



Christ Lutheran Church

The Clarion

Welcoming all with grace. Worshiping God through praise.
Witnessing Christ through service.

A Message From Pastor Sellers

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
November begins with All Saints Day. This day is bittersweet for me. As a congregation we recall all of those who have died in faith in the past year. There is definitely sadness as we contemplate the loss of these companions on our faith journey. But the day is not all, or even mostly, sad. We give thanks for the lives of these friends and family members. We give thanks for the promise of resurrection and reunion that we have in Christ. We give thanks, that through Christ's grace, even though we are still sinners, we too are numbered among the Saints of God.

As All Saints Day 2023 rolls around we find ourselves in a time of tremendous challenges. The world is filled with uncertainty and trouble. Covid-19 turned our world upside-down, but the end of the pandemic didn't set the world right again. There is social, political, and environmental upheaval, and there is no end in sight. In the midst of this chaos we must figure out how we will live, and I am especially grateful for my faith in Christ, and the gift

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living,
daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you
as a whole person--questions,
complexities and all. Join us as we do
God's work in Christ's name for the life
of the world.



of this community in such difficult times.

While we find frequent shocking information in the headlines – I am grateful for the solace, strength and support that comes from gathering weekly with the Saints. Our worship, prayer, study and fellowship offer a structure and rhythm to my life that gives me a sense of stability. I am regularly reminded that I have a meaning and purpose; that God is present; that love is stronger than death. The ritual of our liturgy connects me to a deep history and a wide fellowship through Jesus - people have followed this same pattern of worship for centuries, and millions are worshiping everywhere around the world on any given Sunday. I am connected to something much bigger and more powerful than myself.

But more than the ritual, I am grounded and grateful for the way this community of faith helps me to keep my faith growing and changing. On any given Sunday there are people present who are at various life stages, who have different occupations, interests and concerns. More and more we are living in silos created by specialized sources of information and algorithms. We mostly hear what we want to hear. But people aren't algorithms! In the company of the Saints we encounter perspectives that can get us thinking, challenge us, and change us. I am especially appreciative of this aspect of our faith community lately.

My faith is supported by your faith. The faith talks from our council members have been a real blessing to me, and I am excited to hear from more of you during our "Year of Witness through Service". When I hear Julie talk about experiencing God's presence, Rick share the source of his faith, Jim talk about music that led him to open his Bible and hear a word of powerful comfort, my heart is warmed, and my faith is strengthened. As we bear witness to our faith it encourages others. I am hoping that you will be willing to share a bit of your faith in a faith talk in the weeks to come.

There is a strength that comes from the ethical foundations of this church. The core principles that Jesus taught, love, forgiveness, compassion and charity, offer a moral framework for navigating through a chaotic world. We see so much injustice, conflict, and suffering, it would be easy to declare our powerlessness to make any difference, and turn away from the world. But when we turn from the world the only alternative is to turn in on ourselves, and there is no hope there. Luther said turning in on ourselves was the very definition of sin! The best way to engage with a broken world may not always be clear – but our faith in Jesus always gives us a way – a way of love that leads to hope.

Finally, being part of this congregation gives me some tangible ways to make a real difference in the lives of others. Through the Shepherd's Shelf food pantry literally



hundreds of people find support and care in tough times. We bring joy to children through the Trunk or Treat; Live Nativity; Touch a Truck; and Vacation Bible School. The sick and homebound are visited. Various charities are supported throughout the year. We pray for one another, and for our community. Our support of mission trips changes lives. None of us could make these things happen on our own, but together, as the church, we absolutely make a positive impact.

I am grateful that Christ Lutheran Church exists, and I am grateful for you, O Saints of God. We may struggle from time to time with the best way to live out the gospel for the sake of the world, but we are doing it. We are indeed blessed to be Saints in communion with one another, and the world is blessed through us, sinners though we are. Thanks be to God!

