

Royersford United Methodist Church

Newsletter—November 2021

Psalm 34:1-3 NRSV

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together

Nancy Fest

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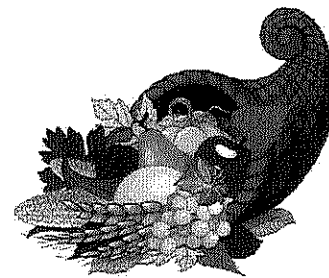
NOVEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>7</u> ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9AM Child watch, SS Grades 5/6, youth, & adults 10:30AM Worship; SS Grades: 1-4, PreK & K 10:40 AM Choir prac 4-6 Youth</p>	<p><u>8</u> 1:30am -1 PM Carry Out Hope 6 PM Rejoicing Ringers</p>	<p><u>9</u> 4:30 PM Confirma- tion Class Sign-up deadline: Community Dinner</p>	<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>11</u> 5 PM Community Dinner 7 PM Lectionary Bi- ble Study</p>	<p><u>12</u> Dec/Jan newsletter to have arti- cles in</p>	<p><u>13</u> 8 AM Men's Break- fast</p>
<p><u>14</u></p>	<p><u>15</u> 1:30AM -1 PM Carry Out Hope 2-7 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 6 PM Rejoicing Ringers</p>	<p><u>16</u> 4:30 PM Confir- mation Class</p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u> 7 PM Lectionary Bi- ble Study</p>	<p><u>19</u></p>	<p><u>20</u></p>
<p><u>21</u> 12:30-1 PM Blessing of the animals 3 PM Kindred Cross Live Concert, Bethel UMC, Spring City</p>	<p><u>22</u> 11:30AM -1 PM Carry Out Hope 6 PM Rejoicing Ringers</p>	<p><u>23</u> 4:30 PM Confir- mation Class</p>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u> Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p>
<p><u>28</u> First Sunday of Advent—Festival of</p>	<p><u>29</u> 11:30AM -1 PM Carry Out Hope 6 PM Rejoicing Ringers</p>	<p><u>30</u> 4:30 PM Confir- mation Class</p>				

Greetings in the Name of the Son, For Whom We Are Truly Grateful!!

*"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."¹*



The month of November generally has four days we set aside to observe: All Saints Day; Election Day; Veterans' Day; and, of course, Thanksgiving Day. Other lesser known days in November include World Community Day; International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church; Bible Sunday along with National Bible Week; and a couple of United Methodist days of observance – Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday, and United Methodist Student Sunday. Not to mention all the days, "official" or not, that we hear about via social and news media, like National Clean-Out-Your-Refrigerator Day, and yes, even National Pizza-With-the-Works-Except-Anchovies Day². And then there is the day known as "Black Friday..."

Sadly, folks may tend to remember the latter three days because of personal relevance, and forget the others of social and faith-based importance. And how many of you know that the entire month of November is Native American Heritage Month?

And in the short time it took for you to read thus far, your mind is probably now focused on things other than giving thanks to God (due in great part to my bringing up other November observances), despite the fact that I started my note with gratitude for Christ and our thanks for blessings from God. We are so easily distracted...

Personal relevance - - What do we allow in this world to stimulate our minds and senses to the point of distraction? What takes us away from the moral, the ethical, the spiritual, the loving of our neighbor, and the loving of our God? It has to do with personal relevance. If cleaning is relevant to you, "your thing," then a day devoted to cleaning out the refrigerator may not be a bad thing to set aside a day for. And heaven KNOWS I am all for enjoying what God has given us, and having fun along the way with the occasional pizza, but I have to remember to thank God for the gift; and to still love God and neighbor in all I say and do. Some people say "Laurie! You think and worry too much!!" What is "too much" for the building of the kingdom and staying accountable and right with God?

I worry about the relevance Black Friday has in the lives of many people. I worry about what relevance, what meaning Thanksgiving Day has for many people and families. I worry about the relevance of God in the world.

