

West Chester Area
Community Thanks Giving Service
Sunday, November 18th - 4:00 p.m.
Multi-Faith Service - All Are Welcome
at West Chester United Methodist Church



Join us in the Fiesta Center for a Service of Gratitude in song, prayer, and word with light refreshments and an outreach family activity.

Sponsored by the
Religious Council of Greater West Chester

Join us on Veteran's Day
Jazz Vespers
Denis DiBlasio, Saxophonist
And

Sunday November 11, 2018
7:00 PM
The United Methodist Church of West Chester
Fiesta Center
S. High Street, West Chester, Pa.
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Free will offering accepted.

Stay for refreshments and to meet the artists!

Looking Ahead!
Our Advent Festival is on Sunday, December 2. We will have ONE worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary that day followed by activities for the whole church family: decorating, Advent activities and a covered dish lunch at noon. If you would like to make an Advent wreath, please sign up in the Gathering Area.



OATMEAL BAR NOVEMBER 11 TO BENEFIT RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Following the 8:45 worship service enjoy a healthy bowl of oatmeal. For a donation of \$5 you will have a warm serving of oatmeal. There will be a variety of toppings to choose from. The proceeds will go to our Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event.



Clouds of Faith



Our Vision-
Building A Spiritual Home
Where You are Family

Our Mission-
To be a Christian community that invites

Welcome to our guests and members!
Thank you for worshipping with us today.

- First time guests please come to the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area to receive a gift and a packet of material about our church.
- Children are always welcome in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available with trained attendants: Nursery for infants - 2 years is in room 104; Children ages 2-5 are invited to the "Splash Room" free play area on the second level following the Message for Growing Christians. The ushers can help you locate childcare rooms.
- Children's Bulletins or Pew Packs are available from the ushers.
- Prayer request cards can be found in the friendship folder. To request prayer for someone, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.
- Hearing assist devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one during the service.
- Enjoy coffee in the Gathering Area after worship. Proceeds go to the youth mission trip.

Today is All Saints Sunday! We remember our faithful sisters and brothers who have died to this world and are alive with Christ, surrounding us each day as a cloud of witnesses, praying for us and cheering us on. We also celebrate our 50 year members. John Wesley once wrote in his journal: "1756, Nov. 1, was a day of triumphant joy, as All Saints' Day generally is." Thank you for worshipping today. May you find triumphant joy.

Rise Against Hunger Oatmeal Bar-Warm up between services next Sunday, November 11, with oatmeal and toppings. Full details on the back of the bulletin.

Don't miss our Jazz Vesper Service, Nov. 11, 7 pm, featuring Denis DiBlasio, Saxophonist and Brian Betz, Guitarist. The theme will be patriotic in honor of Veteran's Day. Want to help usher or serve refreshments? Contact Barb Crary: 610-368-3814 or barbcrary@gmail.com.

Last Sunday's Commitment Service was wonderful! Have you returned your commitment card yet? Pick one up on the round table in the Gathering Area. Pray, reflect, and give generously.

Eagles Quarter-Back Bucket is in the Gathering Area. We need your spare change to help pack 25,000 meals on MLK Day in January. Consider giving \$.25 every week for every point they score! Go Eagles!

Weekly Calendar

<p>Sunday, November 4 8:45 AM - Worship Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) 10:00 AM - Sunday School 0-2 (104), 2 yrs. (1), 3 yrs.-pre K (11), Grades K-4 (4,5), Grades 5-6 (10), Grades 7-12 (Pit), Adults (Chapel, 7, 12, 208) 11:00 AM - Worship (2's-5's (Splash) 3:00 PM - El Buen Band 4:30 PM - Sprouts 5:00 PM - El Buen New Beginnings 5:00 PM - Youth Choir 6:00 PM - Sprouts Club 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship 7:00 PM - Web Dance</p> <p>Monday, November 5 10:00 AM - Sunshine Memory Café 7:00 PM - El Buen Women's Group 7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous 7:30 PM - Boy Scouts</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6 6:50 PM - UMW General Meeting 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance 7:00 PM - Brandywine Singers</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 7 8:30 AM - Stephen Ministry Supervision 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Out 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM - Disciple IV 6:45 PM - Junior Choir, Hope Choir, Cherub Choir 6:45 PM - Wednesday Night Live 7:30 PM - Carillon Choir 8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday, November 8 10:00 AM - Chester Co. Blind Association Support Group 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir 7:00 PM - Chess Club</p> <p>Friday, November 9 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance</p> <p>Saturday, November 10 5:00 AM - El Buen Morning Prayer 8:00 AM - Children's Center CPR Training 10:00 AM - Brandywine Singers</p>
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A Stephen
Ministry
Congregation



