

November 2026



Radiance Community Church

Faithful, Hopeful, Loving **2027 Giving Campaign**

As November approaches, the Finance Team would like to thank you for the many ways you support Radiance Community Church. Your generosity, kindness, and commitment help make our church a place where faith grows, hope is shared, and love is put into action.

Our 2027 Giving Campaign is centered on the theme “Faithful, Hopeful, Loving,” inspired by 1 Corinthians 13:13: *“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

These words remind us of what is at the heart of our church and the many ways we care for one another and our community.

At the beginning of November, you will receive a letter from the Finance Team, along with a 2027 Giving Pledge Card and a copy of the proposed 2027 budget. We encourage you to review these materials and prayerfully consider your giving for the coming year. Your generosity supports the daily operations of our church and the ministries that help us share God’s love with others.

As Acts 20:35 reminds us: *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”* Giving is one of the many ways we live out our faith, share hope, and show love to others.

Important Dates

- Sunday, November 15 – Church in Conference: Following worship, we will review and vote on the proposed 2027 budget.
- Sunday, November 22 – Giving Sunday: Please bring your completed pledge card to worship and place it in the collection plate. If you cannot attend, you may drop your card off at the church office or mail it to the church.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are thankful for the faith, hope, and love you bring to our church family.

Together, let us be faithful, hopeful, and loving.

The Finance Team
Radiance Community Church



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE



November 1

- **Greeters:** Debbie Foutz, Neal Kinsey
- **Scripture Reader:** Ric Scott
- **Offertory Prayer:** Nancy Burgess
- **No Children's Church**
- **Offering:** Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Cara Sutherland, Ray Templin
- **Communion Prep:** Glenda Pollard, M.J. Fanning
- **Communion:** Janice Deyerle, Paul Howell, Linda Murray, M.J. Fanning, Becky Beard

November 8

- **Greeters:** Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader:** Janice Deyerle
- **Offertory Prayer:** Ric Scott
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Glenda Pollard
- **Offering:** Jenna Dillon, Alyssa Viele, Kathy Kinsey, Brennon Viele

November 15

- **Greeters:** Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams
- **Scripture Reader:** Linda Murray
- **Offertory Prayer:** Janice Deyerle
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Nancy Vest
- **Offering:** Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams

November 22

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Gerri Mills
- **Scripture Reader:** Glenda Pollard
- **Offertory Prayer:** Bobbie Hawkins
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Mary Harris
- **Offering:** Becky Beard, Nancy Vest, Debbie Foutz, Emily Whitt

November 29

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Mark Smith
- **Scripture Reader:** Emily Whitt
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Short
- **Children's Worship Leader:** No children's church (Hanging of the Green)
- **Offering:** Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Cara Sutherland, Ray Templin

Featured Dates

Sunday, Nov. 1

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship-All Saints' Service	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
Soul Feast	6:00 PM

Friday, Nov. 6-Sunday, Nov. 8

Youth Retreat

Sunday, Nov. 8

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM

Monday, Nov. 9

Evelyn Townsend Circle	2:00 PM
Ministries Council Meeting	6:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
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Sunday, Nov. 15

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Church In Conference	11:40 AM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
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Sunday, Nov. 22

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Advent Decorating/Soup Lunch	11:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
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Sunday, Nov. 29

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Hanging of the Green Worship	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM

pray for one another

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Mary Durrer, Betty Heptinstall, Buddy Hawkins, Nadine Minnix, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Alice Scogin, Vilas Secrist, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair
- Those with cancer including: Betty Hall, Dalton Burgess, Charles Gray (friend of the Kinseys), Wyatt Hodges (friend of the Kinseys), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Mary Seithalil (friend of Lisa Baker), David Wyatt (friend of the Kinseys)

Faith Formation Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30-10:15 am:** In November, our Bible study will focus on the interactions between Jesus and the religious leaders of his time. We'll see moments of respectful dialogue, unexpected warning, courageous action, and the search for common ground. These sessions will call us to reflect on what faithful interfaith relationship looks like today, asking us to engage those who believe differently from us with honesty, charity, and a willingness to learn. We also have classes for our children and youth, so there is something for your whole family.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation, Wednesdays at noon:** During November, Rev. Steven Harris is Leading a study of some of the prophets of the Old Testament. The prophets of ancient Israel spoke hard words to people who did not always want to hear them, and their messages ring with surprising urgency for our own time. Micah, Amos, Ezekiel, and Zephaniah call out injustice, expose the failure of leaders, and announce the consequences of turning away from God. Yet woven through these warnings is a persistent thread of hope: God has not abandoned the people, and the call to return is always open. These lessons invite us to listen for the prophetic word in our own day, to examine our communities with honesty, and to recommit ourselves to the justice and faithfulness God requires. Join us in person or by Zoom: bit.ly/radiancebiblestudy.
- **Faith Lending Library:** We have resources for Fall and Ordinary Time on the bookcase in the foyer. Please feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done.

