

# Ministry @ DHUMC

Drexel Hill United Methodist Church

November, 2022

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## Beautiful Light *Pastor's Message*

*Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.  
Psalm 30:4*

The sun doesn't rise in Philadelphia until about 7:30 am these days. As winter moves in, most of us are now probably waking up before the sunrise. Still, say a little prayer for those in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, Canada, along the Hudson Bay; they will be lucky to see 5 hours of sunlight at this time of year. As the nights lengthen and the trees drop their leaves, many things – plants and animals – begin to hibernate. At my father's house in Springfield, the goldfish in the pond no longer come to the surface when the food flakes are thrown in. It can't be long and we will behold the flocks of geese passing overhead – fleeing the northern winter for warmer climes. For those of us who can't manage to flee winter, because of a lack of time or money or adventurousness or hedonism, it oughtn't be surprising that our muses turn to remembrance, especially bringing to mind those who have left us.

Just as October and November meet, three holidays occur: All Hallow's Eve, All Saints, and All Souls– each old medieval village, hamlet, and town would summon up those who had died, the Saints, and those not yet Saints, but whose souls were being purified

before they attained the Beatific Vision.

As the nights come earlier and draw in length, our minds may be drawn naturally to remembering those who have gone before us. Those thoughts can be full of sadness and regret, but we are surely also heartened by the memories of those stewards of the community in which we grew up. What we see now and what we take for granted is because we stand on the shoulders of giants! We would be much poorer had we not a sense of gratitude to those teachers, tinkers, and thinkers whose achievements and inventions we take for granted now, as we open our refrigerator, cast our vote, or turn on the coffeemaker. Or, getting downright personal and familiar . . . gratitude for knowing my seven-times-tables, knowing when to trim the roses, or how to write a note of encouragement.

God of every age and season, as winter darkness gathers round and we enter the season of remembrance, we pray for the freedom to remember with gratitude, and for the patience to wait for the slow touch of healing. Amen.

Peace,

Russell J. Atkinson

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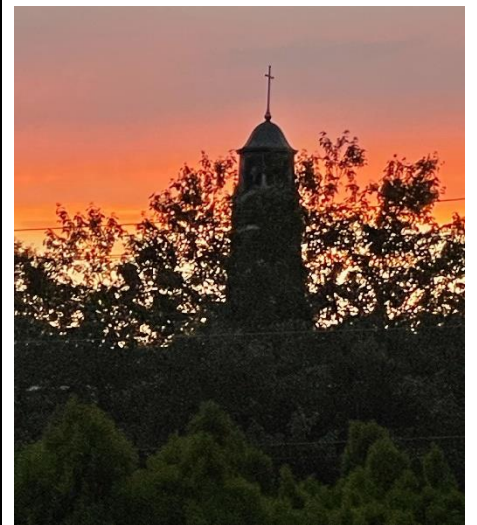
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## Coffee and Conversation



We have renewed our coffee, tea and conversation time after church service on Sundays. This is not only an opportunity for refreshment- it is a good time to say hello to visitors and find out a little about them, as well as greeting people you know. Feel free to take your cup outside as well. This all happens at the back of our Sanctuary, where there is ample room to sit or stand and talk. Please do stop by and say hello to someone you would like to get to know better, even if you don't like coffee!

## Heavy Psalm/Light Exercise Men's Fellowship Hour

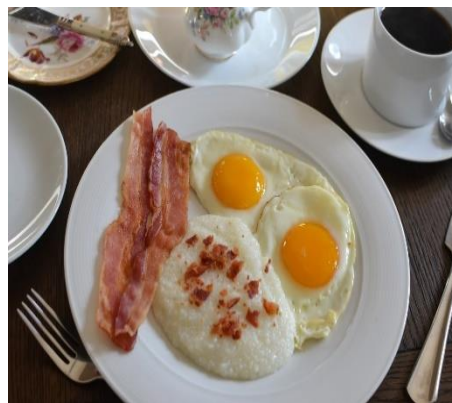
Join us every **Tuesday** at 11am to 11:50am where we will



gather in the Gym to hear a psalm and reflect on it briefly, and then engage in light exercise – walking the neighborhood if the weather is fine, or some activities like stretching in the gym, shooting basketball (no recording devices allowed). Some of you may know of other activities that fit in the realm of light aerobics.

## Administrative Council Meeting Update

The next Administrative Council meeting, originally scheduled for November 14th, will now be held on Monday, **December 5, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. As always, the meeting will take place on Zoom, so shortly before 7:00, please look for Pastor Atkinson's invitation to sign on. If you aren't a member of the Administrative Council but would like to sit in on the meeting, please contact either Rebecca Harbison at [rrharbison@verizon.net](mailto:rrharbison@verizon.net) or the church office at [office@dhum.org](mailto:office@dhum.org), and you will be added to the Zoom invitation list. See you on Zoom on December 5th.



