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## CHURCH SERVICE 10:15 AM

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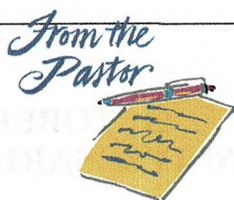
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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                 | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>Oct 1</b><br>10:15am<br>Worship Service in Church and<br>3:15pm Girl Scouts (Small room attached to) | <b>2</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts  | <b>3</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>9:00am Thrift Shop  | <b>4</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm  | <b>5</b><br>10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)<br>5:30pm Girl Scouts                        | <b>6</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>10:15am<br>Worship Service in Church and<br>3:15pm Girl Scouts (Small room attached to)     | <b>9</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts  | <b>10</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>9:00am Thrift Shop | <b>11</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm | <b>12</b><br>10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)   | <b>13</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>10:15am<br>Worship Service in Church and<br>3:15pm Girl Scouts (Small room attached to)    | <b>16</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts | <b>17</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>9:00am Thrift Shop | <b>18</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm | <b>19</b><br>10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)<br>5:30pm Girl Scouts                       | <b>20</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>10:15am<br>Worship Service in Church and<br>3:15pm Girl Scouts (Small room attached to)    | <b>23</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts | <b>24</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>9:00am Thrift Shop | <b>25</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm | <b>26</b><br>10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)<br>5:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00pm Camera Club | <b>27</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>10:15am<br>Worship Service in Church and<br>3:15pm Girl Scouts (Small room attached to)    | <b>30</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts | <b>31</b><br>Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm<br>9:00am Thrift Shop | <b>Nov 1</b>                              | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>                                  | <b>4</b>  |



## From the Pastor – October 2023

### “What’s Your Lifestyle?”

<sup>9</sup> *Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;* <sup>10</sup> *love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.* <sup>11</sup> *Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.* <sup>12</sup> *Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.*

<sup>13</sup> *Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.*

<sup>14</sup> *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.* <sup>15</sup> *Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.* <sup>16</sup> *Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.* <sup>17</sup> *Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.* <sup>18</sup> *If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.* <sup>19</sup> *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.”* <sup>20</sup> *Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”* <sup>21</sup> *Do not be overcome*

*by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Romans 12:9-21 (NRSVUE)**

We were on what seemed an interminable line in the airport in Aruba, waiting to go through US Customs before our flight home from vacation. I was surprised that the US Customs procedure happened in Aruba rather than when we got back to Newark but, then, I’m a rookie at international flights. Anyway, as we zig-zagged back and forth through the cattle chutes, reminiscent of lines waiting to get on a roller coaster at a theme park, I happened to see someone with a sweatshirt with this message across the front – “Success is a Lifestyle”. I was so

taken with the slogan that I quickly jotted it down in the Notes app in my iPhone. “Success is a Lifestyle” – What thoughts come to mind as you read these words? What do you think? Do you like it? Do you agree? I’m forced to say that it just might be a modern expression of “The American Way” these days.

If you just breezed over the Scripture above my thoughts here, please take the time to read them again. The life to which Jesus calls us as disciples, as those seeking to learn from him and follow him, is about something far different from this world’s understanding of success.

<sup>42</sup> *So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.* <sup>43</sup> *But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,* <sup>44</sup> *and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.* <sup>45</sup> *For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

**Mark 10:42-45 (NRSVUE)**

If there is a “lifestyle” to which Christ calls us from the moment of our Baptism into his death and resurrection, it is not one focused on success, but on servanthood. Even the notion that we would like to be successful in our lives of faith seems to me to twist the notion of faith into something I can accomplish well enough. Years ago, in my seminary days, I heard the eminent Lutheran theologian Carl Braaten say that Christ calls us not to success but to faithfulness. Even there, the human will continues to want to succeed at that faithfulness. We don’t. Luther would say we simply can’t. Somehow we always turn things in on ourselves, we want to make it about ME, rather than about Jesus. The great commandment, as Jesus declared it, is to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves – to put ourselves, as it were, third and not first. Jesus came not to be served but to serve – to give his life a ransom for

many.

