

**September 30, 2018**

# St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost                      September 30, 2018**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      "Morning Prayer"                      E. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN    Faith & Praise No. 54  
    *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (sing 2x)*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, we confess that we have been brisk in the service of self, slack in the service of others; Eager to get, reluctant to give; lofty in our profession, low in our practice; full of good intentions, backwards to fulfilling them; severe with our neighbors, indulgent with ourselves; eager to find fault, resentful at being found fault with; little able for great tasks, discontent with small ones; weak in adversity, self-satisfied in prosperity; helpless apart from you, and yet so little willing to be bound to you. Merciful God, grant us yet forgiveness, for His Holy name's sake. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"My Tribute"

Faith & Praise No. 36

"My Tribute" words & music by Andraé Crouch, ©1971 Communiqué Music CCLI License #11085161

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the  
glory for the things He has done. With His blood  
He has saved me; With His pow'r He has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and  
listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your  
Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might  
feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as  
your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 215]

James 5:13-20

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 43]

Mark 9:38-41

SERMON

"Prayer"

Pastor Chuck Maxfield

+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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

J. Montgomery & S. DeFord

*“Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”*

*Solo by Kristen Bender; Accompanied by Eileen Fisher*

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*“All Things Are Thine”*

Blue Hymnal No. 508

“All Things Are Thine” words and music by John Greenleaf Whittier ©1892 CCLI License #11085161

*All things are Thine: no gift have we, Lord of all gifts,  
to offer Thee; And hence with grateful hearts today,  
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

+PRAYER HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 827

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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

+HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 828

*“Instrument of Your Peace”*

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+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

*“Go Forth in Peace”*

E. Broughton



\* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

\* The weekly Communitas are available in the narthex.

**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.

**Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis** – See Connie Hile

**Church Treasurer** – We are now accepting applications to fill this position order to allow ample time for any necessary training. Applications can be found in the Narthex or the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a consistory member.

**Blood Drive** – The November 2018 Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be held on Monday, November 19 in order to accommodate the St. Joseph's Daycare Thanksgiving program. This is a change from the typical third Tuesday schedule.

**Pastoral Search Process** – We are starting to collect surveys to complete our church profile. See any transition team member, the church office or visit [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org) to complete the survey. Responses need to be completed and returned by October 7.

**Introduction to the Bible** – Pastor Chuck Maxfield will offer a course, "Introduction to the Bible," on select Monday nights in September and October. Class will meet Monday mornings from 9 - 10:30 am and Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm.

**T-Shirt Fundraiser** – Matt Hinkle has returned from his mission trip and working towards a goal in 2020. T-shirt are available for purchase for \$20 to help raise money for their project. Contact Matt Hinkle for more details or see the poster in the Narthex or Sunday School hallway. Order deadline is TODAY.

**Back to College** – We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Once completed, we will post the list in the Narthex so that anyone who would like to keep in touch with them can do so. Please give your information to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

**Apple sauce and Chow Chow Day** – Monday, October 8, 7:30 am or when you can help. With many hands we should be finished by 11:00-12:00. Where?: Dining hall. This is a multi gender event. A couple of muscles in this days event are appreciated. This will supply our church for our 3 major church dinners. I don't have a clipboard but let me know if you can help. Thank you for volunteering. Nancy Weller

**Community Outreach** - We will be collecting for Boyertown Multi-Service during the month of October. A giving tree is in the Narthex on the wall. This will operate the same as the angel tree does over Christmas. Please take a leaf (or two, or three...) and purchase the item on it and bring it back unwrapped and place it in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

## ANNUAL BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

Dinner served 3:00 -7:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$9.00 Children 3-10 yrs. \$5.00

Take out \$1.00 extra

Dinner includes: Sausage, Buckwheat Pancakes, Regular Pancakes,  
Homefries, Vegetables, Dessert & Beverage

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Clean-up of grounds and wash dishes in the dining hall.

(Please bring your own lawn equipment).

**Saturday, October 6 at 7:00 a.m.**

Morning food preparations start at 7 am.

(peel & slice potatoes, set up tables, prepare take out sides, cut & stack sausages)

Meals are served starting at 3 p.m.

(1 pm help with mixing pancake mix, frying sausage and potatoes)

(2:30 pm waitresses & kitchen help needed)

*Donations of baked goods are needed and are greatly appreciated!*

**Monday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.**

Trash removal and returning items from dining hall to church attic.

Again your help is needed. Please do not wait to be asked, we do not know your schedule, but we need your help for clean up on Wednesday evening and also for the Saturday events! We don't know who you are - so contact Eileen, Dennis or Nancy with what you can help with any day or time for above activities. Your time is so appreciated.

*Proceeds of this event help sponsor our Sunday School and Youth Group curriculum along with helping families with camp fees, Vacation Bible School, Sponsorship of an Elder person, \$10.00 pack of tickets per student for Knoebels Grove Sunday, sponsorship of our Creation Festival; chaperones for our Youth. What a wonderful gift we can all help to nurture our Youth!*

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - September 30**

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

**Monday - October 1**

9 am Intro to the Bible  
7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting  
No evening Bible Study

**Tuesday - October 2**

7 pm Women's Guild Meeting

**Wednesday - October 3**

6 pm Supper Prep  
7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Saturday - October 6**

7 am Supper Prep  
3 pm Buckwheat Supper

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - October 7**

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Worship Service w/  
World Wide Communion

**Monday - October 8**

9 am Intro to the Bible  
7 pm Intro to the Bible

**Tuesday - October 9**

7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Wednesday - October 10**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Saturday - October 13**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast  
8 am Work Day

"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.*

Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled

Dennis (Dale Fronheiser's Uncle) & Ruth Brooke -----  
----- Ruth is in declining health



## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Ray Kochey, Dottie Fronheiser & Terry Shane

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Matt & Kira Weller

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Franklin & Martha Snyder

*2018 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: 56 Sunday School: 28

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,077.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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**Rev. Charles Maxfield, Interim Pastor**

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**Nikki Weller, Secretary**

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*Nikki's Office Hours: Mon. 11 am – 3:30 pm;*

*Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 am – 3:30 pm*

**Wendy Shane, Treasurer**

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## *All Saints Sunday*

**November 4, 2018**

We will be honoring the late Rev. James W. Rogers during the 9:30 am worship service. We would like some of your thoughtful memories. Please answer the following question and place it in the offering plate, e-mail it to [nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) or visit [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org) and click on the link to submit your memories by October 21.

I thank God for Pastor Rogers because...