But then, I remember that God is IN the world. And where there is God, there is hope...

- ♥ ...hope for people to open their hearts and take personal inventories of what they think is relevant in their lives now, and what needs to be relevant for a truly better life with Jesus Christ here on earth and in the kingdom.
- ♥ ...hope for people with opening hearts learning to know from whom all things come, and to actively praise and thank God for all His blessings past, present, and future.
- ♥ ...hope for all that someday they will understand and know what it is to love and to be loved by their neighbors, and to love and be loved by God.

Hope exists because of the love of Jesus Christ in each of us. *I thank God for all of you who are faithful* and share in Christ's mission as we extend ourselves as the body of Jesus Christ to others. And in so doing, we extend God's hand of hope for the world.

I also thank God for you who may not be faithful, because in you there are amazing seeds of hope! To watch them burst open and give you incredible joy in Christ and God's grace is such a blessing to me and a tremendous celebration for all of heaven!

Beloved, take time this Thanksgiving and ALL month to look around you and within you: evaluate what is truly relevant for your spiritual life with Christ and what is not. Allow your heart to open wide to truly see and feel the MANY gifts of God before us and in us; and lift high your thanksgivings "with heart and hands and voices!" And after you have thanked God, thank each other. For ALL have gifts from God they have shared with you. Love God; love your neighbors.

*For further thought, read
Luke 17:11-19*

*With love, and MANY THANKS to YOU and God,
Pastor Laurie*

¹ Now Thank We All Our God; United Methodist Hymnal #102; ©1989 United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville TN; verse 1

² <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/november/>



Blessing of the Animals

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November 21, 2021; 12:30p-1:00p

(or maybe 1:15p, depending on the size of the congregation ☺)

All animals must be leashed, crated, caged, or boxed, as appropriate, for the pet to safely attend. All pets are welcome. If coming with your pet cannot happen, you may bring a photo, or collar, etc. instead, and we will bless your loved one in absentia.

Lectionary Bible Study Schedule for November and December, 2021

(The first date is Thursday when the Scriptures will be studied in class; the second date is Sunday when the Scriptures chosen from the date's list will likely be read and used in the sermon/message.)

November 2021

4 th /7 th	<u>All Saints' Sunday and Holy Communion</u>	
	Historic/Old Testament	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalms 127
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 9:24-28
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 12:38-44
11 th /14 th	Historic/Old Testament	1 Samuel 1:4-20
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalms 113
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 10:11-25
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 13:1-8
18 th /21 st	<u>Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday; Blessing of the Animals (12:30p separate service)</u>	
	Historic/Old Testament	2 Samuel 23:1-7
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalms 132:1-12
	Apocalyptic/New Testament	Revelation 1: 4b-8
	Gospel/New Testament	John 18:33-37
25 th	<u>Thanksgiving Day (NO Bible study on the 25th)</u>	
	Historic/Old Testament	Joel 2:21-27
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalms 126
	Epistle/New Testament	1 Timothy 2:1-7
	Gospel/New Testament	Matthew 6:25-33
28 th	<u>NO Bible Study on the 25th; First Sunday of Advent - HOPE</u>	
	Historic/Old Testament	Jeremiah 33:14-16
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalms 25:1-10
	Epistle/New Testament	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 21:25-36



December 2021

2 nd /5 th	<u>Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE, and Holy Communion</u>	
	Prophetic/Old Testament	Malachi 3:1-4
	1 st Gospel/New Testament	Luke 1:68-79
	Epistle/New Testament	Philippians 4:4-7
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 3:1-6
9 th /12 th	<u>Third Sunday in Advent – JOY, and Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Church Luncheon</u>	
	1 st Prophetic/Old Testament	Zephaniah 3:14-20
	2 nd Prophetic/Old Testament	Isaiah 12:2-6
	Epistle/New Testament	Philippians 4:4-7
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 3:7-18
18 th /21 st	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE</u>	
	Prophetic/Old Testament	Micah 5:2-5a
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalms 80:1-7

