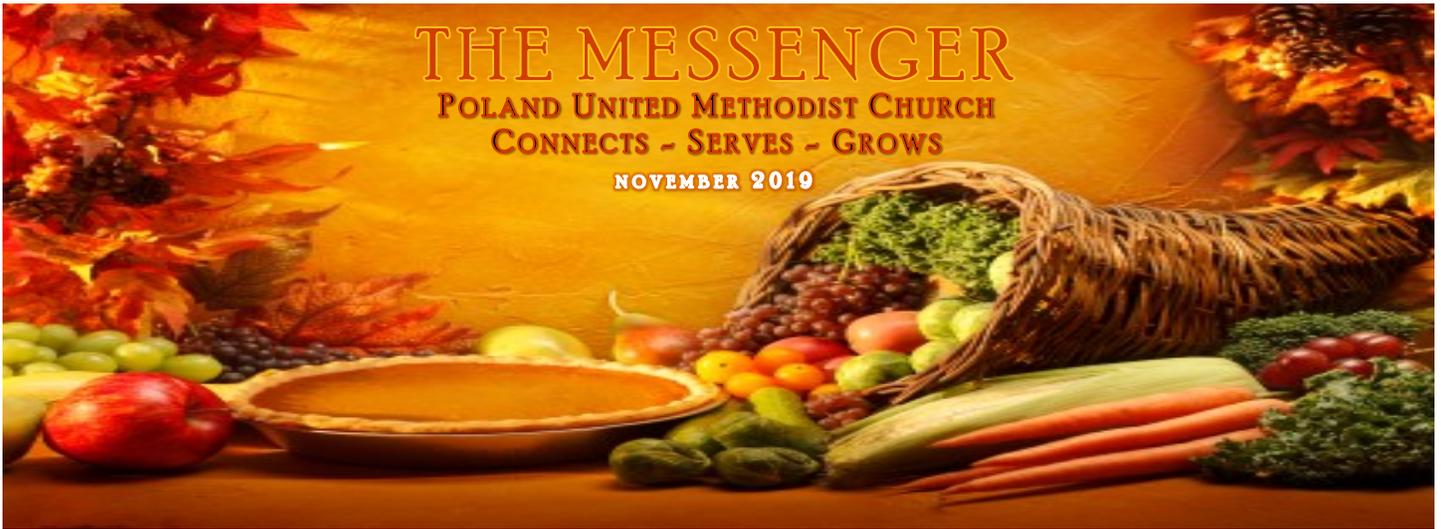


THE MESSENGER

POLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTS - SERVES - GROWS

NOVEMBER 2019



THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR - KEN GIFFORD

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating the holiday of Thanksgiving. We will see pictures of Pilgrims, Native American Indians, and turkeys. If you are as fortunate as I, we will be gathering with family and eating way more than we should. We all tend to have holiday traditions and Thanksgiving is no different.

However, when our passage speaks about thanksgiving, its not referring to a holiday but rather an attitude. The apostle Paul is telling us here that when we are going through difficult times, we need not worry, but instead, present our needs to God. And that that presentation should be done with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Upon initial reading this may not make sense. Why in the world would we be thankful for the situations that are causing us to be anxious? We actually aren't thankful for the difficult situations, we are thankful for a loving God that will give us inner peace even in the midst of these difficult storms.

God understands that life is not always easy. As a matter of fact its not easy much of the time. But God does not want us to allow these difficult times to interfere with the joy He desires us to have. So instead of dealing with these situations on our own, He tells us to give them over to Christ.

Let's be honest with ourselves. Sometimes the holidays can even bring stress and cause us to be anxious in addition to the other stressors we are dealing with. But don't dismay. God gets it and has a solution. Don't worry, give it over to Him, and allow His peace to envelop our souls.

God does not only desire us to enjoy the holidays, He wishes us to enjoy every day. Let's take Him up on His offer. I guarantee that all will be thankful that they did.

