



St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Odessa  
*Reaching Up Reaching In Reaching Out*  
Pastor Linda Ray, 406 Main Street, Odessa, DE 302-378-2420  
[www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)

## Christ the King Sunday Stewardship Commitment Sunday

November 20, 2022, 11:00 AM Service  
WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

PRELUDE

*Instrumental*

Amy Brown

Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

HANDBELLS PRESENTATION

*Simple Gifts*

Handbells

\*CALL TO WORSHIP \* *Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist – Dave Corby

One: The Holy Spirit moves us to share God's blessings with the world:

**Many: light to those who dwell in darkness,**

One: forgiveness to those who yearn for mercy,

**Many: and peace to those who live in conflict.**

One: Let us bring the peace of God's kingdom,

**Many: to all of God's children.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*We Gather Together*

Red Hymnal 131

\*OPENING PRAYER (all praying): **Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. As we commit ourselves to the way of Christ, our guide, ruler, and savior, bless us with your presence. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Black Hymnal 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Brian McNelis shares a blessing with our children!

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 23: 1-6*

**23** Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, declares the Lord. **2** This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who "tend to" my people: You are the ones who have scattered my flock and driven them away. You haven't attended to their needs, so I will take revenge on you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the Lord. **3** I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. **4** I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the Lord. **5** The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. **6** During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*How Great Thou Art*

Red Hymnal 77

\*GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 23: 33-43*

<sup>33</sup> When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing. <sup>35</sup> The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." <sup>38</sup> Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? <sup>41</sup> We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

One: May this story inspire us all.

**ALL: To walk in the way that leads to life.**

THE MESSAGE:

*"Gifts and Witness"*

Pastor Linda Ray

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS (*Please bring your commitment cards to the front of the church as a reflection of your promises for the coming year.*)

### WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER :

Pastor Linda Ray

Loving Christ, you gave us the gift of yourself. Now we offer these gifts to you, asking that you bless them and use them to share your kingdom with all. In your name we pray. Amen

THE OFFERTORY

Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports **Neighborhood House**.

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Anthem of Gratitude*

Choral Anthem

\*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Linda Ray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Jesus Christ, Son of God, forgive the time we have forgotten you: the times we have turned away from you, the times we have ignored you and the needs of our brothers and sisters, the times we have been ashamed of you. Bring us close once more, that we might dwell in your redeeming love. In your holy name we pray. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Linda Ray

Officiant Server – Bruce Ray

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

(Lifting and breaking the bread) On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave God thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Lifting the cup) When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**ALL: AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

Pastor: Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Forever. AMEN.**

*(The congregation will come forward to partake of the bread and cup.)*

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### **WE GO IN THE SPIRIT!**

SENDING HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth v. 1,2,4,5,6*

Red Hymnal 92

POSTLUDE

Amy Brown

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Liturgist: Dave Corby

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Communion Officiant/Server: Bruce Ray

Ushers:Ellie & Dick Leuliette, John & Patti Harmer, June Stemmler, John Harmon, Denis Shaffer, Laura Widger

Musicians: Amy Brown. Director of Music Ministry

ASL Interpreter: Gail Garner

**Altar Flowers today are donated by Linda Botsford, in memory of her husband Doug’s birthday.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S:**

<b>Sunday 11/20</b>	<b>Worship Service 8:30 AM &amp; 11:00 AM, Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 9:45</b>
<b>Monday 11/21</b>	<b>Boy Scouts, 6-8 PM, Worship Arts Team, 2 p.m. via ZOOM</b>
<b>Tuesday 11/22</b>	<b>Cub Scouts 6-8 PM, MOT Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM at Bethesda Methodist, Middletown De.</b>
<b>Wednesday 11/23</b>	<b>TOPS Mtg 6:00 PM, Handbells Rehearsal 6:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 7:10 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 11/24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day, SPRC Mtg Reschedule date TBA.</b>
<b>Friday 11/25</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Saturday 11/26</b>	<b>AA Mtg 7:00 PM</b>

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 7:00 PM – MOT COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** being held at Bethesda UMC, 116 E. Main St., Middletown, DE. All invited!