How would you describe your lifestyle? It is word that gets tossed around in all kinds of ways. Ultimately it is about priorities. What is your highest priority? What is it in your life that motivates you to make the decisions, the choices you make? Luther said that a person's God is whatever comes first in their life. It could be success. It could be money, or career, or power, or even family. There is only one true God, only one who is worthy of worship. Let God be God – and live your life in service to God and to your neighbors, in Jesus' name.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Mondays - 1:30—3:00 pm at St. Matthew's  
Thursdays -10:30am-Noon – Adult Education Room

**HOLY TRINITY ACTION  
MINISTRIES**

Tues. 9AM - 12:30 PM Thrift Shop



**SNAPPLE FACTS**



Three out of every six Americans live within 50 miles of where they were born.

The 'ZIP' in zip code stands for Zone Improvement Plan.

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some knowledge. Most of these are the Real Facts

**HOME VISITS**

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for October. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.

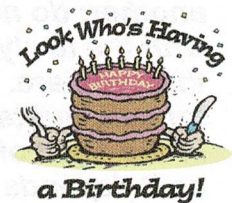
**OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**



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| October 04 | Sarah & David          | Mantz    |
|            | 15 years               |          |
| October 12 | Aaron & Nicole Pryce   | 10 years |
| October 22 | Scott & Kelly Heinrich | 40 years |
| October 22 | Angela & Mike Tout     | 12 years |
| October 24 | Robert & Lori Zellers  | 42 years |

**WE WISH YOU A  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

|            |                     |
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| October 02 | Layla Abel          |
| October 02 | Larry Arner         |
| October 03 | Jakson Ring         |
| October 03 | David Renninger     |
| October 03 | Aubree Calmona      |
| October 04 | Brenda Kraftician   |
| October 04 | Sarah Salter        |
| October 05 | Joshua Reif         |
| October 07 | Douglas Ruch        |
| October 07 | Tiffany Smith       |
| October 09 | Lily Dickson        |
| October 09 | John Haas           |
| October 10 | Christopher Krell   |
| October 11 | Joshua Barkanic     |
| October 11 | Camryn Fenon        |
| October 11 | Kelli Hartman       |
| October 12 | Pamela Kleintop     |
| October 13 | Susan Arner         |
| October 15 | Ashleigh Miller     |
| October 15 | Meagan Brobst       |
| October 17 | Nicole Jahelka      |
| October 17 | Joshua Merkel       |
| October 19 | Connor James        |
| October 19 | Sidney Kraftician   |
| October 19 | Connor James        |
| October 20 | David Hartranft     |
| October 21 | Donald Berger       |
| October 21 | Katelynn Ring       |
| October 21 | Nathan Wininger     |
| October 21 | Seth Moffat         |
| October 23 | Jessica Merkel      |
| October 24 | Colby Getz Jr       |
| October 25 | Rachael Dickson     |
| October 25 | Mackenzie Spalding  |
| October 26 | Megan Heal          |
| October 26 | Jacqueline Ivancich |
| October 26 | Angelique Tindula   |
| October 27 | Danielle Mertz      |
| October 29 | Mark Bloss          |
| October 29 | Ginny Frost         |
| October 29 | Emily Barkanic      |
| October 29 | Alexander Strohl    |
| October 30 | Leah Danielson      |
| October 30 | Evan LaRose         |
| October 30 | Thomas Schmidt      |
| October 30 | Mackenzie Bonser    |
| October 31 | Lois Siemasko       |



(NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know)



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**October 1, 2023 COMMUNION**  
**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer  
**Ushers:** Scott & Kelly Heinrich & Gordon Walls  
**Altar Guild:**  
**Flowers:** Larry Arner (Birthday)  
**Bulletins:** Debbie Hansut  
**Communion Bread:** Suzanne & Morris Bloomfield  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**October 08, 2023 COMMUNION**  
**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish  
**Ushers:** Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland  
**Altar Guild:**  
**Flowers:** Debbie Hansut  
**Bulletins:** Debbie Hansut  
**Communion Bread:** Anonymous  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**October 15, 2023 COMMUNION**  
**Assisting Minister:** Vicky Holland  
**Ushers:** Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose  
**Altar Guild:**  
**Flowers:** Susan Arner (Birthday)  
**Bulletins:** Debbie Hansut  
**Communion Bread:** Anonymous  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**October 22, 2023 COMMUNION**  
**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner  
**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Altar Guild:**  
**Flowers:** Sosik  
**Bulletins:** Debbie Hansut  
**Communion Bread:** Anonymous  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**October 29, 2023 COMMUNION**  
**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone  
**Ushers:** Gordon & Mary Walls  
**Altar Guild:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Bulletins:** Debbie Hansut  
**Communion Bread:** Anonymous  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

