

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

November 21, 2024



LOOKING AHEAD

Once again we will take part in the Bridge Sleep Out on Friday November 29th from 6 to 7 pm. Some of our youth will be present and they'd love some adult company. This is the Bridge's annual fundraising event to help those who are less fortunate in our area. As an added bonus you will get to enjoy the Sayre Annual Christmas Parade.

YOUTH GROUPS MEETS

The next scheduled meeting date for our Youth Group will be December 1st, at noon in the parish hall. We plan to go Christmas caroling on 12/15. PLEASE JOIN US. We will come back to Redeemer after caroling for hot chocolate and treats. Look for exact meeting time in a future **eBlast**.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Tuesday, December 3rd St. Mary's Guild will hold their annual Christmas Party at Yanuzzi's restaurant. Social time will begin at 5:30 with a buffet style dinner to take place at 6 p.m. The cost of the Italian Chicken buffet style dinner with dessert is \$20 which includes tip. There is a sign up sheet in the church and the Parlor for those wishing to attend. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Guild. The deadline to sign up and turn in your payment is Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 11:30 a.m.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Instead of having coffee time on the 15th, we will enjoy fellowship after the greening of the church on December 22nd immediately after the service. Once all the decorations are hung, we'll enjoy a breakfast pizza together. This is always a fun and festive time as we anticipate the Christmas season. We do hope you will join us for service at 11 a.m. and greening of the church afterwards.

SCAM ALERT!!!!!!

Someone is impersonating Pastor Melinda via text message asking you to purchase gift cards to be used for Christmas. Please know that such a request would not come via text. Please be warned and delete that message from your mobile devices. **THANK YOU!!**



The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is "Walk In Love" a portion of a phrase from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. As noted before, within the pages of the eBlast, there will be a brief article from our various ministries that demonstrate how we "Walk in Love" as a community. In gratitude for what we have been given, all of us give of ourselves in a variety of ways. This week's featured ministry is **STRONG WOMEN STRONG BONES:**

One way our parish walks in love is by providing a meeting place for Strong Women Strong Bones. This group of 18 women meets for an hour on Monday and Wednesday mornings to exercise. Bonnie Norton and Glenda Hinsman have led the group for 15 years.

The resistance training program followed by the women in Strong Women Strong Bones was started by Miriam Nelson, Ph.D., of Tufts University. Each participant must have completed a ten-week course given by Karen Johnson, a licensed exercise instructor for Penn State. Unfortunately, the required course is no longer offered so the group cannot accept new members.

The members of Strong Women Strong Bones are a community who care for and support one another, celebrating successes and offering encouragement along life's journey. In gratitude for Redeemer's hospitality, Strong Women Strong Bones sponsors the April community supper and gives generously to Redeemer's yearly budget at Christmas and in May when the group goes on summer break. – Glenda Hinsman

Our hope as you read through these stories you will realize the impact of our stewardship to our community. We continue to be an integral part of the community stretching back to when we had the Town Clock right until today. Please prayerfully reflect on what and how you are able to give in the coming year. We will have an ingathering of our pledges on Sunday December 8.

St. Francis Enjoying the Fall Season



Thank you to Ruth and Jack for suppling St. Francis with a warm hat during the Fall season. The pumpkins made for beautiful decoration and have supplied some of the wildlife with a little nourishment.

Readings for November 23rd & 24rd

First Reading: Second Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm: 132: 1-19

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Scripture Reflection

Reflection for November 24

Jesus said that his kingdom is not of this world and that belonging to his way of life means a constant attentiveness to his voice. How are we (as an individual and as a community) embodying the countercultural reign of God? What is a further step we might be called to take? How might we make more time to listen for his voice?