**2023 PLEDGE CARDS** can still be picked up in the Narthex. Those that aren’t have been mailed to your home. Completed cards can be dropped off to the Church Office, to Alice Mullins, Treasurer, or dropped into the Pledge Card silver box at the back, side door of the Church, or mailed. Please try to have them in by November 20<sup>th</sup> so the Finance Team can generate the 2023 Budget.

**OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP OF SMALL DEBRIS AND INSIDE CLEAN-UP OF CHURCH November 19, Saturday from 9 AM-12 PM.**

This will be cleaning up the outside yards of leaves, small sticks etc., and inside will be cleaning of the Church, Fellowship Hall, rooms, etc. There will be a task board for you to choose which task best utilizes your abilities and gifts. Please contact Pastor Linda, Barbara Lynn or the Church Office with questions.

*This event is in anticipation of St. Pauls’ UMC being a host for Christmas in Odessa on December 3, the first Saturday in December!! We all want our church to SHINE with PRIDE so please come out to help!*

**ST. PAUL’S WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ADOPT-A-FAMILY** Program in partnership with Neighborhood House this year. We have been given 10 families for whom we will be purchasing gifts. Information and the opportunity to “adopt” specific family members will be available beginning November 20. If you have already purchased gift cards for the Neighborhood House, we are still gratefully accepting them! Questions can be directed to Jennifer Rodriguez, Kris Knarr Elliott or Brenda Shaffer.

**PRAYER REQUEST BOX** is available in the Narthex along with the prayer request cards. Just complete the form, fold, and drop in the box on the corner shelf located at the second set of doors into Fellowship Hall.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FARM OF JOHN AND BETH HICKEY** and family is opening on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25th from 8:00-5:00. They will have precut trees, wreaths, and photo ops. John's number is (410)708-3054.

Please come out and support them. Thanks.

Federal Hill Christmas Trees  
32762 Galena Sassafras Rd  
Galena, MD 21635



# Bah, Humbug!

## Scrooge's Christmas Carol

Friday, December 2nd 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 3rd 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 4th 2:00 PM

Everett Theatre, Middletown, DE

Ticket Prices Children 2 ~ 17 - \$10 Adults 18+ - \$15

For tickets see a cast member, go to

[www.everetttheatre.com](http://www.everetttheatre.com),

call 302-602-1638, or

[www.godspowerandlightco.org](http://www.godspowerandlightco.org)



**Director: Cheryl Shields**

**Assistant Director/Choreographer: Anika Moten**

**Music Directors: Aiden Briggs and Zephyr Doyle**

**Pianist: Christopher Ponce**

BOOK ADAPTED BY REBECCA RYLAND  
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY BILL FRANCOEUR

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For tickets, contact Charlotte Miller, 302 383 7434 or Bev Fawcett.



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United Methodist Church of Odessa  
*Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out*

## **St. Paul's Mission Statement**

### **Reaching Up to praise God in vibrant worship**

God calls us to live out our discipleship grounded in Christ's awakening us to the glory and majesty of God in all creation, and we respond together by worshiping God with our gratitude and praise. Standing or lifting our hands high are both ancient postures of worship, and so our dance of discipleship involves reaching up with our hearts, souls, and bodies, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*  
*Psalms 100:4-5 (NRSV)*

### **Reaching In to deepen our spiritual walk with Christ**

Christ accepts us as we are, and then calls us to follow him and learn from him, growing in our spiritual walk through practices the church calls spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation, studying God's Word, individually and with others. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we discover more about the extraordinary plans God has for our lives.

