

## Save the Date



The sermon series theme from October 28th through November 25th will be "Membership Vows."

October 28, "Prayers," Philippians 4:6

November 4, "Presence," Psalm 46:7-12

November 11, "Gifts," Genesis 12:14-16 (Liturgist will read), 1 Corinthians 12:12 (the congregation will read with me)

November 18, "Service," 1 Chronicles 25:8

November 25, "Witness," Genesis 20:14-16

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be



Wednesday, November 21st, 7:00, Mark 5:1-20, "Telling your Story." Please join us as we offer our gratitude and thanks for all that God's has blessed us with.

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 4th. All are invited to light a candle in memory of a friend or loved one that has entered life eternal.



### Advent Midweek Services

Advent Midweek service schedule which begins at 7 pm will use Matthew 1:18 - 2:12 for all four Services.

November 28, "Through the eyes of Mary"

December 5, "Through the eyes of Joseph"

December 12, "Through the eyes of King Herod"

December 19, "Through the eyes of the Wise Men"

Join Us at  
Advent Worship



## News Around the Charge



### Spaghetti Supper Ministry Opportunity

Upcoming dates for spaghetti suppers for the remainder of 2018 are November 2nd and December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. In addition to eat-in and take-out we introduced a delivery service last month for those who are unable to pick up their dinner. If you would like to help or know of someone who would like to receive a delivery (local area only) please let us know. Helpers and cakes or other desserts are always welcome. Won't you invite someone to come out for a time of fellowship and a hearty meal?

### Coat Ministry

As you may know, our coat ministry has moved to a new location. If you know someone who has coats and other winter items to donate or is in need of these items please contact St. John's United Church of Christ at 355-9072 or visit them at 145 West Linn Street in Bellefonte.



**VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS  
NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

### Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing

The annual red kettle bell ringing opportunity has become a tradition. If you can share an hour (or more) of your time participating in this event please contact Gloria Lohr at 355-2433 or [glolohr@gmail.com](mailto:glolohr@gmail.com). The date is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the festivities of the Victorian Christmas celebration while lending a helping hand to those in need. Invite friends and family members to share in the fun.

### **After Worship Fellowship Continues**

As we continue to get to know those in our congregation who we may not be familiar with and greet those new faces in our midst, won't you consider sharing in the after-worship fellowship.

It's very informal and consists of simple refreshments and drink options. Anyone wanting to bring along something to share is welcome.



### **Scrip Card Opportunity**

Some of you are not familiar with the Scrip Gift Card Program that we offer to all members and their families. The basic way the program works is that you purchase gift cards for yourself or others. You pay the face value of the card and redeem it for the full amount. The church benefits by receiving a percentage of each card purchased based on a value set by each card vendor. For instance, I purchase a \$25 Starbucks card for \$25. I go into Starbucks and am able to get \$25 worth of merchandise. The church receives 7% of the purchase price or, in this case, \$1.75. While it doesn't sound like much it does add up. To date we have made \$2,300 for the building fund through Scrip orders. With the approaching holidays many individuals use gift cards as gifts and stocking stuffers or as birthday gifts. They typically purchase them on the racks you see in all the stores which work the same way as a Scrip card except the store gets the profit. Won't you consider using our program if you're purchasing cards and help out the building fund? There are order forms on the front pew. Orders are due the last Sunday of each month (which only leaves one before Christmas) and are usually available for you the next Sunday. They work well for groceries and restaurants also and don't have an expiration date. I'm including a link to the retailer list which is quite extensive. It lists the vendors who participate in the program and what their percentage of return is. It's a little intimidating at first but you soon find it very easy to manage. We currently have a group of about 10 individuals who use the program regularly. I'm sure they'd be glad to talk to you about their experience and I'd be glad to answer (or get an answer) to any questions you may have.

I'm including a link to the retailer lists:  
<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/shop/product/browse#?saved> and will have several copies printed and available with the forms.

Gloria Lohr

### **Choir and Christmas Cantata Opportunity**



The GBRVUMC Choir continues to work diligently perfecting their presentation of the Christmas Cantata titled **Good News From Home**. Mark

your calendar for 4 p.m. on December 16<sup>th</sup> and join us for a time of singing and musical accompaniment. Anyone interested in participating is invited to practice each Thursday evening at 7:15 p.m. Practice for Sunday Worship music will follow at 8 p.m.

### **Christmas Cookie & Sweet Treat Sale**

Back by popular demand is the Christmas Cookie & Sweet Treat Sale. Dates and times are Friday, December 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign-up sheets asking you to share your favorite cookies or other yummy treats are coming soon.



### **Upcoming Soup and Bread Sale**

If you're already contemplating the coming cold weather and beginning to dread those January blahs we are offering a remedy...hot soup and warm bread to fill your tummy and soothe your spirit. You'll be able to pre-order for pickup on Saturday, January 26. Watch for sign-up sheets with available varieties to purchase and requests for cooks to provide donations of soup. We ask that you pay when you order.