You can also join us on Facebook  
 Live for Sunday Worship

**Church Office Hours: 9am-1pm**



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Mike will do children's sermons on the second Sunday of each month.



Children's Sermon

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Oct 05 4:15 p.m. Worship & Music Meeting  
 Oct 16 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Rich Hyer        | President      |
| Don Delich       | Vice-President |
| Karen Talamantes | Secretary      |
| Larry Arner      | Treasurer      |
| Teri Delich      |                |
| Scott Heinrich   |                |
| Terry Holland    |                |
| Krissy Keblish   |                |
| Ron Keblish      |                |
| Jim Miller       |                |
| Eric Reif        |                |
| Ray Talamantes   |                |

**FINANCIAL PERSONNEL**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Larry Arner        | Treasurer      |
| Carol Heffelfinger | Financial Sec. |

**FINANCE**

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| <b>Aug. Monthly Envelope Offering:</b>    | \$ 5,652 |
| <b>Aug. St. Matthews Pastoral Service</b> | \$ 3,308 |
| <b>Aug. Additional Income</b>             | \$ 369   |
| <b>Aug. Monthly Expenses:</b>             | \$ 9,994 |
| <b>Attendance:</b>                        |          |
| <b>August 6, 2023</b>                     | 45       |
| <b>August 13, 2023</b>                    | 29       |
| <b>August 20, 2023</b>                    | 43       |
| <b>August 27, 2023</b>                    | 42       |
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Our fall Bazaar is on November 11th**

We are busy bees and let's keep buzzing around!

We finished a successful festival run and now we move to our bazaar. Things needed for the bazaar first off are donations of cash and or gift cards for the raffle ticket. If you would like to sponsor a gift certificate, please see Larry or Sue Arner to do that. Then of course items for the white elephant sale, cause as we know your junk may be someone else's treasure so please keep that in mind. Handcrafted items, we know our congregation is loaded with many talented folks so consider something you can or have made and donate to our craft table sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making, painting just to name a few. As the date draws closer, we will need all hands on deck to prepare. We will have a bake sale for all our talented bakers to prepare their most popular items for others to purchase. Any time we can accept donations of new or handcrafted items for the brown bag raffle so think about clearance items when you're shopping that would make a great prize or perhaps an unwanted gift that you just never will use and now can donate to our raffle. Please send all donations to the church office and items for the bazaar can be dropped at the thrift shop during their regular hours.

**CHURCH BAZAAR**

**November 11th 9am-2pm**

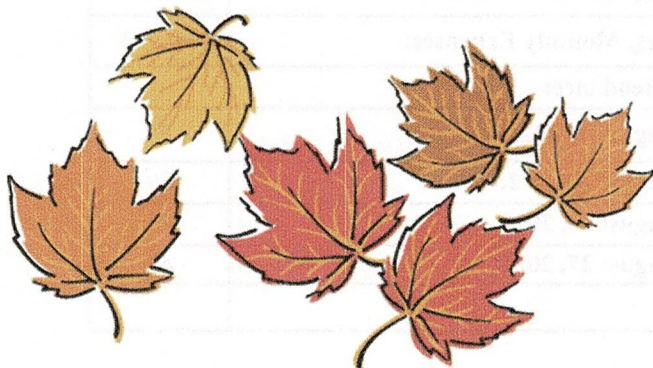
Crafts, Jewelry  
Lunch Bag Raffle

Food  
Raffle Ticket  
Many gift cards and prizes.

