



Grace Notes

Gathering & Growing Together Through Faith

Serving our Lord since 1785

November 2025

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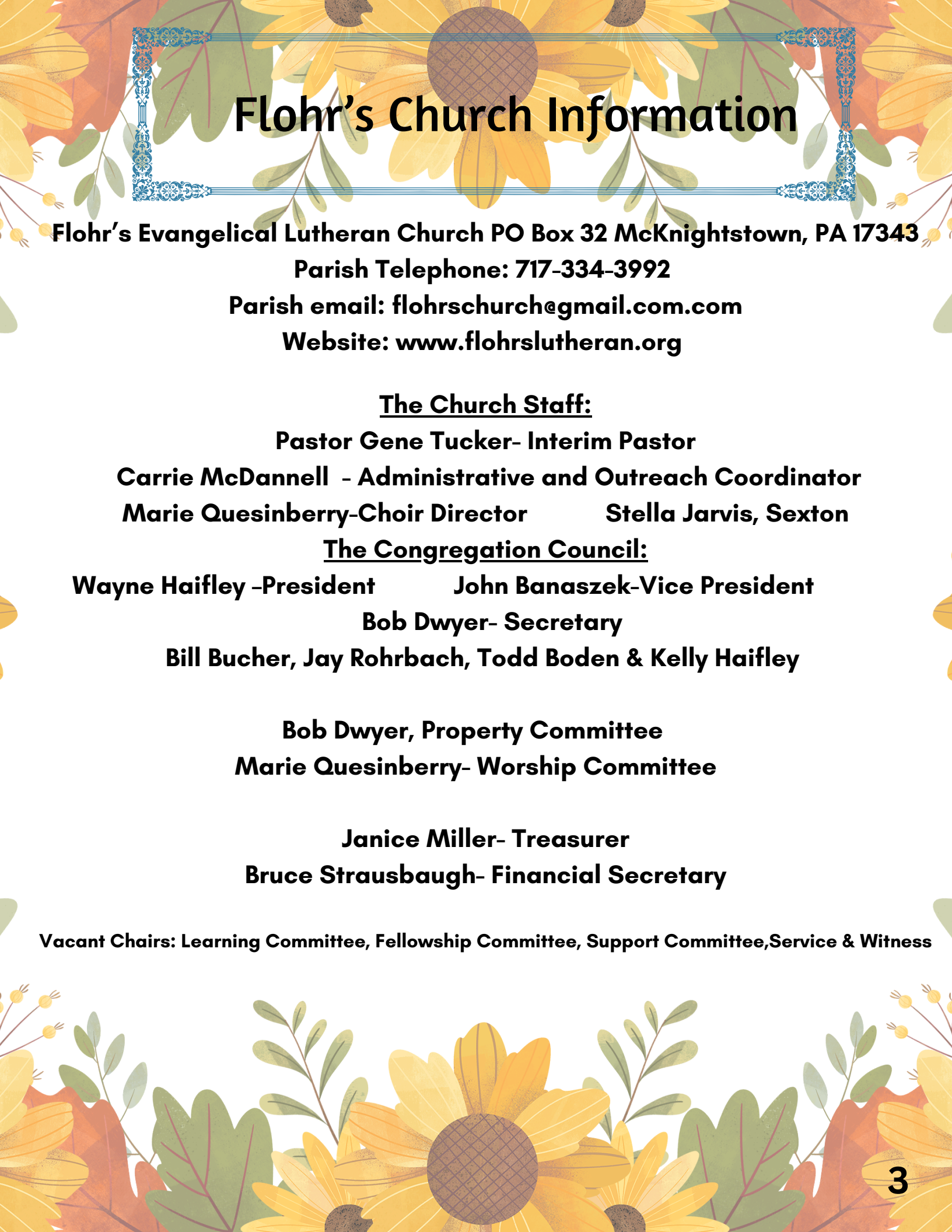
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Psalm 118:24 (ESV)

**This is the day that the
LORD has made; let us
rejoice and be glad in it.**



Flohr's Church Information

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Carrie McDannell - Administrative and Outreach Coordinator

Marie Quesinberry-Choir Director

Stella Jarvis, Sexton

The Congregation Council:

Wayne Haifley -President

John Banaszek-Vice President

Bob Dwyer- Secretary

Bill Bucher, Jay Rohrbach, Todd Boden & Kelly Haifley

Bob Dwyer, Property Committee

Marie Quesinberry- Worship Committee

Janice Miller- Treasurer

Bruce Strausbaugh- Financial Secretary

Vacant Chairs: Learning Committee, Fellowship Committee, Support Committee, Service & Witness

Ponderings of The Pastor

By Pastor Gene Tucker

A recurring column, dealing with various and sundry topics

REFORMATION IN THE CHURCH IN THIS (AND EVERY) AGE

On Sunday, October 26th, Lutherans around the world will recall the events of October 31st, 1517, when a German monk named Martin Luther used a hammer and nails to post his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenburg.

