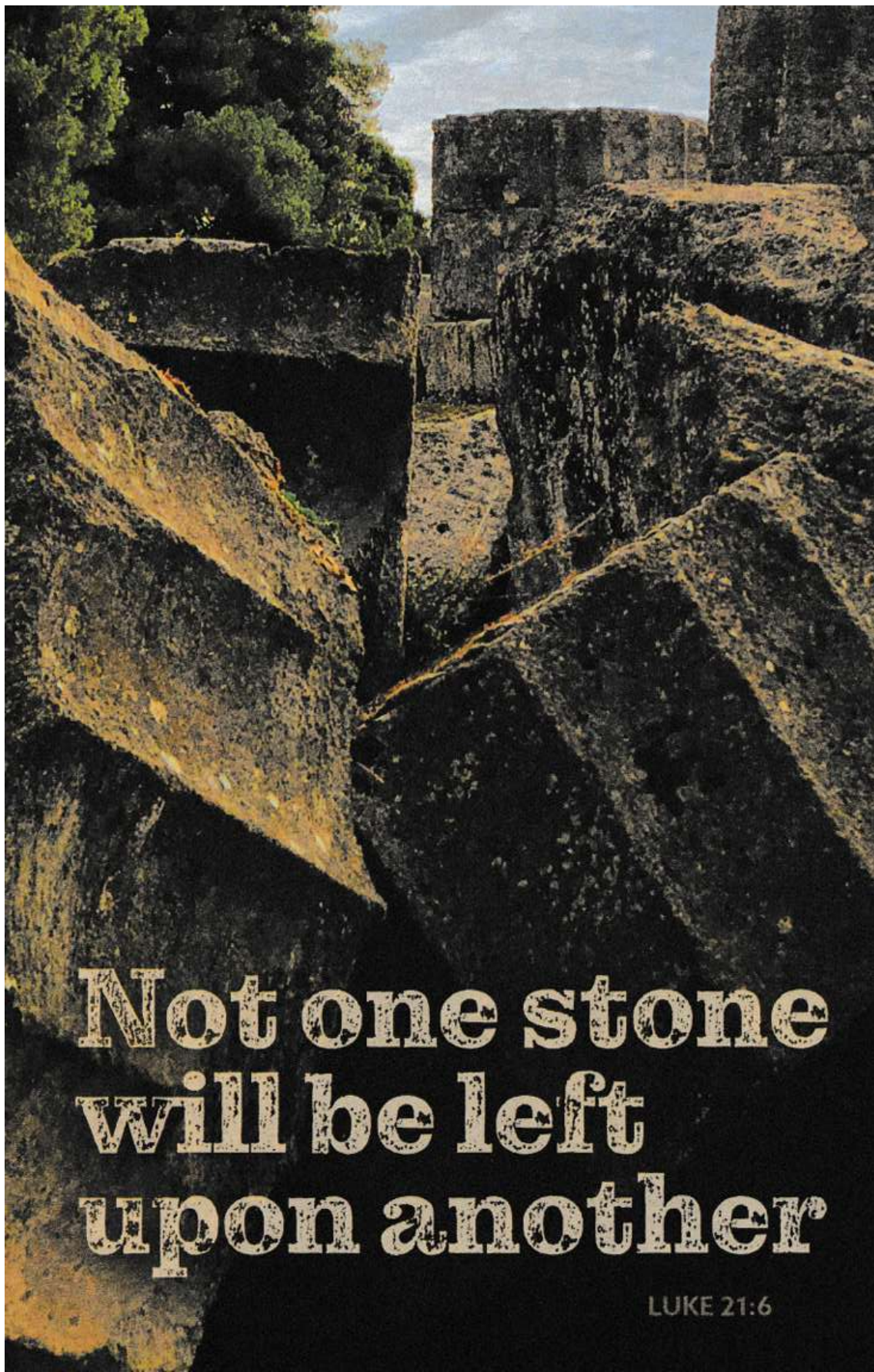




**Not one stone
will be left
upon another**

LUKE 21:6

Honoring Creators of Justice

This week's gospel reading is a part of an apocalyptic speech Jesus gives in the temple. Jesus' talk of war can be alarming to our ears. We want to hear him speak about peace and love and mercy. However, there is much in this world that is scary and violent. Jesus would not be doing his pastoral due diligence if he did not talk about these things. Jesus reminds us that, yes, things are going to get bad. But he calls us to cling to our faith and respond to God's charge that we love and serve our neighbor. And by this, he assures us, we bring about the kingdom.