**Bake Sale**

**White Elephant**

**Items needed are: gift cards & new items for the bag raffle and white elephant items for the sale tables.**



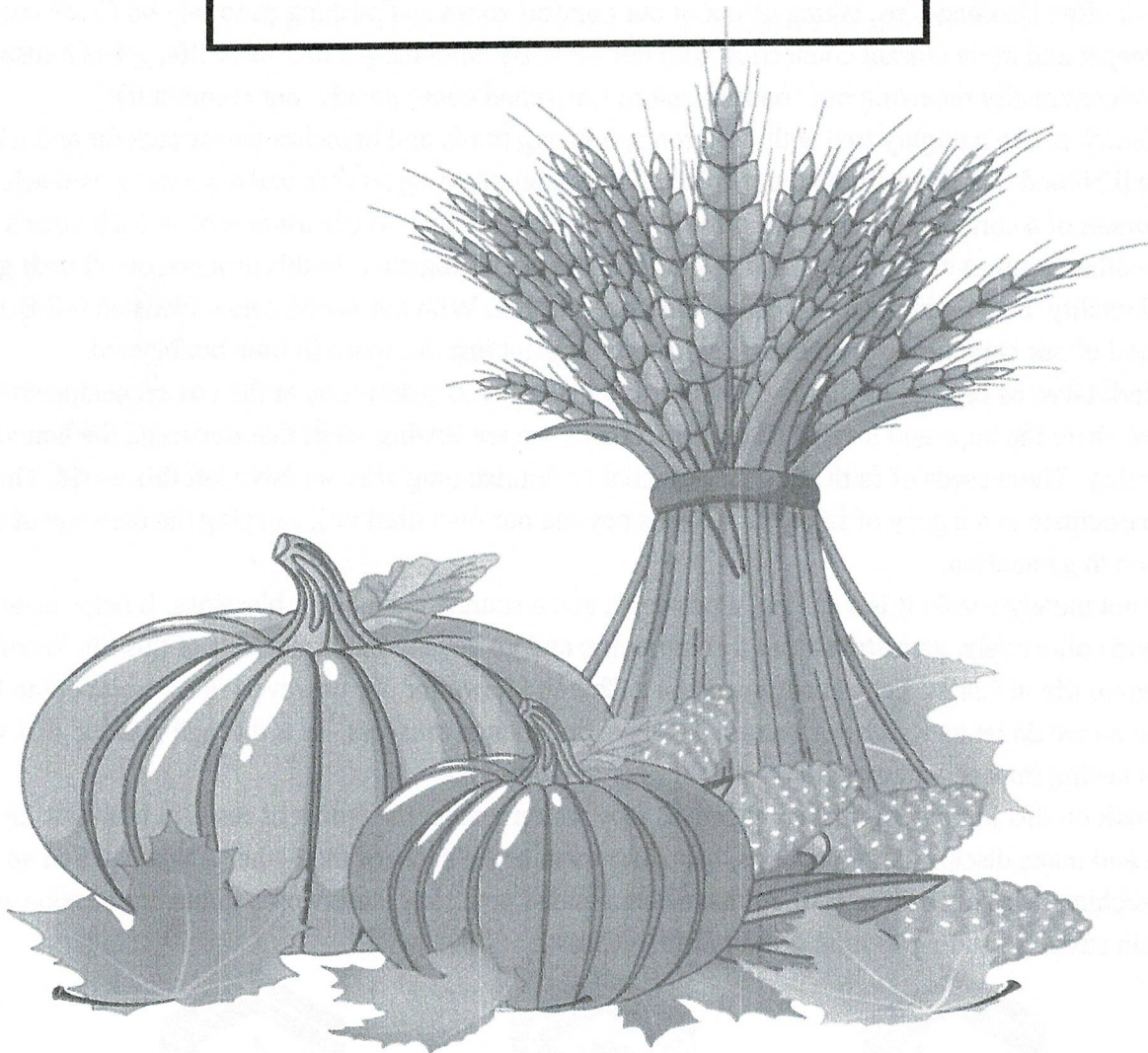
**REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE**

