

THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Good Words for Great Souls

BY REV. DAVID DOWNER

We've heard the word "unprecedented" used often the last few years, generally, in the context of how we live in "unprecedented times". I recently had the privilege of officiating a funeral service for a long-time Penns Valley resident who passed away four days prior to her 101st birthday. As I reflected on her long life and prepared her memorial service, I gained a new perspective on the word "unprecedented."

Mary was born just as WWI was ending and a global pandemic was devastating the world. When Mary was around ten years old, the stock market crashed and sent the country into a decade of depression, unemployment, and famine. Her father lost her job during this time, which is what brought them to Penns Valley, where the family took up farming. She was married three months after Pearl Harbor and probably listened to war news on the radio, much as my grandparents did. She lived through many other deadly diseases, wars, droughts, floods, and famines. She lived in an age when air travel became possible and watched in wonder when a few decades later, the first men landed and walked on the moon. She experienced new conveniences such as indoor plumbing, mechanized farm equipment, and washing machines, all of which made her life just a little bit easier.

There is so much more, but I think you get my point. Unprecedented times? I don't think so. Difficult times? Certainly. But the human spirit will endure, and our role as Christ-followers remains unchanged, to comfort the afflicted and provide assurance of the hope that lives within us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURES

- NOVEMBER 7: RUTH 3:1-5, 4:13-17
MARK 12:38-44
- NOVEMBER 14: 1 SAMUEL 1:4-20
MARK 13:1-8
- NOVEMBER 21: 2 SAMUEL 23:1-7
JOHN 18:33-37
- NOVEMBER 28: JERAMIAH 33:14-16
LUKE 21:25-36

OCTOBER'S YOUTUBE WORSHIP SERVICE LINKS

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/WGEHJLPDATI](https://youtu.be/WGEHJLPDATI)
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/OUTBEOTVRKE](https://youtu.be/OUTBEOTVRKE)
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/S9SYWBRTOMW](https://youtu.be/S9SYWBRTOMW)
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/UYHQPSZKQ7A](https://youtu.be/UYHQPSZKQ7A)
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/6JLFNTXSCU4](https://youtu.be/6JLFNTXSCU4)

NOVEMBER USHERS

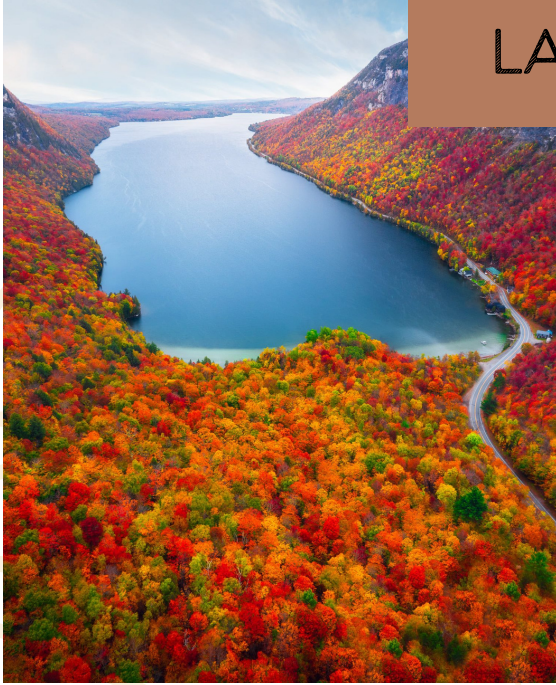
- HEAD USHER: STEVE RIEGEL
- ALTERNATE USHER: MIKE FRAZIER

Where do
you see
God?



