

Worship Theme: *The story of the widow who gives all she has is a profound testimony of giving. But is there more that Jesus would have us see beyond her remarkable commitment? Is she the evidence of her community's real spirit of generosity, or its lack? As we explore this text, let us consider what one such as she reveals about the faith of those around her!*

Gathering Music: "Praise the Lord, the King of Heaven" (arr. Putz)

Welcome (please pass the attendance registers)

Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christ (greeting one another)

Sharing Joys, Introductions, and Announcements

(Prayer requests will be collected by our ushers along the center aisle and brought forward during the Prelude.)

Prelude: "Trust and Obey" (arr. Putz) -Harp

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

ONE: Hear, O Israel: 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.

PEOPLE: 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.

ONE: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

ALL: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might!

***Gathering Prayer**

***Gathering Hymn:** "Renew your church" **No. 363**

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34 NT p. 49

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hand bell Choir Anthem: "It is well with my soul" (arr. Wagner)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Offertory: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" (arr. Putz) -Harp

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38-44 NT p. 49/50

Time for Children of All Ages

Children ages 4 to 3rd grades are dismissed for Children's Church at this time.

***Hymn of Preparation:** "If all you want, Lord" **No. 512**

Sermon: "Prophetic Generosity" -Pastor Keeney

*Hymn of Response:

“Move in our midst”

No. 418

*Benediction

*Postlude:

“Lord, Thou Lovest the Cheerful Giver”

(arr. Putz)

November Deacons on Call:

Jody & Wayne S. // Brian & Krista P.

Remembering in Prayer:

Don, recuperating at home

Those who are dealing with health challenges and recovery.

Even as you remember all of our homebound and retirement home residents, we invite you to extend special care this week to: Eva H.

The Altar Flowers are presented in honor of the children.

Happening This Week:

Wednesday: 9:00am – Quilting in Choir Room
9:00am – Bible Study in Room #126
6:15pm – Ensemble Rehearsal (**Date Change**)
7:30pm – Chancel Choir Practice
PM – Set up for Farm Women’s Banquet

Thursday: 7:00pm – Bell Choir Practice

Friday: 9:00am – Kitchen Prep for Farm Women’s Group

Saturday: 8:00am-3:00pm – Farm Women’s Group / Meal
6:30pm-8:30pm – Youth Practice & Set Up

This Sunday: FOOD FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

8:15am: Early Worship Service

10:30am: Morning Worship Service

9:15am: Sunday School

Next Sunday: FALL YOUTH SUNDAY

9:15am: Sunday School

10:30am: Morning Worship Service

12pm-7pm: Freezer Meal Workshop (Fellowship Hall / Kitchen)

Your Naylor’s Candy Orders will be available for pick up on **Sunday, November 11th** by the office window with a sign-up sheet. Please check your name off when you pick your order up. –Nancy S.

CHECK the SIGN UP SHEETS (Sign Up Area/bulletin board) for:

- New Hope Ministries' **"Christmas Wish List"** & Half Sheet
- **Freezer Meal Workshop - Sunday, November 11**
- **Family Promise Sign Ups** – Dec 16 thru Dec 23
- The Brethren Home ANNUAL Meeting – Nov 10 @10am
- Poinsettia Order Forms/Box – November 25th

REMINDER: Next Sunday, November 11th, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM for **COMBINED WORSHIP** led by our Youth. Plan to join us as they lead us on the theme: *"Abundant Life in Jesus"*!

Due to schedule changes, the next ensemble rehearsal is this Wednesday, November 7 @ 6:15 PM. We will discuss Christmas music and rehearsals. We will be playing on Sunday, November 18 with a pre-rehearsal @ 9:45 AM.

On November 25th, our youth will be the Sunday Greeters. They will also be selling Giant Cards and some interesting items as part of their fundraising. The Youth will have more visible presence in the various activities. During NYC, the staff asked the youth how they can they serve in the church. Some of the ideas were to be Greeters, Sign-up as Worship leader, and babysitting during services. If you have any ideas, please contact Colin S. or Phyllis P.

November Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday, November 14th at 11:30am

Menu: Three (3) Soups & Barbeque with Cookies & Ice Cream Sundaes. Coffee Fellowship will welcome Pastor James Banach. Pastor Jim is a retired Lutheran Pastor, as well as participating in Civil War re-enactments as a Chaplain. Look for a **SIGN-UP** Sheet in the narthex.

Help Needed for FAMILY PROMISE Week: December 16 - 23

SIGN-UP on the SHEET across from the church office where there are available spots. We need many willing volunteers to make our week of hosting a success. If there are specific questions, see Margie F.

Homemade Stuffing Balls for Sale:

Since preparations for the Farm Women's Banquet were being done, we decided to make additional stuffing balls for the congregation. **Four (4) for \$5.00 or Eight (8) for \$10.00.** The stuffing will be in the freezer and have ingredient listing and baking directions. Please place donations in the basket in the kitchen.

–Linda W.

West Shore COB (6921 Wertzville Rd, Enola) Invites You:

A Thanksgiving Celebration – Sunday, November 18th at 4 PM with guest musicians, Messiah Village Singing Men. A WPFM (Cumberland Valley Christian Radio) event celebrating 6 years on-the-air! Enjoy fellowship & light refreshments. (WPFM – 717-241-9734)

SCARF SALE TABLE: We will again have the Scarf Sale Table in the back gathering area **beginning November 8th**. With this fundraiser, you will be "double donating" since the proceeds of the items sold will be used to purchase Giant Gift Cards from the MCOB Youth and then given to "**Operation Wildcat**" for their card giveaway to needy families this Christmas. Please help by purchasing scarves for gifts so we in turn can help others. *Let's help our neighbors have a wonderful Christmas this year.*

SOCK & MITTEN TREE

The Sock & Mitten Tree will be set up on Wednesday, November 14th after Coffee Fellowship in the back gathering area. All items will be donated to "**Operation Wildcat**" for their Christmas baskets given to needy families within the Mechanicsburg Area School District. We need Socks, mittens, hats, gloves, scarves and anything else to help keep little ones and their families warm during the winter months. **The DEADLINE is Sunday, December 9th**, as volunteers will be packing the Christmas baskets that week. You have been very generous in the past. Let us continue this tradition of helping others so everyone may have a warm and joyous Christmas holiday!



Location: Shiremanstown
United Methodist, 125 E.
Main Street

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES' Thanksgiving and Christmas Needs

- **Thanksgiving Food Basket Donations** can be placed in the marked boxes placed at both entrances **no later than TODAY, November 4th**. **Items needed are:** vegetables, gravy, potatoes, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust, boxed stuffing, cereal, and mac and cheese.
- **"Christmas Blessings" Donations** can also be placed in the marked boxes at both entrances **no later than November 25th**. Pick up a complete list of item suggestions on the New Hope podium or with each donation box. A **"Basket of Food"** will be a part of this gift. **Items needed are:** vegetables, gravy, potatoes, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust, boxes stuffing, cereal and mac and cheese. See Trish D. with questions. **Turkeys & Hams are also requested but must be delivered to New Hope.**

You are invited to The Friends of Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community ANNUAL MEETING on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Nicarry Meetinghouse. Mechanicsburg COB is in charge of devotions, led by Lois S. **SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex by Monday, November 5th.** We will carpool. Questions, see Nancy S. or Lois S.

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. 2018 Cookie Collection:

Once again, the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren will be taking part in the yearly Cookie Collection for Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Inc. Last year, our church contributed 198 bags of cookies to the effort and the Witness Team would like to see that matched or exceeded. **The cookies should be dropped off at a designated table just outside Fellowship Hall December 6th, 7th and 8th.** A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to contribute cookies toward this worthy cause.

Let's make the holidays a little joyous for those traveling.

Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents the Snowden Lecture "Mental Health Treatment in the Plain Communities," by Charles Jantzi on Thurs., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., **in the Bucher Meetinghouse.** Jantzi is professor of psychology at Messiah College. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.

Our Stewardship for Last Sunday, October 28, 2018

REGULAR GIVING:

Last Week: Rec'd: \$4,263.50 Budget: \$7,521.92

TOTAL RECEIVED: \$4,263.50

ATTENDANCE: Sunday School – 79 Combined Worship – 100