	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 10:5-10
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 1:39-55
24 th	<u>Christmas Eve with two services: Children's/Family and Candlelight/Holy Communion</u>	
	Prophetic/Old Testament	Isaiah 9:2-7
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 96
	Epistle/New Testament	Titus 2:11-14
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 2:1-20
25 th	<u>Christmas Day</u>	
	Prophetic/Old Testament	Isaiah 52:7-10
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 98
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 1:1-12
	Gospel/New Testament	John 1:1-14
23 rd /26 th	<u>1st Sunday of Christmas</u>	
	Historic/Old Testament	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 148
	Epistle/New Testament	Colossians 3:12-17
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 2:41-52

NEW Bible Study Opportunities

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures Study –

EXPANDED TO A THURSDAY DAY CLASS OPTION STARTING IN JANUARY 13TH 2022!

We will continue with our regular, year-round Thursday night Bible study featuring the weekly Lectionary scriptures you see above this notice. The study is offered either in person or on ZOOM – your choice. Please sign up with Rev. Laurie Pfahler via email or telephone so that she can include you in the weekly email reminder (or other means if you do not have email) of the scriptures and the ZOOM link.

Thursday mornings at 10:30A – – starting Jan. 13th

Thursday evenings at 7:00P

Advent Study – All the Good – A Wesleyan Way of Christmas

by L. Warner, A. Valdez Barker, J. Choi, and S. Kim

4 Wednesdays at 7:00P: December 1, 8, 15, & 22

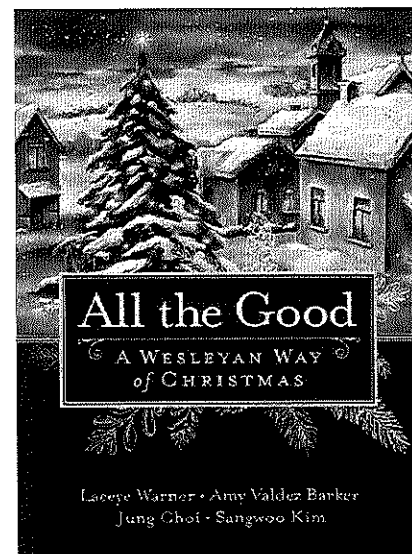
“All the Good takes us on an inspiring Advent journey where even the most ardent student of John Wesley will be delighted in discovering treasured nuggets of Methodist history and their connection to the message of Christmas.

Scripturally grounded, historically educational, and personally warm and engaging, All the Good not only reminds us of the good news as we prepare for Christmas, but invites us to respond to it as well.” – Rev. Susan Robb, United

Methodist Pastor and author of Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross

We will be participating via ZOOM with our sister churches in our South District Mission Link; and each week will be led by a different pastor: Rev. Jacqueline Hines, Pastor Scott Johnson, Rev. Laurie Pfahler, and Rev. Mark Young.

The rich diversity of the four authors PLUS the four mission link UMC leaders offers even more to help us open our minds and expand our knowledge and perspectives of not just our Christian lives as Advent people, but also how to live them guided by the practices of John Wesley’s means of grace.



