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"Jesus said, 'Whoever is not against you is for you.'" Luke 9:50

### OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for last week's offering and deposits. Thank you for giving so generously!

Leadership Support \$250 Missions and Love Inc \$3655

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Thank you so much for the many prayers, words of encouragement, and cards for Eugene and me over the past few years. Thanks for being a caring congregation.

~Mrs. Thema Eberly

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anne Martin: Wednesday, November 16 Steve Nolt: Sunday, November 20 Happy 82nd Birthday to Miriam Weaver! Monday, November 21

Note of thanks!

Our families are so grateful for the many expressions of love and gratitude during pastor appreciation month! We are blessed to serve this generous and appreciative congregation.

May God continue to bring blessing, growth and encouragement to all of us as we follow Jesus.

Jennifer and Tom, Krista and Brian

#### **Encountering Jesus Sermon Series**

Today, Krista Snader will preach from Luke 9: 51-56 and look at Jesus' response to the Samaritan village that rejected him. What can we learn from Jesus' response to those who scorned him and rejected his message? Why was this story included in Luke's gospel?

Next Sunday, November 20, Lee Zimmerman will preach from John 3 and the story of Nicodemus: the teacher of the law who secretly visited Jesus at night. What caused Nicodemus to look deeper into who Jesus was when his fellow teachers rejected Jesus? How does Jesus respond to our questions and seeking?

#### Advent series begins November 27

Our Advent series this year is called "Jesus came near....for those far away." Sermons will focus on people from Scripture who were surprising characters in the salvation story, beginning with Rahab in Joshua 2. Who would have imagined the prostitute Rahab playing such an important role in God's story and becoming part of the lineage of Jesus the Messiah? As we journey through Advent, may we marvel at the unimaginable grace of Jesus!



Christmas is coming! Mark your calendars:

Saturday evening Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30pm

Christmas Sunday morning Worship at 10:00am

EMM missionary family Darrel and Miriam Weaver invite you to the annual

### German Christmas Market & Auction

on Saturday, November 19 at Weaverland Church

The morning Christmas Market will include local craft vendors and businesses, perfect for holiday shopping. The evening will include authentic German food stands and a live auction.