



**Message from Rev. Hale**

*A long time ago, a baby boy named Obed was born.  
His mother was Ruth, his father, Boaz, and Naomi was his nana.  
Obed became the father of Jesse. Wait 'til you hear the rest of the story! [Ruth 4:17]*

Where does the time go? This coming week we will set our clocks “back,” gaining an hour in the day, a gift given on a Sunday! There are 14 clocks in the church, not counting the clock that governs the Westminster chimes that ring out the time from the bell tower and the three timers that govern the furnace and the beautiful lights that come on at night. Except for the chimes and the clock in the sanctuary, it just takes a bit of *time*, maybe a handful of AA batteries in your pocket, and a certain amount of vigilance to remember to “do the deed” before you notice Sunday morning you forgot!

When Ken and Barb Faust worshipped with us few weeks ago, Ken told me a story about our sanctuary clock. He was preaching his candidating sermon for this congregation and at that time, we were yoked with the Allegany Church. Ken had preached there first and then beat it down the road to get here *in time* for the worship service here.

He stood at the pulpit and glanced up at the sanctuary clock and was relieved to see he’d gotten here *on time* with some 2 minutes to spare! All was well and good, until after his sermon when he noticed the hands on the clock hadn’t budged! At that point, Ken wondered *if he had gotten here on time* and I thought, *wow...it must have been some sermon for time to stand still!!* But the clock had not been working, and it was of no concern to anyone... except a new preacher in the pulpit!

It’s heartening to imagine time standing still during worship except I’m guessing for most, (especially during the sermon) that hour can seem interminable! But after not being able to worship together for so long and coming back together again, are you more eager to embrace the worship time we keep each Sunday? And as Advent and Christmas approach, perhaps we cherish our time even more, as we’re able to be together, and listen to that “rest

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## Lectionary for November/December

### November 7

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

### November 14

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 (or Psalm 16)  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13: 1-8

### November 21 - Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132: 1-12  
Revelations 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

### November 28 -1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

### December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 7-18

### December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39 - 45 (45-55)

### December 26 - 1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52



of the story” mentioned in the paraphrased text above.

Enjoy the gift of another hour on a Sabbath next week. Together let’s not worry about *where the time goes* as we find ourselves already on the doorstep of Christmas. And we send our best to Ken and Barb as they slip into the delight of retirement, and fewer worries about getting to *the church on time!*

*Ever thankful for our “time” together... all the time,  
Marilyn*

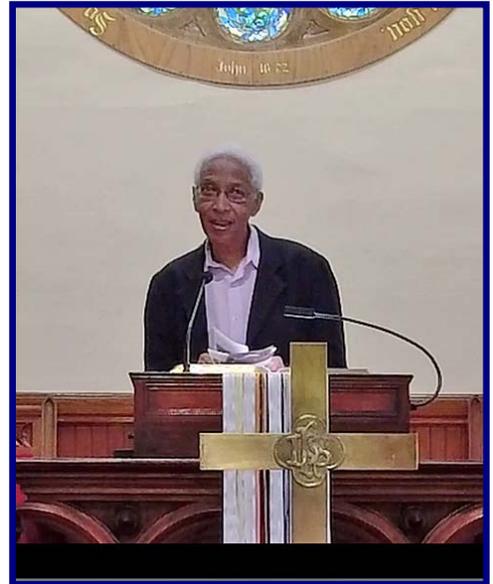
## Christian Education News Stephanie

The chatter, laughter, and scurrying feet of children as they come in the door for Sunday School have been welcome sounds! Even with masks on, it is so good to be able to gather in our classrooms again. Miss Bizzy, our preschool/ kindergarten teacher, and Miss Amy, our elementary teacher, share the excitement with their students as they learn about God’s great creation. The adults have also been gathering to discuss the idea of a “middle ground” as we read **Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White**. There are two more scheduled classes — **November 14 and 21** — in the fall session of Sunday School. Classes begin at 9 a.m.

The ***Advent Program*** will be held at 9 a.m. in the dining room **for all ages** on November 28, December 5, 12 and 19. Diana Dunbar will lead us in lessons and crafts. Coffee, juice, donuts and fruit will be provided. To protect our children, we recommend participants wear a mask entering the building and while moving around. Masks may be removed once seated at a table. Please join us as we prepare for the birth of Christ!

