



# The Torch



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## Pastoral Ponderings

By: Penny Lacey – Pastor

November is the month of thanksgiving, a time when we reflect on the blessings in our lives. When I woke up this morning, a song by Gwen R. Shaw, “He Has Made Me Glad” kept playing in my head. Maybe you are familiar with the lyrics:

*I will enter His gates with thanksgiving  
in my heart,*

*I will enter his courts with praise!*

*I will say this is the day that the Lord has  
made,*

*I will rejoice for he has made me glad.*

*He has made me glad!*

*He has made me glad!*

*I will rejoice for he has made me glad!*

As we enter into November, let us take time each day to be mindful of where we experience the grace of God in our lives and whisper a silent prayer of gratitude.

Peace, Pastor Penny



## A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, so often times, as any other day  
When we sit down to our meal and pray*

*We hurry along and make fast the blessing  
Thanks, amen.*

*Now please pass the dressing*

*We're slaves to the olfactory overload  
We must rush our prayer  
before the food gets cold*

*But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more  
To really give thanks  
to what I'm thankful for*

*For my family, my health, a nice soft bed  
My friends, my freedom,  
a roof over my head*

*I'm thankful right now  
to be surrounded by those  
Whose lives touch me more  
than they'll ever possibly know*

*Thankful Lord,  
that You've blessed me beyond measure  
Thankful that in my heart  
lives life's greatest treasure*

*That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place  
And I'm ever so grateful  
for Your unending grace*

*So please, heavenly Father, bless this food  
You've provided  
And bless each and every person invited  
Amen!*

--Scott Wesemann

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## Upcoming Scriptures for Worship

**November 1** - Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769); 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12 **Daylight Saving Time ends 2 a.m., Nov 1**

**November 8** - Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Ps 127 or Ps 42 (UMH 777); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**November 15** - 1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps 113 (UMH 834); Heb 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mk 13:1-8

**November 22** - 2 Sam 23:1-7; Ps 132:1-12 (UMH 849); Rev 1:4b-8; Jn 18:33-37

**November 29** - Jer 33 14-16; Ps 25:1-10 (UMH 756); I Thess 3:9-13; Lk 21:25-36

## Administrative Council

By: Joyce Meurs – Chair

Our last Council Meeting was a huge success. We had 14 people at our meeting giving their input on important issues.

Our Finance Committee reported that our Organ Fund is growing and we need just a little more to be able to do the first phase of repair. There are four phases to bring the Organ to a state of total repair/restoration.

Larry Brehmer and Phyllis Sommerman have volunteered their services to work on asking for grants to replace the protective coverings of our 121 years old Church stained glass windows. The new coverings will preserve the beauty of our windows. They currently are working on a list of foundations who recognize the importance of saving a historic building. If you know of any other foundations that would consider this project a worthy cause, please let Phyllis and Larry know, so that can prepare a written proposal.

The Nominations Committee will be meeting soon. They are looking to fill the following positions: Finance Treasurer, Trustees, Children’s Sunday School Coordinator and/or Volunteers for teaching a Sunday School class (signup sheet is in the Tobin Room), Public Relations Coordinator. Ruth Milczarek has volunteered to take over the position as Administrative Council Secretary. Thank you Ruth. Please consider being a part of our Church Team. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Penny at 844-5385 or [pbrink@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pbrink@nycap.rr.com).

Safe Sanctuary is a program to protect children and adults from harm. There was a District Training available at Malta Ridge on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30 for this program. Please let Rev. Penny know if you are interested or if you have any questions about future programs and what it entails.

Please contact me ([858-8466/jmeurs1@outlook.com](mailto:858-8466/jmeurs1@outlook.com)) with any concerns or issues you would like to have addressed at our Council Meetings. Come to our next Council Meeting scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## United Methodist Women

By: Carol Millington – Chair

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to make our Fall Bazaar success. Our profit was over \$1000. Monies will help support our mission

work for the Quest for Grace Foundation (helping foster children and their families in the Capital Region, Wellspring (domestic violence) and the Guardian House (a home for female Veterans in Ballston Spa).

All ladies of our church have been invited by the ladies of All Saints Church in Round Lake to a Holiday Tea Party November 14 2-3:30pm. Please let me know by November 6, if you'd like to attend-Carol 899-2418. It's a time to enjoy fellowship with our neighbors!

We will again be filling Christmas Stockings for the children of Cheryl's Lodge. Your contributions can be brought to church between November 15 and December 6. Individually wrapped snack foods, stickers, juice boxes, and any other items that you might put in a stocking would be great to contribute. Also, if you'd rather give money, we can buy fresh fruit to go in them. Thank you!

