

**February 24, 2019**

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

620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 24, 2019**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“A Winter Sketch”

B. Price

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN

Blue Hymnal No. 322

“The Church’s One Foundation”

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Father, we have done wrong,**

**by not caring when we should have loved;**

**by our indifference to the cry of need;**

**by hating and ignoring our neighbors.**

**We have rejected the way of your Son.**

**Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+SILENT CONFESSION

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Something Beautiful”

Faith & Praise No. 571

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***Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion***

***He understood; All I had to offer Him was***

***brokenness and strife, But He made something***

***beautiful of my life.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**O God, by your spirit tell us what we need to hear,**

**and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus**

**Christ our Savior. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

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CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" H. Livingston

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.*

*Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy  
name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the  
earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN "Come Away with Me" See Insert

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal page 37

PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

+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

"Postlude in C"

R. Hughes



\* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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**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

**Community Outreach Collection** – We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi-Service Food Pantry during the month of March. Below is a list of items needed to help with their Easter Meals. Nikki will also be making a shopping trip for fresh/frozen/refrigerated items prior to dropping off the collection; if you would like to make a donation to this shopping trip, please see Nikki. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Canned Pineapple
- Box Dessert Mixes
- Icing
- 64 oz Apple Juice
- Money towards shopping trip for fresh items needed (ham, potatoes, butter, veggies)

**Inclement Weather & Sunday Worship** –

Church website: <http://www.stjohnhillucc.org>

Church telephone answering machine: 610-367-8114

WFMZ TV Storm Center – Broadcast Channel 69

(May be a different channel on your system)

**BASH Band Fundraiser** – The Boyertown Director's Big Band is holding a fundraiser dance to support the Boyertown Sr. High Marching Unit 's new equipment truck fund. Come out and enjoy a night of Big Band Music on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Dance will be held at the Boyertown Keystone Fire Company. \$10.00 tickets are sold in advance or at the door. Contact Jayne at 610-367-5178 for tickets.

**VBS** – We have started to plan VBS! Are you interested in helping organize the week? If you are looking for another volunteer opportunity at church see Nikki Weller or Dottie Fronheiser.

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***March Sponsorship Opportunities***

Altar Flowers: 3

Bulletins: 3, 10, 17

*If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nikki in the church office.*

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**Ash Wednesday at 7 pm**

March 6 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

**Midweek Worship at 7 pm**

*Lenten Theme: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*

March 13 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

*Leviticus 19:1-3, 9-18; Romans 13:8-10*

March 20 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

*Hosea 11:1-12; Romans 8:35-39*

March 27 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

*Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Luke 6:27-38*

April 3 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 14:15-31*

April 10 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

*Deuteronomy 7:7-13; 1 John 4:7-21*

**Maundy Thursday**

April 18 at St. John - Hill U.C.C.

**Good Friday**

April 19 at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

## Joint Cantata "The Living Last Words"

### ***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

#### **Sunday - February 24**

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

Service/Annual Meeting

#### **Monday - February 25**

9 am Bible Study

#### **Wednesday - February 27**

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

### ***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

#### **Sunday - March 3**

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

#### **Monday - March 4**

9 am Bible Study

#### **Wednesday - March 6**

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

8 pm Cantata 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.*

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

Krista Miller -----undergoing testing for health concerns

Vaughn Skoog-----in rehab after bad fall

Debbie Stauffer----- recovering after back surgery

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for February: Terry Shane & Clarence Weller

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

This week's flowers are sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Wagner.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Terry & Mayetta Shane in honor of granddaughter Olivia's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

*2019 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: 59

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,359.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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**Rev. Charles Maxfield, Interim Pastor**

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*Nikki's Office Hours:*

*Mon. 11 am – 3 pm; Tues. & Thurs. 9 am – 3 pm*

**Wendy Shane, Treasurer**

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GRACE

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# Come Away with Me



1. Come a - way with me to a qui - et
2. Come and pray with me on a gen - tle
3. Come to - day with thoughts of the count - less
4. Come and say, in words whis - pered from your
5. Come a - way with me to a qui - et



place, a - part from the world with its fran - tic  
sea, on top of a hill in the Gal - i -  
ways that God's stead - fast love bless - es all our  
soul, the feel - ings and ac - tions you can't con -  
place, to God's lov - ing arms wait - ing to em -



pace, to pray, re - flect, and seek God's grace.  
lee, in gar - dens like Geth - se - ma - ne.  
days, and join with me in si - lent praise.  
trol. Your spir - it needs to be made whole.  
brace all those who come in hope of grace.



Come a - way with me. Come a - way.

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## Service for Commissioning the Pastoral Search Committee

### **Address to the Committee Members:**

Sisters and Brothers, you have committed yourselves to a significant leadership task on behalf of the entire congregation. In recognition of the importance of your work, we pause to express our gratitude and to remind ourselves that you do not undertake this task alone; you will be guided by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of the members of this church, and the assistance of the United Church of Christ through the Association and Conference.

### **Committee Members:**

We, who are serving on the Search Committee for St. John - Hill U.C.C. promise to perform faithfully the vital task of searching for a new pastor. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all we do, say, and decide.

We will endeavor:

- to establish a harmonious working relationship within our committee;
- to maintain consistent attendance at our Search Committee meetings;
- to be open and patient listeners to each other;
- to maintain strict confidentiality in all we read, say, and hear - protecting both the privacy of each other and of potential candidates;

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to review all profiles with open minds and hearts,  
treating all candidates fairly and justly;  
to seek decisions not made by majority rule, but by  
the coming together of minds, hearts, and souls in a  
consensus that will build a firm foundation for the  
effective future mission and ministry of this church.

**People:**

**We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We recognize that the work of our Search Committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time.**

**These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the Spirit as you seek a new pastor to minister with us.**

**The Golden Rule**

Luke 6:27-38

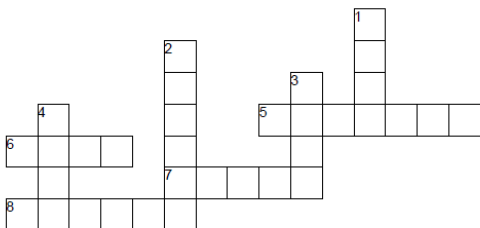
*Word Search*  
*Puzzle*

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| FATHER  | BLESS   | WICKED   | GREAT    |
| ENEMIES | SINNERS | HATE     | LOVE     |
| REWARD  | CURSE   | MISTREAT | MERCIFUL |

# Crossword Puzzle



## HORIZONTAL

4. Persons you know and like very much
6. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something good received in return for good behavior

## VERTICAL

1. Persons you know and like very much
2. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
3. Any person or group that is opposed to you
5. Something good received in return for good behavior

ENEMY  
WICKED

LOVE  
HATE

FRIENDS  
GOOD

REWARD  
PRAY

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

6-18-9-5-14-4-19 \_\_\_\_\_

12-15-22-5 \_\_\_\_\_

23-9-3-11-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_

8-1-20-5 \_\_\_\_\_

16-18-1-25 \_\_\_\_\_

7-15-15-4 \_\_\_\_\_

5-14-5-13-25 \_\_\_\_\_

18-5-23-1-18-4 \_\_\_\_\_