*"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*  
*John 8:31-32 (NRSV)*

### **Reaching Out with acts of love and compassion**

Here's where it all comes together! Assured of God's eternal love, strengthened by the grace and knowledge of Christ, we are ready for the Holy Spirit to kindle a fire in our lives, gifting us for the labor of love God has prepared for us to accomplish. Having fallen in love with God, we love and serve our neighbors.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*  
*Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)*

## **Current list of Committees, Chairs and Members as of 05/2022**

Pastor	Rev. Linda Driver Ray
Ministry Candidate	Min. Adrienne Dillard
Lay Leadership	Janet Miller, Melissa Brooks, Mark Holden
Church Leadership Co-Chairs	Steve Johnson & Cathy Blanco
Trustee Chair	Charlii Miller
Trustee Committee	Charlii Miller, John Littell, Lynda Lambert
	Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Barbara
	Lynn Manlove, Don Mueller, John Cate,
	Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson
SPRC Chair	Rick Pulling
SPRC Committee	Rick Pulling, Nancee Bleistine, Ellie Leuliette,
	June Stemmler, Janet Miller, Rev. Linda Driver Ray
	(Ex-Officio), Joy Littell, Cathy Blanco, Steve Johnson
Finance Chair	Vacant/Hap Bonham – Interim Chair
Treasurer	Alice Mullins
Finance Committee	Hap Bonham, Angela Christian, Carolyn Stanley
	Rev. Linda Driver Ray (Ex-Officio), Sandy Urstadt,
	Ann Baker, Alan Martin, Melissa Brooks
Worship Arts Committee	Barbara Lynn Manlove, Ellie Leuliette
	Nancee Bleistine, Janet Miller
Missions	Sue Holden, Dawn Buckworth, Sandy & Bob
	Urstadt, Charlotte Miller, Nadine Johnson
	Karen Ellis, Patti & John Harmer, Barbara
	Bonham, Joy Littell, Mark Holden, Nancy Judd,
	Ann Newswanger

Please contact Bonnie Valeski at [bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org](mailto:bonnie@stpaulsodessa.org) with any changes or additions

## **MISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **WEEKLY GATHERINGS – CHURCH BUILDING**

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday -Thursday, 9AM-2:00PM

- Boy Scouts –Mondays 7-8:30PM
- Cub Scouts –Tuesdays 6-8PM, beginning Sept. 20th
- TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 6 PM.
- St. Paul’s Prayer and Praise Group Ministry – Thursdays 10 AM
- St. Paul’s Handbell Rehearsal – Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Music Room
- St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday at 7:10 PM in the Sanctuary
- AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

## **MONTHLY GATHERINGS**

- Finance Meeting – 2nd Monday 6:30 PM
- Trustees Meeting – 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- SPRC Meeting – 4th Thursday 6:30 PM
- Leadership Meeting – 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM
- PFLAG Meeting – 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM
- Reconciling Ministries – 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, will resume in January 2023

## **Reconciling Ministries Informational Meetings**

The Reconciling Committee will NOT BE MEETING November or December. We will resume meetings in January, again the Second Thursday of each month at 6:30. We plan on doing a four-part series of a book study. Stay tuned for more information.

## **Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for November 2022:**

**<http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/VANCOOnlineGiving>**

11/27 United Methodist Student Day

**Adult Bible Study** will begin as a hybrid meeting, (in-person and Zoom), October 16, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 – 10:45 AM. Zoom Mtg. ID 886 735 4733, Passcode 779997.

## **Flowers for Worship**

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, we are asking you to contact Alicia Blackwell, from Wildflowers by Alicia to place your order. Alicia can be reached at (302) 593-9884. Also, please email the church office so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin.

## **Compassionate Card Ministry**

The Compassionate Card Ministry is made up of 20 dedicated members of our congregation who create hand-made cards and encouraging messages to those in our directory, within our congregation, those on our prayer lists and others who are brought to our attention. Our purpose is to spread kindness and love to others through uplifting and personalized sentiments on hand-made cards. If you are not in our directory and would like to be added to our list, or if you know someone who would benefit from the blessing of a card, please contact Nancee Bleistine, nbleistine@yahoo.com or 609-217-1924.

## **Prayer and Praise Group Ministry**

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, currently Thursday mornings at 10 AM - in person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards and box on the corner shelf in the Narthex.

## **VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online**

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org) and click on the VANCO Online Giving button to the left of the screen.
- 3) Click on the Link to Online Giving thru VANCO button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

## **Family Life**

**Children's Sunday School** will begin again on October 23, 2022, at 9:45 -10:45 AM via Zoom, ID 868 3752 1062, Passcode 817993.