Your Sister in Christ, Pastor Serena



Stewardship Sunday is November 12

Each October, in the season of harvest, the Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team invites the members of Christ Lutheran Church to count our blessings, and to renew our commitment to the congregation's ministries for the coming year. Between now and November 12th when everyone celebrates Stewardship Sunday, the Finance and Stewardship team is asking you once again to prayerfully consider the financial contribution you plan to make to support the work of our church in 2024. ***Estimate of Giving*** cards were mailed to the congregation in October so that individuals or families can complete and return them to the Financial Secretary.

This year our congregation is focusing on the third declaration of our mission statement:

Witnessing Christ Through Service! Members of our Church Council have already been providing witness statements about their faith, and you have seen some of those video presentations on Sunday mornings. Keep watch and listen up for additional stories that will be told in the coming months, as more witnesses share where they have seen the light of God's love shining through acts of service. There is an abundance of evidence that neighbors are being served, and our hands are doing God's work in this community; we are blessed to be surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses! We hope that you will be able to join us for worship on November 12 for Stewardship Sunday. The ***Estimate of Giving*** cards will be received in the offering at both services, but you can also simply send yours to the church office any time this season. Your support and prayers for the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church are deeply appreciated.

The Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team

(Brian Sharkey, Chris Martin, Dann Stephens, Gary Johnson-McNutt, Lee Wolfe, Marge Blum and Ted Knauss)



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November 5 All Saints Sunday	9:00am	Communion Remembrance of the Saints On-Line / In-Person Service	Photos of those who passed away Faith Talk Time Change
	10:30am	Communion Remembrance of the Saints	
November 12 Stewardship Sunday	9:00am	On-Line / In-Person Service	Faith Talk
	10:30am	Communion	
November 19 Advent Craft Event	9:00am	Communion Blessing of Travelers On-Line / In-Person Service	Faith Talk
	10:30am	Communion	
November 26 Christ the King Sunday	9:00am	Communion On-Line / In-Person Service	No Sunday School
	10:30am	Communion	

Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month
Please do not send pdf files. Linda Nyce Landis, Editor clclarion@gmail.com



Before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4
Turn your clocks back one hour.

All Saints Sunday

On **Sunday, November 5th**, All Saints Sunday, those who have died this past year will be remembered. This year thanks will be given for the lives of the following individuals: Marie Roberts, Russell Fischer, Delbert Ray Thompson, Linda Megdanis, Ella Landes, Nancy Reimers, David Magill, Lois Faut, Glen Fox, George Pfister III, Charles & Connie Walt, and Chris Johnson. If you have someone close to you who has died since last All Saints Sunday, please let the office know so they can be remembered as well. You are also invited to bring photos of your loved ones who have passed to be placed on the windowsills during worship that Sunday.



This year's advent craft event will take place **Sunday, November 19**, starting after the first service, and will continue through after the second service.

We will be making two crafts. They can be made in the fellowship hall, and they will also be packaged to take and do later.

1-A star ornament to go with our theme of 'Witness' is good on its own and also makes for a nice trio with the previous 'Welcome' and 'Worship' ornaments.

2-An Advent Countdown Wreath. These will be given to homebound.

Examples are on display near the kitchen.

Upcoming Faith Formation Events

November 7- 10 am - 4 pm-Confirmation Retreat @Emmanuel Souderton (for 8th and 9th grades)

November 13 - 7 pm - Combined Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team Meeting

November 16 - 6:30 pm - 8 pm -Tween Activity Night

November 21- Time TBD- Possible Youth Service Event/Giving Gobbler

November 26 - NO Sunday School Classes due to Thanksgiving Break

December 10 - 5 pm – Christmas Intergenerational Dinner

December 17- Time TBD- Live Nativity!

December 24- 3 pm- Family Christmas Eve Service with SS Pageant

December 24/January 31- NO Sunday School Classes

Saturday, November 4, 8am - Noon

Fall Clean-Up! Let's spruce the church up to get ready for our Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, November 11. All talents are welcome! Leaf rakers, garden bed cleaners, window washers, dusters, tree and branch trimmers, vacuumers, etc are all needed. The hours are 8am until noon. Please come for as long as you can. "The More the Merrier!"

The Property Committee



Holiday Marketplace

What is Holiday Marketplace you might ask? It's a great day here at Christ Lutheran Church.

Saturday, November 11, from 10am - 3pm.

