

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
10 AM Morning Worship – August 31, 2014**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Sonatina” op. 36, no. 3 – Clementi - 1832

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matt. 16:24, BCW)

Leader: Jesus said:

All: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

L: Let us pray:

All: O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN** Purify My Heart #187 Renew Hymnal

WE APPROACH GOD

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (pastor prays)

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

***AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life. Amen.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE AND GIFTS

***HYMN** Little is Much When God Is in It #512 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Using Debts and Debtors)

***HYMN** Give of Your Best to the Master #516 Blue Hymnal

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26 Pg 556

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Near to the Heart of God” – Cleland V. McCafee

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12: 9-21 Pg 162

SERMON In Your Favor Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***HYMN** Living for Jesus - 1917 #462 Blue Hymnal

***THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE “Allegretto” – Henry Purcell – 1695

*Standing in body, mind or spirit

CAMP DONEGAL DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 2014

SCHEDULE

- 10:00 AM Worship at church
- 11:15 am Leave for camp (carpooling encouraged)
- 12:30 pm Arrive at Camp Donegal
- 12:45 pm Sunday dinner in Donegal Hall (family style)
- Roast Beef, Baked potato and toppings,
applesauce, salad and dessert
- Afternoon activities – Crafts, Lawn games,
Nature hike down to the river, Table games, or
free time
- 4:30 pm Gather for campfire – hot dogs & S'mores
- Campfire devotional and singing
- 5:30 pm Leave for home

News of the Week

ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS

August 31, 2014



LIFE LINE SCREENING – The Life Line Screening on August 27th went well. The van pulled up about 8:30, equipment was set up in Fellowship Hall and throughout the day they served 85 to 90 people. The team left about 5:45. This was a community outreach service through our church which is greatly appreciated by Life Line and the people who came. Our thanks to the Second Chances people and Dennis, who cleaned out Fellowship Hall the day before.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

There will be a congregational meeting on a Sunday in September (to be determined) to select members of a Pastoral Search Committee. The search committee will consist of five people, with at least two from the session. If you are interested in being a part of the Pastoral Search Committee, **please contact Meagan Nolt or Jean Shelly** to have your name included as a potential committee member.

MUGS and SHIRTS

We still have 175th Anniversary mugs and shirts on the table in Fellowship Hall.

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Jeff Weber (361-9065 or jrweber22@comcast.net) for available dates. \$40 is the current price for the pair of bouquets that decorate the pulpit and which the Deacons distribute to shut-ins if requested by the sponsor.

If you are in the church alone, please do not use the elevator.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Please see John Leggore if you have not done this.

CALENDAR REMINDERS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

The calendar for September is in the bulletin today. Extra copies will be on the table in Fellowship Hall.

September 2nd – We will be setting up a “175th Anniversary” display in the lobby of the Union Community Bank. The display will run all month.

September 5th – Iraqi Peacemaker and Medical Missionary to speak at First Presbyterian Church, 225 East Market Street, York, PA on September 5th at 7:00 pm.. Jeremy Courtney founded the organization called Preemptive Love which works with sick Iraqi children. Hearts & Minds, a bookstore in Dallastown, will sponsor “An Evening with Author and Activist Jeremy Courtney” speaking on his book Preemptive Love: Making Peace One Heart at a time at First Presbyterian in York. There is a press release posted in fellowship hall.

September 5th - BOWLING INVITATION

Hi! My name is Sarah Book and I am a member of Word of Life Chapel in Bainbridge, PA. I am reaching out to local churches in the area to try and recruit church-goers to join our Friday Night Church Bowling League! I bowl with churches all around the area, and we are looking for new members. We meet every Friday night starting **September 5th** at Clearview Lanes in Mount Joy. It is a sanctioned league, so there is a \$16 fee to become a member of the United States Bowling Congress and it is \$15 per week. All skill levels and ages are welcomed! This is a fun league! We would love to get some more members to fellowship with! If you have questions or are interested, please E-mail me at silvercrush7558@yahoo.com. If you would like to talk to the Vice Chairman, Call my Father, Dale Aungst @ [717-413-6435](tel:717-413-6435).

September 5th – Fall and Winter clothing will be out on the racks starting Friday the 5th and Saturday the 6th. Margaret, Barb Bair, Deb, Shirley Good, Darlene, and April have all been busy tagging and hanging clothes.

September 7th – The plans are now set -- We will be going to Camp Donegal for the day. See the agenda on the back page.

September 14th – **Worship will begin at 11:00 and Sunday School will begin at 9:45. Session will meet after worship.**

September 17th - Neighbors Connect starts with the September free lunch for seniors. We begin to gather at 11:30 and lunch is at 12:00 with a presentation at about 12:30. This was a very successful fellowship event last year and we hope to continue it throughout this next year. Come and join us – it’s for the community and also our members. We put a sign-up sheet on the counter in Fellowship Hall for members. We’ll be advertising it again in the Merchandiser and in the Intelligencer.

September 21st – **Deacons will meet after worship.**

October 3rd – The Family Banquet will be held on October 3rd at 6:00. More information to follow. **Second Chances will be closed that day.**

Mission Yearbook - It’s almost September! And time for the 2015 Mission Yearbook. If anyone is interested in getting a copy please see Tim Nolt. We always get one for the Library so if you don’t get one for yourself, you can find it there.
(278-5423)

Link to communicate with Pastor Troy DeBruin and his family.
Site Link: www.caringbridge.org/visit/debruinfamily
You will need to create an account to access their family site.

SHARING OUR TALENTS

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome our visitors and hope you will come back and visit with us again. There is information about our church at the back of each pew and Visitors' cards for your use.

Flowers today are provided by Marilyn and Marty Pomroy, in memory of our daughter Jill.

**Ushers for August – Robert and Darlene Henly
Ushers for September – Sue and Sarah Witmer**

**Greeter for August – Janet Stirling
Greeter for September – Irene Becker**

**Nursery for Today – Joy Bouchard and Peg Cramer
Nursery for August 31 – Larry and Lonnie Nolt**

**Counter for Today – Laura Weber
Counter for August 31 – Jean Shelly**

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal

**Church Closer for today – Laura Weber
Church Closer for August 31 – Property Committee**

**Flowers for August – Dee Neese
Flowers for September – Nancy Duquette**

**Strength for Today – August 25 – August 31 – Barb O'Neal
Strength for Today – September 1 – September 7 – John Leggore**

Are you interested in participating in the Strength for Today program? It involves reading a brief message (no more than two minutes). It can be a devotional reading, "Our Daily Bread", a favorite Scripture passage or even verses of a hymn. It can be done from the comfort of your own home using our remote telephone procedure. **Call Tim Nolt at 278-5423 or email him at timnolt@gmail.com.** Each person is responsible for one week of messages beginning on Monday and ending on Sunday. The week starts with Monday's message and ends with Sunday's message. Messages can be recorded the night before, i.e. Monday's message can be recorded Sunday night.