Serving in Worship at Redeemer

November 24

Reader: Rose Carpenter

Usher: Bruce Carpenter

Greeter: Glenda Hinsman

December 1

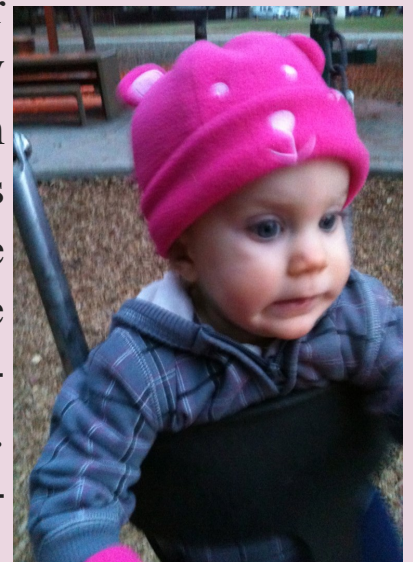
Amy Murrelle

Glenn Murrelle

Linda Murrelle

BREAKING NEWS:

Baby Bob comes home TODAY! For nearly a year we have been supporting Baby Bob and his family in prayer and at long last he gets to come home with Mommy and Daddy (Zach & Dawn Cole.) He is still medically fragile and at risk for illness, so he can't have visitors at this time. Please keep those prayers coming—and let us praise God with thanksgiving that this longed for day has finally arrived. [the picture at left is NOT Baby Bob—but we wanted to grab your attention.]



Gary Murrelle	11/23
Lincoln Watson	11/23
Pam Diehl	11/25
Christopher McCutcheon	11/26
Penny Pennoyer	11/27



Scott & Celia Watkins	11/24
Chris & Tracy McCutcheon	11/28

The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium . Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.



My Brother's Keeper AKA Ugly Quilts News

My Brother's Keeper has evolved over our 32 years and we are in the midst of change again.

We have been including clothing in each sleeping bag. Not only are we hearing that there is a problem with the homeless just leaving/ littering what doesn't fit, we are getting a lot of items that are not on our brochure list that takes a lot of time and space to sort, donate or dispose of. In just the past two weeks we have gotten shoes, woman's clothes like small sleeveless tops, nurses scrubs, children's items, size 3X shirts...etc. When dress shirt came in we used them, but we have been inundated! Even the tee shirts in sizes we do use are plentiful. We have so many we are out of storage space.

For these reasons, **WE ARE NOT TAKING ANY CLOTHING EXCEPT MEN'S SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS, FLANNEL SHIRTS OR CHAMOIS SHIRTS. SIZES M, LG, XLG ONLY. NOTHING LARGER.**

Yes we are still taking socks, scarves, hats, mittens and the non-clothing items listed in the brochure.

Items you would have given to us can be donated to:

Red Door Gift Shop 359 Broad St Waverly, NY. They will pass them onto the Open Door Mission thrift store in Owego, NY to support their homeless shelter and programs.

North Waverly Chapel Waverly, NY has two drop off areas. One behind the church , and in the parking lot shed.

Nichols NY Catholic Charities has moved so they don't have the storage they used to so call first.

Salvation Army food pantry Fulton St South Waverly, PA I believe has a drop box for clothing .I wasn't able to get ahold of them to confirm.

We have been partnering with **Hearts for the Homeless** . There are several large red metal collection bins in the Elmira area. We usually use the one at Notre Dame H S. Locations are on their website. Donations fund their pop up food pantries, soup kitchens and other homeless issues.

We have relied on the generosity of the community and are grateful for all of the support, but we really must make these changes.

Also, **WE ARE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD DURING OUR REGULAR WORK TIME 9:30 - 12:00 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH 118 S. MAIN ST, ATHENS,PA.** We are in need of volunteers and thought this would be a good way for people to see us in action, see how the sleeping bags and blankets are made. Please consider volunteering with My Brother's Keeper. No attendance/quota requirements, only skill needed is to tie a knot. Enjoy the laughter and camaraderie while your hands are doing good. **AS A BONUS, WE ARE GIVING AWAY (FREE) FABRIC !** We will also have select items for sale at bargain prices.

Please join us!

Again, many thanks for all you have contributed over 32 years.

Questions? Call 607-857-7731.

Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience

Sunday, November 24, 2024
12:30PM

Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Church
112 North Street, Athens



ALL ARE WELCOME
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE


TDOR is an annual day to honor transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people who have died from anti-transgender violence, and to celebrate the community's resilience.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A

**THANKSGIVING
EVE
SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 7PM
SAYRE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
427 SOUTH KEYSTONE AVENUE
SAYRE, PA
570-888-2683
WWW.SAYRECHRISTIANCHURCH.ORG**



**Calling all singers:
Come and rehearse
11/9 or 11/23 at 10am
at Sayre Christian Church
and sing in the service!**

Come out and enjoy this festive service with Canon Melinda as she will be helping to serve in worship.