Talented Artisans...Raffle baskets...Pies... Food Trucks...Santa



This year's proceeds will benefit [The Bean Bag Food Program](#)
Spread the word to family and friends!

There are lots of ways to help with this event.

If you would like to donate a raffle basket, choose any fun theme and [email](#) the team to let them know. Donations will be taken up until November 1st to allow time to prep all the goodies. There is also an option to volunteer during the day or bake a pie to be sold the day of the event. For more information about that, click [here](#).

Check out the socials and share these with friends too!

Website: HarleysvilleHoliday.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HarleysvilleHoliday>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/harleysvilleholiday/>

Coming in December! Save the dates.

Intergenerational Dinner Sunday, December 10

Living Nativity, Sunday, December 17, Many hands will be needed. *All ministry teams.*



**We're
thankful
for you!**



Thank you to everyone who donated on Harvest Home Sunday. The Shepherd's Shelf appreciates the continued support of our congregation.



The November Women's Group Event will be at Well Crafted in Lansdale. Wednesday November 15th for trivia. Trivia starts at 7:30, so please be there by 7. RSVP to Steph by November 13 so we know how big of a table to reserve. Any questions contact Steph at: sharkeys2013@gmail.com





That Was Fun!

I heard that sentiment many times following the Children's Sunday service. It WAS fun! So I asked myself after, "what makes that kind of thing so fun?" Here are my thoughts: When you sing using a screen, or following a leader, you have to look up. Looking up allows you to see others, and while that may be intimidating for some, allows you to have a shared experience...when you add in laughter or silly motions, that shared experience is enhanced. Looking up also allows you to hear one another better, and so the singing seems louder and more robust. Using your whole body and multiple senses, connects you more fully to the experience. Listening to the music, moving your arms, reading the lyrics and singing the songs, all works together to connect you to the experience more fully.

Singing songs from our childhood connects us to our innocence. It helps us to think back to a time when life was maybe a little simpler...when we would sit in the moment and just sing our hearts out, without the cares and troubles of the surrounding adult world.

All of these things might explain why we had so much fun. But I think it's deeper than that.

When you get down to it, some of the lyrics of the songs we sang, although simple and child-friendly, are truly profound. "There's nothing my God cannot do". "All God's creatures have a place". "I've got the joy, the love of Jesus, and the peace that passes understanding down in my heart". "All of God's people all around the world, yes we're the church together." Woah. Think about that in today's context.

I don't know about you, but even though we were being silly, I got a little choked up a couple of times throughout the service, but most especially when we sang *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. I thought about the actual little children suffering at the hands of evil, but I also thought about how God views us ALL as His children and how His heart must break at the war and terror being cast about our world in His name. How much better would our world be if we all truly viewed each other as Children of the Heavenly Father?

I think that we sometimes need to be connected to the good in the world...the silly, the funny and the innocent. Every generation lives through times they think couldn't get any worse...wars, famines, natural disasters, hate and division. And it can get really difficult to allow the joy in, sometimes. But God knows we need it. Matthew 18:20 says, "wherever two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among you". The idea that Jesus is there among us even in the midst of silliness and laughter makes that idea even more poignant when we think about him being with us during times of strife or heartache. It is a powerful and comforting thought to know that our Lord is with us through all times, and in all spaces.

We ended the service with *This Little Light of Mine*, and as you all know, the end of that verse is "I'm gonna let it shine." THAT is the reason to allow the joy in. THAT is the reason to connect with the silly; to feed that little Gospel Light. We are called to take that light, that GOOD NEWS, out into the world, and shine it for all to see. To cast the light of love and peace to all, so all may feel its warmth and comfort.

Let your light so shine, brothers and sisters! Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

The Youth are Going to New Orleans!