November 11 is honored as Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. Originally it was called Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I and the signing of a ceasefire. It signaled the end of the violence.

An "armistice" is an agreement to stop fighting, to bring about peace. But as Martin Luther King Jr. famously observed, "Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice." Jesus tells us that violence will happen, but our calling as baptized Christians is to live in the promise of his grace and to go out into the world to be creators of justice and peace.

This week, as we honor and remember those who have served and experienced the violence Jesus speaks of, we must heed Jesus' pastoral words of hope: "Do not be afraid." In the midst of chaos and fear, Jesus gives us his strength and the wisdom to follow him. Blessed are all who work toward armistice in service of peace and justice.

Millcreek Lutheran Church
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us- knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Father in heaven, who assures us of your protection, and challenges us, even in persecution, to witness to our faith instead of worry about our future: Give us conviction and stamina in our faith, that we may not be caught off guard or unprepared to witness, if and when that time should come. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Serving you this morning:

Interim Pastor,	Pastor Frank Terhune
Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Mary Ream
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman

The Service

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation

***Greetings: Pages 57, line 5**

***Opening Hymn: LBW (green) #343 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

343

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
 wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,

Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. composite, alt.
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Prayer of the Day (read in unison)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,
 nothing is holy Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and

guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98 (read responsively)

Psalm	Psalm 98; tone 5
	
Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.	⁵ Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp, with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
² O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.	⁶ With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.	⁷ Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it, the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands; lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.	⁸ Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.
	⁹ The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

***The Alleluia Verse: Page 62, line 14**

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. this will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

***Responses (spoken): Page 63, lines 15 & 16**

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LBW (green) #341 *Jesus, Still Lead On*

1 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; And, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; Heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by your hand To our Fa - ther's land.
 Safe - ly past the foe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our Fa - ther's land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.
 Tune: Adam Drese, 1620-1701

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*The Apostles' Creed, Page 65

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Choir Anthem: *Soon and Very Soon*

***The Prayers, Page 65, line 22**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those who are in need. (a brief silence)

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care especially those on our congregational prayer list. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer, Page 71 (spoken in unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***Benediction & Dismissal: Page 74, lines 42 & 43**

Closing Hymn: LBW (green) #495, Lead On, O King Eternal

Moments of Meditation: Congregation seated

Postlude

*The flowers and bulletins are given to the honor & glory of
God, and in memory of Chris, from Nancy Deiter.*



495

Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears,

Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents will be our home.
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;
 For not with swordsloud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 But deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might!



Our Mission: Helping God restore & renew our community, our congregation, & ourselves.

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Lay Leader: Jennifer Rosengrant

Sunday, November 16, 2025

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **10:15 AM**. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later on YouTube.



Helping God Restore and Renew our Community

HOLIDAY BOXES: We will be having our next kids' event on Sunday, Nov. 16th from 1-3pm. This event is a community service project. We will be assembling holiday food boxes & we are in need of the following items:

boxed mashed potatoes	boxed stuffing
gravy	canned yams
canned green beans	canned corn
canned cranberry sauce	

A box will be in the Narthex for donations. Your generosity is appreciated!

BLOOD DRIVE: Central PA Blood Bank will be at MLC on Thursday, November 20th from 11am-7pm. See flyer at end of the bulletin.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION: Advent is fast approaching. We are bringing back our Reverse Advent Calendar. This time of year, we think about getting. This calendar is all about giving. You can pick one up in the narthex. There is one food item mentioned every day. Completed boxes can be brought during Christmas week to be distributed to local Food pantries to replenish their shelves following the Christmas demand. The need this year is great. We can help feed the hungry. Take the Advent challenge. Together. We can live out Jesus' command to love one another.

Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunday, November 9, 2025:

Current Offerings- \$460, Plate- \$610, Flower- \$80, Bulletins- \$20

Total- \$1,170 Attendance- 64 Sunday School- 16

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10

THE COFFEE BAR in the Narthex is now up and running! It will be open 9 am to 10:05 am and then closed during service. Be sure to come early to get your coffee, tea, or hot chocolate!

SWEET SUNDAY TODAY! Stop by the multipurpose room after service to purchase treats by Charmayne.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: Starting Sunday November 16th, the table will be set up in the narthex with the gift bags. There are 12 shut-ins currently on our list. Please have all cards and items in the bags by Sunday, Dec. 14th to allow time for bags to be delivered by Christmas. There will be a sign-up sheet to deliver the bags on the table. Any questions or if someone needs added to the list, please tell Nikki Johnson. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS: We invite members to purchase poinsettias in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or simply in their own names.

The poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays.

Please order early. Deadline is Sunday November 16th. They are \$12 per plant.

Sign up form is in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Millcreek Lutheran Church. Please designate "poinsettias."

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Terhune will begin a weekly adult Bible study for Advent this year and will continue Bible study into 2026. There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up. We are asking for your preferred time in addition to topics you have an interest in. We may have multiple days and times based upon schedules.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

- Sunday November 16- Sweet Sunday and Sunday Fun Day 1-3pm and Service Project for community youth.
- Sunday November 23 is a communion service for Christ the King Sunday, signifying the end of the church year.
- Sunday November 30- First Sunday of Advent communion service. Stay tuned for the rest of the Advent & Christmas schedule!! Children have begun working on their Christmas program. *It is very important to have them at Sunday School as often as possible since we do most learning of songs there.*

Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Norman & Patricia Sharp
8 Central Drive
Newmanstown, PA 17073

PRAYER LIST: Please make requests to Jen M. by noon Wed. each week: secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570. *Please provide updates when our prayers have been answered, so this list can be kept current.*

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

Peg Auman	Bryan Breidigam	Joe Buffington
Debbie Hartman	Violet Hepler	Frank Hoffman
Liz Leibig	Barbara Potteiger	Brian Ream
Norm Sharp	Gerry Strickler	Stewart Wolf
Aaron Yiengst	Devon Yiengst	Michael Yiengst, Jr.
Greer Zellers		

NON-MEMBERS:

Mike Nelson, friend of Kristin Bender
Gary Beatty,, friend of Debbie Hartman
JoAnn Deahl, Brandy Gahres' mother
Linda McMullan, sister in law of Greta McMullan
Candy Hibshman, friend of Rachel Mock
Jennifer Clinton, daughter of Renee & Layne Strickler
Mitch Keath, relative of Mary Ream & Deb Buffington
Renee Troutman, friend of Debbie Tice
Richard Shaddinger, nephew of Nancy Deiter

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 20th • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Millcreek Lutheran Church

221 North Sheridan Road, Newmanstown 17073

In the Multipurpose Room

Everyone will receive:

- Papa John's buy one Large Pizza get one FREE certificate
- Certificate for a \$10 gift card at any Good's Store
- \$5 Rutter's gift card



3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:

- go to 717GiveBlood.org & click on **DONATE NOW**
- call 1-800-771-0059
- scan the QR Code



**A form of ID is
REQUIRED to donate**



- We kindly suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments help us improve your donation experience.
- Walk-Ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.



Pennsylvania Dutch

(Also known as Pennsylvania German)

Christmas Service

Gottesdiensch

Zoar Lutheran Church
Zoar (Ziegel) Ludderisch Karrich

560 Freeport Road.(Mt. Zion)Lebanon, PA 17046

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Sunndaag, der dreiunzwansichst November 2025

2:30 P.M.

Am halwer drei nummidaag

The Christmas Story from Luke Chapter 2 will be read in PA Dutch and in English.

Christmas carols, religious and secular, will be sung in PA Dutch and English.

A PA Dutch Christmas tradition will be told in English.

The sermon will be in PA Dutch.

