Announcements for the Week of 11/15 – 11/21

11/15: Sunday Worship at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour
Poinsettia Orders for Christmas for $10 each. Please use the insert.
Special Winter Offering envelopes in bulletins this week
Private Party in Fellowship Hall 12:30 - 6:30 pm

11/16: AA 7:30 pm

11/17: RSVP Exercise Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Crafting & Visiting at Valehaven 2 pm

11/18: Knit Wits 1:30 pm

11/19: Medicare Open Enrollment in Fellowship Hall 9am – 3pm

11/21: Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of NY 9 am to 4 pm

Mountain of Food for November
Our Mission focus for the month of November is the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf (housed in the Plattsburgh UMC).
All month you are invited to bring your donations to church and we will start building a **MOUNTAIN OF FOOD** in the Sanctuary! Donations will continue to be collected through Sunday, November 29th.

Peru Community Church
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
Rev. Phil Richards Worship Asst. – Cindi LaFountain

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE
(If you have prayer concerns, please place them in the BLESSED basket in the rear of the Sanctuary, to be read during Joys and Concerns. If you are new or have changed your information recently, please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.)

PASTOR'S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 123
Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
People: God, we look to you in every need.
Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
People: God, we look to you in every need.
Leader: Creator of the world, we look to you when life seems dangerous and chaotic, trusting your promises.
People: God, we look to you in every need.

***HYMN** *"Here I Am, Lord"* #593

OPENING PRAYER
Loving God, we thank you for your trust in us; to interpret your Word, to order our lives and to serve your people. We pray that we might be faithful servants and joyful ambassadors of your love for Jesus' sake, AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Ernie and Vivien Melin

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30
"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to

each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

RESPONSE

May we have courage and grace for interpretation
Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Phil

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY/*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God who gives us hearts to care. Praise God who gives us gifts to share. Praise God for helping us to give, So others in the world might live. Amen."

Holy One, bless these gifts and use them to build a world shaped by justice, generosity, and love. May our giving feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and affirm the dignity of every person. May our gifts and our lives reflect the way of Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

***HYMN** *"And Are We Yet Alive"* (v.1,3,6) #553

***BLESSING**

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*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

PRAYER LIST

Barb Benkwitt; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Sarah Connelly; Denise; Eric Duquette; Nancy Fegan; Ben Filchak; Danny Hartman; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Linda; Luke; Bonnie Mahnk; Karen Hadad-Meyers; Howard Newton; Noreen; Patricia; Roy Perry; Deanne Price; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Maureen & John; Amy & James; Dane & Tilly

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