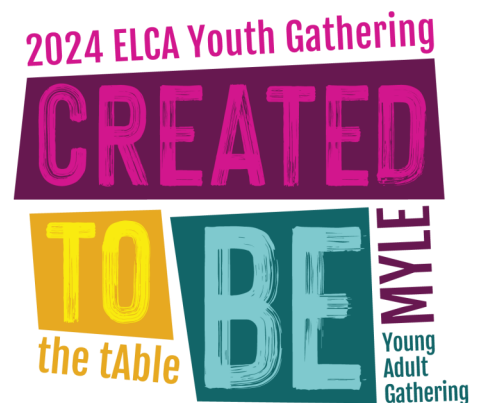
We have successfully registered for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! A group of two adult leaders and nine youth are planning to attend the Gathering from July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans, LA. We are so excited to make this trip! The Youth group of CLC has sent attendees to every Gathering since 1980. This will be my fifth trip and the third time to New Orleans.

New Orleans is a fantastic city to host the Gathering. It is completely walkable, the food is awesome, the facilities are great, there are plenty of nice hotels, and the people of New Orleans embrace the teens and adult leaders like no other.

My first time attending the Gathering in New Orleans was right after Hurricane Katrina. In fact, the ELCA Youth Gathering was the first large conference in the city following the disaster. The people were such amazing hosts and the experience was truly life changing for those of us who attended. To this day, city officials and community members reflect fondly on the 30,000 teenagers who descended onto their city that July week in 2009, wearing bright matching t-shirts, and eager to serve in any way they could. Our service project that year was to pull an invasive weed off the trees in a city park. Seemed like a weird thing to do, but the city officials explained that their workers were so busy doing other things that the weed had gotten out of hand and if we didn't do this job, all of the trees would eventually be choked out and die. Looking back, that city park was one of the only green areas left that hadn't been devastated by the flooding and was therefore an important place to the community...one in which they could go to decompress, feel the grass under their feet, and enjoy a little normalcy. What a wonderful gift for us to be a part of!

This time, although we may not have to deal with immediate needs like we did back then, there is still so much to do in the city. The Gathering staff has been working with the city officials for the past two years to offer meaningful service projects, community interactions and spiritual engagement for all who attend.

I am really looking forward to accompanying these nine youth on this trip. I pray that we can prepare our hearts in the coming months to be ready to serve, learn, and connect. I ask that you pray for our group too! I will place a poster in Weaver Hall in the coming weeks for you to see who is attending!





CLC Council Highlights October 10th, 2023

Pastor appreciation Sunday – Pastor was caught off guard and greatly appreciated the recognition.

The Meeting Owl is up and running for our council meeting.

Pastor's Report : A grant application was submitted to the Synod for the cost of the meeting Owl, Waiting on approval.

If the grant is approved Worship and Music would like to use the technology money for a charging station for the microphones. Discussion around technical difficulties last

Church Council Meeting

Sunday when the cameras were not working—but it has been fixed today.

Cemetery Ministry Team has a new brochure. Dann is making a proposal to move funds to so they are more profitable. The Cemetery board will vote on proposal recommendation

Communications Ministry Team Marlys is looking to purchase video editing software for church as a donation – will work with Brooke on getting it completed and coordinated.

Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team See Treasurer's Report. Ministry team budgets are due November 19. Council will review the budget proposal at the December Council Meeting.

Property Ministry Team Carpets have been installed in the office. Need to start updating the bulletin board. November 4 is the Fall Clean Up.

Shepherd's Shelf Ministry Team The Shelf will be closed on November 22 and December 25 through January 1. Donations will be coming in from Harvest Home and Scouting for Food. The Coat Drive is happening now. Holiday Gift Cards will be given out in both November and December. Children's Christmas Gift Cards will be given out in December.

The Shepherd's Shelf will not close on MLK, Presidents Day or Election Day. A white line will be painted on the driveway to help with distribution night and flow/safety. Harleysville Wawa donation pick up has now been initiated.

Social Ministry Team Council approved a Community Breakfast on MLK Day, Monday, January 15, 2024. Reminder for Market Day raffle baskets.

New Business:

CLC Sign Update: Julie has contacted the sign company; they are able to come on site and re paint the Shepherd Shelf letters on the sign for \$175. The cost will still be under budget.

Still working on getting punctuation settled and we have not heard back from the sign company regarding updating the color. Julie will continue to try to connect.

