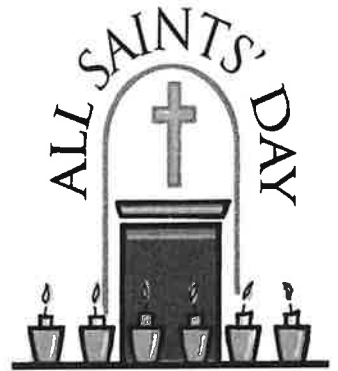
STUFFED CABBAGE FUND RAISER

The busy hands of five women made 129 cabbage rolls one Wednesday morning for 64 dinners "plus one". Under the tutelage of Judie's cousin, Lynda, (the expert who has made them for years for family and friends). They were frozen until time to put in roasters and cook. Put in the roasters at 8AM on Saturday, Sept. 18th., Judie made the extreme sacrifice of getting out of bed early enough to get the job done! (THANK YOU, Judie) Oh, the smells! We just couldn't wait for them to be "done to taste" and we were not disappointed.

A big thank you to our wrappers - Lynda, Judie, Lynn, Luella, and Terri. Thanks go, also, to our helpers the day of the take-out dinner-Nancy Busch & Nancy Gaul for supplying the cupcakes and then staying to work the dinner, JB and Angie Boarts, and Luella. And, most especially, to Judie and cousin, Lynda, who without their assistance, this would not have been possible.

ALL SAINT'S DAY

On Sunday, November 7th, 2021, we will celebrate All Saints' Day at Manorville. Traditionally a time of remembering those who have "gone to their reward in heaven", we're planning something special this year. Clear glass tree balls with a white feather and "snow" inside will be available in memory of your loved ones with a poem with their name attached to the outside. This is an appropriate time to recognize those who worked so hard to build our church- both the bricks and wood and the spiritual ministry we continue to share. They will be hung on a white tree with clear lights so everyone can enjoy them.



To order, fill out the form below and give it with your donation to Luella. Deadline to order your glass globes is Sunday, October 31st.

There will be an insert in your bulletin on Sunday November 7th, listing those who wished to remember their loved ones. After the service, you are encouraged to take your glass balls home with you.

All proceeds will go to support the Ruth M. Smith Home in Sheffield, PA.

Name (s) _____

I/We wish to order (quantity _____ clear glass tree balls at \$3.00 each in memory of: (one ball-one name)

The sanctuary always looks SO beautiful with all our testimonials to our loved ones. Let's all work together and light up the sanctuary with Gods love.

And, of course, we will hang our All Saints' banner with names of our loves ones written on it.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Bishop Cynthia More Koi-Koi will be with us on **November 7th at our 9:45 AM** service to share God's Word with us. Our All Saints' service is where we will honor our loved ones who have passed on to a greater glory. **ALL PEOPLE FROM THE CHARGE** are invited to join us. Reservations are being accepted for seating. Call the church office at 724.763.1254 and leave your name and requested number of attending and a phone number. Reservations are also required for the luncheon at noon as our space is limited. Catering is by Garda's with their delicious chicken romano & ham plus all the trimmings. Bakers from our church are supplying cookies for dessert.

This is a moment never to be repeated in our history-130 years of continued ministry in Manorville. God has been with us and has never failed us even in our darkest moments. Former members, especially, are invited to join us in our celebrations. **GOD IS GOOD!!**

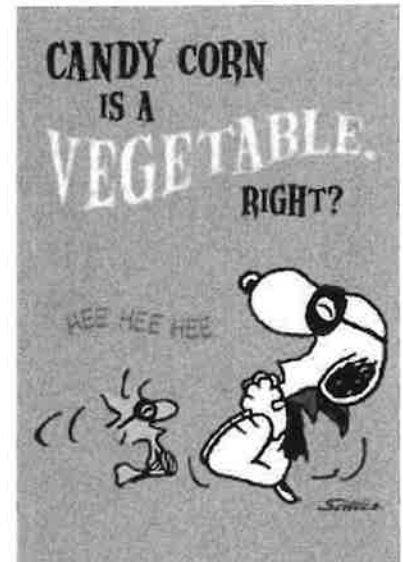
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

The September 13, 2021 meeting of the UAUMW was held at the Kittanning Cottage Community Room with 11 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of "The Purpose of the UMW", led by President Karen Wolfe. The hostess was Donna Titus, Devotions by Lynn Sibley, Minute Missions by Sandy McKee, and Prayer Calendar by Karen Wolfe. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

We received the Diamond Organization award, a five star unit certificate, and a certificate for the reading program. Lynn Sibley and Sandy McKee delivered the items and monetary donations we received for The Ruth M. Smith center after the center flooded.

We received Thank You notes from:

Ruth M. Smith Center for an additional donation of \$200.00.

Red Bird Mission for a donation of \$100.00.

The Progressive Workshop for a donation of \$100.00 during the Day of Giving Campaign

Community Action Agency's PHARE program for a donation of \$100.00

Eastbrook Mission for hygiene kits

Ramps of Hope for a donation of \$250.00.

Missions to think about for our next meeting:

Gideon Bible

Henderson House

Salvation Army, to help provide food and housing assistance in Kittanning for our citizens in need.

Community Action Agency food bank

World Gospel Mission for support of missionaries

Heifer International

Officer Election for 2022:

President: Karen Wolfe

Vice President: Donna Shaffer

Secretary: Ellen Nelson

Treasurer: Peggy Say

A motion was made to pay the remainder of our pledge to the district and the motion passed. We will send cards @ \$5 each to a missionary for their birthday and also a thinking of you card to a missionary. Motions were made and passed to purchase a UMW service pin and a subscription to the "Response" Magazine. Also to support the Community Action Agency for the Turkey Day Fund and to support a family for Christmas.

A motion was made and passed to get hoagie coupons as a fund raiser. Remember how you loved Miller's Hoagies as a little kid or a big kid? Think about what you want to do for our Christmas Dinner. We will decide at our next meeting.

The meeting was closed with Pastor Deb leading us in prayer for Paul and Donna Titus.

Please everyone keep them in your prayers.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson



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- 20 Dave Wolfe
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- 30 Peggy Say



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- 10 Bill & Carolyn Ingram