What Luther did in posting his Theses to the door wasn't at all unusual. After all, many professors in the seminary there did the same. In effect, what those who nailed their posters to the church door were doing was to say, "This is what I propose to talk about".

It was what Luther wanted to talk about that caused a ruckus. For Luther directly challenged the Western Church's behaviors, beliefs and practices in the time of the Renaissance. In particular, he challenged the Church's love affair with worldly power and money. He challenged the corruption and the lust for power that characterized much of the Church's leadership. He challenged the idea that a person could improve their standing with God by buying Indulgences (the money gained from the sale of these Indulgences financed the building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome). (Luther saw this practice as a form of the old heresy which is known as Pelagianism...more about that in a future column.) He challenged the Church's decision-making process which depended on one person's dictates (the Pope), a practice which undercut the Church's collective decision-making abilities.

So began what we now call the Reformation, or – more properly – the Protestant Reformation. Recall that the word "Protestant" means to protest. It is certifiably true that Luther was not only protesting what was going on in the Western Church, he was attempting to correct and reform it.

In the wake of the movement that Luther started, the part of the Church that is now known as "Protestant" numbers many thousands of different groupings. (It seems that, oftentimes in life, there are gains and losses. The fracturing of the Church into so many groups is – in many ways – a loss.)

But it wasn't Luther's intention to separate the Western Church into different groups. Instead, he wanted to purify and to reform the Church.

Ponderings of The Pastor Continued

Down through time, God has raised up various persons to challenge the Church's ways, beliefs and behaviors. (In our own time, Martin Luther King is just such a reformer.) In the first few centuries of the Church's existence, there were many challenges to correct belief. We call these ideas "heresies", because they contain some bits of truth, but they don't convey the fulness of it. (The word "heresy" comes to us from the Greek, where it means "to choose".) In my view, there are four basic heresies we ought to know about today, for the Evil One continues to trot out these old, incorrect ideas, often mixing and matching them, repackaging them into new and more attractive offerings. My own short list of these four is: Marcionism, Gnosticism, Arianism and Pelagianism. (More about these in future columns...stay tuned for future exciting installments!)

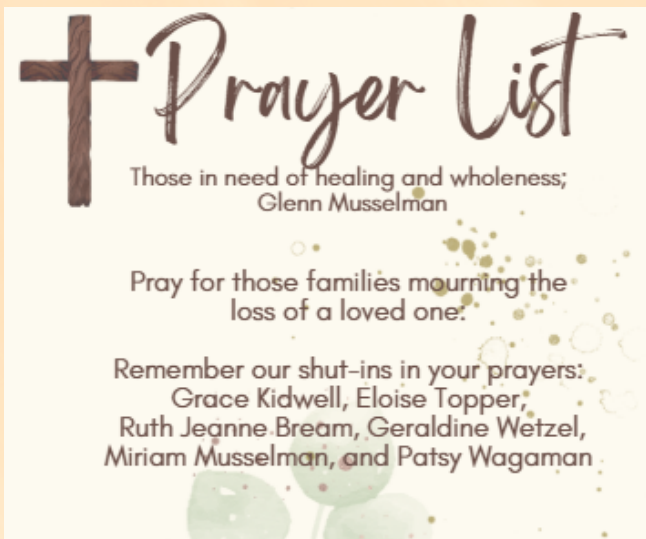
Which brings us to this important point: The Church stands in need of reform, of change and purification in this and in every age. The reason this is so important is that the Church is called to bear the image of Christ reliably and accurately to the outside and watching world.

To do this, the Church must step back from itself and take a good, hard look at itself. In essence, that's what Luther did...he stepped back, removed himself from the Church as it was in his time, and took a critical look at the Church. He didn't like much of what he saw.

How might we, today, look at the Church to see in what ways it's getting the things of God and of Christ right, and in what ways is it getting the things of God and of Christ wrong?

The blunt truth is that the temptation is always present to lose sight of God's will for the Church, substituting our own flawed will in its place.

So, our task is the same as it has always been in the Church, down through time: To maintain and to cherish that which is good, wholesome and which reflects godly values, and to do away with that which fails to do these things.



Prayer List

Those in need of healing and wholeness;
Glenn Musselman

Pray for those families mourning the
loss of a loved one:

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers:
Grace Kidwell, Eloise Topper,
Ruth Jeanne Bream, Geraldine Wetzell,
Miriam Musselman, and Patsy Wagaman



COUNCIL MEETING

November 11th at 7PM



Special Thank you

Because of your generous donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, \$1000 was given to a family who's child is awaiting a transplant.