Radiance Kids: Children Leading Worship: Children are a vital part of the body of Christ- not just the church of the future, but the church now. This means that we value the gifts they have and would love for them to help lead worship. We will have a training session on November 15 at 9:30 am for children who are interested in leading worship by ringing the bell to begin worship, lighting candles, reading scripture, greeting and handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, praying, or participating in other ways. Children must attend the training session to be included in the worship leadership schedule, so if your child can't attend on that day, please let Pastor Melissa know so we can schedule another training time for them.

Radiance Youth

- Join us for **Dinner & Discipleship**, Sundays from 5-7. This month, we will finish our study of the book of James and what it means to live out our faith in practical ways. We will also begin creating ornaments for the Angel Tree. We gather at 5 for games and fellowship, followed by dinner at 5:30 and Bible study from 6-7.
- Church family, if you can provide **dinner for our youth** on a Sunday evening, please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/rccyouthdinner>. Please prepare for about 10 people. We eat at 5:30 on Sundays and we always love for you to stay and eat with us!
- **"Trust" Fall Retreat**, November 6-8. Join us, along with the youth of First Baptist Church of Waynesboro for a weekend retreat at Ward Haven. There'll be time for rest and fun, and we'll explore what it means to trust God and each other. If you have not paid the \$35 fee, please do so as soon as possible.

Church in Conference: Following worship on November 15, we will have a Church in Conference session to vote on the 2027 budget and on the Ministry Council's recommendation that we become an Encourager Church for CBF missionary Scarlett Jasper.

All Saints Day Service of Remembrance: During worship on Sunday, Nov. 1, we will have a special time of remembering and honoring those from our church family who have moved on to eternal life with Jesus in the last year. There will also be a time for everyone to speak the names of loved ones they are remembering.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Evelyn Townsend Mission Circle:** Monday, Oct. 9, noon, at the home of Ellen Scott
- **Church In Conference:** Sunday, Nov. 15, following worship

Missions Opportunities This Fall

- **Thanksgiving Food Boxes for Keystone Community Center:** We are collecting food for Keystone Community Center's thanksgiving food boxes. Each year, the Center distributes around 50 boxes of food to senior adults and families of children who live around the Center. There is a list of needed items on the table in the foyer. You may also e-mail the church office to get a copy of the list. Please return your food to the church by November 8.
- **Keystone Community Center Weekend Food Bags:** During the school year, we provide weekend food bags for 13 children at Keystone Community Center (a couple of options for breakfast, some snacks, fruit, and proteins for lunches and dinners, juice and milk boxes). We package the food in grocery bags and deliver them to Keystone by Wednesday each week. The cost for the food is usually around \$100. Sign up in the foyer to provide food bags for a week - even better, do it with a group of friends.
- **Blessing Box:** Our little food pantry has continued to be well used by our community. As you shop, please pick up a little extra to share with our neighbors. We are especially in need of proteins, rice, cereal, pancake syrup, fruit and vegetables and spaghetti and sauce.

Advent is Coming!

Beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we celebrate Advent, the season of awaiting the coming of Christ. This year, Advent begins on November 29. Our Ministries Council has planned many opportunities for us to worship, serve, and fellowship together during the Advent season. Our theme this year is "From the Manger." Jesus, the Bread of Life, was laid in a feeding trough in Bethlehem, whose name means "House of Bread." As we focus on Luke's birth story and other gospel stories of Jesus each week, we will be reminded of the life-sustaining hope, peace, joy, and love Jesus brings and notice how the baby born in a bread town continues to feed a hungry world today.

We'll be sharing many more details as we get closer to Advent, but here are a couple of important dates to keep in mind for the beginning of the season:

- **Sunday, Nov. 22, following worship, Soup Lunch and Church Decorating Party:** We will gather in the fellowship hall for a soup lunch, and then we will move to the sanctuary to prepare it for Advent. All are welcome to stay for lunch and fellowship, even if you are unable to help with decorating. Look for a sign-up list on the table in the foyer if you are able to help provide soup, bread, or dessert.
- **Sunday, Nov. 29, Hanging of the Green Service:** On this first Sunday of Advent, our worship service will focus on the meaning of each of the elements we add to our sanctuary during this season. This is a hands-on, participatory service; we will be completing the "greening" of our sacred space as we worship.



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Happy Birthday!

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November 01
November 06
November 09
November 12
November 15