Sunday, November 4, 2018 ~ 8:45 AM

"Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures."— Mother Teresa

"I am reminded of the biblical use of the term saint in the book of Acts. That it applies to each of us. All who are attempting to imitate the Christ in their lives merit the title of 'saint.' Some do it more fully than others and are willing to let go of more to get the job done."— Matthew Fox

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Leavitt

◆ Call to Worship

Today we stand beside saints in the making.

Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.

Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.

While we live, we live to the Lord.

When we die, we die to the Lord.

So then, whether, we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's!

◆ Hymn *Forward Through the Ages* no. 555

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Words of Assurance

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with grace and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God!

◆ Signs of Peace and Unity

Music *The Light of Glory* Martin and Angerman
Cross Connection

*You are the light of glory, You are the wondrous story,
You are the author of our faith.*

You are the life eternal, You are the word supernal,

You are the Lamb, the giver of grace.

You are the mighty warrior,

You are the great Redeemer,

You are the chief and cornerstone.

You are the sure foundation,

You are the hope of nations,

You are our God and God alone.

You are the light of glory, You are the wondrous story,

You are the maker of all things.

You are the great creator,

You are the Lord and Savior,

You are the One, the King of kings.

*You are patient and kind, You are love divine,
a treasure of priceless worth.*

Your kingdom endures forever.

Your mercy faileth never.

You are the joy of salvation, the light of the world!

Prayer for Illumination

Stir in us now, Holy Spirit, a willingness to hear, the desire to know the truth and the courage to follow in joyful obedience, that we may be formed by your word into women and men of faith. **Amen.**

Scripture Exodus 13: 17 - 22

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle. Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place." After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Passing of the Friendship Folders

Message for Growing Christians

Music *We're Marching to Zion* arr. Timothy Shaw
Chancel Choir

*Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

*Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.
We're marching to Zion...*

*Then let our songs abound and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion... Isaac Watts and Robert Lowry*

Recognition of 50 Year Members

Recognition of Members Who are 90 Years and Above

Scripture Hebrews 12: 1 – 3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Message *Clouds of Faith*

Offering *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Smith

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to you, Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name: *(Sung)*

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee.

**Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea.**

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.**

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling;

You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;

You called us to return, and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death. At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life. By your incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery, made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit, and received us and all your saints to yourself in glory everlasting. On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood." Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us. **Pour out your Spirit on us.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.

Renew our communion with all your saints especially those whom we name before you---

The Saints - November 2017-October 2018

Bob Hawkes, Jim Holton,

Jim Kavanaugh, Jack Lantz, Ruth Raibley

For those whom we love whom we name in our hearts who have gone to you and are safe, at home with you. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to live a life worthy of the gospel, through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer no. 895

Giving of the Bread and Cup

(Gluten free communion elements are available from the servers with the trays at the chancel rail.)

Communion Hymns nos. 620, 640, 709

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom. We thank you that at your table, you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ Hymn *For All the Saints* no. 711, vs. 1,2,6

◆ Benediction

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

◆ Postlude *Fugue in C Major* Handel

◆ Please stand as you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are given to the glory of God:

-In loving memory of Theodore Getting's birthday by daughters, Margie Gettings and Lorraine Tsao;

-In loving memory of Angie and Louie Muzzo by Grace and Mike Muzzo.

Worship Participants

Preaching:

Rev. Mercedes Case

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Readers: David Beckerdite,

Jacqui Rothera

Children's Message:

Jacqui Rothera

Recognition of 50 Year

Members: Rev. Dr. Lauren

Meiswinkel

Chancel Choir and Cross

Connection Director:

Mike Muzzo

Organist: Steve Campitelli