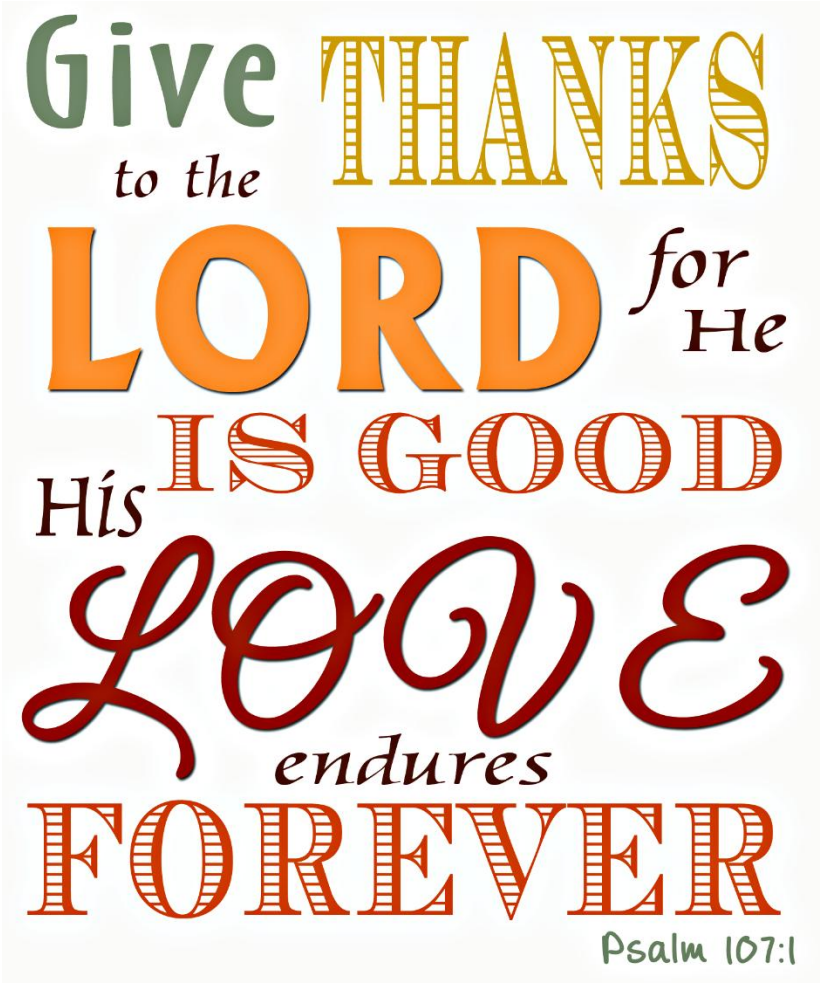
United In Christ Lutheran Church

November 2026 Newsletter



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Kristie Koch		1st term, ends 12/2026
Gwen Murphy		1st term, ends 12/2028

United In Christ's Mission Statement:

Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.

Mark Your Calendars

SUN, NOV. 1	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY FAITH LAB @ CELC (EVERY SUNDAY)
TUE, NOV. 3	PA GENERAL ELECTION PICKLEBALL, LEWISBURG PARK (EVERY TUE)
FRI, NOV. 6	DELIVERY FROM FOOD BANK
SAT, NOV. 7	UIC EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER DINNER AT MLC: ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP
SUN, NOV. 8	NEW MEMBER SUNDAY OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.
TUE, NOV. 10	OAKS SENIOR CENTER
WED, NOV. 11	THEOLOGY ON TAP
SAT, NOV. 14	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
SUN, NOV. 15	HARVEST HOME SUNDAY
MON, NOV. 16	DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
TUE, NOV. 17	COUNCIL MEETING
SUN, NOV. 22	GOD'S GLOBAL TABLE FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
WED, NOV. 25	THEOLOGY ON TAP
THU, NOV. 26	THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED
SUN, NOV. 29	ADVENT 1 WORSHIPPING AT FAITH LUTHERAN EVERY SUNDAY DURING ADVENT
MON, NOV. 30	OFFICE CLOSED
WED, DEC. 2	BEERS AND CAROLS AT RUSTY RAIL

FROM THE PASTOR 

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Dear United In Christ,

Are you hungry yet? Every time I read these words from Isaiah my mouth starts to water a little bit. I really want to know what this feast of rich food looks like. I'm curious about this rich food willed with marrow and these well-aged wines strained clear. I want to know what is smells like and how it looks spread across the table. It seems decadent and satisfying in a way that I simply cannot imagine! At best, it makes me try to think back on some of the best meals I've had in order to *try* to find something for comparison.

