

FOOD BANK REQUESTS – November

pudding cups	fruit cups	applesauce cups
juice boxes	mayonnaise	canned chili
granola bars	baby wipes	

Christmas Meal List:

ham or ham steaks	turkey gravy	green beans (can)
bag of fresh potatoes	butter or margarine	
pineapple (can)	graham cracker crust or box of graham crackers	
box of chocolate pudding	whipped cream (8 oz tub)	

MISSIONS OUR CONGREGATION SUPPORTS

Scott & Sally Glover Tamshiyacu, Peru Church

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

John Diller	Dave Garver	Tyler Hargraves
Curtis (CJ) Johnson	Chad Ankney	Joey Hamilton
Steven Hoffman	Sean Lefever	Orryn J. Smyth

PRAYERS

Cory Barrett – recuperating from surgery
Colton Boyd – great nephew of Elaine Ressel-health concerns
Kay Bueche – health concerns
Jeff Evans – recent liver transplant surgery
Jerry Garver – recuperating from heart attack
Carol Girvin- large variety of health concerns
Robin Hammond – health concerns
Dan Keene – health concerns
Linda Kushlan – health concerns
Jodi LeFevre-health concerns
Polly McCullough – health concerns
Sue McVey – health concerns
Shyanne Moore – health concerns
Faye Reinhart – health concerns
Wade Sheaffer –health and life concerns
Claire Marie Troop-health concerns
Erick & Ethel Walden – health concerns
Aaron Williams – upcoming spinal surgery
Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson-health concerns
Curt “Hen” Woerth – recent heart surgery

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!**

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN BY Valeria Keene in memory of Loved Ones.

Children’s church is also held during the morning worship service. Invite/bring grandchildren, neighbors, family all children to come to learn about Jesus in fun and creative ways.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Welcome back to Richard & Mary Brondyke who will lead us in worship this morning.

MOPW will meet immediately following the Worship Service.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday November 14 at 7 PM.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Pastor John will be on vacation November 19 through 24 and December 25 through 31. November 19 Ray Marvin will be our speaker and December 31 will be Rev. Charlie Gross.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY We are offering a Women's Bible Study here at church on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13, starting at 9:30AM. We will be using a book called "Love Like Jesus". Any questions, please see Brenda.

November 26 - We will celebrate the beginning of Advent season with Communion during the morning worship service.

Congregation Meeting. The annual Fall congregation meeting will be held on Sunday November 26th immediately following the worship service. The agenda items will be:

- *The election of 2024-2026 church officers
- * Approval of the church operating budget for 2024
- * Approval of the Benevolence/Mission budget for 2024

Sunday December 10 at 2 pm we will go Christmas caroling to homebound folks. Invite your friends and family. The more, the merrier!! When we return to church there will be delicious refreshments for all.

Solanco Toy Drive

There is an opportunity to make Christmas more joyful for students in the Solanco area.

1. Take a tag off the giving tree in the Welcome Center and purchase a gift certificate from Walmart or Target. Return the gift certificate to the marked container by the giving tree.
2. Purchase a gift for a child from birth to 18 years old and place the gift under the tree in the front of the sanctuary.

The deadline to return the gift certificates and the gifts is Sunday November 26.

The gifts will be delivered to the new home of Joyfully Made Fellowship so they can be distributed on December 9 and 11. Do not wrap the gift certificates or the gifts.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus and bless students who otherwise may not get a single Christmas gift

PRAYER TIME

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

All are invited to join in prayer every Wednesday at 4 PM. We will meet in the Welcome Center and pray for our world, our nation and our community. If you would like prayer for any particular concern please place your request in the box which can be found in the Welcome Center. We know that God hears our prayers and will answer according to his great Wisdom.

Session has designated Sunday, November 19th to be **EXTEND A BLESSING SUNDAY**. At the morning worship service every person will have the opportunity, if they so choose, to receive one envelope with \$10.00 in it. 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 17th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have 8 spots reserved at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Baltimore on December 4th. Anyone interested in going see Dan Henry.

Once again our church is a collection center. Would you have some time to help with the shoeboxes filled with gifts to help spread the love of Jesus all over the world? If so, please sign up to help on the sheet posted in the vestibule. Collection times are listed below:

Mon. Nov. 13, Thurs. Nov. 16, Mon. Nov. 20: **8 – 10 a.m.**

Tues, Nov. 14, Wed. Nov. 15, Fri. Nov. 17: **3 – 6 p.m.**

Sat. Nov. 18: **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Sun. Nov. 19: **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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)

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The deadline is Sunday, November 26th so the booklet is ready for the first Sunday in Advent, December 3rd.

SEWING



We are now donating our lap blankets and other projects to Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health and Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Center. Please pick up a flyer on what they want and measurements etc. Copies are on the table in the vestibule.



Poinsettias December is only a few weeks away! In lieu of altar flowers we will decorate our church sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season and/or you may give donations to a local needy charity. Color choices are red, white and marble and are \$8.50 each. Please fill out a form on the table in the vestibule and return to the church secretary by November 19th. We will be purchasing them from Long Lane Greenhouse, 1931 Mine Road. **Checks should be payable to Middle Octorara Church (flowers and donations can be on the same check)** and returned to Deb Hoover by **November 19th**.

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