## **Mission Committee News** Cso

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** A huge heart-felt “Thank You “ for your donations to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. With your generous giving of \$1100, we were able not only meet but exceed out our goal of \$800. With our portion, twenty five percent of the offering (\$275), plus funds from the Rummage Sale Mission Fund (\$125), our congregation was able to make a donation of \$400 to support the African American Center for Cultural Development, now located at 214 North Barry Street. We were also fortunate to “snag” the founder and executive director of the Center, Della Moore, to share some information about the Center with our congregation. We were able to present her with the check for the Center during her visit. She is such a good and humble person, attributing all that she has been able to accomplish in her life to God!



**REMOTE AREA MEDICAL UPDATE:** On the weekend of September 11, RAM provided medical services to 279 patients, which amounted to \$116,118 in medical services, all provided under COVID restrictions of 6 feet social distancing and mask requirements.

### **UPCOMING HANDS ON MISSION PROJECTS:**

**Harvest Sunday: (Julie)** This year’s Harvest Sunday collection begins on October 31st. Tags for non-perishable items, as well as monetary donations used to provide gift cards for perishable food items, will be available at the Harvest Sunday display located on the piano in the sanctuary. All items are due back on Sunday, November 14th. Thank you for your support of providing two local families with Thanksgiving Dinner. They are very appreciative of your generosity.



**Presents For Panthers: (Stephanie )** Again this year, we will partner with Portville Central School to bring gifts to families within our community for Christmas. Gift ideas: games,



books, puzzles, coloring books and crayons, dolls, non-battery operated toys, play-doh, hair accessories, ear buds for the older students — you get the idea! We will also be purchasing PCS “spirit” shirts for some high school students. There will be a collection area in the Quilt Room November 14 – December 12. Please **do not** wrap gifts! Have fun choosing a gift(s) that will bring a smile to someone on Christmas morning!

**DONATIONS: Rummage Sale Mission Fund:** Our congregation sent \$100 as a combined Christmas and birthday gift to our Child Fund student, Pamela. This gift will give Pamela the opportunity to purchase items she needs, in the correct size and style that she likes. **Jack Shepherd Memorial Mission Fund:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was sent \$1000 to assist with recovery efforts from Hurricane Ida. And we continued our support our Wycliffe Bible Translators: Leah Doty – \$500; Marjorie and Steve Doty – \$750; and our PCUSA Missionary, Dr. Janet Guyer—\$500.