Good Shepherd Window Native Garden:

Paula Morris and Welcome Ministry have been working on getting landscaping done Paula has a quote from Green Acres that is over \$3,000 by \$133.86 – she would like to know if she needs to get 2 more bids since over the \$3,000. Council recommended that she either get additional bids or scale back the project so that is under \$3,000. Paula updated the quote by omitting two of the plants which has brought the cost down to \$2,933.88

Weaver Hall Chairs: There is currently \$4,938.60 in the Chris Johnson memorial fund, Karen would like us to use the money toward new chairs for Weaver Hall. We have 96 of the blue chairs, 74 in Weaver Hall and 22 damaged ones stored in the basement.

The suggestion is that we keep 30 of the current chairs to be used for outdoor services or other events and purchase 100 new chairs. Cost per chair is \$95.45, 100 would be \$9,554.5.

We would need an additional \$4,600. Money is available in the undesignated memorials – could we utilize money from that fund OR have a fundraiser. Council recommends that we have a Game Night Fundraiser and/or Sponsor a Chair prior to the decision to use money from undesignated memorials

Congregation/Shepherd Shelf/Council Concerns with Mike: See article on page 12 and 13.

Respectfully Submitted, Andria Alderfer, Council Secretary

Treasurer’s Report: Month-to-date (MTD) income is under budget \$9,670, primarily service envelope giving. That giving in September 2022 was \$14,815, a reduction of about \$4,200.

Year-to-date (YTD) income is under budget \$27,607, envelope giving is under \$20,006 and online giving is under \$7,324. Total ordinary income is \$19,058 less than YTD 2022.

Ordinary expenses remain under budget both MTD and YTD. Primary expense "savings" are pastoral allowances for travel, out of pocket, etc. which we accrue for and adjust to actual at year end. Also, as mentioned previously, we saved quite a bit of money for the lack of snow removal expense last winter.

Shepherd Shelf continues to be blessed with donations and expenses remain under budget.

The Building Fund also continues to receive donations to help with the capital expenditure needs of the church. Building Fund offerings YTD are over budget by \$9,113 and capital expenditures are under by \$2,099, plus unallocated investment earnings budgeted for \$630 that will be later allocated/recorded in December.

This quarter reflects a loss of \$15,657 to the Investment Earnings (pre-allocated), although we maintain total earnings of \$22,486 YTD.

Please reach out if you have specific questions.

	Actual	Budget	Budget Variance
September '23 Income	\$19,606	\$29,276	-\$9,670
September '23 Expense	\$29,695	\$30,800	-\$1,105
Net Ordinary income	-\$10,089	-\$1,524	-\$8,565
YTD Income 2023	\$238,220	\$265,827	-\$27,607
YTD Expense 2023	\$273,620	\$287,985	-\$14,364
Net Ordinary income	-\$35,400	-\$22,158	-\$13,243
Previous Year to '23	2023	2022	Change
Income Jan-Sep	\$238,220	\$257,278	-\$19,058
Expense Jan-Sep	\$273,620	\$268,462	\$5,158
Net Ordinary income	-\$35,400	-\$11,184	-\$24,216



A Word About The Man Living in his Car

Many of you are aware that a man in his 30's has been living in his car in the church parking lot. Prior to that, a man without a car was sleeping in our pavilion. Both of these men grew up in the local community. One thing that the presence of these people has made clear is that homelessness isn't just a problem, it is our problem. The "Point-in-time count" of homeless people in 2023 showed an increase from 30 people in 2022 to 110 people sleeping outdoors this year. On the night of the count an additional 217 people were in shelters.

Since that time the only permanent homeless shelter in Montgomery County was closed. The city of Norristown felt that the care of homeless people should be spread throughout the county, and not concentrated in one place, so they did not renew the lease for the shelter. Beginning in March 2023 there has been no permanent homeless shelter in our county and only emergency "code blue" shelters for overnight stays when the temperature drops below freezing. There are some agencies that provide transitional housing, but the capacity is nowhere near the need. The current waiting list for assisted housing is three years.

It is clear that the situation of our current resident, living in our parking lot, is not a healthy long term arrangement. He has been vetted by our local police, and although he can be a little confrontational, he has never threatened or been violent toward anyone. He does have a mental health issue, but it is not associated with increased violent tendencies. He has cooperated when we have set boundaries around what is or is not permitted. His family was unable to cope with his mental health issue, and have refused contact.

