



November 2 through November 8, 2025



I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer
(Psalm 17:6).

Dear Friends in Christ,

How about this not-so-surprising factoid: The word *pray* (or a variation of it) appears 367 times in the Bible. Prayer is something all of us do, hopefully quite often. In Scripture, the number of folks who pray to God are countless. The variety of prayers offered is also numerous. Prayers are most often asking God for something, but they also arise from powerful emotions – joy, anger, frustration, fear, even vengeance!

November 9 and 16, I will talk about prayer, specifically the Lord's Prayer. We say it each week – sometimes we say it so often, it's almost *rote* (definition: mechanical or habitual repetition of something to be learned). In Matthew's gospel, Jesus instructs his Disciples on what to do *when they pray*, and he offers a text for *how to pray*.

Maybe it's time for all of us to take a closer look at Jesus' instructions for us – *when* we pray, and *how* we should pray. There are many aspects of preparation for prayer before we even get to the actual prayer itself! And as usual when Jesus gives us advice, there is a lot more to the words of the prayer itself!

In preparation for this Sunday, take a few minutes and read Matthew 6:5-13. Instead of reading silently, try what is called *Lectio Divina* (divine reading), reading each word aloud and slowly. Focus on each word and let the various meanings sink in. after reading it through once, read it aloud again, perhaps two or three times. Let the Word of God come alive!

Please join us this Sunday (and next!) for some instructions and advice from our Savior on how we are to speak to – and listen to – him!

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

Dear Church Family,

As we come to the end of October, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Through the challenges and changes we've faced, your faith, generosity, and steadfast support have kept our church vibrant and viable.

I know that I have contributed to the concern for our finances and many have been sacrificing wants for needs. I feel confident that we will be able to take care of the current expenses and get through the winter. We do have some future plans for the Building Fund (aka parking lot paving) and would like to continue supporting our Deacons and Mission Funds. Please continue to support these funds as well as the Current Fund.

Your prayers, your willingness to lend a hand, and your continued giving—both of time and resources—have helped us not only endure but continue to grow stronger together. Because of you, our ministry continues to shine as a light in our community. God has continued to bless this congregation for 225 years, and He is not done with us yet.

May God bless you for your dedication and love for this church family. Together, we will continue to build on the strong foundation of faith, hope, and unity that sustains us.

With gratitude and blessings,

Christine Hurni

Treasurer





Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat • Adult Sunday School is at 9am • 80 were in church on Sunday, October 26
Congregational Care
• Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am • Women’s Association Meeting on November 4 at 6:30pm • Turkey Dinner on November 5 at 6:00pm See last page for details • The office will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day. • Ruth Circle meets on November 12 at 1pm
Mission
Operations
• Property Meeting on November 3 @6:30pm

It’s Choir time again! During this time of transition, the choir will sing twice a month for Sunday services. We will have short rehearsals after church on Sundays, beginning September 14. Join us for fun and fellowship!

We are looking for volunteers to do special music/readings on the weeks that the choir is not singing. It can be playing an instrument, singing a song, or reading a poem. Anything you would like to do to enhance our worship service. There is a Signup sheet hanging outside the choir room.



Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays
Rich & Christina Palmer 11/14	Dorothy Elko 11/11	Amy Muslin 11/23
Eric & Kristen Nan 11/20	Casey Atwell 11/14	Sarah Jane Shaffer 11/24
Marcy & Edward Zombeck 11/24	Beverly Abate 11/19	Morgan Lewis 11/26
	Trudy Boggs 11/21	Cherryl Lac howicz 11/30
	Barbara Corsi 11/22	



- Rich & Eleanor Pike—Prayer of comfort for Rich's mother Shirley Gallagher who is in Heritage Valley Hospital Beaver
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers of healing for her cousin, Karen Parker who has a stroke last Monday.
- John Martin—Bonnie is feeling so blessed for her church family. She is starting Day 6 of chemo; lowest point so far.
- John Martin—On Monday, his daughter Amy defended her dissertation
- Christina Palmer—Prayers for sister-in-law's sister Danielle
- Bev Abate—Betty Solinski fell on Saturday . Prayers for healing
- Dawn Psik—Sister Susan going through 4th session of chemo; prayers for her.
- Dawn went to the eye doctor on Monday for an eye exam due to her diabetes. Prayers that the results were good.



Women's Association Turkey Dinner

November 5, 2025

6:00pm

Menu

Turkey and Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Mixed Vegetables

Apple Sauce, Cranberry Sauce

Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie

Reservation Slips in Bulletin