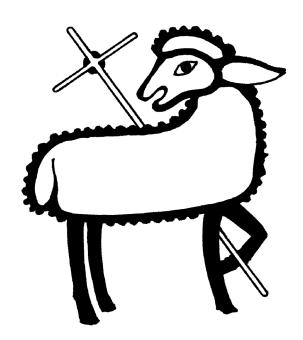
Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. JamesChristBethlehemWenksvilleAspersBendersville8:25 am9:45 am11:00 am

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

• November 5, 2023 •



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the # Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of # Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*GLORIA: "Glory Be to God in Heaven"



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have pre pared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Revelation 7:9-17

The First Reading is from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- L: I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C: I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
- C: I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
- L: Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C: I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
- C: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- L: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

L: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:1-3

The Second Reading is from First John, the third chapter.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia! Lord and Savior"



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Susan Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" WOV 691

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Today, we remember Barbara Garretson, Harold Hollabaugh, Charlotte Hostetter, Harold Kint, Thomas Motter, James Rodgers, Donna G. Taylor, and Freda Weaner. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: "Praise and Thanksgiving"





with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread. joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care. hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

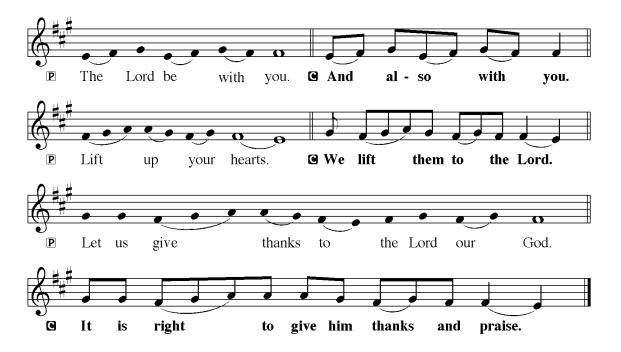
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

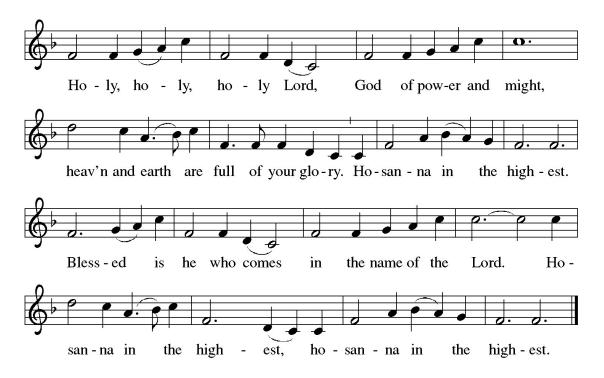
DIALOGUE



PREFACE (sung by the pastor)



SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water;

by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray ...

Our Father, who 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

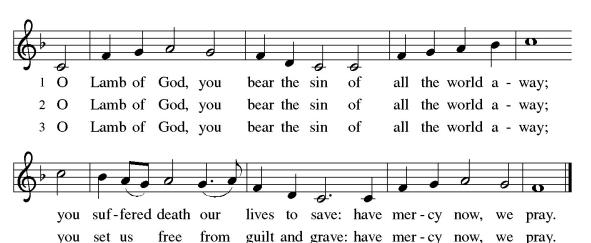
All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "O Lamb of God"

peace with

e - ter-nal



God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



COMMUNION SONG: "What Feast of Love"



- What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en. This, this Christ the king, come down from heav - en. is the sun This, this Christ the king, sweet - est wine is the of heav - en.



*POST-COMMUNION

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, # Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" WOV 754

*DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today, we commemorate the following members of our Parish who died in 2022-2023 and now rest with our eternal Father.



Saint James Lutheran Church:

Donna G. Taylor – March 19, 2023



Christ Lutheran Church:

G. Thomas Motter – February 7, 2023 Charlotte F. Hostetter – October 12, 2023



Bethlehem Lutheran Church:

Barbara K. Garretson – *December 8, 2022* Freda K. Weaner – *December 21, 2022* Harold J. Hollabaugh – *October 12, 2023*

ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel (this info can also be found on our website – www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com).

• NOVEMBER 2023 •

SUN. Nov. 5	MON. Nov. 6	TUES. Nov. 7	WED. Nov. 8	THURS. Nov. 9	FRI. Nov. 10	SAT. Nov. 11
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem Bible Reading: Psalm 118:1	1:00 pm: Knit/Crochet Ministry (Bethlehem) 7:00 pm: Joint Council Meeting (Bethlehem) Anniversary: Steve & Claudia Spangler Bible Reading:	7:00 pm: Knit/Crochet Ministry (Bethlehem) Birthday: Nancy Miller Logan Trimmer Bible Reading: Psalm 106:1	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) NO Bible Study Bible Reading: Hebrews 13:15	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: Colossians 3:16	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: First Chronicles 16:8	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: Psalm 9:1-2
	Ezra 3:11					
SUN. Nov. 12	MON. Nov. 13	TUES. Nov. 14	WED. Nov. 15	THURS. Nov. 16	FRI. Nov. 17	SAT. Nov. 18
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem Birthday: Pr. Bob McEllroy	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) 1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem) 7:00 pm: Council Meeting	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: Psalm 32:11	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) NO Bible Study Birthday: David Copenhaver, Jr.	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: Ephesians 5:20	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: First Thessalonians 1:2	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: Psalm 95:2
Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) Bible Reading: Philippians 4:6	(Bethlehem) Bible Reading: First Samuel 12:24		Bible Reading: Romans 8:28			

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Le	<u>ctor</u>	Greeters/Ushers	<u>Altar Guild</u>
J	Bettina McBeth	_	Harold & Kathy Stoner
C	(TBD)	_	Deb & Dave Copenhaver
В	Bruce Schachle	Bruce & Jeanette Schachle	Kathy Singley



Altar Flowers:

St. James, Christ & Bethlehem

To the Glory of God



OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email *pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com*.

