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A detailed still life illustration of a woven basket spilling a variety of autumnal fruits and vegetables. The basket, made of light-colored wicker, is tipped over, pouring out a bounty of harvest. Visible items include several orange pumpkins of different sizes, red and yellow apples, clusters of dark purple grapes, ears of yellow corn, and various types of squash and gourds. The produce is scattered across a dark, reflective surface, creating a rich and textured scene. The background is a soft, neutral tone, emphasizing the vibrant colors of the food.

Pastor Greg.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

OLD BUSINESS: Constitution changes have been sent to the synod for approval. Waiting to hear back from them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Worship and Music** - Waiting on organ proposal to be updated. First communion class in October.
2. **Parish Education** - Rally day service was great. Everyone loved the special music.
3. **Stewardship and Evangelism** - None
4. **Social Ministry** - Food bank was down in August from earlier months.
5. **Youth** - Making plans for National Youth Gathering for next year. Packing school kits on September 17, at St. Johns Church Berrysburg. Thanks to Lisa Perkins for purchasing the pens and her Sunday School class for putting them together into the bundles. Planning on another haunted house for trick or treat night in Gratz. Helping with Christmas House tour in December. Making plans to go snow tubing this winter.
6. **Church Property** - None
7. **Budget and Finance** - None
8. **Fellowship** - Magic show October 21, doors open at 5pm see Susan for tickets. Doing food for toy bingo on November 19th for the Gratz Borough. Christmas Tea December 3rd. Christmas House tours December 9th. Good attendance for the picnic, about fifty people were there.
9. **Mutual Ministry** - None.
10. **Nominating** - Dave Strohecker, Virginia Moore, Darlene Novinger, and Bill Reed will be coming off and need to get four (4) people to do a two (2) year term.

New Business - Need to get a new copier because ours can no longer be fixed. Discussion was held, tabled till October to see if we can find something cheaper and more information. Gratz Borough gave some church ornaments that were left from last year to the church to do with what we want. Possibly give some to shut-ins for Christmas.

The Pastor's Time - Keep Vivian Engle in your prayers. She is not allowed visitors because of getting an infection.

Open Discussion - Motion made to remove the open discussion from agenda. Motion was made by Darlene Novinger and seconded by Bill Reed. Approved.

2023 GIVING

\$92,012.49

2023 EXPENSES

\$102,962.63

Difference between YTD Giving & YTD Expenses \$ -10,950.14

{For General Operating Fund}

PRAYER LIST

Members- Cindy Wolfgang, Janet Rumfelt, Barbara Klinger, Clair Engle, Jean Hess, David Hartman, Jim Neiswender

Lehigh Valley Health Network-Burn Center- Vivian Engle

Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab. - Kenneth Mace

Polk Apartments- Helen Michael, John Kissinger, Martha Koppenhaver, *Charles Schoffstall*

Friends & Family- *Bruce Nace, Kathie Dresel, Dorothy Lettich Martin, Steve Dagen, Rahn Erdman, Marie Lahr, Christy Warfel, Jeff Latsha, Dianna Lesher, Daniel Ferster, Jim Troutman*

THE FLOWER & BULLETIN

sponsor charts are in the narthex. Please help by sponsoring flowers or bulletins. If no one sponsors them the money comes out of the general fund which is not budgeted.

HARVEST SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Harvest Sunday on October 8th. We thank God for his bountiful goodness by bringing canned goods and other items to display up front on shelves. The food items will go to the Gratz Food Bank. Thanks for your support.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday October 29th, is a time to remember and give thanks for Martin Luther. October 31st, 2023, marks the 506th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany. Because this is a Festival day, Holy Communion is being celebrated.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

October 21 – Lasagna meal at the Community Center, followed up by a magic show by the AMAZING CARSON! The doors will open at 5:00 pm, dinner to be served at 5:30 and the show starts at 7:00. Where else can you go and get a full course meal followed by entertainment for this price??? See Susan Krause for tickets.

Price: Under 4- free

4-12 \$10

12-up \$15

WE NEED SHEET CAKE DONATIONS FOR THIS EVENT. *Please let Susan know if you can contribute. Thanks – it takes many hands to make this a success.*

New Members!!!!!!

Carl and Lori Slough, Jr.
& Eileen Harner

Carl, Lori, and Eileen have been worshipping with us for some time now, and we are so pleased that they formally join our church family on August 20th. We are so glad to have them and pray God's Blessing on them. It's very heartwarming to see our congregation growing.