## **Love Thy Neighbor Fund**

Our "Love Thy Neighbor Fund" was created to help those in need in the MOT community. This fund may support a time in someone's life when he/she may need a little kindness and generosity to help endure and survive a challenging situation. If you can donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and then write in the memo area it is for "Love Thy Neighbor Fund." Please note, this fund is SEPARATE from the Yellow Hat. Thank you, Love Thy Neighbor Committee

## **Deep Roots**

Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the "Deep Roots" mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help with making meals once a month feeding approximately 50+ individuals. Here's hoping you will be able to help us with this very important and necessary mission. Thanks so much! Contact Karen Ellis at [iluvbrmuda@gmail.com](mailto:iluvbrmuda@gmail.com) and Nadine Johnson at [nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:nadine.faye.johnson@gmail.com).

## **Our Daily Bread Food Donations**

214 N Broad St, Middletown, DE 19709

Volunteers Needed – day and evening hours and different areas of need, filling bags, handing out meals, etc. Volunteer Opportunities can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4FAEA82CA3F5CF8-volunteer>. Volunteer opportunities for late October and November – several slots for Clean Up and one more person to help with donations on Tuesday. Please consider a few hours of your time to help those much less fortunate. Contact Sue Holden, Missions Co-Chair, at 802-324-6167, [susieq2951@aol.com](mailto:susieq2951@aol.com), with any questions. Also, find information and volunteer sign-up forms on the website, <https://www.ourdailybreadmot.com>. **On-line Training Coming Soon!**

ODB is most thankful to all who donate either monetarily or in kind. Your generosity helps ODB feed those in our community who are facing food insecurity. Listed below are the items needed to stuff our side bags and other items that are needed on a regular basis. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

- Individual bottles of water
- Individual bags of salty snacks
- Individual packets of sweet snacks
- Individual fruit cups and/or applesauce
- Fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges)
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Boxes of mashed potatoes
- White bread
- Baked beans (large cans)
- Gallon size zip-loc bags
- Lg black garbage bags
- Cans of soup

Thank you for any and all kindnesses!

## **Neighborhood House**

Neighborhood House really appreciates St. Paul's ongoing support in so many ways. At this point, we are low on some items in the food pantry. These items are especially needed right now in our food pantry, though all donations are gladly accepted with the inventory being low now.

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Tuna/Tuna Helper
- Tissues

- Spaghetti/Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Frozen meats/canned meats (Spam, Chef Boyardee, beef stew etc.
- Soup

Donations can be left inside the Church. We look forward to another great year working together to feed the hungry. Thanks to all, Marilyn Hendershot, Family Services Specialist, Neighborhood House, Inc.

### **PFLAG Meeting**

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month, presently via Zoom. Please join us if you would like to be supported or offer support and please spread the word to all corners of our communities. We are currently working on a system which will help youth who have been rejected by their parents, find families who will help them. Please contact Mark Holden, (Mark@maholden.com) or call 802-279-8100.

**JOYS & CONCERNS:** If you know someone, you'd like to add to our prayer list, please email the church office or visit the church website ([www.stpaulsodessa.org](http://www.stpaulsodessa.org)) to complete a prayer request. **There is also a Prayer Box in the Narthex in which you can drop your completed request.** Please email the office when someone can be taken OFF the list. If you or a loved one needs a pastoral visit, please call or email the church office to schedule.

**Prayers for:** Noel Lukens, Matthew Smith, Naomi Betts, Jerrod Bolline, Sue Holden's sister, Betsey Snipes, Bill Smith, Beth, Matt & Louise Latocha, Carol Myers, Darryl Dillard, Kathy Golden, Jessica Schrum and Family, Joyce, Aunt to Angela Christian, Dave Corby, Kenzel Messick, David Dudgeon, Kimberly, Ike Guessford, Pat Williams, Jim Wilhelm and father, Seth Holden, Pastor Danese Collins, Daniel Moore, Amy, Robbi, Melissa Davis, Joanne Lambert.

**Birthdays:** November – Susan Haberstroh; November 22 – Jorge Rodriguez; November 23 – Natalie Reitzes; November 24 – Margie Apps; November 26 – Diane Shoun.

**Anniversaries:** November 25 – Ron & Heather Sutton