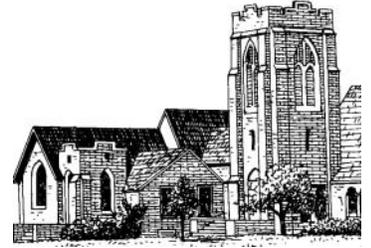


# The Caller



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## Gifts of Love November Sermon Series

This sermon series kicks-off our church's year-round stewardship initiative, as these texts all explore different dimensions of giving in love. It begins with Christ's call to love God and love one another, especially recognized in the lives of the saints. It continues with the extravagant generosity of the poor widow, whose contribution made a sizable impression on Jesus. It offers a compelling view of Christian community in Hebrews, in which all members are responsible for the encouragement and nurturing of one another. And it concludes with the grand vision of Jesus as the king of all creation, whose return and ongoing presence call us to love, courage, and persistence.

**All Saints Sunday**  
***The Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:28–34)***  
We love God and others with our whole selves.  
November 4

***The Greatest Gift Mark (12:38–44)***  
The widow in her offering gives sacrificially.  
November 11

***A Community of Love (Hebrews 10:11–25)***  
In response to Christ's sacrificial love, we gather  
to encourage one another in love.  
November 18

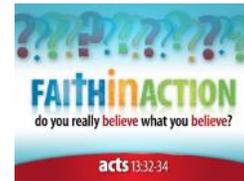
**Christ the King Sunday**  
***The King of Love (Rev. 1:4b–8)***  
We live and love in the now-and-not-yet kingdom of God.  
November 25

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*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord **require** of you?  
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



## **OUTREACH—Touching Lives for Christ**

*For as much as you have done unto these, you have done unto me.*

### **November 2018**

Here we are in November already. It is time again to collect books for the “**Reach Out and Read**” program at the out-patient clinic in St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. The literacy goal at St. Christopher’s is to provide enough books for their young patients so that at every clinic visit a child can go home with a book to keep. They are now accepting books for school-age children—kindergarten through twelfth grade. You can help by donating books to our collection bin in the Centennial Room or by donating cash with a designation that it is for “Reach Out and Read” and we will purchase books on your behalf.

We are again going to help with the **Interfaith Hospitality Network** hosting of families in transition on Friday, November 2 at the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church. We will serve dinner that evening, provide some social time, and supervise the overnight. Please let Janice Ciampa know if you would like to help with this hosting.

There will be no PBJ night in November as it would fall on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be a PBJ night in December on December 19.

Our annual **Harvest Home** celebration is on Sunday, November 18th. Please be generous with your donations of turkeys, canned goods, and hearty vegetables that will be delivered to City Team that day. Please contact Penni Flick for more information.

The Chester/Delco Chapter of Heeding God’s Call is sponsoring a special **Gun Violence Awareness Day** on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m. starting at the Swarthmore Friends Meeting House and ending at Trinity Episcopal Church in Swarthmore. There will be a rally and walk through Swarthmore with the goal of inspiring folks to take concrete action, especially at the polls, to end the scourge of gun violence. Our Tee Shirt Memorial to the Lost will be on display at Trinity from October 20 through the day of the event. Each shirt in the display reflects one of the 176 deaths due to gun violence in Delaware County from 2013-2017. We welcome your support of this event.

**Grace Café** on Sunday, November 25th. Grace Café is an outreach mission of Arch Street United Methodist Church. Each Sunday evening from September through June they have an evening worship service followed by dinner offered to folks in need. In September we served about 150 guests and provided take-out meals for others and meals for volunteers. We will welcome donations of rolls, greens, desserts, and cash. If you would like to serve dinner that evening we gather at the church at 4:15 p.m., prep food at 5:00 in Philadelphia, serve dinner at 6:00 and back in Swarthmore by 8:00. Please let Janice Ciampa know if you are interested in participating.

**Please save the dates:** Saturday, December 1—Swarthmore Borough *Home for the Holidays* and tree lighting at church at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 2—performance of the Bruce Warren play “A Ray of Hope” at 2:00 p.m., Theatre—basement.

### **Book Club Dates**

**Second Wednesday** of each month at 7:30pm

The book club will meet on November 14th at Beth Carruthers’ home, 301 Dartmouth Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081, 610-543-7527.

Our discussion book for November is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.



**All the World's a Stage**  
**Theater Groups at Swarthmore United Methodist Church**  
**MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS—SPOTLIGHT THEATER**

**The Front Page**

**By Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur**

**Directed by Kathy Quinn**

**Presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.**

**November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 2018**

Evenings at 8 PM – Tickets \$20.00

\*Matinees at 2 PM – Tickets \$15.00



Tickets: Phone 610-328-1079 or on-line at *Ticketleap* (fees apply)

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Traditionally, autumn is a time for the changing of the leaves, harvest celebrations, giving thanks, and pledge drives. This year, however, we are making several important changes in how we manage the church's financial resources. We are transitioning our financial year to July 1 - June 30 effective July 1, 2019. We are doing this so our finances can more closely track the actual ebb-and-flow of church life. This change will allow us to be better stewards of our resources.

As part of this shift, we are starting a year-round stewardship initiative. Giving, like scripture reading and prayer, is a daily spiritual discipline. When we practice the spiritual discipline of daily giving, we understand that giving is, above all else, a matter of the heart: Not of money. In fact, this is the theme of "Gifts of Love" this month's sermon series. Come and join us as we prepare our hearts and our giving for this new season in the life of Swarthmore United Methodist Church.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please join us for the following events:

- November: Book collection for St. Christopher's Hospital
- November: PBJ does not meet
- November 4: Gun Violence Awareness Day—Swarthmore Friends Meeting House—2pm
- November 2: Interfaith Hospitality Network, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church—6pm
- November 18: Harvest Home Sunday
- November 25: Grace Café—4:15pm

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***Deadline for the November Caller is Tuesday, November 13th***  
*Be sure and let the Church office know about any events you would like published*



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Harvest Home

Please join us for Harvest Home Sunday, November 18, 2018, as we celebrate the fall harvest and present our gifts of fruits, vegetables and turkeys to help those in need this holiday season.

All items are going to City Team Ministries to help feed 1800+ families this holiday season. Help is needed to carry the food to waiting vehicles. Anyone interested in helping to deliver the food to City Team with your car please let Penni Flick know prior to the 18th. Those who would like to help set up the display in the sanctuary on Saturday November 18, after 3pm, please let Penni know.

## Faith and Life Class

**November 4:** No Faith and Life today, but be sure to turn out for the Gun Violence Awareness March sponsored by the Delaware County Chapter of Heeding God's Call. Details are:

- **EVENT PROGRAM 2:00 pm:** Educational forum and call to action at Swarthmore Friends Meeting House, 12 Whittier Place, Swarthmore
- **WITNESS WALK 2:45 pm:** Friends Meeting House to Trinity Episcopal Church, 301 N. Chester Road, Swarthmore
- **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT MEMORIAL TO THE LOST TEE SHIRT DISPLAY 3:15 pm:** Trinity Episcopal Church
- **ACTION OPPORTUNITY 4:00 pm:** Participants invited to write letters to legislators

**November 11:** TO BE ANNOUNCED

**November 18:** Harvest Home Sunday—No Faith and Life, but be sure to participate in this long-standing SUMC tradition to share our blessings with others through your generous food donations.

**November 25:** As we transition from Thanksgiving to Christmas, what better way to center and reflect than to join us as David Page leads a meditation session.