Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Anita Brady & Dottie Fronheiser

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Mayetta & Terry Shane

This week's flowers are sponsored by Carey & Cheryl Anderson.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of Sadie's 12th birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dennis & Nancy Weller Flowers: Dennis & Nancy 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: 55

Last Week's Offering: \$2,248.00 2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



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September

2017

12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

(+) Those who are able please stand **Bold - congregation responds as able**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"I Surrender All"

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

This is the day the Lord has made,

Let us be glad in it.

+HYMN

"God Bless Our Native Land"

Blue hymnal No. 439

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)

God's Abundant Love

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he is in God. And so we know and rely on the love of God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

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

[NT pg. 212] NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 1:2-10

[NT pg. 213] NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 1:12-18 **SERMON**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Alas! and did my Saviour Bleed" Blue Hymnal No. 153 TABLE HYMN

CALL TO OFFERING

"Alla Hornpipe" G.F. Handel **OFFERTORY**

Recorder and Organ Duet - Eileen Fisher & Elmer Miller

+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

Pastor Mary

+HYMN "Work for the Night is Coming" Blue Hymnal No. 477

+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 "Firm in the Faith I Stand" D. Paxton

<u>Welcome Visitors</u> – 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.

<u>Communitas</u> - The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

<u>Community Outreach Ministry</u> – 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

<u>Church Office Hours</u> – Please note that Nikki will be changing her church office hours effective immediately. The new hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 12:15 pm – 4 pm.

<u>Back to College</u> – 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

<u>Concert Signs</u> – Signs and posters are available in the Narthex & Sunday School hallway for the Celtic Martins on Sept 10. Please take one and hang or place it around the community!

<u>Oley Fair</u> - 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!

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

<u>The Communion Offering</u> which assists needy members of our Hill Church Family is being received today. Please use brown pew envelopes for your donation.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - September 3

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

Tuesday - September 5

7 pm Women's Guild Meeting

Saturday - September 9

7 am Men's Breakfast 8 am Work Day

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 10

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

Monday - September 11

9 am Prayer Group9:30 am Bible Study7 pm Sunday School Meeting

<u>Tuesday - September 12</u>

7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - September 13

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" \sim 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 Manoi
Marie Schollenberger	In Chestnut Knoll
Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy's Daughter in Law)	Battling Cancer
Marijane Kirby (Anita Brady's Sister)	having surgery beginning of Sept
Fern Schanely	fell again, in rehab
Leon Vroman	Recovering from heart surgery
Franklin Snyder	Recovering from heart surgery