We will be putting a Christmas tree in Nov to put mittens on. If you're out shopping think about putting a pair or two of mittens in your basket to put on the tree. Mittens will be given to the children of Cheryl's Lodge so please bring them in by Dec 6.

Our next UMW meeting will be Nov 16. Carol Fairbanks will be sharing devotions. Joyce Meurs will be providing our program. Tamara Russell will provide delicious refreshments. We'd love to see you there!

UMW has many events planned throughout the year, please come share fellowship with us.

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## Trustees Report

By: Jean Halme – Recording Secretary/Trustee

**P**arsonage walk thru took place last week. We have decided to get quotes on laminate flooring for the 3 bedrooms as the carpet is in poor shape.

Snow plowing quotes will be sought for the 2015 season. Rev. Penny's son has donated a snow blower to the church. This will be very helpful in keeping the sidewalks clean.

Still looking to place the new directional signs in strategic places around the village.

Organ repair fund is doing well – as of the beginning of October there is approximately \$1,100 left to raise.

Organ key has been repaired. There is one key on the carillon that has broken.

Arrangements are being made to have the Fellowship Hall floors stripped and waxed.

The Dance Club which meets once a month in our fellowship hall is interested in having the church supply refreshments. Helen is going to research what this might entail, if you are interested in helping out please contact her.

The next Trustee meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7pm.

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## Safe Sanctuary Training

By: Barbara Gregorek – Member

**T**he District graciously provided a Safe Sanctuary training on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:30 at Malta Ridge UMC. This was wonderfully received and two members of our congregation received the training along with several others from around our district.

It was a great opportunity to share ideas and have questions answered. This training is necessary for members who work with children or vulnerable adults within the church. If you are interested in attending a future training in the area, please email Pastor Penny or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Tobin Room at the church.

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## Sunday School

By: Phyllis Sommerman – Member

**A**nother exciting thing is happening at Round Lake **Sunday School!!** Cool! As I am typing this, like magic, "Jesus Loves Me" started playing in the background. Only God knows how that happens!!! And perhaps some very wise people at Windows 8. But I think it was God! I'm smiling!

Sunday School is about 20 minutes in length. It begins as Pastor Penny begins her message. Allow about 5 minutes for a lesson, the rest is your opportunity to witness through your love. Coloring pages, stories, suggested activities will be available in a notebook in the church office.

You may bring your own ideas and plans as well. Sign up! See us grow with God!! Speak to Pastor Penny or sign up in the Tobin Room

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## Caregiver Support Group

By: Jill Tuck – Member

**T**his past Wednesday night, October 21<sup>st</sup> we had the second meeting of our Caregiver Support Group. This group will be meeting once or twice a month in the Tobin Room. Meetings will be announced. Contact Pastor Penny if you would like more details.

## Counters, Readers & Ushers

By: Jean Halme & Mina Cranston– Co-ordinators

NOVEMBER					
Date:	1	8	15	22	29
Ushers	Carl Millington	Tom Lyman	Dave Meurs	Steve Mitchell	John Halme
Greeters		Joyce & Dave Meurs	Linda Milkins		
Counters	Bob Washburn	Walt Agnew	Jean Halme	Jean Halme	C.Christopher
Readers	Jean Halme	Nancy LaPine	Linda Milkins	Shelda Roerig	Jean Halme
	Duane Colson	Joyce Meurs	NancyLaPine	Katie Madigan	Tamara Russell

If you see an opening and would like to volunteer please sign up in the Tobin Room. All are Welcome to help out!

## Combined Service RL & MR

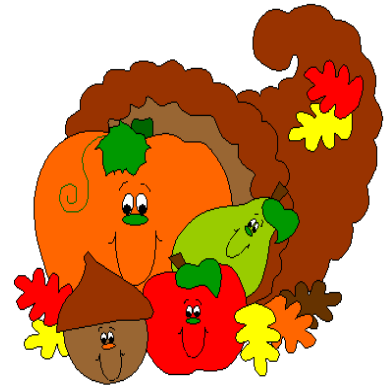
By: Pastor Penny – Pastor RLUMC & MRUMC

**S**unday October 18<sup>th</sup> was a great success. It was wonderful to have our church be full and to share in worship and song with Malta Ridge. We will be participating in a combined worship service at Malta Ridge UMC next this coming Spring. The choirs from both churches will be joining together to provide us with their gift of music. This was a decision made by the SPRC members from both churches and is a beautiful example of the connection between the two congregations and their support of each other. Please share how you felt about this wonderful service with others!

# Thanksgiving Word Search

R E L A T I V E S T I F S M F  
P N R E U K S S N C H A O E A  
X I E F B O B E T I L A A O S  
O B L Z Y O L T U R K S N T D  
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