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*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
Worship passionately, Love extravagantly,
and Witness boldly"*

The Bible: IS The Word Of God – Jesus: IS The Only Way To Salvation
Prayer: IS Essential – Evangelism: IS Our Mission

November 2025 – Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends

I Was Hungry

I WAS HUNGRY and you circled the moon.
I WAS HUNGRY and you told me to wait.
I WAS HUNGRY and you set up a commission.
I WAS HUNGRY and you talked about bootstraps.
I WAS HUNGRY and you told me I shouldn't be.
I WAS HUNGRY and you had napalm bills to pay.
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "Machines do that kind of work now."
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "The poor are always with us."
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "Law and order comes first."
I WAS HUNGRY and you blamed it on the Communists.
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "So were my ancestors."
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "We don't hire over 35."
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "God helps those who help themselves."
I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "Sorry, try again tomorrow."

This was written in the 70's but I don't think things have changed all that much.

The point is that those who consider themselves to be one of God's children in Christ MUST share with the needy. Those who worship God must show compassion to the hungry. This is not an option. This is a requirement from the Lord for those who are saved by grace through faith.

Showing compassion is a test of the reality of our faith.

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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – Thursday evening November 6th beginning at 6:30 PM. This is our Annual Church meeting and we expect all church officers to attend and it is open to all members. Pastor Bill has received permission from our Assisting Elder to conduct the Church Conference which should last half hour or so, followed by our regular Church Council meeting. Reports for the Council meeting are due to Lisa on Sunday November 2nd to be included in the packet of reports.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX COLLECTION is underway and there are boxes in the Narthex that you can use to fill for children around the world. Filled boxes are to be returned on Sunday November 16th so that we can offer prayers of thanksgiving for the shoe boxes and for the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. We are also blessed each Sunday morning as we begin our Worship Service to have a short video clip of the project. Any questions speak to Sandy Graeff or Bev Zeigler or Linda Morrow who did represent our church at the planning meeting. We should easily have more than 50 filled shoe boxes! Plan to help us.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE sponsored by the Duncannon Council of Churches will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday November 25th at the Watts Wesleyan Church and an invitation is extended to all to attend.

October 7, 2025

Dear Partners in Faith,

Loads of Love is a laundry outreach sponsored by Duncannon Council of Churches and held twice a month at Trail Laundry in Duncannon for those in the community who are unable to complete laundry at home due to no washer/dryer in the home and/or financial hardship. It has been a blessing to serve our community by offering dignity and respect through clean clothes and fellowship.

...serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14

Our first Loads of Love night was held on October 3, 2019. That evening we provided \$47.25 in clean clothes. On September 18, 2025, we completed \$212.50 in laundry. Our guests are mostly Duncannon residents, but we also have many who travel from New Bloomfield, Newport and other locations in Perry County. For those of you who love data, here is how Loads of Love has impacted the community in numbers:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Laundry Funds Used</u>
2020	\$2498.50	\$1647.00
2021	\$1882.50	\$1445.75
2022	\$2784.25	\$2570.50
2023	\$4385.50	\$4896.50
2024	\$8870.50*	\$5809.00 *includes TFEC Community Grant
2025 to date	\$3846.50	\$5314.00
TOTALS	\$24,264.75	\$21,682.75 (\$2582.00 in account/quarters currently on hand)

WOW! Those numbers are humbling as a servant in this outreach. Thank you to everyone who makes Loads of Love possible in our community/county.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13

The biggest blessing of Loads of Love is the impact it has on PEOPLE. Here are some recent testimonies from some of our Loads of Love guests:

Loads of Love means saving over twenty dollars a month on laundry expenses. That's a lot for me as I'm on disability - a fixed income that's less than a thousand dollars a month! Every penny counts for me and this help has been a big blessing! Thank You so much, B

What loads of love means to me is I got to meet a lot of good people here - it's like big family get together. It really helps me with my laundry a couple times a month. I know how much I would have to pay out of my pocket. I want to thank you all. T

LOL has helped me to be able to have clean clothes monthly for work and to help my child be able to have the clean clothes they need. Without LOL, I would be struggling even more than I already am when it comes to bills and laundry offset has been a savior for me and my family. K

I'm very happy Loads of Love helped me since I came to Perry county. I've been disabled since 2002 and do not receive a lot of money and they are the best blessing. Thank you so much, M

Loads of Love means clean clothing for my children. It means that I don't have to stress if my clothes will be dirty for work. It means that when I am flat broke, being mom and dad for the last decade to two children, I can still go to sleep in clean sheets. God Bless you all <3. J

Loads of love meant the world to me. Not just me but my family. Unfortunately, my daughter and I were in similar situations living in a shelter due to someone we loved and trusted hurting us and us needing to be somewhere safe. We had to start all over no vehicles, no jobs, etc. Loads of Love took one extra stress off of my shoulders. I helped care for that said daughter and granddaughter. The volunteers were the most pleasant, unjudgmental and helpful people I have ever met. Thank u all for all u do. J

Friendship, conversation, fellowship. D

Clean clothes make a clean mind. A

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. Philippians 2:3

Loads of Love is truly a labor of love. We are blessed by a dedicated group of volunteers who show up and serve, a community of churches ready with financial support and an army of prayers. We serve to help others see and come to know Christ so that we might see and know God in a more intimate way.