SERVING IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

OCTOBER 1, 2023

**18TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST w/
HOLY COMMUNION**

Greeter: Deb Trautman

Reader: Doris Flynn

Usher: Dave Strohecker

Glasses: Becky Hoover

Altar: Dennis Barge

OCTOBER 8, 2023

19TH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST, *Harvest Sunday/ Pastor Appreciation Day!!!!*

Greeter: Becky, Max, & Lincoln Hoover

Reader: Jean Perkins

OCTOBER 15, 2023

**20TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

Greeter: Mike Hartman

Reader: Cameron Smeltz

OCTOBER 22, 2023

21ST SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST, *Music Sunday*

Greeter: Doris Flynn

Reader: Lynn Schadle

OCTOBER 29, 2023

REFORMATION

SUNDAY w/

HOLY COMMUNION

Greeter: Matt Ferster

Reader: Sharon Erdman

Usher: Lynn Schadle

Glasses: Tracy Bixler

Altar: Doris Flynn

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY w/

HOLY COMMUNION

Greeter: John Novinger

Reader: Becky Hoover

Usher: Mike Hartman

Glasses: Susan Krause

Altar: Lynn Schadle

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

25TH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

Greeter: Leah Schade

Reader: Samantha Boyer

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

26TH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST, *Healing Service*

Greeter: Virginia Moore

Reader: Doris Flynn

NOVEMBER 22, 2023

THANKSGIVING

EVE

Greeter: Susan Krause

Reader: Mike Hartman

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY w/

HOLY COMMUNION

Greeter: Cameron Smeltz

Reader: Jenny Sracic

Usher: Matt Ferster

Glasses: Virginia Moore

Altar: Sharon Erdman

SERVING THE CHURCH

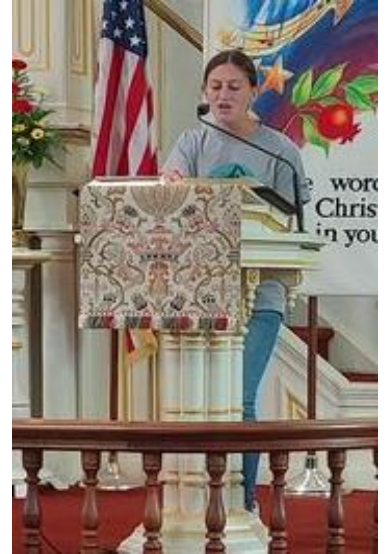
If you would like to serve as a *Greeter, Reader, Communion Assistant, (Usher, Altar, or Glass Holder)* Please let the office know and you will be added to the list, THANKS!!!

RALLY DAY

What a successful day! We held a recommitment of the Sunday School teachers we thank them for their dedication! We enjoyed music by our talented members. Kirra Roe, Andrew Romberger and Doris Flynn were extremely entertaining. Pastor Greg did a children's sermon, teaching about balancing work, fun and attending church.



pictured above are Sunday school teachers, John Novinger, Pastor Greg, Lisa Perkins, and Jean Perkins.



Aspen Keys

received a Bible as she is entering third grade this year.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1 - Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, October 8 –Harvest Sunday Worship Service 10:15 a.m. /Pastor Appreciation Day!!!

Monday, October 9 – Columbus Day

Saturday, October 14 - Food Bank Open 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, October 15 – Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Monday, October 16 – National Boss Day

Thursday, October 19 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.

Friday, October 20 - Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, October 21 - *MAGIC SHOW* doors open 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 22 – Music Sunday Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, October 29 –Reformation Sunday Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:15 am

Tuesday, October 31 – Happy Halloween / Reformation Day

*****Little Hands Nursery School Halloween Parties October 30th & 31st *****

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 1- All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5- All Saints Sunday w/Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. /Daylight Savings

Tuesday, November 7- Election Day

Saturday, November 11 - Food Bank Open 9-11 a.m. /**Happy Veterans Day**

Sunday, November 12- Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, November 16 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.

Friday, November 17 - Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, November 19- Healing Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, November 22- Thanksgiving Eve Service 7p.m.

Thursday, November 23- **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Sunday, November 26- Christ The King Sunday w /Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.

“VOICE OF SIMEON” RADIO MINISTRY SPONSORS

OCTOBER 2023

October 1 – Buffington/Reed Funeral Home

October 8 – Willing Workers

October 15 – James A. Reed Funeral Home

October 22 – Hoffman’s Hatchery

October 29 – Bellevue Bees

We want to thank our faithful sponsors in continuing to help with this important ministry of Of our church especially during these trying times. God bless you and be safe.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK

Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, and Cereal

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

The Daily Devotionals for October - December, 2023 are available in the narthex. Pick yours up or have someone get them for you.