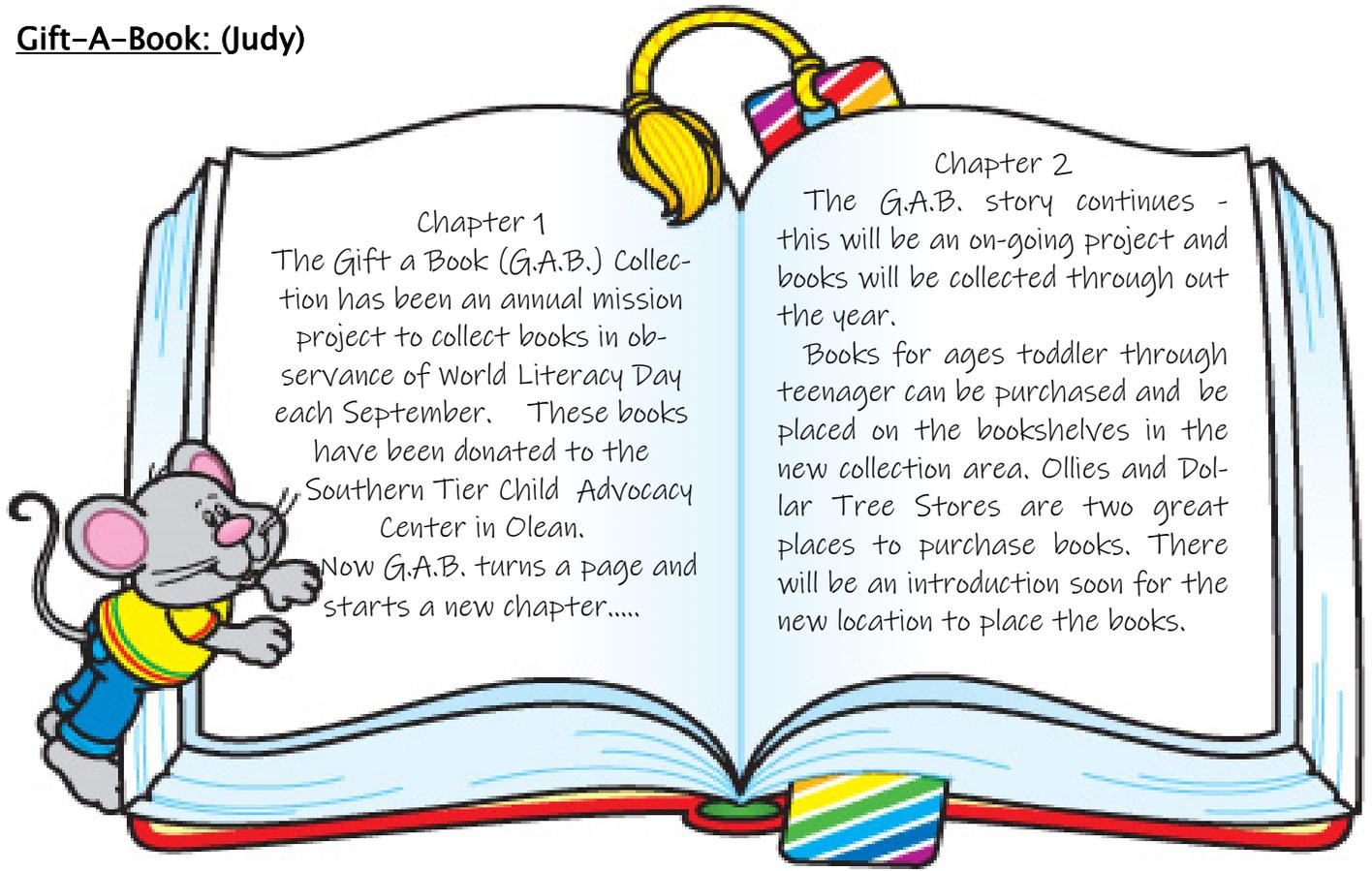
**Personal Care Items for Portville Central School: (Kathy )**

This hands-on mission project to collect items for students attending Portville Central School is an on-going need for more students at PCS than we can count on both hands. Families with limited income often are left with the choice of putting food on the table, paying their utilities, buying gas for the car to get to work, or buying soap, shampoo, or other personal care items. This poster lists items we will be collecting throughout the year that are often not bought.



**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.**  
**Daylight Savings Times ends**  
on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 am

**Gift-A-Book: (Judy)**



**November/ December Birthdates to Remember**

November

- Nov 3 Megan
- Nov 6 Leah
- Nov 10 Anna
- Nov 10 Emma
- Nov 11 Tim
- Nov 1 Mary Ann
- Nov 17 Connie
- Nov 18 Mark
- Nov 19 Bob
- Nov 24 Tom
- Nov 25 Jess
- Nov 28 Mary



December

- Dec 7 Diana
- Dec 7 Ron
- Dec 10 MCKenzie
- Dec 10 Cso
- Dec 13 Norm
- Dec 16 Holly
- Dec 21 Kari



happy  
birthday!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Elder for the Month - Mark

- 11/02 Lectionary, 10:00 a.m. Gowanda (MKH)
- 11/03 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/07 Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.  
Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/10 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- 11/14 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Adult class, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Dedication - Harvest Food Collection /  
2022 Pledge  
Minute for Mission: Presents for  
Panthers
- 11/15 Food Pantry Prep
- 11/16 Food Pantry Prep
- 11/17 Food Pantry, 9:00 a.m.– Noon
- 11/21 Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/23 National Honor Society Food Drive  
Delivery
- 11/25 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/28 Advent Program: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
1st Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Greens



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Elder for the Month - Diana  
Devotions for Session - Mark

- 12/01 Bible Study, 10: a.m.  
Session: 4:00 p.m.
- 12/05 Advent Program: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday of Advent
- 12/08 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.  
Session, 4:00 p.m.
- 12/12 Advent Program, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
Last day to bring Presents 4 Panthers
- 12/13 Food Pantry Prep
- 12/14 Food Pantry Prep
- 12/15 Food Pantry, 9:00 am – Noon
- 12/19 Advent Program, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
4th Sunday of Advent
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/25 Merry Christmas
- 12/26 Worship, 10:00 a.m.



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