At our October council meeting concern was raised about his situation. Our parking lot is not an appropriate residence. Just his presence makes some feel unsafe, and that the church is no longer a welcome place for them. A committee was formed to determine how best to respond to this situation while being consistent with our mission statement and the teaching of Jesus that we are to love our neighbor. In addition to looking for options for this individual (and any other homeless people that may appear in the future) this may mean educating ourselves on the realities of homelessness in our community and advocating for additional options for homeless people among us. Our mutual ministry committee also discussed the wisdom of supporting members who may be afraid by offering to be present at the church with them until the situation is resolved.

While I am sure that we would all like a quick fix, even after this person moves on, homelessness in our community will be an issue that we, as the followers of Jesus, will need to grapple with for some time to come.



4 Myths About Homelessness

Deborah K. Padgett, a leading scholar on homelessness from NYU, in a statistical study, discovered several myths about homelessness to be unfounded.

1. The majority of homeless people do not abuse drugs and alcohol.

Evidence indicates about 20 to 40 percent of homeless people have a substance abuse issue. In fact, abuse is rarely the sole cause of homelessness and more often is a response to it because living on the street puts the person in frequent contact with users and dealers.

2. Homeless people are not more dangerous and violent.

Homeless persons are far more likely to be the victims of violence than the perpetrators. Of course, some homeless individuals may commit acts of violence beyond self-defense but such acts rarely affect non-homeless individuals. To put it another way, the vast majority of violence by homeless persons is either self-defense or by a homeless perpetrator who preys on other homeless people.

3. Homeless people do not exhibit more criminal activity.

A person who is homeless is no more likely to be a criminal than a person who is housed, with one legal exception - many of their daily survival activities are criminalized. Homeless persons *are* more likely to have a criminal justice intervention. They are more likely to have been given a summons or arrested for minor offenses such as trespassing or loitering.

4. "Bad choices" are not the primary cause of homelessness.

Everyone makes mistakes, but the descent into homelessness is not necessarily the direct result of "choices." Far more often a sudden illness or an accident, losing one's job, or falling into debt leads to eviction—or doubling up with family or friends becomes untenable.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Carol Wolff
11/01 Kimberly Itterly
11/02 Ann Landis
11/02 Kiera Burr
11/03 Frederick Haentze
11/03 Todd Mathe

11/04 Trevor Katz
11/04 Jenna Ferretti
11/05 Jane Dettra
11/06 Stephen Dietrich
11/08 Lynda O'Neill
11/08 Ainsley Griffin
11/09 Cindy Geschwindt
11/10 Lauren Harkins
11/12 Tina Dietrich
11/12 Cheryl Blake
11/12 Madeleine Bingley
11/14 Susan Daubert
11/16 Lindsay Martin
11/18 Matthew Palmer

11/19 Beth Harkins
11/20 Lily Bream
11/23 Pam Hoyer
11/23 Sara Mathe
11/25 Ryan Blake
11/27 Adriana Marchewski
11/29 Shirley Evans
11/29 Jim Keyser
11/29 Ian Martin
11/29 Alex Martin
11/30 Emily Childs

The Shepherd's Shelf Gift Card Program 2023

Hello CLC Congregants! It's that time of year again – time to start thinking about Christmas and The Shepherd's Shelf Christmas Gift Card Program!

As in years past, The Shepherd's Shelf hopes to purchase a \$50 gift card for each of the approximately 50 children that qualify for the program. Donations can be made in any amount and EVERY donation is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in making a donation to the "The Shepherd's Shelf Christmas Gift Card fund", there are 3 ways that you can donate:

- You can write a check - **Please write the check out to "Christ Lutheran Church" and put "SS Christmas Program" in the memo field.** If you are attending services, you can put it in the church offering plate, drop it off at the church office OR mail it to **The Shepherd's Shelf c/o Christ Lutheran Church** 2211 Mainland Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438.