PA Dutch Sermon by: David Adam
Der Breddicher: der David Adam

Light refreshments following Service

Questions: call 717-933-5511, or email pgalice2@gmail.com

Advent Bible Study

A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm & 7 pm

The Manger and the Inn	November 25
Ancestors, Joseph, & Herod	December 2
Salvation and the Magi	December 9
Atrocity and Welcome	December 16

Take some time to prepare the way
for the Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth.
We'll share traditions, Bible study, and faith
as we focus on this meaningful time of getting
ready for Christ.

God's Gift of Love





We would like to thank EVERYONE from Millcreek that gave to the Toys for Tots collection in memory of Stacey Pennington, our Daughter, Sister, and Mother. Lindsay had just enough room in the car for a suitcase after loading all the toys and heading back to Maryland. This was a huge success.

THANK YOU to Our Church family,
Stephanie, Lindsay, Conner, & Cole



Thanks to everyone who participated in Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child.
We collected a total of 62 shoeboxes this year!
However you helped support this project- either by filling a shoebox,
a monetary contribution, or your continued prayers
for this project- a BIG THANK YOU!!!

Lisa Martin & Pat Ontokos

Recently Departed Millcreek Members

OBITUARY

Hazel Marie Bashore

NOVEMBER 30, 1926 – OCTOBER 30, 2025

IN THE CARE OF

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*Hazel Marie Bashore, born on November 30, 1926,
passed away on October 30, 2025, at the age of 98.
Hazel resided in Myerstown, Pennsylvania.*



Audrey Mae (Tobias) Putt, 97, of Newmanstown, PA, died Friday, November 7, 2025 at Juniper Village, Lebanon, PA.

She was the wife of Raymond P. Putt, Sr., who died December 4, 2014.

Born in Wernersville, PA on October 11, 1928, she was a daughter of the late Lester and Bertha (Batz) Tobias.

Audrey was a 1946 graduate of Robesonia High School, she worked for Caron Knitting Mill, Robesonia, and at Richland Knitting as a Garment Inspector. Audrey was a member of Millcreek Lutheran Church, Newmanstown, and Eastern Star. She enjoyed her cats, crocheting, cooking, and quilting.

Audrey is survived by two daughters, Marcia S., wife of Timothy Kessinger, of Williamstown; Leslie A., wife of John D. Chadwick, of Lebanon; a son, Raymond P. Putt, Jr., husband of Mary F., of Annapolis, MD; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 great great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Annette M. Blatt; and a sister, Arlene Moore.

Funeral services will be held Monday, November 17, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Grose Funeral Home, 358 W. Washington Ave., Myerstown, PA, with a viewing beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Heidelberg Cemetery, Robesonia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to, Humane Society of Lebanon County 150 N. Ramona Road Myerstown, PA 17067, or Millcreek Lutheran Church P.O. Box 399 Newmanstown, PA 17073.



Donald R. Leibig, 84, of Newmanstown, PA, died on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy. He was the husband of Ann E. (Hallman) Leibig, who died on April 27, 2022.

Born in Stricklerstown, PA, on Oct. 4, 1941, he was a son of the late Harold Leibig and Pearl (Engle) Zekany. Donald was a 1959 graduate of Newmanstown High School. He worked as a road master for Millcreek Township, was township supervisor for 30 years, and delivered oil for Leffler. He was a lifetime member of the Newmanstown Fire Company, the Mount Aetna Fire Company, and the Newmanstown Athletic Club. He

enjoyed camping at Raystown, riding his motorcycle, gambling, listening to bluegrass, and spending time with his family.

Donald is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth Leibig, of Newmanstown, Barbara Risser, of Richland, Dawn Leibig, of Newmanstown, and Donna, wife of Larry “Pokey” Miller, of Richland; sister, Louise Hainley; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dianna Tschudy; and brother, Lynn Leibig.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, at 11 a.m., at Grose Funeral Home, 358 W. Washington Ave., Myerstown. A viewing will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, from 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home and on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be at Millbach Cemetery, Newmanstown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Millcreek Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 399, Newmanstown, PA 17073.

Signs of the End of the Age

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

The puzzle is based on Luke 21:5-28 (NIV).



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