Photo Submission by: Joyce Barner





LAKE WILLOUGHBY

Referenced by Pastor Dave in his October 10th Sermon. "Part way along the narrow road that borders the lake on one side is a stone basin. It captures water from a spring somewhere under the mountain and there's a little area there where you can pull off the road. People often stop to collect the spring water. I used to stop there when I was much younger, and it seemed like a holy place to me. In Celtic Christianity there's a theory that within this world there are "thin places" between this world and the next where we may sometimes catch a glimpse, as if we were looking through a veil. This for me is one of those places"

CLARA'S DEDICATION

A Service of Dedication was held for Ms. Clara Noel King on Sunday, Oct. 24th. Parents David and Cassandra King, brother Jonathan, and sisters Adelyn and Rosa all promised to help teach Clara about Jesus.



JARED BOXES

Jared Boxes, put together by members of the Church. A Jared Box is a plastic box filled with small gifts, games, crayons and coloring books, and other fun activities. Boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. The boxes calm nerves, lift spirits, and show the children that someone cares.



Announcements, Events, and Updates

- November 2, Centre Hall Lions Club Bake Sale
- November 3, Choir Practice
- November 7, All Saint's Day Service
- November 11, Veterans Day
- November 15, MOPs Meeting
- November 16, Consistory Meeting
- November 21, Penns Valley Thanksgiving Program
- November 21, Poinsettia order deadline
- November 22, Church decoration
- November 23, Food Pantry Distribution
- November 25, Thanksgiving Day
- November 27, Diaper Depot Distribution
- November 28, Children's Sunday School begins

Penns Valley Diaper Depot

The next monthly distribution is planned for November 27. Contributions of diapers or checks will always be accepted!

Children's Sunday School Program

Trinity UCC will be restarting our Children's Sunday School program on November 28th, the first Sunday in Advent. We have a few volunteers willing to help lead a single-room program for Elementary age children (Preschool to 5th grade) but could use more help. Please contact Pastor Dave or leave a message at the church office if you'd be willing to give some time to helping teach our children the Bible stories we love so much. Older youth are most welcome! Adult volunteers will require Pennsylvania clearances for working with children.



November Birthdays

- 1 Kayla Coulter
- 4 Sydney Riegel
- 6 Sara Floray
Hannah Garbrick
- 8 Dona O'Hara
- 10 Brooks Meyers
- 14 Richard Heck
Olivia Jimenez
- 17 Robert Statham
- 18 David Downer
Benjamin Heverly
- 19 Noah Evans
- 21 Carol Brown
- 26 Joyce Barner

November Anniversaries

- 11 Jeffrey and Sandra Cronin
- 17 Ronald and Cheryl Johnson
- 23 Brooks and Tricia Meyers
- 30 Glenn and Vickie Fultz



RECORDS AND REPORTS

THANK YOU:

Ann & George Moellenbrock would like to thank the congregation for all the notes and cards they received on the passing of George's sister, Marilyn.

The SALT committee would like to thank everyone who donated to their soup and bake sale at the Lion's Club. They were able to raise \$523.

Jane Pifer, Terri Downer, and George Moellenbrock for helping with the Hayes funeral reception.

FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT:

The consistory board is currently working on the 2022 committee memberships and nominations. Volunteers are needed! I encourage each and every one within our congregation to pause a moment and consider how they can help serve. Please reach out to Pastor Dave, Leena Wolfgang or myself. We would be happy to discuss the different opportunities available. -Toni Witherite

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS,

Lance Arney
Larry Corl
Erin, Austin, Conner
Derr
Kelly Eicher
Bonnie Grove
Rod Ilgen
Diane Matter
Malcolm Obiri
Marieta Smith
Jere Wiley
*Faye Winkelblech

Zoey Bair
Buddy Cowher
Cathy and Roy Dunkle
Gracie Eisenhower
Charles O'Hara
Deb LosKamp
Paige Musser-Gray
Shirley Rogers
Colin & Jaci Tucker
Ennis Wagner
Duane and Wilma Yarger

Lorren & Carol Brown
*Marie Crater
*Jean Dunklebarger
*Trudy Furner
*Mary Hardy
*Josephine McNitt
Rycen Musser
*Marian Smith
Debbie Walker
Ann Williams

