



Worship Times

10:15 am

FaithWorks

9 am



Invite a  
friend  
to  
church!



# St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of Sassamansville

November 2019

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## The Epistle



### Feeding the Community

The Scouts will be collecting non-perishable items for their annual Scout Food Drive on Saturday, November 16. Please leave items on your porch if they left a bag for you to do so, or bring items in to church on Sunday, November 17 as we celebrate Scout Sunday!



All submissions to be included in the JOINT  
**December / January** issue  
of The Epistle are due by  
**Wednesday  
November 20**

Please email things to  
Andrea at [office@  
stpaulssassamansville.com](mailto:office@stpaulssassamansville.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 2 (Saturday)**  
**8:00 am Cookie Baking**  
**Miller / Keystone Blood Drive**

**November 16 (Saturday)**  
**Scout Food Drive**

**November 3**  
**All Saints Sunday**

**November 17 (Sunday)**  
**Scout Sunday**

**November 5 (Tuesday)**  
**Election Day**

**November 27 (Wed.)**  
**Community Thanksgiving**  
**Eve Service at 7 pm here!**

**November 7 (Thursday)**  
**8:00 am Soup Making**

**November 8 (Friday)**  
**8:00 am Making Apple**  
**Dumplings**

**November 9 (Saturday)**  
**Fall Bazaar 8 am - 1 pm**



## Note from Pastor Matt

Giving thanks is at the heart of faith. Thanksgiving is what God seeks from us. When we gather to worship God, we offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, so thanksgiving is at the heart of worship. When we give thanks, we turn our attention away from ourselves and toward the one who has given to us. It is easy to get caught up in thinking about all the things we lack, but to cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving fights against this all too human tendency. When we reflect on all the ways we are thankful in our life it helps us to see all of life with a healthier perspective.

To cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving takes time. It is not something we can decide to do and then achieve instantly. It is like a diet or exercise program. Things do not change after a day or two, but consistency over time brings results. Like anything worthwhile in life, it is about “showing up” day in and day out. When we practice thanksgiving, life begins to look differently. We see our blessings and our setbacks with new eyes.

So how can we cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving? We practice. Practice with prayer. It is easy to be focused on the things that are not going well when we pray. Of course, we need to pray about these things, the sickness, the stress, and the struggles of life, but we also need to take time to thank God for the blessings and joys of life. Individual prayer is essential and so is corporate prayer. Each week when we gather for worship, we collectively offer God our thanks and praise. It is important to spend time around other thankful people and join with them in offering thanks. Just like if you were trying to eat a healthy diet it would be more difficult if those around you ate nothing but junk food, so too if you are cultivating an attitude of thanksgiving but surrounded by those who are constantly focused on the negative and ungrateful it is more difficult to practice thanksgiving. Another way to practice thanksgiving is to serve others. By taking the time and effort to do something for another you give them an opportunity to be thankful, and you share the blessings that you have first received. Again, this helps us to focus on what we have over what we lack and changes our outlook on life.



A great place to practice thanksgiving is within your community of faith. For most of you reading this that would be St. Paul's. Here we practice prayer. At FaithWorks each week we take time to share our “highs and lows” for the week. Then we pray for one another, we give thanks for the blessings of the week and we ask God's help for the struggles of the week. In worship, we offer our thanks and praise each week. We have opportunities for service to others throughout the year. We have a community of thankful people around us to help us as we cultivate thanksgiving. Most of all we have the power of God given to us. If we ask God to give us a spirit of thanksgiving, then God will grant it to us.

Finally, we are blessed to be the host of this year's community thanksgiving service. People from congregations throughout the Bally area will come to St. Paul's to offer their thanks and praise to God. It is a great opportunity for us to be reminded of all that we are thankful for and to be surrounded by those who also practice an attitude of thanksgiving. The service will be Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. After the service we will host refreshments in the fellowship hall. Please join us and take advantage of this opportunity to give thanks to God!

Remember in your prayers:

Our Church members, family and friends.....

Linda Miller	Arlene Hess	Esther Renninger
Cleora Shellaway	Helen Johnson	Marie Stauffer
Mary Ann Levan	Gloria Stricker	John and Miki Mroz
Lillian Sweinhart	Jana LePage	Kathy Hoffman
Marion Eshbach	Fay Trayler	Dennis Stricker
Chuck Yerger	Arthur Yerger	Walter Dittman
Shirley Heydt	Gerald Higham	Linda Soles
Chad Hunsberger	Ruthy Heydt	Scott Levengood
Edie Christensen	Marlene Duchak	



The young men and women serving in our armed forces....

Noah Ziegler, Peter Duchak, Matthew McHugh, Eric Littlefield

For the families and friends who mourn the loss of their loved ones.....

