

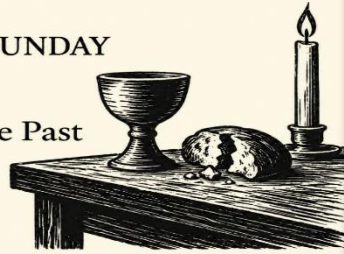
November 1,
2026, 2026

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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The Gifts of the Past

Hebrews 12:1 • Mark 12:28-34



WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Peace of God* Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP *Based on Deuteronomy 6*

Now this is the commandment that the Lord your God charged me to teach you... Hear therefore, O People of God... so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

You, O God, have been our help in ages past.

Hear, O People of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Be, O God, our hope for years to come.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Be thou our guide while life shall last...

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. **Be our eternal home!**

OPENING HYMN NO. 117

O God Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, when we gather at the table, we enter the realm of God's time in our remembering; where past, present and future are one. We remember the past and are hosted by all those saints who came before us. We remember the present through Christ's call to spread the banquet of love to all. We remember the future in the promise of Jesus to be with us always. And so it is that this morning, we remember with love those whose love of God lifted us. We give thanks for their hospitality, the tables they set for us and the gifts they gave to us, and we set this heavenly banquet at which we give glory to God with them today. It is through their witness that we have tasted and we have seen the goodness of God. We confess that at times we forget that we, too, will be the "ancestors" of those to

come. We sometimes think only of ourselves, whether our own plates will be full, whether our own needs are met. In this silence, let us lift up to God the regrets of our hearts, opening ourselves to the grace of God that calls us to love our neighbors.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

RECOGNITION OF OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

BLESSING FOR OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Lord, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and joy as we celebrate these faithful servants who have walked with you and with the church family for fifty years and more. Lord, what a testimony their lives are – of steadfast faith, enduring love and unwavering commitment to our Lord, Jesus. Thank you for the many seasons they have weathered, the prayers they have lifted, the hands they have extended, and the wisdom they have shared. Their journey through joys and trials has been a living witness of your grace and goodness. Bless them, Lord, for their loyalty, their labor in love and the legacy they have built within this congregation. Let their example inspire younger generations to walk in faith and remain rooted in you. Renew their strength as the days go on. Let peace, joy, and your divine presence be with them always. And may they know how deeply they are loved and honored – not only by this church but by you, our creator and redeemer. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE NO. 191, vs. 1 *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.**

Little ones to him belong;

they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

ANTHEM *We Shall Walk Through the Valley*
arr. Undine Smith Moore
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1 & Mark 12:28-34

MESSAGE *The Gifts of the Past*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury/Schram



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,
God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam
and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and
the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of
our mothers and fathers, God of our children to
all generations. And so, with your people on
earth and all the company of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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. 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. On the night in which he gave
himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to
you, 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.
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, 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.

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. Renew our
communion with all your saints: for saints
no longer with us, especially those we have
honored here:

Marlene Baker, Janet Burnett, Everett Cassel.

Elva Doherty, David Patten, Joan Pratt,

Kathy Schauer, Thomas Walsh

for all saints now living among us, who gift us
with their presence in our lives; and for saints
who will come after us, continuing Your
Good News into the future. 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS

NO. 723 *Shall We Gather at the River*

NO. 620 *One Bread, One Body*

NO. 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN TFWs NO. 2283 *For All the Saints*

BENEDICTION

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
go from this table nourished by grace and
strengthened by the gifts of those who came
before us. Love God with all your heart, soul,
mind, and strength; love your neighbor as
yourself; and live so that those who come after
us may taste and see the goodness of God.
Go in peace, carrying Christ's abundant love
into the world. Amen.

POSTLUDE *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*
arr. J.C. Bach

Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School - 10 am.
Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5, lower level)
Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm, lower level)
Adult Sunday School
Mustard Seed (Rm 12, lower level)
Seekers (Rm 7, lower level)
Upper Room (Chapel)
Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 AM
Youth Group Contact Cory Smith
(Cory@umcwc.org) to get emails
Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

Chancel Choir (Adults) Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Children's Choir Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Praise Team Wednesdays at 7:15 PM
Men's Ensemble Monthly
Carillon Choir Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Sunshine Memory Café Tuesdays at 1:00 PM
A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and their care partner.
Coffee With the Pastor 2nd Monday, 10 AM, at Gramm's Diner
Wednesday Night Out Dinner Wednesdays at 5:45 PM
Retired Men's Lunch Group 2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM
United Women in Faith 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Sept-May Circles meet at various times throughout the month.
United Friends Dance Party 1st Sunday of each month, 6:00 pm, Sept-May High school hosted themed dance party for adults with intellectual disabilities

Ongoing Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

Items for ACTnow - We are collecting the following items that ACTnow is in need of for their community cupboard. These are items that are not available at other food cupboards. Needed items are: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper, and paper towels. Items can be placed at the table in the lounge area.

Unused hotel toiletries needed - Items go to Ronald McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army. Place items in the basket in the Gathering Area.

Pop Tabs - for Ronald McDonald House. These tabs are recycled to generate funds for local chapters, helping to pay for essential services and operating costs for families staying there. Pop tabs can be placed in the receptacle in the Gathering Area.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going through a tough time. If you would like more information about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org).

Prayer Needs - The full list of prayer concerns can be found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Requests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive the prayer link contact Luanne Sims (lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer
Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller
Reader: Nancy Gainer
Message for Growing Christians: Kelly Lynn
Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Webb
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Live Stream Team: Tim Case, Adam Clark, CC Clark, Eric Clark, Corv Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, November 1

6:00 PM - United Friends Dance Party (Youth Room)

Monday, November 2

6:30 PM - Stephen Ministry Training
7:00 PM - Bible 101 Class (Zoom)
7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)
7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday, November 3

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café (Fiesta Center)

Wednesday, November 4

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out
7:15 PM - Praise Team (Fiesta Center)
7:30 PM - Carillon Choir (Rm 12)

Thursday, November 5

9:00 AM - Stephen Ministry (Chapel)
6:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Rm 10)

Saturday, November 7

10:00 AM - Charge Conference at West Grove UMC
7:00 PM - Musical Gala for Rise Against Hunger (Sanctuary) hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM



MUSICAL GALA
Saturday, November 7
\$25.00 Donation
6:00 PM - Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 PM - Music
Local professional musicians
Music with a mission
All proceeds support Rise Against Hunger

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

United Women in Faith November Meeting -

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 PM, room 10. All women are invited. Martina Keogan will present a special art presentation "Couples in Art".

School Supplies for Yuena Honduras are due today.

If you have a donation, please place it in the blue barrel in the Gathering Area.

Interest meeting for the 2027 Neema Kenva Trip -

TODAY Please join Samantha Marquette in the Gathering Area on November 1st following both the 8:45 am and 11 am services to learn more about an upcoming trip to Kenya to connect with young women, children, and families in rural Kenya.

ActNow Fundraiser - Concert in the Cupboard - Saturday, November 14, 6:30-9:00 pm. Tickets: \$50 includes light dinner and dessert. Purchase tickets and get information at www.assistingno.org.

Charge Conference - Our yearly Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7, 10:00 AM at West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 N Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA

Leadership Training - November 21 at 9:00 AM. All those serving on committees in 2027 should plan to attend.