



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 16th, 2025 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM

Theme: Choosing Faith
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Aria" Leonardo Vinci

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Arise, shine: for your light has come!
God's glory has risen upon us.
Despite the state of this world;
Despite illness, despite fear;
Despite disappointment, despite injustice;
Despite sadness, despite violence;
Despite grief, despite despair
God's glory will appear over us.
Lift up your eyes and look around:
See the light of God's hope, the light of God's peace,
The light of God's joy, the light of God's love.
See the light of God's healing of us, for our community, for our world
Let us lift up our eyes and look around.
Then we shall see and be radiant, Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice.

***OPENING HYMN** "Be Still My Soul" UMH 534++

PRAYER OF CENTERING
Lord, we come here this morning from different walks of life. Lives which are filled with all manner of activities, problems and joys. Help us Lord to put aside the multitude of thoughts running through our minds and focus for this one hour on You. You are the rock, the foundation and light of our life. Help us to feel the presence of your spirit warm our hearts. Help us Lord to be thankful that we have a God and Father like you and that you consider us your beloved children. AMEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Habakkuk 3:17-19, James 1:2-4 OT p.874, NT p.228

***HYMN** "Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" UMH 385

MESSAGE "Unwavering Faith" Lee Haase

ANTHEM "The Tallis Cannon" Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY "Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove" Henry Carey

***DOXOLOGY** "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. Use these gifts to build your beloved community in lives made whole, relationships restored, and justice pursued. May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live, that the glory of this house—the people called by your name—might truly shine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "The Summons" TFWS 2130++

***BENEDICTION**
For all that has been...*Thanks!*
For all that will be...*Yes!*

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE** "Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" Foundry Collection

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN ***BOLD Italic***

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

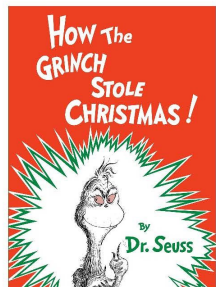
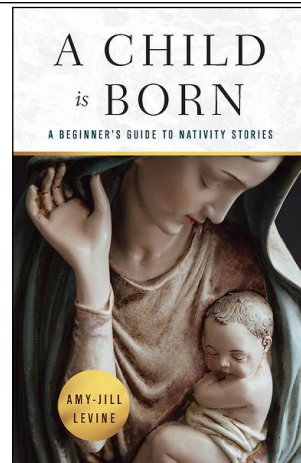
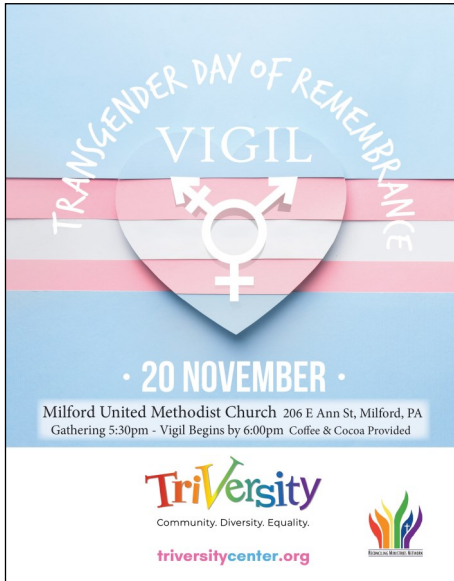
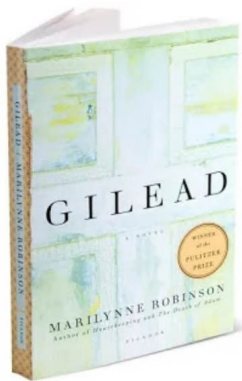
GREETERS | Martha Dubensky **LITURGIST** | Leslie Lordi
NURSERY | Liz Steen **FELLOWSHIP** | Nominations Committee

FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

We meet in person for a literary discussion on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM in the MUMC Conference Room. Hot beverages and light snacks are provided.

November's book is the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. If you'd like to join the 11/20 meeting, just read the book and bring a passage, theme, or question to discuss!

Text Linnea (570 977 5006) and/or Jodi (845 699 1682) with any questions.



Join us on **Saturday, December 6th at 2:30 pm** in the Sanctuary for a dramatized reading of Dr. Seuss' "*How The Grinch Stole Christmas!*"

Presented with musical accompaniment by members of our Adult Choir and Bell Choir.

This family friendly event is open to the entire community! *Spend the day in Milford enjoying festive activities, culminating in the Tree Lighting at the Visitors Center.*

Advent Video Study and Soup Supper

Mondays at 6:00pm
Nov. 24, Dec 1st, 8th, 15th

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:15 IN EDUCATION WING

(CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** Thursdays 9:30 AM

MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

- **Friday, Nov. 14th 6:00pm—** Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)
- **Thursday, Nov. 20th 5:30PM—** Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil & Service
- **Thursday, Nov. 20th 7:30PM—** Faith & Fiction Book Club (Conference Room)
- **Sunday, November 23rd 4:00PM—** Community Thanksgiving Service
- **Monday, November 24th 6:00PM—** Advent Study and Soup Supper
- **Saturday, December 6th 2:30PM—** "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"

Pastor Jenn will be on vacation Nov. 11-20, 2025. Rev. Sungduk Kim @ (570) 828-2288 from Dingmans Ferry UMC will be available for Pastoral Care Coverage

PRAYER LIST: Family of Chris Hernandez, Family of Eileen Binney, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Family of Arlene Moglia, Derrick White, Breanna Lubrano, Marie Fornoff, Eva W., Scott Seltzer, Barbara Cooper, Beth Klopfleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Dianne Siconolfi, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry

WE WELCOME ALL! Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews and place in collection plate. Thank you.



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