Joseph Karl Renninger, Virginia Hoffman, Betty Gilbert, Arthur Smith Jr., Frank Fulmer, Dale Schrump, Emma Heydt, Karen Moser, Charlotte Bletz, Dennis Cleaver, Mark Mutter, Joy Strunk, Pamela Snyder and her children Preston and Evelyn, Debbie Gaugler Spencer, Richard McKinney, Mary Moyer

*Keep this paper with your devotional items to reference daily.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Bulletins</b>
Monies MUST be attached to form to have that date sponsored or paid online through tithe.ly <b>Forms on bulletin board in narthex.</b>	\$25 for one vase \$50 for two vases \$7 delivery charge	\$12 per week
November	ALL OPEN	OPEN—10, 17, 24
December	ALL OPEN	ALL OPEN (except Christmas Eve)
January	ALL OPEN	ALL OPEN

### **Birthdays in November**

3-Geoff Littlefield  
7-Roxanne Engle, James Hoffman Jr.  
8-Peggy Matz  
9-Arlene Hess  
21-Dawn Hydock  
22-Kim Heydt, Kristi Heydt, Lili Sanderlin  
23-Robert Kershaw  
24-Bryan Ibach  
27-Shirley Beattie, Marilyn McLaughlin  
28-MacKenzie O'Connor  
30-James Levengood

### **Anniversaries in November**

6-Donald and Barbara Cook  
7-Elmer and Jean Wentzel  
12-Eugene and Shirley Heydt  
16-Charles and Arlene Kulp



## Our Ministry Volunteers

	<b>November 3 10:15 am</b>	<b>November 10 10:15 am</b>	<b>November 17 10:15 am</b>	<b>November 24 10:15 am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Doris Moyer	Donna Long	Geoff Littlefield	Sue Prutzman
<b>Reader</b>	Donna Long	Allen Heydt	Doris Moyer	Susan Prutzman
<b>Ushers</b>	Donna Long Joan Davis	Leroy and Jean Roshong	Allen and Ruthy Heydt	Diane McGlinchey
<b>Counters</b>	Eugene and Shirley Heydt	Leroy and Jean Roshong	Jodie Moyer Marlene Duchak	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield
<b>Council</b>	Diane McGlinchey Geoff Littlefield	Diane McGlinchey Geoff Littlefield	Diane McGlinchey Geoff Littlefield	Diane McGlinchey Geoff Littlefield



### FaithWorks Donated Birthday Kits for Multi-service.

We donated 14 bags for children to have a birthday party with cake mix, candles, decorations, icing, and other fun party items! We might do this again in the future! Thanks to everyone who donated!



### St. Paul's Flea Market Tables



It's that time of year again!! We are looking for clean items to sell on our flea market tables for the bazaar.

Remember that saying "One person's junk is another person's treasures." So, go through your things and if you have any item(s) you would like to donate. Due to our Oktoberfest event, items can be brought in and put on the stage any time beginning until Sunday, November 3. Let's fill the stage!

### St. Paul's is hosting Community Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm



Please help us by donating a baked good that we can share with members of other churches that will be here to worship with us on that day. No donation is too small. Can't bake! A monetary donation will work as well. We would also like to fill the church so if you are around please try to stop and worship with us on this night. Please contact Donna Long or any member of the Women of the Church for further details.





Our next blood drive will be here at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 2.

Anyone wanting to donate that day, please contact Jodie Moyer.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Fall Bazaar is coming fast and The Women of the Church would like to inform you of the following dates. Remember all proceeds for this event go directly to the church. It takes a village to get this project off the ground.

Come join us and be a part of the village.



Cookie Baking - Saturday, Nov. 2 at 8:00 a.m.



Soup Making - Thursday, Nov. 7 at 8:00 a.m.



Apple Dumplings - Friday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 a.m.



Bazaar - Saturday, Nov 9 at 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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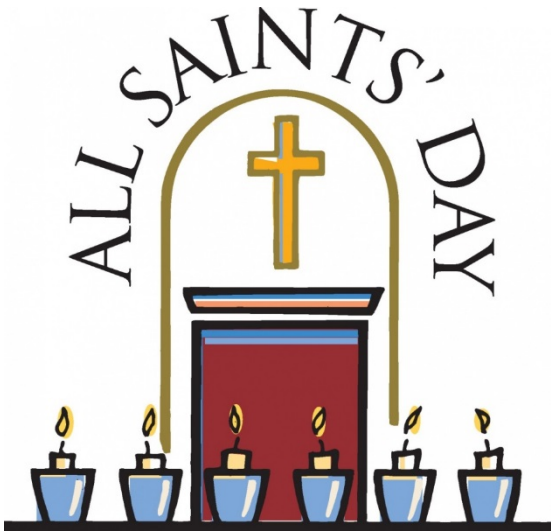
**SET YOUR CLOCK  
BACK AN HOUR BEFORE BED ON  
NOVEMBER 2.....DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS ENDS.**

#### **STAFF**

Pastor Matthew Finney  
Lili Sanderlin, Music Director  
Andrea Kershaw, Secretary  
Becky Higham, Sexton

"To know Christ and make Christ known  
Spread the Gospel by word and action."