CHURCH PICNIC

The annual church picnic was held at the Gratz Borough Park right after worship on September 10th. We had around fifty in attendance, but it was hard to count. A big thanks to the Fellowship committee for organizing this event and an even bigger thanks to Sharon and Mike Hartman for being our chef's.





Children--- *Young and those young at heart* played games with fun had by all.



Music Notes



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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1674

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts, there was Thomas Ken who has been called “England’s first hymnist.” He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamsted on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half –sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester Collage, an historic boys’ school. Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn’t come. His morning hymn had thirteen stanzas, beginning with:

*Awake, my soul, with the sun thy daily stage
of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay thy
morning sacrifice.*

His evening hymn, equally meaningful, included this verse.

*All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.*

All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has since become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

In 1680, Thomas was appointed chaplain to England’s King Charles II. It was a thankless job, as Charles kept a variety of mistresses. Once the king asked to lodge a mistress in the chaplain’s residence. Thomas rebuked him, saying, “Not for the King’s Kingdom!” Afterwards the king referred to him as “that little man who refused lodging to poor Nellie.”

During the reign of the next king, James II, Thomas, by now a bishop, was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Thomas retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.

Taken from the book “Then Sings My Soul” By Robert J. Morgan

Chefs Corner



Peanut Butter Chip Cookies

1 cup butter	2 eggs
1 cup sugar	2 cup flour
1 cup brown sugar	1 tsp. baking soda
2 cup peanut butter chips	1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350*. Cream butter, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add flour and baking soda, mixing well. stir in peanut butter chips. Drop by teaspoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350* for 10-12 minutes, until light brown. Cool slightly before removing from cookie sheet.

Beef Stew

2 lb. beef	½ lb. carrots sliced
1 lb. onion diced	1½ lbs. potatoes chunked
4 stalks celery diced	6 cups water
1 tbsp. beef base	salt & pepper to taste

Cut beef into 1-inch cubes. Season with salt and pepper. In a large casserole dish place the beef, potatoes, onion, carrots, celery, and season salt and pepper for vegetables. Dissolve beef base in the water and pour over top. Place in oven at 350* for 1½ -2 hours till meat is tender and potatoes are soft. If broth is too thin thicken slightly with corn starch and water mixture. Serve with homemade bread or your favorite biscuits or muffins.

Broccoli and Rice Casserole

1 cup minute rice	1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup boiling water	1 stick butter
1(4oz) jar Cheez Whiz	½ cup celery
1½ cups chopped broccoli	½ cup chopped onion

Bring water to a boil and add rice cover and let set. In a Dutch oven melt butter add celery and onion till soft. Add mushroom soup and Cheez Whiz and let melt. After cheese is melted add rice. Cook the broccoli and drain well. Add to rice mixture and mix well. Bake at 350* for 30 minutes.

Apple Crisp

4 cups sliced apples	½ tsp. cinnamon
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Crumbs

½ cup butter	¾ cup flour
1 cup brown sugar	

Peel and slice apples and toss with cinnamon and place in a 9x9 inch square baking dish. Mix together butter, flour, and brown sugar till it makes pea like crumbs and pour over top of apples. Bake at 350* for about 30-40 minutes or till golden brown on top and apples are soft.



Name _____ Date _____

PROTESTANT REFORMATION

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Word Bank
 ANGLICANISM
 CALVINISM
 COUNCIL OF TRENT
 EXCOMMUNICATION
 GUTENBERG BIBLE
 HENRY VIII
 INDULGENCES
 MARTIN LUTHER
 NINETYFIVE THESES
 POPE
 PREDESTINATION
 PRINTING PRESS
 PROTESTANTISM
 REFORMATION
 SCHISM
 THIRTY YEARS WAR

Use the clues and the word bank to fill in the terms. The first letter has been provided.

- R _____ -- Split in the Roman Catholic Church by various Protestant groups
 S _____ -- A split of an organization into two or more parts
 E _____ -- Act of censure, including denial of sacraments
 P _____ -- Leader of Catholic Church and head of the city-state of Rome
 M _____ -- German monk that was a key originator of the Reformation
 N _____ -- Martin Luther written criticism of Catholic Church
 P _____ -- Group of Christian faiths that split from Roman Catholic Church
 I _____ -- Buying forgiveness of sins
 G _____ -- First mass produced Bible allowing personal reading and analysis
 C _____ -- Protestant sect started by John Calvin believing in predestination
 P _____ -- Christian doctrine that all events have been willed by God
 A _____ -- English Protestantism faith
 H _____ -- King that established the Church of England
 T _____ -- Religious war (1618-48) in Central Europe
 P _____ -- invention that helped to spread Martin Luther's ideas
 C _____ -- Series of Catholic Church meetings to reform the faith