

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Anita Brady & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Rick and Linda Furches in honor and memory of their parents.

This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Tyler Schollenberger's 21st birthday by his parents, Kevin & Wendy Schollenberger.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Joel & Nikki Weller

Flowers: Joel & Nikki Weller

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.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 43

Last Week's Offering: \$3,695.00
2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor

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September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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(+) *Those who are able please stand*

Bold - congregation responds as able

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Largo" G.F. Handel
Violin and Organ Duet by Samantha Anderson & Elmer Miller

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I thank my God every time I think of you.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more.

+HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Faith & Praise No. 57

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 214] James 4:1-10

HYMN "Yield Not to Temptation" Faith & Praise No. 905

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 213] James 2:5-13

SERMON "Faith & Obeying" Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Way of Faith" S. Riggs

JOYFULL NOSIE OFFERING

+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 (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN "Trust & Obey" Faith & Praise No. 915

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

+POSTLUDE "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" J.H. Filmore



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.

Community Outreach Ministry – We will continue to support our local community through Bethany Children’s home. For the month of September we will collect a few needed items for their kids. Please do not feel like you have to contribute but if you can, know it is greatly appreciated by those who are in need in Bethany! Items needed are:

- Bed pillows
- Tooth brush covers
- Alarm clocks – electric, no radio
- Fidget toys/stress balls
- Card games (ie: uno, skipbo, etc)
- Combination locks

Back to College – We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Please give your information ASAP to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org

Oley Fair – Saturday, September 23rd Hill Church is volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 pm to close. Please contact Eileen Fisher if are able to help out for more details. A free parking pass for the night is available if you help out. It is a great night of laughter, fun and work all while helping the community!

Confirmation Class – The confirmation class will meet Sunday mornings starting September 10 at 8:30 am in the upstairs Sunday School room.

Please Note – It was decided not to participate in the Samaritan Purse Shoebox ministry this year, but rather contribute to a more local need at the Bethany Children’s Home. Therefore, we will not need shoeboxes nor items to fill them this season. Watch for more information coming soon about what items are needed for our new Christmas project and how you can help.

Joyful Noise Offering – Today we will be collecting the “Joyful Noise” offering during worship.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday – September 17

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

Monday – September 18

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday – September 20

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday – September 23

4 pm Help at Oley Fair

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday – September 24

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service
3 pm Youth Event

Monday – September 25

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday – September 27

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

“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.

- Betty Miller ----- In Manatawny Manor
- Marie Schollenberger ----- In Chestnut Knoll
- Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy’s Daughter in Law) -----Battling Cancer
- Marijane Kirby (Anita Brady’s Sister) -----recovering from surgery
- Fern Schanely -----fell again, in rehab
- Franklin Snyder -----Recovering from heart surgery