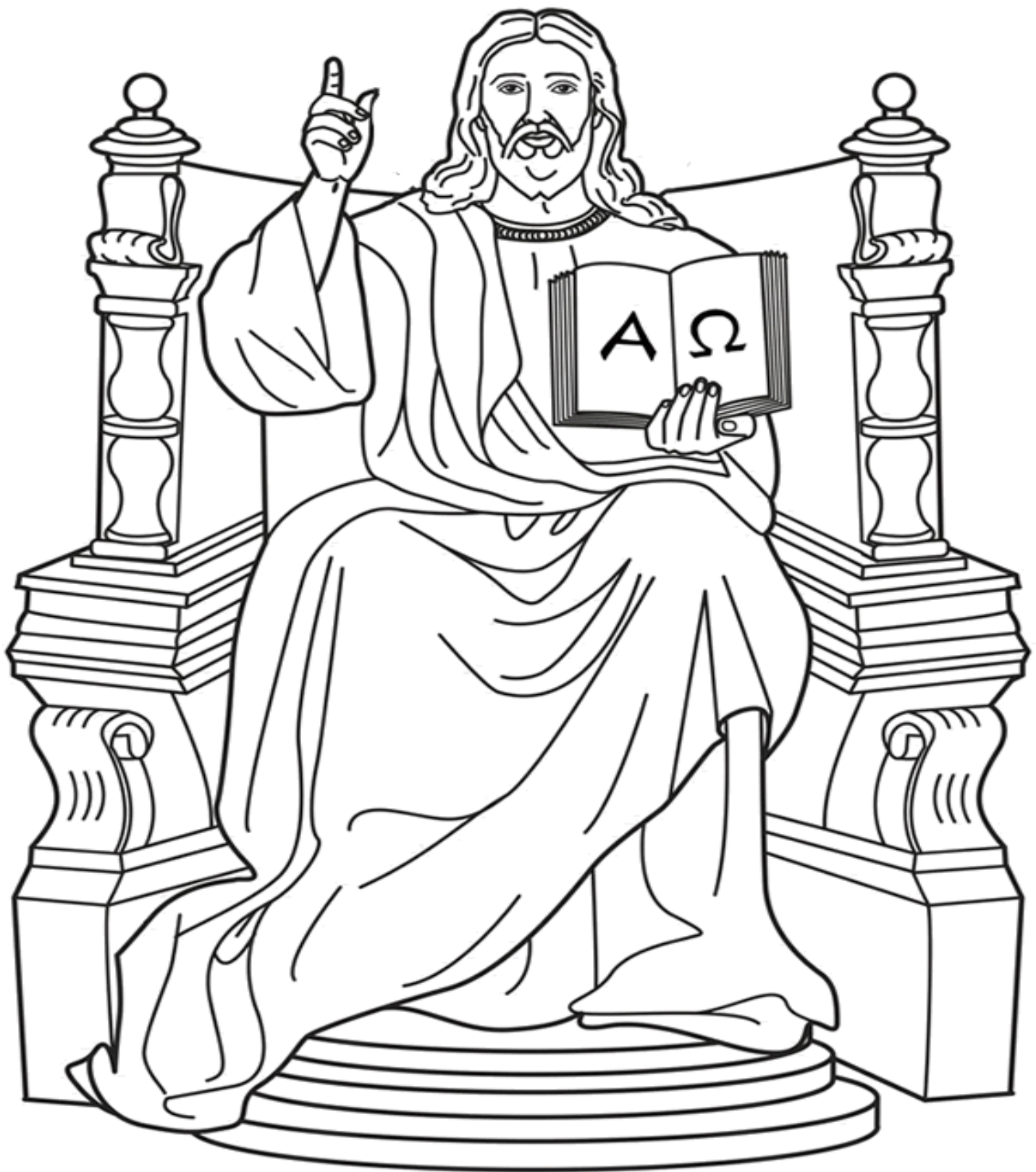
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Handel's Messiah: Part 1

**Christ Episcopal Church
1 Main Street, Towanda, PA
Sunday December 1, 4PM**



Christ the King

Crown Him King



"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37 (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

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CROWN HIM KING!

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