LOOKING AHEAD

November 6	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	8:00 pm	AA
November 7	5:15 pm	Scouts – Lions & Tigers
November 8	6:30 pm	Scouts - Webelos
November 9	10:00 am	Backpack Program
	6:00 pm	Scouts – Bear Den
November 10	6:30 pm	Scouts – Wolf Den
November 11	**8:15 am**	**Coffice Hours at Simon's Marketplace**
November 13	**10:00 am**	**Worship**
	11:00 am	**Deacon's Meeting**
	5:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	8:00 pm	AA

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at the United Church of Chester, an Open and Affirming Church and a member of the United Church of Christ. **The United Church of Chester is centered in Christ's love, embracing, nurturing, serving all, and committed to justice and peace**.

This morning's deacon is **Diane Lindsay.**

ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday-Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm, other times by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm.

McDonald's Filet O' Fish

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
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November 6, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME — Diane Lindsay, Deacon

PRELUDE — *Come Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire*
K. Uppercue (Veni Creator Spiritus attr. Rabanus Mauris 776-856)

INTROIT — *Lord Listen To Your Children Praying* — K. Medema

CALL TO WORSHIP
Lord Jesus Christ, because you broke bread with the poor, you were looked on with contempt.
Because you broke bread with the sinful and outcast, you were looked on as ungodly.
Because you broke bread with the joyful, you were called a winebibber and a glutton.
Because you broke bread in the upstairs room, you sealed your acceptance of the way of the cross.
Because you broke bread on the road to Emmaus, the scales fell from the disciples' eyes.
Because you broke bread and shared it, we will do so too, and ask your blessing. Amen.

*HYMN — *For the Fruit of All Creation* — 527

INVOCATION
Faithful God, you care for our needs like a loving father or mother. When we seek you, you make yourself known to us; when we knock at heaven's door, you open your heart to us; when we ask, you give us the gift of your Holy Spirit. From your hand we receive our daily bread. Receiving your forgiveness, may we be enabled to forgive others. Trusting in your great love, may we daily persist in prayer, and weekly assemble to worship you, always ready to receive your gifts; through the Spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Matthew 14.13-21

Jesus withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

ANTHEM — *Coming Home* — J. Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSONS — Matthew 15.32-39
Matthew 16.5-12

SERMON — *"The Gospel in a Tuna Sandwich"* — Rev W. Alan Froggatt

"Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread?"
(Matthew 16.9-11)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM — *Table of Mercy* — M. Mcdonald

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER *("trespasses")*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

POEM — *Meditation Eight* (strophes 4,5,6) — Edward Taylor (1642-1729)

*HYMN — *Let Us Break Bread Together* — 311

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Lead Me Lord* — S. Wesley

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
Refrain