PASTOR SUSAN'S VACATION DAYS

NOVEMBER 8 through NOVEMBER 19

Pastor Susan will be on vacation from November 8 through November 15 and then attending the First Call Theological Education Conference on November 16 and 17.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact: Pastor Dennis Probst at 304-886-3200.

WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a reminder, items for the bulletin should be received at the church office by Wednesday noon forthat week's Sunday Bulletin.

Parish Joint Council Meeting

The Parish Joint Council will meet on **Monday, November 6, at 7 p.m.** at Bethlehem. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the annual 2024 Parish Operating Budget and also to address any other necessary parish business. The Joint Council is, of course, made up of all <u>three</u> full church councils, elected Joint Council officers, and the Pastor.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING MINISTRY TO MEET IN NOVEMBER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bethlehem

Calling all crafters! The Knitting and Crocheting Ministry will meet on Monday, November 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem and/or on Tuesday, November 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. Come to one or both sessions! We will be working on hats, scarves, and mittens to distribute to the guests of New Hope Ministries. No experience necessary! Patterns and some supplies will be provided. Please contact Pastor Susan if you have any questions.

FRUIT CUP DONATIONS NEEDED FOR JOHN'S MEALS!

John's Meals began serving approximately 167 students weekly on September 22. They would appreciate donations of the following fruit cups:

MIXED FRUIT

- PEARS
- MANDARIN ORANGES
- PINEAPPLES

PEACHES



DEADLINE FOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

As a reminder, items for the newsletter should be received at the church office by the 20th of the month for the next month's newsletter.

BENDERSVILLE PARISH PARTNERS WITH NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

The Bendersville Parish has partnered with New Hope Ministries. A mobile food pantry will be located at Bethlehem on **Monday, November 13**, to serve the hungry in our community. Clients will be able to shop for fresh produce, meats, and dairy products. Volunteers are needed to work with the staff of NHM on the second Monday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Pastor Susan.

You are invited to a ...

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, at 6:30 p.m.

Chestnut Grove Lutheran Church 1136 Mountain Road • York Springs, PA

Holy Trinity and Chestnut Grove Lutheran Churches will hold a joint Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 19.

~ Our parish has been invited to worship with them. ~



LET'S GET TOGETHER!!

Care and Share Card Ministry meets each month. Remember, all are welcome and no talent is necessary.

The next Care and Share meeting is:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, at 1 PM at BETHLEHEM

Please join us for this meaningful and important ministry.

BIBLE STUDY •

will resume on ...

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, at 7 p.m.

Bible Study will meet once again on Wednesday, November 29, at Bethlehem at 7 p.m. with a four-week study of the book of Jonah.

NOVEMBER 29: Jonah 1:1-17 – Where was Jonah going? DECEMBER 6: Jonah 2:1-10 – What was Jonah praying? DECEMBER 13: Jonah 3:1-10 – What was Jonah saying? DECEMBER 20: Jonah 4:1-11 – What was Jonah thinking?

~ NO Bible Study on November 8, 15, and 22. ~



• REMEMBER OUR BLESSING BOXES •

Things we need to include:

Mac 'n cheese, soups, canned pasta meals (aka Chef Boyardee), instant potatoes, canned veggies, canned meat, canned fruit/fruit cups, instant rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, beans (dried or canned), fruit gummies, sugary cereal, peanut butter, applesauce, instant cereal/oatmeal, toiletries (TP, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer)

Our Blessing Boxes are definitely filling a need in our community!

Here are a few additional ideas of things we might think about contributing:

Shelf stable milk, powdered milk, can openers, canned food with pop tops, oil (cooking, vegetable, canola, olive, etc.), spices, salt, pepper, tea bags, coffee, sugar, flour, tuna packets, crackers (all kinds), bread, cake mix, frosting, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent

- * Please don't buy bulk dry goods (rice, beans, pasta, etc.) and re-package at home. *
- * Due to food safety concerns, only factory sealed packaging should be put in the box. *
 - * Be aware of glass items that might break. Take note to EXPIRATION DATES. *
 - * Do not leave items OUTSIDE the box. *

"THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED!"



Prayer List - Parish Members

Dixie Atha c Tricia Baumgardner c Dot Bosak b Ruth Bretzman b Tony Bretzman b Mary Chronister b Adam Clapsadl j Patsy Gochenauer j Julie Haller c Wahnettah Harvey c James Hollabaugh b Loren Mortorff b Larry Peters b Carol Rex j Lois Rinehart b Alan Showers j Bill Slaybaugh j Dan Turner c Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Connie Adams
Douglas Barbour
Jean Behney
Adam Black
Jeff Black
Bev Bretzman
Nathan Bretzman
Valerie Bushey
June Cline
Dick Cook
Jeanne Cuttitta

Helen Daniels
Bonnie DeHaven
Nick Evanchik
Diane Fetters
Luann Fix
Galen Hartz
Vickie Hollabaugh
Scott Howell
Bentley Keefer
Susanna Kidwell
Jeannette Kime

Kinley
Nicole Mackey
Emily Maiolo
Pastor Bob McEllroy
Bradley Metz
Diane Myers
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Ginny Rinehart
Michael Rockwood
Lynn Woerner

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father (our saints who have gone before us).

Harold Hollabaugh, Charlotte Hostetter, Harold Kint, and James Rodgers