**MISSION  
STATEMENT**



**Sunday, November 3 we will be celebrating**

**All Saints' Day**

If you have family or friends that have gone to be with our Father since the last All Saints Sunday, and you would like them remembered during the service, please give the names to either Pastor Matt or Susan Prutzman prior to the start of the service on November 3.

We will also have a prayer station in the nave of the church. Everyone is invited to light a candle and say a silent prayer for all Saints that have left us to be with our Lord and Savior. At this time you can remember all family and friends that have left us over the years. The lighting of candles at the prayer station will take place during the singing of the hymn of the day.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Be on the lookout for our Angel Tree this year. Details are still being worked out! This is always a fun project and the response is wonderful!

**Shares of Faith in memory of Debbie Gaugler-Spencer**

8 shares Dorothy and Brenda Schoenly  
5 shares Marlene Duchak  
5 shares Sheila Schneider

10 shares Jared Dolansky  
5 shares Mr. and Mrs. Brian Miller  
20 shares Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGlinchey



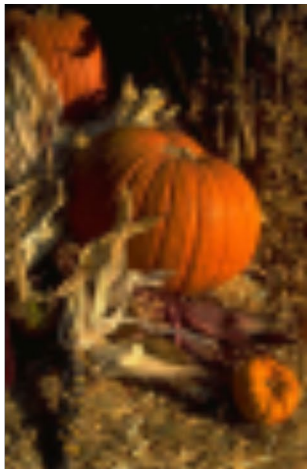
# Craft Sale & Flea Market ST. PAUL'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

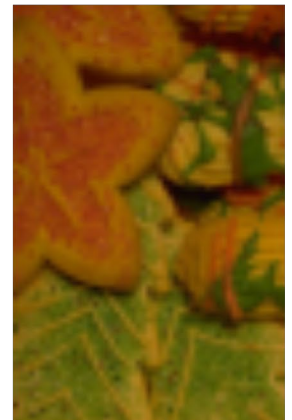
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Sassamansville PA, 19472*

NOVEMBER 9, 2019

8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.



- ★ Christmas Cookies
- ★ Apple Dumplings
- ★ Beef Vegetable Soup
- ★ Hoagies
- ★ Lunch Is Available
- ★ Crafts and More!



*Church Phone# 610-754-6024*

TO RESERVE A TABLE FOR \$10 EACH, PLEASE GO TO  
OUR WEBSITE: [stpaulssassamansville.com](http://stpaulssassamansville.com)



JOIN FALKNER SWAMP  
NURSERY SCHOOL

# Under the Sea

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY **15** | **6PM** DOORS  
NOVEMBER OPEN

MORNINGSTAR FELLOWSHIP BECHTELSVILLE

DRAWINGS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM

NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONLY PLEASE

For more information contact us at  
[FSNSLNO@gmail.com](mailto:FSNSLNO@gmail.com)

**TICKETS**  
\$25 (\$30 AFTER 11/1)  
VIP TICKETS \$35







# POINSETTIA PLANTS

Deadline is Sunday, December 8, 2019

Cost is **\$7.00 per plant** (6 inch pots with 4 -5 blooms)

Please mark how many of each plant you would like to help decorate the Chancel  
for Christmas!

\_\_\_\_\_ White Plant

Total plants \_\_\_\_\_

Wording \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Plant

Total plants \_\_\_\_\_

Wording \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Pink Plant

Total plants \_\_\_\_\_

Wording \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Pink and White Plant

Total plants \_\_\_\_\_

Wording \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Red and White Plant

Total plants \_\_\_\_\_

Wording \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00=Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Paying with Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**(Make payable to St. Paul's).**

Place this form with payment in an envelope in the offering plate or in the church  
office.



# November 2019

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2 7:00am Blood Drive 8:00am Cookie Baking
3 9:00am FaithWorks 10:15am Worship with Communion	4	5 ELECTION DAY 6:30pm Women of the Church	6	7 8:00am Soup Making 12:00pm Golden Age Holiday Dinner (Calvary UCC)	8 8:00am Make Apple Dumplings	9 8:00am Fall Bazaar
10 9:00am FaithWorks 10:15am Worship with Communion	11	12 7:30pm Worship and Music	13	14	15	16 SCOUT FOOD DRIVE
17 9:00am FaithWorks 10:15am Scout Sunday 10:15am Worship with Communion	18 6:30pm Congregation Council	19	20 9:00am NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY	21	22	23
24 9:00am FaithWorks 10:15am Worship with Communion	25	26	27 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Eve service here	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29	30

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