Since January 2025, we are averaging \$590/month in laundry. If we are to continue to grow and meet this need in our community, we will need additional funding beyond what we currently receive. As you can see from our financial picture above, we have \$2582.00 in our account and on-hand. This is about four months of Loads of Love funds.

As we serve many from your area and because there is no laundromat in New Bloomfield, we hope you will prayerfully consider a one-time and/or ongoing financial contribution to Loads of Love so that we may continue to build relationships and bridges of hope in our community/county, one load of laundry at a time. Checks may be made payable to "Duncannon Council of Churches" and mailed to the address below. If you choose to collect quarters/cash, simply contact me (see below) to arrange for pick up. If you want to experience what we do, we would welcome you at any Loads of Love night (first Tuesday/Third Thursday of each month 6:30 – 8:30pm) – you will be blessed!

Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

Please continue to pray that Loads of Love will bring honor and glory to God as we serve and love our neighbors.

Amen,
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♥ Sandy

Worship is the pinnacle of what the church does. Everything else (mission, discipleship, outreach, service) flows from worship and returns to worship. When we gather before God with unashamed hearts, we are refreshed and strengthened to go back into the world with His presence and power.

**“God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth.”**

John 4:24 (NRSV)

I don't know about you, but I LOVE to worship. It doesn't matter to me much if it's with a large group or small, in a big sanctuary or in the woods. It doesn't even matter that much what music is being offered (although I have my preferences), if I have my hands raised, or if it's loud or quiet. Really all that matters is the hunger for God's presence. I've worshipped in many ways as we've traveled the Northeast Conference, in other regions, far away countries, and right in my living room.

But, what is worship? Worship is not just an event, a ritual, or an hour on Sunday. It's the wholehearted response of God's people to the reality of who He is. Jesus reminds the Samaritan woman at the well from our verse for today that worship is not about a place or a style, but about spirit and truth (John 4:23–24).

At its core, worship is:

1. **God-Centered.** Worship isn't about us; it's about Him. We are invited to take the focus off ourselves and fix our eyes on the eternal God.
2. **Transformative.** In worship, we don't just sing songs or say prayers; we encounter the living God. He changes us from the inside out.
3. **Life-Fueling.** Worship is the “home base” for Christians. We gather together to glorify God, and then scatter into the world to serve, strengthened by His presence.

God created us for eternity, and He created us hungry and thirsty for Him. Just like the Samaritan woman longed for living water, we were made to long for God's presence. Worship satisfies that deep thirst in our souls.

Wesleyan Reflection

Charles Wesley wrote, “O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.” (Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1739). Wesley reminds us that worship is never small or private. It is expansive, eternal, and communal. Worship is about joining our voices with countless others in heaven and on earth to glorify God.

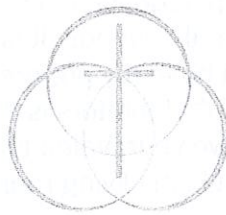
So, wherever you are when you worship, worship God with your whole heart!

For Reflection

When you think about worship, do you see it as an event you attend or as a life-changing encounter with God? How might your worship become more "unashamed"—more focused on God's glory than on your own comfort or preference?

Prayer - *Lord, You are worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. Teach me to worship You not just with my lips, but with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let my worship be unashamed, authentic, and fueled by Your Spirit and truth. May my worship overflow into my daily life, so that others see Your glory through me. Amen.*

Blessings,
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND FOOD SALE sponsored by the Ladies Aide Society is Saturday November 8th beginning at 8 AM. This is always a wonderful time together so plan to attend, invite others and enjoy the fellowship together. Thank you ladies for making all of this possible with some men helping as always

CHANGE IN CHURCH CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL MEETING: Due to many who do not like to drive after dark, we are changing our Annual Church Conference and Church Council Meeting to Sunday November 9th beginning at 7:45 AM. This is 15 minutes earlier than usual for Sunday morning meetings but since we have two meetings we are allowing this extra time. You will notice the old schedule elsewhere in the Newsletter but this is the correct one. Thank you for your understanding and your input for these important meetings. Reports for the Church Council are still due to Lisa on Sunday November 2nd to be included in the packet of reports. Thank-you.!