So, what is it for you? What's the best meal *you've* ever had? Where did it take place? How many courses did it have? What was on the plate? Was it something you had never had before or an old comfort come to life? *Who was at the table with you?*

I like to think I've had a lot of truly incredible meals over the years, but for the life of me, you know what? As I'm sitting here trying to think about them, I cannot actually remember a whole lot about

what I've eaten. Instead, what comes to me first in recollection about the meals I've shared is the company with whom I've shared them. Family gatherings, outings with friends, dinners spent catching up with old acquaintances, and even meals that served as the catalysts for new relationships – all of these best meals have included the joy of good company and the delight in knowing and being known by others alongside me.

And see, I think *that* is the heart of what Isaiah has to say here. The food and drink may be enticing, but the power of the prophet's promise is in the God who is coming alongside God's people – the God who arrives to wipe away every tear, the God for whom the people have waited, *the God who shares God's table of grace*. It's a hopeful expectation that's reflected much later by John in Revelation when he sees the vision of God coming to rest among God's people – to make good company with the people whom God loves.

What a joy, then, that we get to share in a taste of this feast of good company each and every week. Gathered around the gifts of bread and wine we gather to indeed taste and see that the Lord *is* good. But the feast is good not because the bread and wine are of particularly grand quality, but the feast is good because of whom it gathers. In the body and blood of Christ, we are gifted a moment of sharing in the blessed company of this meal where the promise of God's continued dwelling meets us in the grace and forgiveness we receive.

It's why I'm so excited that this month our worship will reflect the goodness of this feast and company in so many marvelous ways. On All Saints Day (November 1), we will gather to give thanks for the many lives who have gathered around this feast over the generations. We will recall the parents and grandparents, husbands and wives, children and grandchildren, friends and good company

now gone, but with whom we still share this table. We will give thanks for the lives of the faithful departed from our own community this year and celebrate that the feast unites us still. Later, we will give thanks for the continued welcome at this table for those whom the Spirit draws near as we welcome new members in the gift of baptism on November 8. We will share in the goodness of this table beyond out walls as we collect items for Milton Panther Packs on November 15 for Harvest Home Sunday. We will celebrate the lively company of our youngest members in another service of Faith and Fun on November 22 while also recognizing that this table unites us with the faithful across the world as we celebrate "God's Global Table" on the same day. We will even celebrate the new company towards whom God draws us as we venture off the hill to join our neighbors at Faith Lutheran for Advent worship beginning on November 29! In so many ways, this month provides remarkable opportunities to be drawn into the good company we find as God takes up a place at the tables towards which we are drawn.

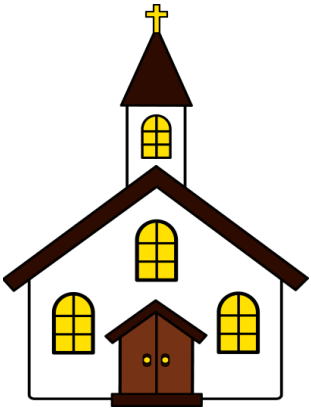
I pray, then, United In Christ, that you find the good company of God's spirit drawing near in the weeks ahead. Even while we wait for the fulfillment of the prophet's vision of that feast set high, I hope you will, indeed, taste and see the goodness of God's company here and now. May you share in the goodness of this table stretching forth in new ways. May you know the richness of this feast, but all the better may you know the blessed assurance of the God who pulls up a chair beside you.

Yours, united in Christ,



CONGREGATION MEETING

We are currently accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council or Pastor Justin.



On Sunday, November 22th we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will vote on the 2027 spending plan proposal and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. At the beginning of November, copies of the 2027 spending plan proposal will be in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.