Your kindness is making a real difference for this family.



NOVEMBER OUTREACH

We are sponsoring 2 families at Franklin Township for meals. Please sign up to bring items on sheet in the narthex.

Items Due by Sunday 11/23

Financial News

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of Sept 2025				
	Sep-25	YTD 2025		
Income	\$19,709.13	\$176,541.35		
Expenses	\$21,085.48	\$151,364.60		
Excess (Shortfall)	-\$1,376.35	\$25,176.75		

Mission Funds Accounts: * Designated Funds				
	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Memorial	\$5,070.80			\$5,070.80
Interest	\$689.60			\$689.60
Parsonage Rent	\$11,806.06	\$1,800.00		\$13,606.06
Improvement*	\$4,289.62	\$50.00		\$4,339.62
Chairlift Repairs*	\$1,873.96			\$1,873.96
Youth*	\$1,253.97			\$1,253.97
Helping Hands*	\$232.67			\$232.67
Music*	\$1,860.13			\$1,860.13
Prayer/Memorial Garden*	\$2,399.72			\$2,399.72
A/C Replacement - Church*	\$2,342.09			\$2,342.09
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$1,226.75	\$60.00		\$1,286.75
Totals	\$33,045.37	\$1,910.00		\$34,955.37



November 2025 Lay Assistants



Worship Assistant:

2 Liam Dwyer
9 Gina Dwyer
16 Gina Dwyer
23 Bill Bucher
30 Tim Rehfield

Lectors:

2 • Volunteer Needed
9 Todd Boden
16 Gina Dwyer
23 Cheryl Black
30 Rebecca Rehfield

Deacon:

2 John Banaszek
9 Todd Boden
16 Bill Bucher
23 Jay Rohrbach
30 Kelly Haifley

Ushers:

*Kelly Haifley & Wayne Haifley

*denotes Head Usher

Altar Guild:

Janice Miller

Financial Stewards:

Todd Boden & Larry Slicker

Flower Sponsors:

2 Doris Youngblood
9 Marie Bollinger
16 Darlene Cutshall
23 David Nett
30 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach

Bulletin Sponsors:

2 Doris Youngblood
9 Marie Bollinger
16 Darlene Cutshall
23 David Nett
30 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach

Sacraments for Communion Sponsor:

Dave Nett

THANK
YOU



November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

3rd Colton Saunders
7th Darrell Woerner
7th Justin Diehl
9th Jackie Sonnett

14th Katie Bream
15th Payton House
16th Christy Slicker
16th Alice Banaszek

18th Cindy Bucher
21st Sue Nespeca
22nd Phoebe McDannell
26th David Nett

Happy Anniversary

13th Jay and Aimee Rohrbach

We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing lists of birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for helping to keep our lists current



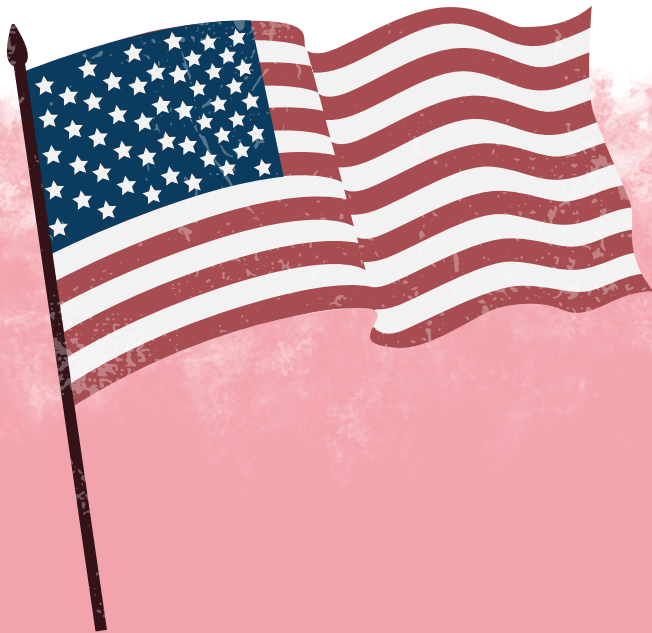
The movie *Gettysburg 1863* is set to release in November 2026, and we were thrilled to play a small part in its journey!

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped feed the film crew. Your time, effort, and generosity made the day a great success.

Special thanks to all who brought Ham and Bean Soup on Sunday morning—it was delicious and so appreciated!

All funds collected will be placed into the Outreach Fund to continue supporting community efforts.

Bits & Pieces



Bread Making Day

November 15th at 2PM

\$5 Per Person

Register & Pay by Nov 10th

Learn how to make 2-3 different types of bread and take home a sampling of your creations to share (or enjoy yourself!).