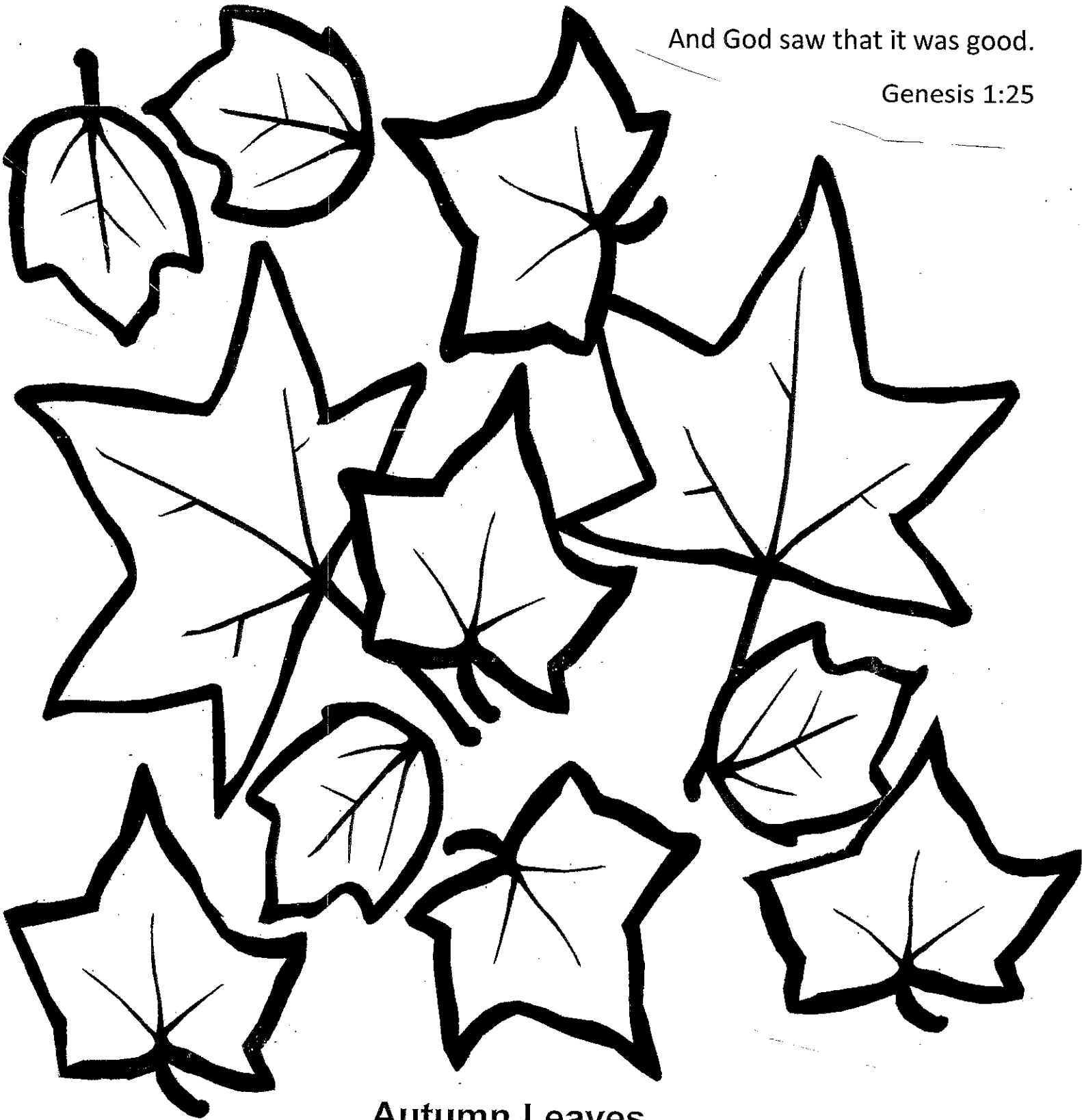
YOUR Royersford UMC participation can either be in-person or via ZOOM – your choice!

Sign-up in the sanctuary, or via email revlpfahler@gmail.com .

Books available from Pastor Laurie at \$13.00 each. Help is available on a confidential basis. – ljp ☺

And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:25



Autumn Leaves

God made leaves so beautiful and green, but when they change from green to red, yellow, and orange, they take on a whole new beauty. It happens just before winter in the time called fall. This is when the leaves begin to rest from making food for the trees. For a few months, they put on a show, because soon winter will come, and they will all be covered with snow.