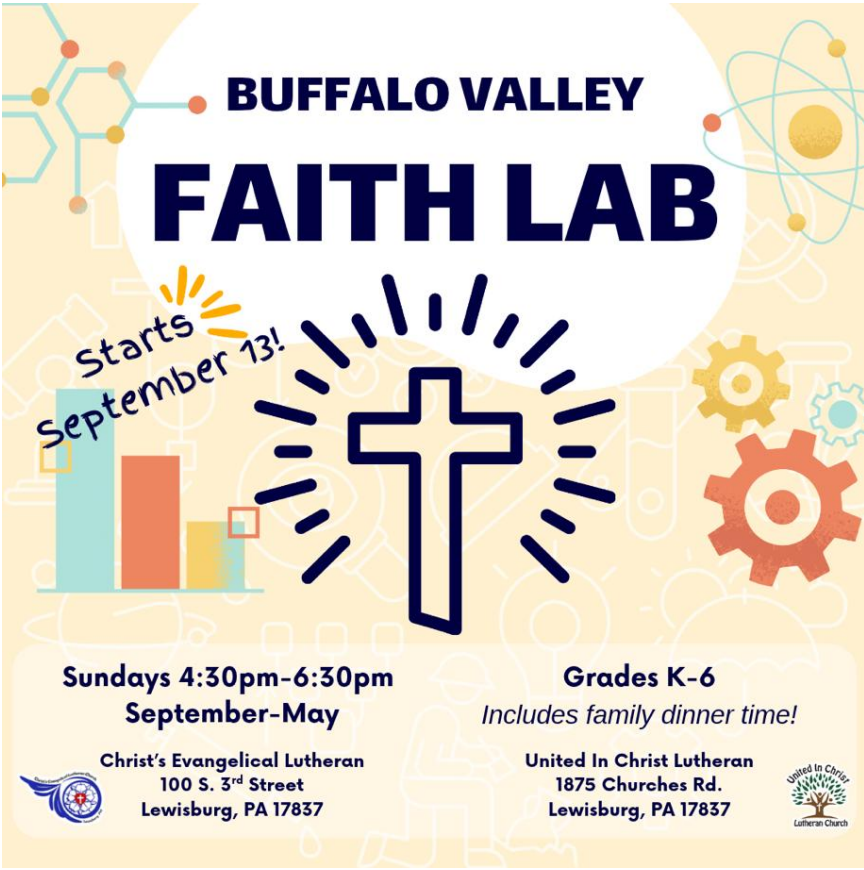


UIC is a polling location. The Fellowship Hall is reserved for the day. Don't forget to vote.

Visit www.411vote, a nonpartisan group, to see what will be on your ballot.

FAITH LAB EVERY SUNDAY

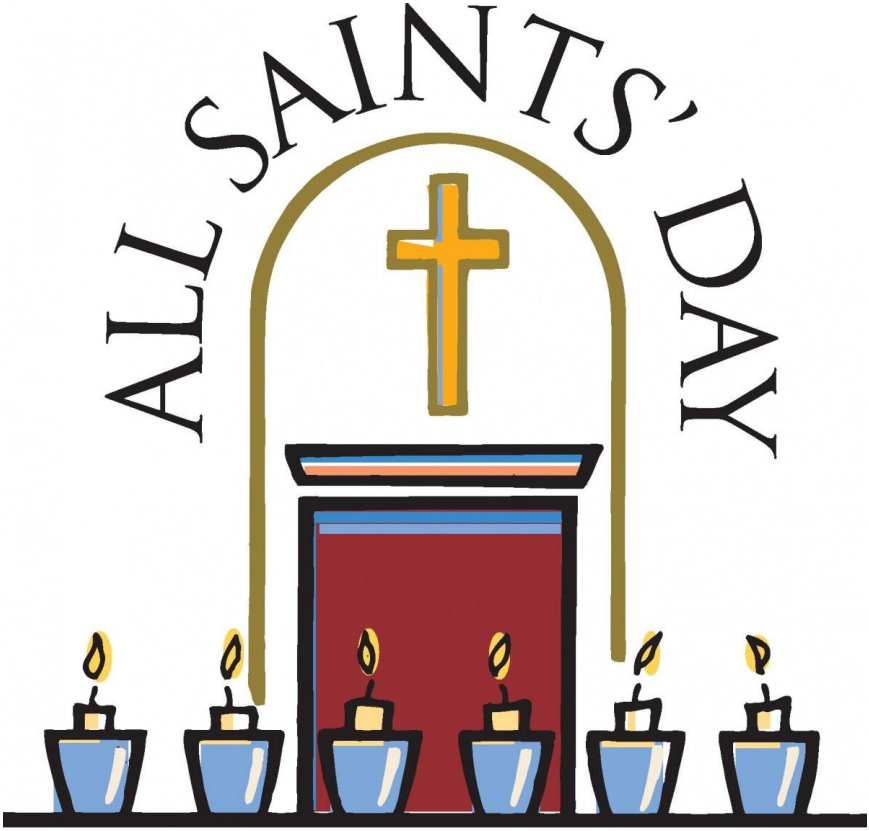
Faith Lab is every **Sunday at 4:30pm. In November we will meet at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church.** Faith Lab serves as our collaborative faith formation programming with Christ's Lutheran that is designed for the whole family! Each time we gather, our students hear a story from scripture then see it come to life in a craft or activity together. During that time, parents (or any adults who want to join) are invited to stick around for a Bible study on the same story. Each gathering then concludes with a free family style meal for everyone in attendance!