## Bacon, Toast, and the Heavenly Host

If you've got an appetite for the Word of God and a good breakfast, come on out to the Perkins Restaurant, 706 N. Lansdowne Avenue in Drexel Hill (just a short hop from the high school) the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **November 3, 2022**. Hope to see you there!



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Please join us on **November 4, 2022** from 2 pm to 7 pm to give blood to the local Red Cross bank. You can maximize your blood donation and help more patients if you are an eligible type O, B or A donor. Please consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)/Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: DrexelHillUMC to schedule an appointment.



Russell Atkinson, Pastor

## November Worship Services

### All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

Daniel 7:1-3,

Luke 6:20-31

“Choose Your Ground”

### Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

Isaiah 1:15b-2:9,

Luke 21:5-19

Rev. David Tatgenhorst will  
be the guest pastor.

### Reign of Christ

November 20, 2022

Jeremiah 23:1-6,

Luke 23:33-43

Rev. David Tatgenhorst will  
be the guest pastor.

### First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5,

Matthew 24:36-44

“Dying in Fear, Living in  
Hope”



## November 8<sup>th</sup> Election Day

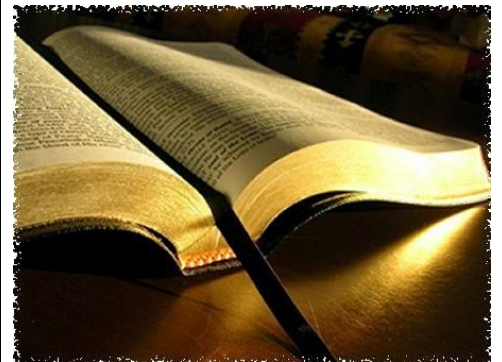
## Lay Reader Schedule for November

6 David O’Connell

13 Carol Martsof

20 Keith Chase

27 Jane Leggieri



## Happy Thanksgiving





## November Worship Notes

This year November is full of culminating celebrations. Our Sundays begin with All Saints on November 6<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost and on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Reign of Christ service.

Then, suddenly at November's end, we are brought to the beginning of a new church year; Advent starts on November 27<sup>th</sup>. We will leave behind Luke's Gospel account, and begin a year of the Good News seen through Matthew's perspective. The scriptures indicate that Luke was a physician and Matthew a tax collector – enjoy discerning a difference in each telling of the Gospel.

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## Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar



We will be taking orders again this holiday for poinsettias to decorate the altar on December 18, Christmas Eve and December 25<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias are from Miller Greenhouses in Wallingford. Please fill out an order form that you will find in the upcoming bulletins or in the Narthex on **November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> or December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Last day to order will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. The plants will still

be \$10.00 each with one dollar being donated to Volunteers In Mission (VIM). Let's fill our Sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season!

# News Around Our Community

## Crafters & Fellowship Meetup

The crafters are back putting their needles to work making a variety of items. In the past, the group has focused on making prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets for members of our congregation. In September the group was able to donate items to the Nationalities Service Center for refugees with chronic pain. Anyone is welcome to join the group for a few hours of fellowship on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, someone will be glad to get you started. If you have a craft you would like to share, please come to the Bohn Parlor on **November 17th** at 1:00 p.m.



## Thank You to Our Gardening Volunteers

A big thank you to all of our gardening volunteers who came out this past year and helped keep our church grounds beautiful. We couldn't do it without you!



Volunteers Cindy Carper and Charlene Neigh work around the church grounds.

# Nursery School News



The children were busy in October with the color orange and making lots of fun and scary crafts. We had lots of Halloween fun with games, stories, and music. “Dancing with Mr. Bones”, was an all-time favorite.

In November we are looking forward to Parent Visitation, Brown Day, learning about families, and our Thanksgiving Celebration. School will be closed Tuesday, 11/8 for Election Day, and Wednesday, 11/23 – Friday, 11/25 for Thanksgiving.

We are looking forward to a visit from Mrs. Claus in December.

We now have 13 children in our four-day class and 9 children in our three-day class. We would still like to increase our numbers in the three-day class.

## Tuesday Morning Faith Bible Study

Our Bible Study/Faith Formation Class will meet each **Tuesday**, 9:30 to 11 a.m., by ZOOM invitation and is open to everyone. The email invitation will go out a few minutes before the meeting at 9:30 am. Please contact Pastor Atkinson (610-675-7187 or [pastor@dhum.org](mailto:pastor@dhum.org)) if you would like to be included on the Zoom invitation.



# DHUMC Response to Gun Violence



During November and December we will organize for the year ahead in several key areas such as education and awareness, community events, advocacy, and youth and schools among others.

