

News Around the Charge

October Happenings

Light-the-Night

Join us in shining the Light of Jesus at the Ministry Center on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. as we share in fellowship with all trick-or-treaters inviting them to a game of pin the nose on the pumpkin and other crafts that focus on God's love for us. And what kind of party would it be without food? There'll be lots of hot dogs, snacks and drinks along with a special treat for each of the children. Everyone's welcome! Look for opportunities to donate coming soon.



Craft Show at New Hope UMC

It's time for the big reveal and sale! All those crafty individuals who have been busy preparing their wares will be offering them at the New Hope U. M. Church Bazaar on October 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plan to come early to make sure you don't miss out. All proceeds benefit the building fund. Directions are available at newhopeumc.susumc.org.

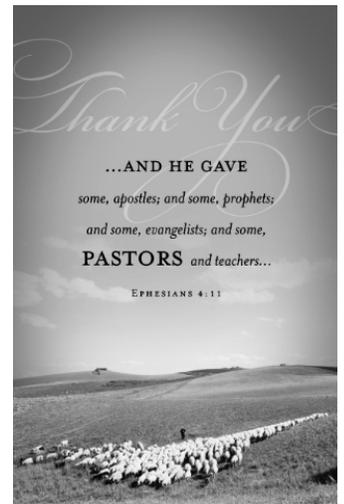
Crop Walk



The annual Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 21 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Faith U. M. Church located at 512 Hughes Street, Bellefonte. CROP Walks are a way to have fun and raise funds to alleviate hunger at home and around the world. When you walk in the CROP walk, you walk with the world. Local charities including food banks and children's lunch programs received \$3,553.75 in donations during 2017. Forms are available for you to sign up to walk, to sponsor a walker or make a donation. For more information or questions, please see Melissa Ishler.

Pastor Appreciation

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in October. It's sometimes called Pastor or Clergy Appreciation Day and celebrates the contributions of priests, pastors, reverends and ministers in the U.S. Pray for our Pastor and his family as he serves our congregation.



Ongoing Spaghetti Supper Opportunity

The inaugural all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Supper was a huge success!! This ministry will continue the first Friday of each month from 4 to 7 p.m. offering eat-in or take-out options. Helpers and cakes or other desserts are always welcome. Invite a friend and share in a delicious home-cooked meal.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Although it may seem a little early, it's time to begin thinking about packing a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child project. The Firecrackers are again sponsoring this event and will have boxes and instructional materials available soon. Please return your completed shoebox by November 4 in order to allow time to get them to a drop off location by the deadline. More information on items that can be included, etc. is available at samaritanspurse.org.

After Worship Fellowship

As we continue our journey to get to know those we may not know in our congregation and greet those new faces in our midst, won't you consider sharing in the after-worship fellowship. It's very informal and consists of simple refreshments and drink options. Anyone wanting to bring along something to share is welcome.



Daylight Savings Time Ends



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Remember to turn your clocks back to insure a timely arrival at your destination.

Troy's Philadelphia Style Hoagie Fundraiser

If you missed the opportunity to purchase Troy's Philadelphia Style Hoagies coupons or need more please see Diana LaRoche as soon as possible. This fund raiser will be winding down soon.



Christmas Cantata

The GBRVUMC Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata titled **Good News From Home** on December 16 at 3 p.m. You can listen to a preview of the music at brentwoodbenson.com/Choral/Christmas/Good-News-From-Home.



Anyone interested in participating is invited to practice each Thursday evening at 7:15 p.m. Practice for Sunday Worship will follow at 8 p.m.

Christmas Cookie & Sweet Treat Sale

Back by popular demand is the Christmas Cookie & Sweet Treat Sale. Dates and times are Friday, December 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Watch for sign-up sheets asking you to share your favorite cookies or other yummy treats.



Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer day, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

--Debra A. Belka