

the Messenger

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YEARS of MINISTRY
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October 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost



FACE MASK
REQUIRED

ALL PERSONS over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask AT ALL TIMES INDOORS.

You are **not** required to wear a mask for outdoor ministries and activities.

Read the Messenger **online** at godslovenewtown.org (click "Read the latest newsletter") or scan this code with your phone.



Adult Faith & Life

THIS SUNDAY, October 10 • 10:00am

Welcome, Rabbi Eric Wisnia!

Adult Faith and Life begins this week with a 6-week study of the Old Testament, in conjunction with the Christian education focus for the fall. We will look at the first five books of the Bible from a Jewish perspective, the way Jesus would have studied them, highlighting key themes common to both Jewish and Christian traditions.

Rabbi Eric Wisnia, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, will guide our first session with an engaging look at Hebrew scriptures and Jewish interpretations.



THIS SUNDAY, October 10 • 2:00pm
Church Parking Lot

Our beloved pets bless our lives in so many ways, and we thank God for them. Pets of all kinds (leashed or crated, please) along with their human caregivers are invited to this outdoor service for prayers and a blessing.



This event is open to the public, so please spread the word. **In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in Fellowship Hall.**

October Highlighted Collection: "SOCK-tober"

This month we are collecting new socks for both men and women. This will benefit HOPE, serving our homeless friends in Bristol.



Socks are something most of us take for granted, but a necessity for the homeless. As we head into the cooler months warm socks are most appreciated. Requested are black and/or white socks. In the winter, men prefer over-the-calf socks to wear with their boots. No dress socks please. Place your donation in the "Lobby of Love ♥" by **October 31**. Let's help keep some feet warm this winter!

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

Families: Connect!

Shady Brook Fall Fest and Eerie Illuminations

Thursday, October 21 at 6:00pm

Join other God's Love families for this festive fall evening. Tickets are \$12 per person and include a BYO flashlight Corn Maze, Bonfire, and the Eerie Illuminations Hayride: a brand new all-ages Halloween light show experience featuring enchanting Halloween displays synchronized to music.

Sign up AT THIS LINK. Payment is due to the church office by Sunday, October 17. Write checks to God's Love (with Shady Brook in the memo). Financial assistance is available if needed.

Questions? Contact **Sarah Ludwig**.



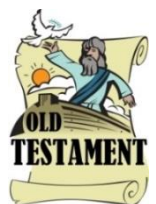
"...you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."
EXODUS 33:17, NRSV

Bible Book-of-the-Month • EXODUS
Monday, October 25 • 7:00pm

Read through at your own pace with the help of this [reading guide](#) during October and then join the **ZOOM** discussion led by **Pastor Dan**.

The **Ministry Resource Table** in the Commons is stocked with books and resources available for loan.

The current theme is the Old Testament, in conjunction with our Christian Education focus for the fall. **Welcome!**



Scripture Readings for October 17

Isaiah 53:4-12
The suffering servant

Hebrews 5:1-10
Christ becomes the source of salvation

Mark 10:35-45
Warnings to ambitious disciples

Seafarers International "Christmas at Sea"

Thank you to all that contributed to our September collection of Christmas-at-Sea satchels for Seafarers International. They will be distributed to ships in the port of Philadelphia after Thanksgiving. Father Bill Rex of Seafarers International was very appreciative of the donation. When he was here, he mentioned that the seafarers are also in need of men's winter coats. To help, please place donations in the "Lobby of Love ♥".



Harper was so happy to donate a satchel!



Father Rex was grateful for our 39 donated satchels.

Announcing the God's Love 50th Anniversary Concert Series

Event 1: Bucks County Singers

Sunday, November 7 • 3:00pm in the Sanctuary

In continuing celebration of our 50th anniversary, and in support of local performing arts groups, God's Love is excited to host a **series of free community concerts**. Since COVID eliminated so many indoor events over the past 19 months, arts groups have been struggling. God's Love has always provided room for the arts to perform and rehearse in our facility—vocal choirs, orchestras and other instrumental ensembles, recitals, theater and even dance troupes. We are pleased to welcome back live performances!

The first concert in the series will feature *Bucks County Singers*, a group of 35 – 40 men and women from throughout the area, united by their love for choral singing. **Admission is FREE**, made possible with funding from our named endowment fund, the *Pfister Performing Arts Fund*. Plan to attend to enjoy some great music, support the arts, and celebrate 50 years of God's Love in the community.



Gift Basket Raffle

Sat, October 16 • 10am – 3pm
God's Love Parking Lot

Family Promise will host a Drive-thru Basket Raffle to support their important work with homeless families. You are welcome to walk or drive through to check out the fun, themed baskets. Winners will be drawn at 4:00, live on Facebook. Contact **Robin Pecuch** for raffle tickets.



HOPE Meals for NOVEMBER

With colder weather come hungry bellies. [Sign up HERE](#), or contact the church office to donate food for our Wednesday bagged meals or to provide a hot or cold meal for 20 people for a Sunday Supper.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

News from the Good Neighbor Garden

Check out the recent harvest from our second planting! These fresh green beans were donated to the food pantry of the Emergency Relief Association this past week. Carrots as well as more green beans will be harvested and donated soon. Thanks be to God!



AHTN's Next Shared Meal • October 30

We are providing "To-Go" dinners on **October 30**. The meals are picked up and delivered to guests by AHTN.

WANT TO HELP? [Sign up AT THIS LINK](#) to prepare a casserole and/or donate food.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.



God's Caring Stitches

Our group continues to work on items to be donated to people in our community in time for Christmas.

Join us **Fridays, October 8 and 22 at 1:00pm** in Room A1/A2. Weather permitting, we will meet outside.

Questions? Contact **Cindy Sundstrom**.



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