ADVENT ON THE GO!

Come along this Advent as we join our neighbors at Faith Lutheran in Lewisburg for worship on **Sunday mornings at 10:15am** from November 29 through December 20! As we journey off the hill, we will take our tradition of worshipping in the round and share it with our neighbors in the flexibility of their worship space. We hope you will make a point to join us on the venture as we get to know our neighbors! Be sure to stick around after for a time of coffee and cookies as we get to know our fellow Lutherans!



November 1, 2026

On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.

Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in memory of loved ones.



Did you leave something at church?

Check out the LOST AND FOUND bin on the shelve by the restroom in the fellowship hall.

GATHER ~ CONVERSE ~ MINGLE



Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other while enjoying a light snack. If your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour, please bring a snack to share and help to clean up afterwards.

During Advent, while we are worshipping at Faith Lutheran, please bring only cookies. Thank you!





The church office will be closed beginning on Thursday, November 26th and will reopen on Tuesday, December 1st.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: family and friends of Ken Baker, Cheryl Stiber, Nikk Wintersteen, Mark Rabuck, Jayne, Gigi Pray, Patrick Moseley, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, Bob Keifer.

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by emailing office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or calling 570-568-2254.

Happy Anniversary

Teena and Rob Zimmerman 12/21/02
Tim and Rose Stitzel 12/24/71

Happy Birthday

Ted McPherrin 12/3
Jeff Snyder 12/5
Jane Mertz 12/6
Nicole Cooley 12/7
Bob Keifer 12/9
Karen Hauck 12/11
Tina Snyder 12/14
Frank Danowsky Jr. 12/16
Rod Noll 12/16
Zoe Scott 12/19
George Guffey 12/27
Ed Snyder 12/30
Nancy Baker 12/31
Grady Rowe 12/31
Gwynn Rowe 12/31

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Worship Leader	Justin	Justin	Katy	Justin	Justin
Social Hour	S – Z	A – D	E – K	L – R	cookies only S - Z
Bread/Wine	Donne B.	Megan C.	Ken C.	wine only Sue K.	Kathy G.
Altar Guild	Kathy G.	Megan C.	Sue K.	Mary Lou K.	Terri C.
Digital Host	Danielle M.	Michelle S.	Terri C.	Kathy G.	Danielle M.
Greeter Front Door	Cheryl R. Dale R.	Bob S. Trudy S.	Donna B. Jeff B.	Catherman Family	Bob S. Trudy S.
Greeter Side Door	George W.	Karen B.	Sandy B.	Bob K.	Kathy G. Mary Lou K.
Lector	Michelle S.	Vicky T.	Bob S.	Jay H.	
Usher	Ted. M Shirley M. Jane M. Michelle S.	Bob S. Trudy S. Kathy A. Dave B.	Karen B. Ken C. Rosemary K. Shirley M.	Terri C. Ted M. Jane M. Michelle S.	
Comm. Assist.	Ted M. Cheryl R.	Dave B. Brad C.	Michelle S. Bob S.	Celeste C. Terri C.	Jay H. Dave D.
Guest Relations	George W.	Jay H.	Ted M.	Mike M.	
Offering Counter	Jared R. Celeste C.	Connie S. Beth G.	Michelle S. Jared R.	Tim Stitzel Connie S.	Jay H. Kathy G.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change. If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.

Outreach



Senior Express Food Boxes

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC by the
Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, November 6TH.



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

November 14, 2026 at 10-11:30am
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.
Newborn to size 6

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry is held on the second Saturday each month from 10:00am – 11:30am at United In Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road Lewisburg. The pantry is open to caregivers of babies from the Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Watsontown communities.



UIC AND MLC FUNDRAISER

United In Christ and Milton Lutheran Church will be hosting an Empty Bowl Dinner (all you can eat soup, breads, and desserts) to help raise money for the Getting Ahead Foundation.

Getting Ahead in the Valley is a community initiative offered at no cost to interested families who are ready to begin moving toward freedom from poverty. It is a program that supports low income individuals as they work to build resources and achieve goals towards stability.

UIC is supplying the desserts. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please signup or contact Terri in the office to signup!! MLC is supplying the soups and bread.

Please come out for this great fundraiser!! Skip making dinner and come out for an All You Can Eat dinner!!!