God's Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ken

GRIEF SUPPORT

330-757-1553

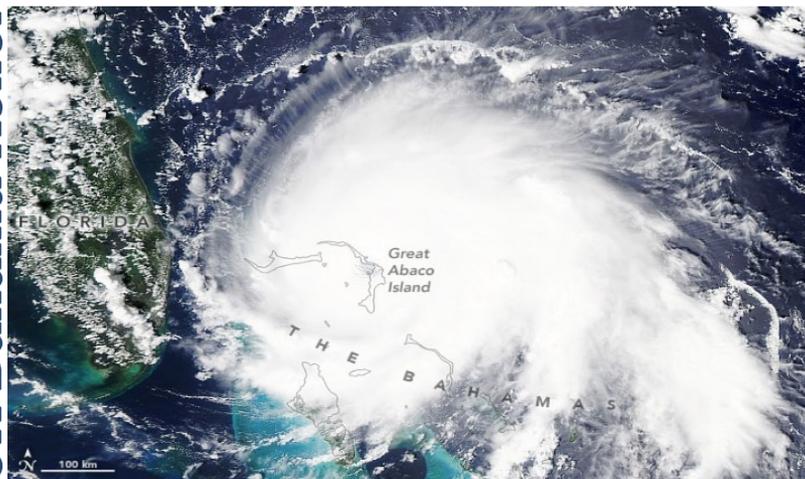
Everyone Welcome!

Mondays

6 - 7:30PM
Room 204



UMCOR Bahama Relief



Because of your generous donations after Hurricane Dorian, PUMC was able to send \$4130.00 to UMCOR to assist with the relief efforts in the Bahamas.



GOOD SHEPHERD KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Nov 9

Transportation available to Trinity UMC
Contact S Beckwith 330-757-0511/330-550-9077

Heart
and
Soul



**Low Impact
Exercise Group**
M, W, F
9AM
Free Class



**KIDS
KLUB**

Wednesdays - Dec 4, 2019

4:45 - 6:30PM

3 YRS - 6TH GR

BIBLE • STORY • CHOIR • CRAFT • GAMES • MEAL

**HEAR ABOUT IT
BEFORE YOU READ IT
BOOK CLUB
FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

COME AND LISTEN ABOUT PROSPECTIVE BOOKS
TO PLACE ON YOUR "MUST READ" LIST.
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.

Nov 27 11:30AM Room 201

Eileen Crites

MISSION TRIP

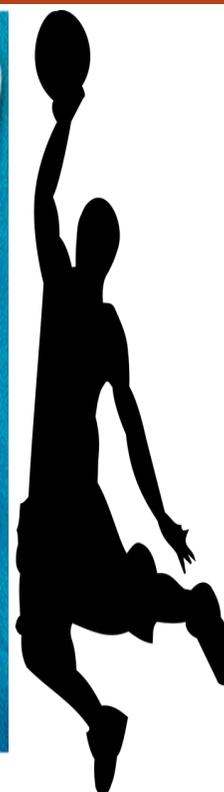


UPWARD SPORTS

LOOKING FOR PERSONNEL

- Basketball Coaches,
- Cheerleading Coaches
- Referees
- Lead Halftime Devotions
- Help with Concessions

Contact Dan Klimas @ danjklimas@gmail.com



A DRIVE-THRU EXPERIENCE



Live Nativity

LIVE ANIMALS AND CHARACTERS

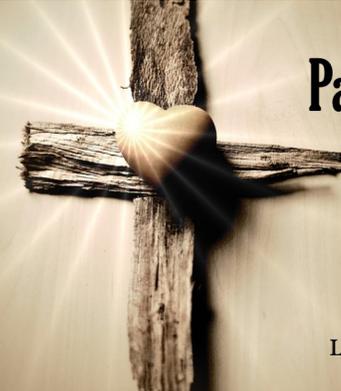
Dec 15th 3:30 to 6:30 pm

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Parables Remix

Oct 27 - Nov 24
10AM
Room 204
Led by Larry Warren

THE REASON FOR GOD

OCT 27 - DEC 1
10AM
ROOM 307
LED BY BLAISE PRENTISS



SOUPER SENIORS

Nov 6 11:30AM
Room 201

Speaker: St. Elizabeth
Healthy Eating



Join Us for "Second Sunday"!!
November 10th
10:00 am Room 106
Genesis 1-11 Sarah and Abraham

PUMC
Tasteful Teachings
Sunday, November 3rd
10:00 -11:00 am
Auxiliary Dining Room

"It is All About the Side Dishes"
Church members are encouraged
To bring a family favorite
Thanksgiving Side Dish,
Appetizer, or Dessert
Along with the recipe to
Share with our church family




Susanna Wesley Circle Presents
**"HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN OUR AREA"**

Mon, Nov 18
12:30PM
RM 204

Bring a Sandwich
Dessert Provided

Men and Women Encouraged to Attend

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\$10 per dinner

All Proceeds Go Directly To the

RESCUE  MISSION
OF THE MAHONING VALLEY

