

### Serving Today

Mark Hile & David Mutter are serving as consistory helpers for May.

This week's worship assistant is Dale Fronheiser.

This week's flowers are sponsored by David Mutter in memory of Mutter grandparents.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Marie Schollenberger in honor of Kevin & Wendy Schollenberger's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Next week's flowers are sponsored by Teresa Skoog.

Next week's bulletins are sponsored by David Mutter.

2017 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

### Our Information

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 91    Sunday School: 32

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,266.00

2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65  
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**Graduation Sunday** - On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing Hill Church graduates, and we need your help. If you are aware of someone connected to Hill Church who will be graduating from high school, college, or making another significant move (such as from middle school to high school), please contact the church office (610-367-8114 or [nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org)) so we can be sure to include them. Thank you for helping us with this. And be sure to attend worship on June 11<sup>th</sup> when we will be honoring and praying for our graduates.

**St. John – Hill U.C.C.**

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May 21, 2017

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

May 21, 2017

(+) *Those who are able please stand*

**Bold – congregation responds as able**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus is Lord of All” Wm. Gaither

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s love has poured into our hearts,  
**Through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.**

+PRAISE SONG “How Great is Our God”

### CONFESSION OF SIN

~ Silent Prayers ~

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;  
**Thanks be to God.**

### +GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen*

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty’ from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 176] Galatians 1:11-17

HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” Faith & Praise No. 130

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 178] Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Spring Song” R. Landis

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD’S PRAYER (unison) (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN “Where No One Stands Alone” Faith & Praise No. 801

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guild, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

+POSTLUDE “There is a Savior” (Faith & Praise No. 211) G. Nelson & B. Farrell



**Welcome Visitors** – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

**Communitas** – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

**Thank You** – Thank you to everyone who helped make the ham supper a success yesterday.

**VBS** – June 11-15 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are out on the window sills in the sanctuary and are also available online. If you are able to help out in any way please fill out a form (found in the bulletin) or see Tracey, Nikki or Dottie.

**Summer Concert** – “Desire” will be back for another summer concert this year on June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Music will be 6-7:30 pm and food will be available starting at 5 pm. Help us spread the word. Posters (in the Narthex & Sunday School hallway) are available to hang around the community.

**Mission Trip** – We are excited to announce our Mission Trip will be happening again this year. This year we have five area churches all coming together to do the planning. The work days for the Mission Trip will be Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22. The daily time frame will be 7:30am to 7:15pm. These days will include all meals, morning and afternoon work times, and evening faith reflections. You are eligible to attend the Mission Trip if you are at least 10 years old as of September 30, 2016. If you are between 10 years old and 14 years old as of September 30, 2016, you must have a parent attend the Mission Trip as well. This year’s registration fee will be \$15 per person or \$50 per family max. “Participant” and “Applications for Assistance” forms are available from Mark and Connie Hile or Terry Shane. In addition, forms can be found at [www.stpaulsbirdsboro.org](http://www.stpaulsbirdsboro.org) under the “What We Do” tab. Participant positions include site workers, food service, supply logistics and homeowner visitations. Feel free to speak with Mark, Connie or Terry for additional information.

**Clean up and Concert Prep** – We will be doing final clean up from the ham supper tomorrow evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. This involved general clean-up of the dining hall and also moving supplies back to the church. We will also be preparing the bandshell and serving stand for the Desire Concert on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Eastern Berks Fire Dept will be coming to help us. Many hands make light work!

**Newsletter Deadline** – Today is the June newsletter deadline! Please submit your information to the church office at [nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) or you may place it in my church mailbox. Thanks for your timely submissions! Nikki

**Joyful Noise Offering** – Today, we will be collecting a special offering. Our children will be invited to collect a special “Joyful Noise” offering during worship by carrying a coffee can around to the congregation to collect change (and paper money but change makes more “noise”).

**Help Needed with VBS Decorations** – See Connie, Anita or Dottie after church in the primary floor Sunday School rooms. Thanks for your help!

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

#### **Sunday – May 21**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service

#### **Monday – May 22**

9 am Prayer Group  
9:30 am Bible Study  
6 pm Ham Supper Clean Up & Wash Down  
Bandshell & Stand for Concert

#### **Wednesday – May 24**

No Sr. Choir Rehearsal

### **HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:**

#### **Sunday – May 28**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service

#### **Monday – May 29**

9 am Prayer Group  
9:30 am Bible Study

#### **Tuesday – May 30**

5 pm Hamburger Making for Concerts

#### **Wednesday – May 31**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Saturday – June 3**

3 pm Food Prep for Desire Concert  
6 pm Desire Concert (food available at 5 pm)

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



### **Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

*Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.*

Abigale Beidler -----Recovering from concussion

Betty Miller-----Struggling with Alzheimer’s

Mae Bauer (Janet Conrad’s Mom) ----- Fell and broke pelvis and wrist

Marie Schollenberger -----Fractured spine & knee pain