FOOD BANK REQUESTS – December Christmas meal

ham or ham steaks — green beans (can)
bag of fresh potatoes (or canned potatoes/yams)
butter (1 lb. box) — pineapple slices/rings (20 oz. can)
yellow or white cake mix (box)
container of cake icing — cake sprinkles (red/green)

MISSIONS OUR CONGREGATION SUPPORTS

Scott & Sally Glover — Tamshiyacu, Peru Church

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Dave Garver	Tyler Hargraves	Troy Miller
Curtis (CJ) Johnson	Chad Ankney	Joey Hamilton
Steven Hoffman	Sean Lefever	Orryn J. Smyth
David Barrett	Glen Barrett	

PRAYERS

Terry Billings – health concerns- Scout Troop
Mindy Boyd – one of our missionaries dealing with cancer
Colton Boyd – great nephew of Elaine Ressel-health concerns
Mary Brondyke – health concerns
Eleanor Caskey - health concerns
Jeff Evans – health concerns — Linda Farmer & family
Jerry Garver- health concerns — Carol Girvin – health concerns
Doris Fite – health concerns — Barry Girvin – health concerns
John Girvin-recuperating from surgery
Robin Hammond – health concerns — Kathy Harvey-health concerns
Erin Cox-Holmes' husband Kent – health concerns
Dick Keene – health concerns — Chad Ressel- health concerns
Brenda Roark – health concerns — Virgil Roark-recuperating from surgery
Kandi Sharp-Scout leader-health concerns
Sue Ressel-health concerns — Wade Sheaffer –health concerns
Erik & Ethel Walden – health concerns
Aaron Williams-health concerns

SYMPATHY

Williams Family with the passing of Ronald "Sonny"

YOUTH MINISTRY Leaders

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MIDDLE OCTORARA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

OUR MISSION

To provide a place of fellowship where a community of believers come together to be spiritually renewed and enabled to effectively witness for Christ through service to others.

Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You may follow along with the paper bulletin or the PowerPoint.

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ROMEO Club Quarryville Family Restaurant **Wednesday morning @ 9:00a.m.** "RELATIVELY Old Men Eating Out." **This is not just for Middle Octorara members, please invite others in our community!**

Prayer time – Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

"Forged in Fire" men's group meets **Friday nights at 6:30 p.m.** at the church. Dale Phillips is leading the group and he invites men to come and be together and support each other. He will have a cookout during the warmer months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR November 22, 2026

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN BY Dan Henry in memory of my loving parents, Roy & Betty Henry.

Session has designated **today** to be ***EXTEND A BLESSING SUNDAY***. At the morning worship service every person will have the opportunity, if they choose, to receive one envelope with $10.00 in it from Deb. You are then asked to give that $10.00 (adding to it if you feel so led) to a needy person or a worthy charity of your choice. Then we ask that you inform the church secretary as to how the money was used. This will be printed anonymously in the January newsletter. The deadline to disperse your money and inform her will be December 13th.

Union Church will be hosting a **hymn sing tonight** 4-6 p.m. and we are welcome to join them.

We have 12 spots reserved at the **Operation Christmas Child** Processing Center in Baltimore on December 7th. Anyone interested in going contact Dan Henry.

Congregation Meeting - Our Fall Congregation meeting will be held **Sunday November 29th** immediately following the worship service. We will present the 2027 budget and elect new officers.

We will celebrate **Communion** on **Sunday November 29th** during our morning worship service. This is the start of Advent.

Sue Herr is asking for volunteers to decorate a **sanctuary window for Christmas**. We are planning on putting these up between 11/30 and 12/05 so they are ready for Sunday 12/06/26.
Just let her know by 11/22/26 and she will assign a window for you to decorate.

ADVENT SERVICE – Sunday, December 6th 3:00 p.m. The program will feature Rhys Weibel on bagpipes and Donald and Becki Henderson from Harrisburg Bible Chapel, who will sing and lead the congregation in singing Scottish/Gaelic Christmas carols. Local talent will include a organ and piano duet by Boni Henry and Shirley Girvin, a piano and trumpet set by Nic Mohler, and a solo by John Girvin.
The event will close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne accompanied by Shirley Girvin on the accordion. Refreshments will be served in the social hall following the service.

The **Schoolroom Museum** will be open again in January.
If you wish to do research at another time - call Barry at 717-471-8668.

The **Minutes for History** done this year are available on the stand in the hallway outside the library.

Please enjoy all the **historical information** that is in the trophy case in the library. However, we ask that you do not take items out of the church without asking Barry Girvin's permission.



Sun, Nov. 22: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mon, Nov. 23: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

If you would like to donate money for the suggested **$10.00 shipping,** give your donations to Deb. If donating by check make it payable to MOPC and mark OCC on the memo line. (Please do not include this with your other offerings).

Poinsettias orders are due today. Please fill out a form on the table in the vestibule and along with payment return to the church secretary. Checks should be payable to Middle Octorara Church (flowers and donations can be on the same check).

Here's a great idea for those who are considering **year-end giving** to a charity. It's a WIN-WIN situation...a win for the taxpayer and a win for the charity.

If you are over 70 ½ and you have funds invested in an IRA, you can donate any amount to any charity. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The amount you donate will be subtracted directly from your taxable income on lines 4a and 4c of the 1040 Form.

And the amount you donate will be very much appreciated by the charity.

**Note: The funds must go directly from the IRA to the charity. If the money is sent to your bank account first, it will not qualify. So, you would contact your investment advisor to give them this directive with the name, etc of the charity. Then, you should receive acknowledgment of the receipt of the donation from the charity. This info will be needed to show your tax preparer.

When you reach the age of 73 ½ you will need to take Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA's. The RMD 's are taxable income. Making QCD's with the RMD money is a good way to lower the taxable income.

This is a great opportunity which the IRS has made available for a few years now. Please contact your accountant if you want more information.

I will print out this information and have it available at the church. You may wish to give to MO in this way. Boni Henry