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Sunday Schedule:

8:15 AM Worship
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Worship



**LaMont's Lines
November 2020**

A Place of Victory
Philippians 2:12

Prayer prepares us for change, which may be uncomfortable. God works with us leading us out of our discomfort to a place of victory. He heals our brokenness and is our shield in times of trouble. Through Jesus we will replace our fear with trust. Amen.

Our relationship with our church family, schools and community is all about stability. We establish patterns to enable reliable and consistent interactions in the areas listed above. When something disturbs our patterns and sense of stability, we experience what some call "culture shock." We are creatures of habit. We need continuity and consistency. Yet, we also need to be flexible.

Yet, trauma occurs in our lives when we least expect it. Trauma focuses individuals and groups to altar their usual patterns of relating. Or stated biblically:


For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plan, and a time to pluck up what is planted, a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

In this text of the Bible, the focus seems to be on resiliency. The ability to function with greater balance and flexibility when faced with a challenge, change or trauma. Being resilient means asking the question – What can I do about this situation?

Achieving a victory is the ability to direct energy to achieve success. In the current pandemic, feelings can be overpowering. Thinking may become narrowly focused. The ability to be resilient is diminished and limits the ability of a group or individual to heal an injury, plan for the future or find the new direction God is directing us toward. Victory, as I am using it in this article, is not one large event, but a series of small events or successes which build toward a larger objective. **Our objective is remembering our past 50 years as a church and setting forth a plan for our next 50 years.**

"Inch by Inch, It's a Cinch." The first place we need to begin to focus our energy as 2020 draws to a close in in the area of finance. Fundraising and finances are a topic of discussion and concern for all church leaders. There is a kind of bottom-line inevitability to finances because churches need contributors to continue to exist. Pressing in from the other side is a constant inflation rate each year of 2-3 percent.

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of the church, please
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and peanut free for
members who are
allergic.**

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November Anniversaries

None

November Birthdays

- 7 Debbie Sparks
- 11 Dakota Detweiler
Irvin McBride
- 27 Rex Babcock

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Sunday Service Times

8:15 A.M. Worship
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 10:15 A.M. Worship

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday – 9 AM-3PM
 Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
 (closed for lunch 12-1)

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Sanctuary	2 Ad Council mtg. via Zoom 7 PM	3 Finance mtg. via Zoom 7 PM	4 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 PM Sanctuary	5 Lay Leadership mtg. via Zoom 7 PM	6	7
Daylight Savings ends						
8 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Sanctuary	9 Methodist Mountain Mission pick-up	10	11 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 PM Sanctuary	12 Staff-Parish mtg. via Zoom 7 PM	13	14
15 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Sanctuary	16	17 Trustees mtg. 6 PM Fellowship Hall	18 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 PM Sanctuary	19	20	21
22 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Sanctuary	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving church office closed	27	28
29 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship Sanctuary	30					

Church WiFi password -
PUMC WiFi: 8127232965

Special thanks to Dave Mathers & family for putting together the College Care Packages!
Tins are always welcome when preparing the packages – the ideal dimensions are 10.5x2³/₄

November sermon titles & texts

November 1	Communion Sunday "The Kingdom & the Glory" Joshua 3:7-17, I Thessalonians 2:9-13
November 8	Christian Education Sunday "To Late?!" I Thessalonians 4:13-18 <i>Howard leading services</i>
November 15	Food Pantry Sunday "" <i>Howard leading services</i>
November 22	Mission Moment Sunday "I Will Seek Out My Sheep" Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
November 29	Stewardship Sunday "" <i>Howard leading services</i>

Celebrations & Member Care

Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks

The earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in it working. James 5:16 AMP

Our church's prayer list –

Debra Handy Asbell Family
 Jennifer Austin
 Marilyn Rutherford Bivins
 Ann Babcock
 Rex Babcock
 Frank Barnett
 Billy Bostock
 LeRoy Boyer
 Angie Breeden-Basinger
 Denise Bruner
 Mike Burton
 Sharron Cousineau
 Mary Crist
 Bill Cromwell
 Diane Dillard
 Deegan Epperson
 Dennie Followell
 Larry Evans
 Denise Hamilton

Anna Hudelson
 Roxanne Kemple
 Ali King
 Steve & Sheryl Kingston
 Payton Krider
 Charlotte Lane
 Joyce Lewis & Family
 Clarence Martin
 Connie McBride
 Irvin McBride
 Chet Messengale
 John & Mary Ruth Miley
 Rosemary Noble
 Paulette Purkhiser
 Hilma Rutherford
 Rex Tuell
 Sarann Weeks

Seen in the newspaper

Michael Hannon
 Lily Stroud

"20 yrs. ago" Oct. 17-19, 2000
 Diane Dillard



updated 10/26/20

As we finish out the calendar year of 2020, we are behind between \$6,000-\$10,000 in our estimated giving projections. As a result of the pandemic, we held church in the virtual realm. Our choice to help the congregational members be safe created a situation where when people were not in church, they did not give. Some members switched from in-person giving to giving by mail. However, each month had a negative cumulative drag on our overall yearly giving. Nor were we able to have our fundraisers. Thanks to all our givers who were thoughtful enough to send in their contributions by mail. It was appreciated.

Church attendance is rising slowly, but we need to begin discussion on how to focus on our Christian Education teaching program. This is important because a strong Sunday morning Christian Education program impacts our worship attendance. Last of all, please consider how the pandemic sedentary lifestyle impacts in a negative way by contributing to an overall lower individual and group energy level.

So what can we do about this situation?

Lord, because you are the vine and I am a branch living in You, I bear much fruit. Apart from You, I can do nothing. Your Son, Jesus, said, If you live in Me and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. John 15:7AMP

Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will.
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 skip1963@gmail.com or 812-345-3873.