The next several months will be an ideal time to get involved and will go by very quickly. Look for future announcements about a meeting in November and one in December.

## Upper Darby Food Bank

We are getting many new families and pre-covid families coming back because of the high food prices and food stamps don't go as far. We are getting the Boy Scout collection from Holy Child this month along with donations coming to us from St Marks volunteers as well. No one in our area, Upper Darby Township, Milbourne, Havertown and parts of Lansdowne should go hungry. Please spread the word that we're here at 7766 Wayne Avenue, Bethel Baptist Church, from 10 am to 12 noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



**November 11th**

# Outreach Committee News

## COATS AND BLANKET COLLECTION

Once again, our Coat and Blanket collection was a big success! We collected 21 coats and 9 warm comfy blankets. We delivered them to The Life Center at 63rd and Market Street. Pastor Atkinson blessed our contributions at the service on October 23rd. We are most grateful to everyone for your generosity.



Pastor Atkinson blesses the contributions at the Sunday service in October.



The congregation brings up the donated coats and blankets.





Coats and blankets on display ready to be blessed and taken to the center.

## **NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

This is another long-standing tradition in our church. For as long as anyone can remember we have put together food baskets for families from the Upper Darby School District. Again, this year we are simplifying it. We will collect gift cards from supermarkets (Acme, Giant, ShopRite) or Target or Walmart. The collection will take place the first three Sundays of November. The cards will be delivered to Wendy, the head of the Social Workers for the UDSD on Monday, **November 21st** and then delivered by the social workers to the families. We are aiming for 5 families.



This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our blessings with others in our community. Thank you for contributions to this project and all of our projects throughout the year.



## **National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week: November 12-20th**

# A Time for Celebration?

## Please take our survey...2<sup>nd</sup> Request

The book *A History of the Drexel Hill United Methodist Church* states that “Sunday, October 28, 1923, was a big day!” Indeed, it was. That was the day the cornerstone was laid for the building now known as McBurney Chapel. One year later, on October 25, 1924, the new church building was dedicated.



As the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DHUMC’s presence in Drexel Hill approaches, it’s time to start thinking about what, if anything, we might do to celebrate these special occasions. Our Administrative Council had a few preliminary discussions and quickly realized that such an important issue cannot be decided by a few people in a few weeks. Instead, long-term planning by the entire congregation seems more necessary and appropriate. Consequently, the Administrative Council is asking that you take a few minutes to consider and then answer the following questions:

1. Do you feel that the anniversaries of the cornerstone laying and dedication of McBurney Chapel are events to be celebrated?  
\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

If your answer to the first question is *yes*, then what do you think that celebration should involve? Special guests? Music programs? Community-centered activities? The possibilities are endless and exciting!

2. What suggestions do you have for how to celebrate 100 years of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church?

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Your answers to these questions can be emailed to the church office at [office@dhum.org](mailto:office@dhum.org) or hand written and either placed in the box on the table at the back of the church or mailed to the church at Drexel Hill United Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. We look forward to hearing from you.

# Drexel Hill United Methodist Church Calendar

# November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Bible Study Men's Fellowship	2	3 Bacon, Toast & Heavenly Host	4 Red Cross Blood Drive	5
6 All Saints Sunday	7	8 Bible Study Nursery Closed Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 23 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	14	15 Bible Study Men's Fellowship	16	17 Crafters Meetup	18	19
20 Reign of Christ	21	22 Bible Study Men's Fellowship	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Nursery Closed	25 Nursery Closed	26
27 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	28	29 Bible Study Men's Fellowship	30	1	2	3

## Happy Birthdays in November!



Here are a few birthdays to celebrate in the month of November! Please consider getting in touch with the following church members by regular mail or email to help them celebrate their special days. Let us know if your birthday is missing from our list by calling the church office or emailing [Janedt@verizon.net](mailto:Janedt@verizon.net).

11/14 Fran Roberts  
4500 Marvine Avenue  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

11/20 John Campbell  
410 Alexander Avenue  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

11/25 Jack Neigh  
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Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
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## Get Involved!

Worship is a blessing. Our Drexel Hill United Methodist Church is so much more! Are you looking for a way to serve through our congregation? Here is a list you might consider:

### Activity:

Delivering altar flowers  
Helping with communion Ushering  
Singing in the choir  
Community Outreach  
Hand out lunch on the Parkway  
Helping in the Sunday school  
Addressing Gun Violence  
Maintenance of the building Gardening  
Media/digital/newsletter  
Prepare after-church refreshments

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If you don't use email but would still like to reach out to serve in an activity, just contact Pastor Atkinson at 610.259.2104 and he will get you in touch with a leader in your interest.