OAKS
SENIOR CENTER

Free Lunch

Tuesday, November 10

Free Bingo

10:00am - 1:00pm

OAKS Senior Center is free.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

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Harvest Home Sunday

HELP US FEED OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

Collecting food items for Milton Panther Packs. Please place your items in the box in the Narthex.



We will be collecting individually sized food items for Milton Panther Packs which provides backpacks of food over the weekends, when school meals are not available. Every week there are over 250 children that take home food backpacks.

- Ramen Noodles
- Soup
- Mac and Cheese Cups
- Chef-Boyardee
- Oatmeal Packets
- Fruit Cups
- Applesauce Cups
- Creamy Peanut Butter (15 ounce)

All can items must have pop-top lids

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FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY

Join us for our next Faith and Fun worship service on **November 22nd at 10:00am!** This service is designed to get our kids up and about interacting with the liturgy and scripture throughout the service!

This service coincides with our global table celebration, so we encourage kids to bring their favorite kind of bread to share as part of the service!

This is also a *fantastic* service for inviting friends and family! The more the merrier on this day fueled by the Spirit! Come and see!



GOD'S GLOBAL TABLE

Join us for worship on **Sunday, November 22nd** as we celebrate the gift of God's table that unites us to our neighbors around the world! As part of this service, we will have breads from around the world to choose from during communion to help us recognize God's presence the among the vast array cultures that surround us! We invite you to bake or bring your own favorite bread from home to place on the table during worship and then share them together during a special fellowship hour following the service! See you there!



Do you have some burning questions about the Bible, faith, or God?

Join us for Theology on Tap! We will be meeting at Rusty Rail on November 11 and 25. Bring your questions to put in the stein, grab your drink of choice, and be ready to dive into them together as a group—we might not settle on an answer, but we can at least try! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. You can let us know you're coming through the sign-up sheets, or you can email Pastor Justin or Pastor Katy.

Rusty Rail Brewing
5 North 8th Street, Mifflinburg



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the December Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, November 16.

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in December which you will not be available.

Please email Terri in the office at office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call her at 570-568-2254

Thank You

Dear United in Christ Lutheran Church,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for partnering to host our annual Trunk or Treat event, on Saturday, October 17th. During this year's event, we hosted 29 trunks with various themes for 540 individuals, which included 247 children that registered.

Attendees gathered sweet treats, took photos in our two photo op stations, and voted for their favorite trunk theme. A Frozen themed vehicle won the first-place and bragging rights for a full year of the Best Trunk! Visitors also enjoyed hotdogs, popcorn, mini-cupcakes, coffee, hot chocolate, and bottled water under the pavilion in addition to fellowship amongst other attendees and volunteers.

Our sponsors this year included Bimbo Bakery Giant, the Kling family, Sam's Club, the Sudol Family, and Weis Markets.

In all, it was a fun-filled afternoon for attendees and volunteers alike. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2027!

Thank you again for your support and participation!

Stephanie Byers, Committee Chairperson

UIC COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Kathy Arndt(c), Karen Baker, Jared Rutt

HOME COMMUNION: Kathy Guffey, Michelle Shearer, Bob and Trudy Swartz.

OAKS: Terri Cromwell(c), Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Sherry Bingaman, Shirley and Ted McPherrin, Jane Mertz, Gwen Murphy, Lisa Rabuck

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP: Michelle Shearer(c), Heather Allegar, Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey, Al Stark

PROPERTY: Ken Criswell(c), Dave Baker, Elwood Brown, Scott Danowsky, Mark Rabuck, Tim Stitzel

RICH HUFF: Shirley McPherrin(c), Kathy Arndt, Kathy Guffey, Jane Mertz, Michelle Shearer, Sharon Weiser

SENIOR EXPRESS: Sherry Bingaman(c), Ruby Baker, Ted and Shirley McPherrin, Rowe Family, Michelle Shearer, Bob and Trudy Swartz, Warren Shipe

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Pastor Justin(c), Terri Cromwell, Marilyn Gresh, Sue Keifer, Rosemary Kling, Connie Shreck, Sharon Weiser



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve.

4 ½ ” potted poinsettia
$6.00 each

Dedicate a poinsettia by submitting an order form
by Sunday, November 29th.

Please print clearly and write what you would like printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Given By: _____

Number of poinsettias I’d like to purchase: _____

Below, please write the names of those your poinsettias will be purchased in memory or honor of.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

_____

_____

IN HONOR OF: _____

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Will you be taking your poinsettia home after worship
on Sunday, December 27th?

_____ NO _____ YES

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