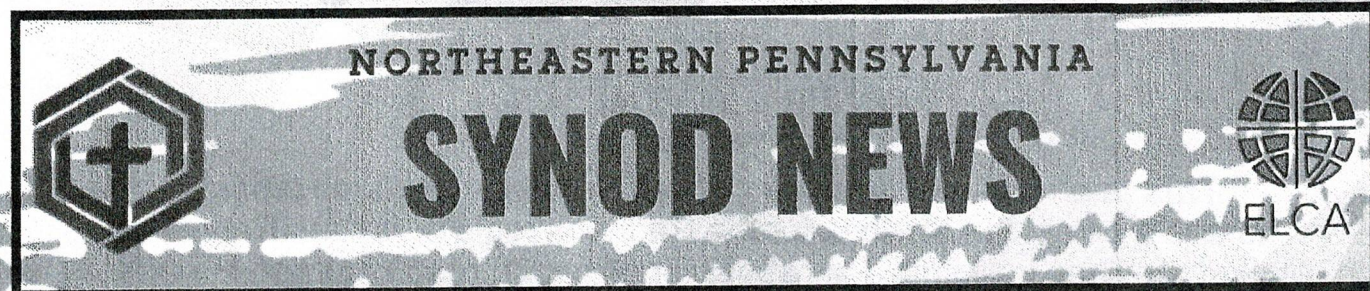
***This is a reminder that we collect Redner's register tapes***  
There is a box in the Narthex for the Redner's register tapes. Redner's Market provides us with a **1% rebate** for all register tapes turned in. Ask for a save a tape card at the desk. This is required to participate.

**WEATHER RELATED &  
SCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Channel 13, Blue Ridge Cable, is Holy Trinity's place to look for weather related announcements. We will have the announcements on the air as soon as possible after they are made.

In addition a message will be left on phone system so if you call the office you will know if there is church.





## MISSION: GAINING STRENGTH, GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE AND GROWING YOUNG IN THE PROCESS

In our journey of faith, we often hear about the transformative power of mission. Mission is not just a buzzword; it is the heartbeat of our church. It is the force that propels us forward, enabling us to grow younger in spirit, gain strength as a community, and go beyond the boundaries of life and death. In this newsletter article, we will explore the profound importance of mission in our lives as individuals and as a church family.

One of the remarkable aspects of **mission** is its ability to rejuvenate our spirits and keep our faith nourished. When we engage in meaningful outreach, extend a helping hand to those in need, and share the gospel with others, we are infused with the energy of youthful enthusiasm, a childlike faith that brings us back to the main thing: Jesus. Missional work often challenges us, taking us out of our comfort zones and pushing us to rely on God's strength, leading to a deeper and more vibrant connection with our faith. By embracing a missional life, we are transported back to a faith that's continually renewing our commitment to Christ and consequently, our community.

Christ's Church is like a mighty tree with deep roots, a strong trunk, and branches that stretch far and wide. Mission is the lifeblood that flows through our spiritual tree, strengthening its core and expanding its reach. When we unite in the pursuit of a common mission, we grow closer as a community. We learn to rely on each other's strengths, support one another in times of challenge, and celebrate our victories together. In this process, our church gains resilience and vitality, better equipped to weather the storms of life. With our synod's new focus on 6-2-6-1 we will see the lifeblood of our churches expand and grow, nourishing not just out space in time but beyond.

Mission work takes us beyond the limits of this earthly existence. It reminds us of the eternal perspective of our faith. When we share the hope and love of Christ with others, we are sowing seeds that transcend the boundaries of time and mortality. These seeds of faith have the potential to flourish long after we have left this world. Through mission, we participate in a legacy of faith that extends beyond our own lifetimes, carrying the message of salvation from generation to generation.

Mission is not merely a task; it is a calling, a privilege, and a source of abundant blessings. It helps us grow young individually and collectively, gain strength as a community, and go beyond the limitations of this life to embrace the promise of eternal life in Christ. Let us continue to be a Church known for our unwavering commitment to living missionally, in all we do let us weigh our values, so all we do leads to progress - It is through mission that we will thrive, make a lasting impact, and experience the fullness of God's love.

As we embark on this journey of mission together, may we remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Let these words guide our mission and inspire us to grow, gain strength, and go beyond death to life in Christ.