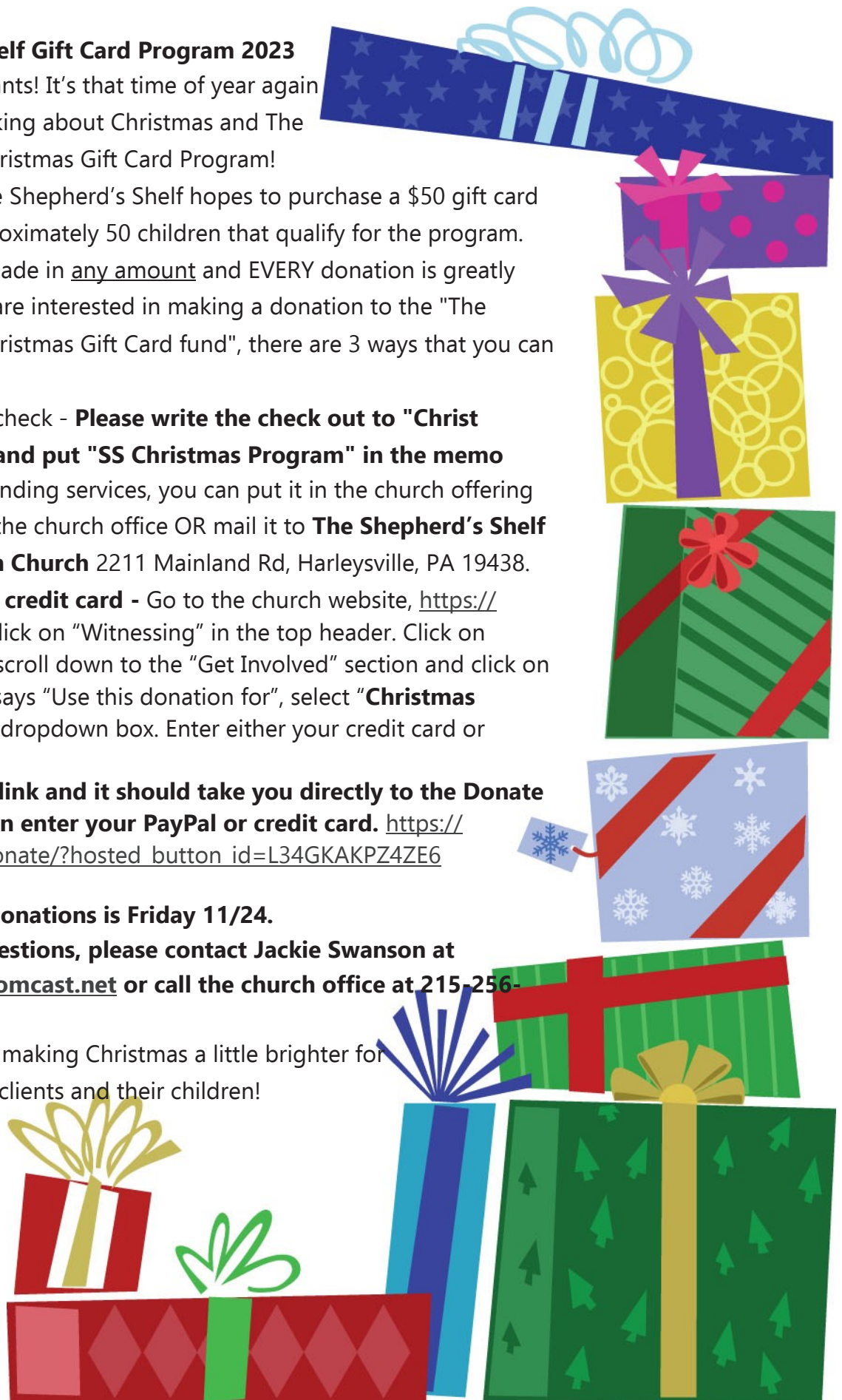
You can donate by credit card - Go to the church website, <https://www.christlc.org/>. Click on "Witnessing" in the top header. Click on "Shepherd's Shelf", scroll down to the "Get Involved" section and click on "Donate". Where it says "Use this donation for", select "**Christmas Program**" from the dropdown box. Enter either your credit card or PayPal information.