It's a great way to learn something new, spend time with friends, and fill the air with the warm aroma of freshly baked bread.

At Flohrs Church in McKnightstown, PA

Call (717)334-3992, Email Flohrschurch@gmail.com or sign up in the narthex



BIBLE TRIVIA



TUESDAY NOV 11TH | 6-7PM

Flohrs Church, McKnightstown, PA

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FLOHRS LUTHERAN
CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday November 16,
2025**

After Church Service

Thank
you

Dear Flohr's Church community,

After church this morning, Deb and I had such delight opening your many cards, and thinking about the wonderful comments you offered at today's Pastor's Appreciation.

We are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful faith community, as we labor together to advance the Lord's kingdom in our part of the world. Together, we look ahead to eager anticipation for the great and good things God has in store.

Blessings in Christ, along with our deepest thanks.

Pastor Gene & Deb

Flohrs Lutheran Church

Fireside Friendsgiving

We'll be serving up smoked chicken wings and a delicious s'mores bar by the fire.

Please bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and come enjoy good company, laughter, and warmth as we celebrate gratitude together!

Thursday November 20th
6-8PM

Please sign up in Narthex, email floherschurch@gmail.com or call 717-334-3992

Friends
giving





Advent

Bible Study at Flohrs

"There's a world in every verse in the New Testament." So said one of my professors in seminary.

I believe that statement is absolutely true, and is right on the mark in attempting to study and understand the Holy Scriptures.

During Advent (which begins on Sunday, November 30th), we're going to try an experiment by offering a Bible Study for the four Sundays in the season.

We will meet in that wonderfully redecorated room at the far end of the hallway on the upper level of the Education Wing. Comfy sofas and chairs await.

So, plan to come to Coffee Hour, then to bring what you've gathered there with you to Bible Study.

We'll dig into the readings appointed for the day in depth. Along the way, we'll attempt to give ourselves some tools for reading and understanding the Bible.

Look forward to gathering with you!
Pastor Gene



Join Us DIY ADVENT CALENDAR WORKSHOP

**NOVEMBER 29th 4PM
AT FLOHRS CHURCH**

Open to all! No experience needed, we will
make a simple Advent Calendar and fill it!
Cost \$5 per person

Please sign up by November 20th so supplies
can be gathered



CHRISTMAS POINSETTA ORDER FORM

POINSETTAS WILL BE \$10.50 EACH THIS
YEAR. THEY WILL BE USED TO DECORATE
THE NAVE AND NARTHEX FOR CHRISTMAS.

Given to the Glory of God...

In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____

Given by: _____

COLORS AVAILABLE (CIRCLE WHICH COLOR YOU WOULD LIKE)

RED White Pink Marble

New Glitter (Red w/ white flecks)

Plants are available to be picked up following the Christmas
Eve service or the First Sunday after Christmas

ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 30th

Supper with Santa

Join us for a magical evening of food, fun, and Christmas cheer!

Enjoy a Delicious Supper & Festive Activities!

Bring the whole family for a cozy holiday meal featuring soups, breads, and more!
There will be plenty of fun Christmas activities for kids of all ages.

Saturday, December 6th

5:00 - 7:00 PM

At Flohrs Church, McKnightstown, PA

Each child will receive a special coin to take across the street to Mrs. Claus's Kitchen, where they can:

Visit with Santa Claus

Take pictures with him

And enjoy a cookie from Mrs. Claus herself!

Cost: \$10 per person (ages 6 and up)

Reservations & Payment Due by Friday, November 29th

Sign up in the narthex at the church or

Email: flohrschurch@gmail.com or

Call: 717-334-3992

Come share the joy of the season — laughter, love, and a little Christmas magic await at Flohrs Church!



November

Office Hours:
M-W-F
9AM-12

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coffee Hour after Service throughout the month 		OUTREACH OF THE MONTH: Thanksgiving Dinner for 2 Franklin Township Families				1
2	3	4	5 	6	7	8
All Saints Sunday			Veterans Card Making 5-7 PM			
9 Pentecost 22 & Stump the Pastor Special Veterans Service & Brunch 	10	11 Bible Trivia 6-7PM 	12	13	14	15  Bread Making Class 2PM
MEETING 16 Pentecost 23 & Annual Meeting After Church	17	18	19	20  Friends evening Fireside Friendsgiving 6-8PM	21	22  Thanksgiving Story Time and Snack 3PM
23  Christ the King Thanksgiving Service 3PM	24	25	26	27  Thank's evening	28  Christmas Decorating 1PM	29  DIY Advent Calendar Workshop 4PM
30 First Sunday of Advent & Bible Study						