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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Dear North Main Congregation

This Sunday we will celebrate our commitment to God and His Church by offering our estimate of giving cards for 2025. Logistically, this is essential for our Church Council to plan responsible usage of our resources for our ministry this coming year. We renew our membership vows to support our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and our witness. Your gifts do so much more than just paying utilities and the church staff. Your giving empowers us to love our community and one another. We can feed the hungry. Help those without resources to have better lives and offer everyone the love, grace and salvation through Jesus. Your talents and service empower us to become the hands and feet of Christ by touching the lives of those around us and nurturing them through good days and bad. Your wisdom gives our Church the willingness to heed God's call and challenge to build our Church and the Kingdom of God.

We are so thankful that God has blessed us with so much abundance that we can serve our Church and make our community a better place by sharing Christ. It is an honor and privilege to surrender to Christ what we have as we realize that all we really need comes through Him.

This year we have studied and been committed to how generous living brings joy to all for both the giver and the receiver. We have much to do as we repair our church, preach the Word, save souls, feed the hungry, love our community, support victims of hurricanes, love the children of this community, take care of the disadvantaged and seek out the new challenges for ministry that God gives us.

As we take a look at our relationship with Christ, we need to take a look at all the things that our Church does - not just within the church, but outside in the Community also. When we commit to being a part of a congregation, we commit to be there in ways that show our belief that we are Jesus' disciples not just in our church but in our Community and the World.

See you in Church or online this Sunday as we set our ministry for 2025 into motion-all to God's glory.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joyce

Joyce Royal

Interfaith Tea

Ten Members of the North Main United Methodist Church attended the 75th Annual Interfaith Tea held at the Reformed Church in Johnstown on October 15, 2024. North Main's beautiful tea service adorned the table as guests were served punch and tea as well as sandwiches and cookies. The goodwill offering went to the guest speaker Pat Brooking from Haven of Hope. Pastor Joyce introduced Pat as Haven of Hope is one of our Missions supported by the Women in Christian Service. The Bell Choir from the Amsterdam ARC provided the Entertainment. June Parker provided the guests' name badges and served as the Registrant. The next Interfaith Tea will be on September 21, 2025 at North Main UMC.



Neighborhood Engagement

The Neighborhood Engagement Unit was held at Rail Trail Park on September 24th in conjunction with Fidelis "Veggies to Go". 100 bags of fresh produce were distributed as well as 50 bags of snacks from North Main UMC. Of course, Abra was there to welcome everyone, and a great time was had by all. The leftover vegetables were donated to our Free Lunch Program, and the apples, lettuce, onions, potatoes and corn were gratefully welcomed by our guests on the 29th.



Free Lunch

Wow! is all I can say after serving over 120 meals on our last food pantry day!!! Somehow we had just the right amount of hot dogs to feed everyone. Due to the rising numbers and rising cost of our supplies, our funds are diminishing. We do still have about \$200 available to us in a grant with the Regional Foodbank, but not everything we buy can be purchased with this. Some items we still have to pay for. Other items still have to be purchased elsewhere. Our menus are based on what we have on hand, but it's the little things that add up, like sandwich bags, brown paper lunch bags, cutlery, etc. We do ALOT of to go meals! If you would like to help us out, any of these items would be greatly appreciated. We continue to get lots of bread and rolls donated by the Gloversville Senior Center and we have some congregants that make monthly financial contributions. These are always greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your continued support. We have been going strong for 12 1/2 years! We couldn't have done this without YOU!

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A BIG thank you to Dorothy Holly for hosting a lovely luncheon in her home for us. We enjoyed quiche from Haven of Hope's bakery, fruit salad and a wonderful fall dessert! During the meeting part of this gathering it was discussed and decided that due to the difficulties associated with raising funds, we will be cutting back on our annual donations. We will be giving a good portion of what we have collected to the North Main fuel fund and we will still support the two organizations that are basically woman based- Haven of Hope and the Domestic Abuse program at the family counseling center. As for next year, we'll just have to see. We are taking orders for Tastefully Simple items and we'll make a little off of that and we still have about a dozen items left from last time that can still be purchased from us for \$10 each. It's mostly pound cake mixes which are delicious! Thank you in advance for any orders you may get to add to this fundraiser.

God bless.