GET READY FOR FALL

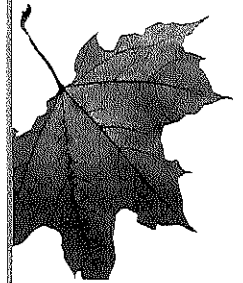
Don't you just love crisp fall days? If you're ready for sweater weather, we have just the puzzle for you. Search up, down, forward, backward and diagonally to find these hidden words:

Acorn
Apple
Autumn
Brisk
Camping
Chestnuts
Chilly
Cider
Cobweb

Corn
Cozy
Crackling
Crisp
Fireside
Flannel
Foggy
Foliage
Football

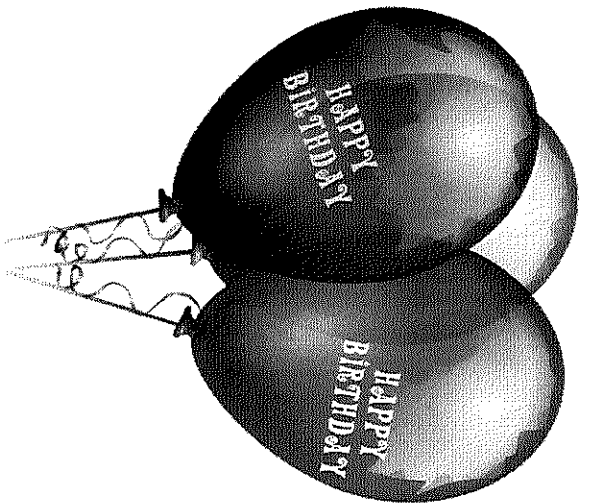
Frost
Gourd
Harvest
Hayride
Hiking
Jacket
Leaves
Maize
Pumpkins

Rainy
Rake
Scarecrow
Scarf
Spider
Squash
Sweater
Turkey
Vibrant



Puzzled? The solution is on page 17.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ron Skrocki
- 3 David Fink
- 4 Eric Faust
- 8 Linda Giovagnoli
- Dolly Rozinski
- 13 JoAnn Waddell
- 14 Marsha Habel
- 19 Bruce Burns
- 28 Dean Vining
- 29 George Li

NOVEMBER DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- 1 **All Saints Day** John 11: 32-44
- 2 A gift from Jesus Acts 3:1-10
- 3 As you have decided 2 Cor. 9:6-8
- 4 Be transformed Rom. 12: 1-3
- 5 An ancestor of David Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
- 6 Secure in God's presence Ps. 127
- 7 **24th Sunday after Pentecost** Heb. 9: 24-28
- 8 Beware of the scribes Mark 12:38-44
- 9 What can mortals do? Ps. 56: 10-11
- 10 Singing for joy Ps. 92: 1-5
- 11 In peaceful trust Isa. 26:3-4
- 12 A mighty prophet is born I Sam. 1:4-20
- 13 None like the Lord I Sam. 2: 1-10
- 14 **25th Sunday after Pentecost** Heb. 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Doug and Patti Meyer
- 7 Tom and Kristy Kurtz
- 9 Jeff and Barbara Rantz
- 21 Merle and Alberta Bainbridge

- 15 The things that must take place Mark 13: 1-8
- 16 Why do you worry? Matt. 6:24-33
- 17 See of the kingdom Luke 13: 18-19
- 18 The Lord is good Ps. 100
- 19 Like the sun rising 2 Sam. 23: 1-7
- 20 The Lord has chosen Ps. 132:1-12, (13-18)
- 21 **Christ the King/Reign of Christ** Rev. 1:4b-8
- 22 Pilate questions Jesus John 18:33-37
- 23 We will not fear Ps. 46
- 24 Everything needed for life 2 Pet. 1: 1-11
- 25 Thanksgiving Day Matt. 10: 16-22
- 26 Lord is righteousness Jer. 33:14-16
- 27 Teach me your paths Ps. 25:1-10
- 28 Strengthen in holiness 1 Thess. 3:9-13
- 29 Watch and pray at all times Luke 21:35-36
- 30 How long, O Lord? Ps. 13