Cut and paste this link and it should take you directly to the Donate page where you can enter your PayPal or credit card. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=L34GKAKPZ4ZE6

The Deadline for Donations is Friday 11/24.

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Swanson at jackie_swanson@comcast.net or call the church office at 215-256-8738.

Thanks so much for making Christmas a little brighter for our Shepherd Shelf clients and their children!





Ways to Witness through Service at Shepherd's Shelf!
The Shelf has added a daytime distribution on Tuesday's from 10-11:00. The new day and time have been added to the sign up genius, so if you are able to help (see below) sign up. Shepherd's Shelf distributes every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm. We are ALWAYS looking for more volunteers to help during distribution times. Adults and youth 12 and older are welcome to help. No experience necessary, we will train you when you come. Anyone interested in helping can sign up. Any

questions contact Steph or call the church office.

If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds> Donations are accepted during church office hours. Donations can also be dropped off at the Franconia Heritage Museum. Please see <https://www.christlc.org/shepherds-shelf> to get the most up to date needs list. Thank you to everyone in our church congregation and in the community for your continued support of this very important feeding ministry! If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact Steph Sharkey at

Shepherd's Shelf Summary

In September the Shepherd's Shelf served our greater community. There were 119 visits from eligible households. Diapers were distributed 15 times and wipes 9 times. Feminine hygiene products were distributed 37 times. Volunteers from CLC and from the community logged 205 hours. The estimated value of donations for the month is \$28,560.



Scouting for Food

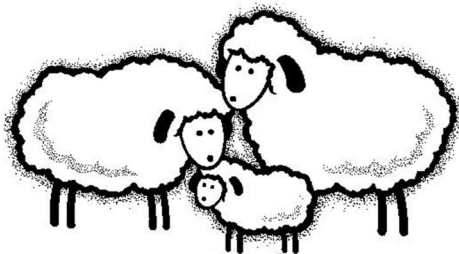
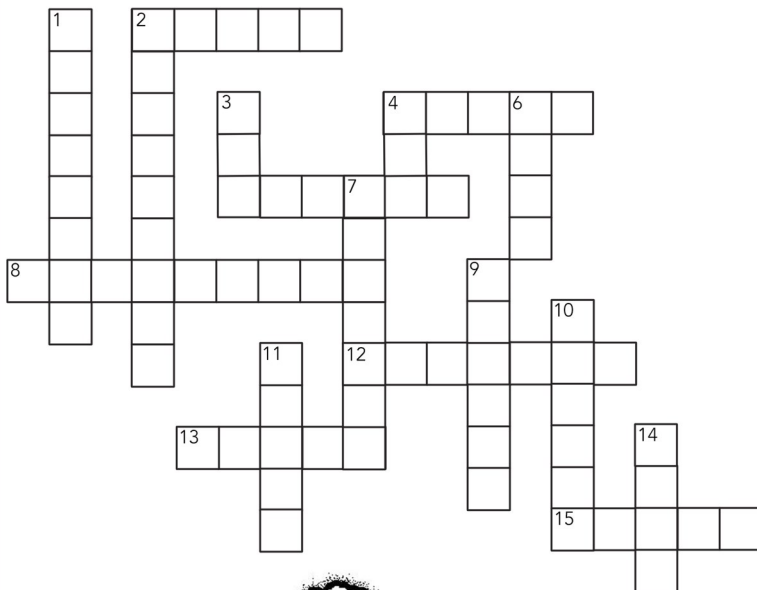
The annual Boy Scouts of America Scouting for Food Drive is coming up on **Saturday, November 18.**

It really is a fun day and a great way to support the Shepherd's Shelf. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 18, starting at 9:30am. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to help us stock the shelves at the Shepherd's Shelf.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E45ADA62EA5FB6-2020#/>

Kids Activity Page

Puzzle!



ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

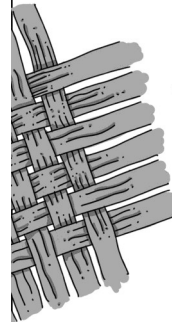
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1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Levathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep;
Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

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