Nancy Marsh



Fund Raising Team

The Fund Raising Team has been doing great work! James Medbury reports the profit from the third year of Mum sales was \$506 for 90 Mums sold.

The take-out Spaghetti Dinner at the Italian Plaza Bistro on October 16 netted the church \$599 from 114 tickets sold.

The Committee is currently pricing Poinsettias for Christmas sales.

Mission Team Report for October

The Mission Team has purchased two Large Print Bibles for the Church. We have also given the Free Lunch Program \$150 to help them purchase the things they may need.

We have collected \$40 to send to the World Communion Sunday program. I am in the process of getting 14 Christmas Angels from the Salvation Army again this year. Please watch for them, if you are interested in helping fill someone's Christmas wish list.

Valerie Kevlin and Carole Johnson

New System for Food Pantry

Starting this new adventure at the Food Pantry. We are now live on line with our computer system. Thank you to everyone for helping. Marilyn Cornell will be the first person our clients will meet. They will just have to give their name and that directly lets us know the information we need to help each of our clients. It has taken awhile but we are praying it will make everything easier, including all of our reporting and data for all our grant applications.



Food Pantry Report - September

It was a sunny warm day for our pantry. The turnout was very good this month. As usual we were busy to start and then people were spaced out until we closed. We had 12 new families again. We were prepared for 96 families and we had 87 families which included 93 adults, 28 children and 70 seniors.

We gave out boneless chicken breast, hamburger, and cheese. We also had bags of fresh apples. The dry bags had the usual canned vegetables and fruit, along with peanut butter, pasta, tuna, and soup. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We also had some coffee. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for 31 cats and 26 dogs. We will be restocking with the monies that have been donated. We have a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes this month for those requests.

Again, thanks to all those who donate to the funding of our pantry and those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. Trying to keep the costs down while getting enough food items for those in need is ongoing. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and those who put the work into applying for them.

Pastor Joyce, along with pantry volunteers Jan, Marilyn and myself, attended our training session with the Food Bank for the new computer program we will be instituting in October. This will make registration and record keeping much easier. Onward and upward!

Food Pantry Report - October

It was a sunny and warm for our pantry but the turnout was less than we had expected. We began our new computer entry system and it went very smoothly. I do not think the people coming through were held up more than a couple minutes. Everyone was polite answering the questions and next month it will be quicker yet. I think the new system is a very positive thing.

We were prepared for 96 families but we only had 70 families. We had 70 adults, 39 children and 60 seniors. With the new system we have the numbers immediately without having to add up the cards as in the past.

We gave out fish sticks and hamburger along with the dry good bags. The dry bags had the usual canned vegetables and fruit, along with peanut butter, noodles, mac n cheese, and soup. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for 54 cats and 23 dogs. We will be restocking with the monies that have been donated. We have a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes this month for those requests.

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Thank you,

Edna Bennett

Birthdays

Sue Tyler – November 1
Molly Towne – November 1
Shawn Seeley – November 14
Elaine Schrum – November 16
Eric Davis – November 16
Ann Boles – November 29

Sandra Mosconi – December 1
Judy Antonucci – December 1
Jack Sanford – December 2
Justin Boles – December 5
James Thomson – December 11
Zachary Nikolov – December 13



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COMMITMENT OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

2025 PLEDGE

During the coming year I make the following commitments:

Name _____

Address _____

_____ **Pray 15 minutes each day for the church**

_____ **Attend weekly worship services**

_____ **Contribute _____ hours each month to church programs**

_____ **Read the Bible each day**

I have the following skills I can share with the church

\$ _____ Weekly _____ Monthly Other frequency (specify) _____

_____ **I am interested in electronic giving**

Signature _____

Date _____

November

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing	4 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:00 Bible Study	5	6 Captain's Meal	7	8 Food Pick up	9
10 All Saints Day 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing	11 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:00 Bible Study	12	13	14	15	16
17 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing Trustee Meeting	18 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 10:00 – 1:00 Food Pantry	19	20	21	22 Food Pick up	23
24 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing-Admin Broad Meeting	25 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:00 Bible Study	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 Advent Decorating

December

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Day of Advent 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing	2 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 Captain's Meal	5	6 Food Pick up	7
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22 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing	23 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 10:30 Church Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing	30 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch	31				