



News from the Hill...

St. John-Hill U.C.C. 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 October 2017

Thoughts from Pastor Mary

Need of Faith

Faith is victory, for where there is faith rightly placed, there is no failure, but true success. “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”; that is, be full of faith and have as a reward life’s crowning glories. We know that all our development, physical, mental, and spiritual, depends upon our faith in God, in our fellow human beings, and in ourselves. Just in proportion to the amount of faith we place in God and in ourselves, just so great is our development. Why not take God at His word, letting our faith become a living faith by acting in the manner that shows to the world that we know ourselves to be children of God. There is no other way to real victory.

Let us have more faith in our fellow human beings. We may not agree with them, but who knows whether they are not more in line with the diving plan than if they were following our lead?

Let us examine ourselves and see whether we are holding to faith or confidence. We must view spiritual things from spiritual standpoints and accept them in a spiritual way.

Many say, “We have faith,” but they begin to explain that it applies to mental and not to material things. We say, “We believe, but-” which means there is doubt, the very opposite of faith. Remember, when we entered this material plane, we became subject to material laws. It is the failure of our senses to perceive and fully to understand these laws that brings many of us to the point where we have little real faith.

There is a world before us to be understood: the mysteries of the universe, the law of love, the power of thought, and the matchless gift of faith. We stumble, we falter, even when we have the divine promise, “If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” With such a promise, should we not cry out, “Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief”?

In studying and applying cooperation, in using the knowledge we have gained in knowing ourselves, in holding to our ideal, and in never letting our faith falter, we are building step by step that which may become living truth in the lives of individuals with who we come in contact. As we apply what we know, there is given a greater understanding of how our faith may increase and become a living thing in our experience. We are in our daily lives reflections of what we worship. Let our light so shine that others seeing the light in us may glorify God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mary

Above article contains the words of Edgar Cayce and his book series, “A Search for God.”

Consistory News

The Consistory met on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August Consistory meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: August bank statements were not available, so no report was available for the monthly meeting. General Operating Fund Income and Expense Summary for July 2017.

Operating Fund	July 2017	2017 YTD	July 2016	2016 YTD
Income	\$10,303.87	\$75,565.92	\$10,550.11	\$69,555.81
Expenses	\$8,644.50	\$74,211.65	\$8,124.86	\$73,790.58
Income vs. Expenses	\$1,659.37	\$1,354.27	\$2,425.25	(\$4,234.77)

• Benevolence received for July was \$255.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$2,022.00

Reports from the various committees were reviewed. Their activities can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter.

Worldwide Communion Sunday is October 1st. Also at 3:00 on October 1st Pastor Mary will hold an animal blessing outside the church. Please see Pastor Mary for more details.

We have begun the process of removing the stained glass windows from the sanctuary to have them repaired. This process could take over a month to complete, and in the meantime we have wooden "blanks" to install in place of the removed windows. Hopefully the cold weather will hold off until we have completed this task!

We also have noticed that there are a few defects in the paint on the steeple. We will be investigating this to see what is needed to repair the defects and develop a plan to have the repairs completed.

A vote was taken to prepay heating oil for the church, sexton house, and parsonage. We will prepay a total of 4500 gallons (2500 for the church, 1000 each for the sexton house and parsonage) at \$2.139/gallon.

We will be looking into some of the various online giving programs available. We would like to offer this as an option, but first we will need to verify that it will work with our current accounting system.

Hill Church information cards have been made and will be available to hand out to visitors at church functions. These cards have church contact information, as well as the dates of our various yearly suppers and picnics. We hope that these will be useful to help spread the word about the activities happening at Hill Church.

Consistory Pre-Service set up for October will be provided by Bonnie Helmick and Arlan Schaeffer. The next monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm.

In Christ, Your Consistory: Anita Brady, Bob Fleming, Dottie Fronheiser, Rick Furches, Bonnie Helmick, Mark Hile, Ray Kochey, David Mutter, Arlan Schaeffer, Terry Shane, Matt Weller, and Pastor Mary Lake-Dillensnyder.

Choir Notes

Volunteers are needed and appreciated to help sing the Christmas Cantata, "Sing Joy to All the World!" Rehearsals will start Wed. Eve. Oct. 4 at 8:00 PM. This will be presented on Sunday Dec. 17th at the 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service. The congregation has also been invited to participate with a Community Chorus singing this Cantata on Dec. 10th at Salem UCC. Oley [Pleasantville/ Spangsville] at 3:00 PM. Snow Date Dec. 17th. Please see me for the rehearsal schedule if interested in helping to sing.



Wed. October 4 -----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM
Wed. October 11 -----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM
Wed. October 18 -----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM
Wed. October 25 -----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM



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Sunday School News

Sunday School is BACK...and we have a class for you, be sure to join us every Sunday at 8:30 AM!

The kids continue to collect the Joyful Noise offering on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Bring your coins (or dollars too) and fill the kids cans to make a joyful noise throughout the church. The next few months the money will go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for local kids through our Angel Tree (more details on that soon).

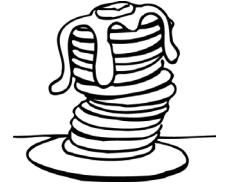
Our next leadership meeting will be on October 2 at 7:00 pm.

News from the Women's Guild

At the auction in August we raised \$1,116.00. We donated \$1,500.00 for the church doors. We also donated \$300.00 to College Station - UCC emergency USA fund for those affected by hurricane Harvey. Megyn had the meeting September 5th and her Mom came to the meeting and brought Rita's Water Ice and they talked a little about Rita's.

Community... Food... Fellowship

ANNUAL BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER



Saturday, October 7, 2017

Dinner served 3:00 - 7:00 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, Vegetable, Dessert & Beverage

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Clean-up of grounds and wash dishes in the dining hall. Your help is needed!
(Please bring your own lawn equipment).

Saturday, October 7 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 9 at 6:00 p.m.

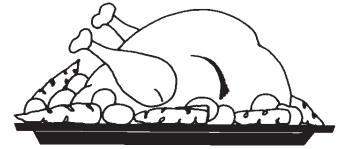
Trash removal and returning items from dining hall to church attic.

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!

Everyone is Welcome

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER



Saturday, November 4, 2017

Dinner served 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. Tickets sold until 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$12.00 Children 3-10 years \$6.50 Take out \$1.00 extra

Dinner includes: Traditional Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings, dessert & beverage

Wednesday, November 1 @ 6:00 p.m. – Move supplies from church to dining hall, general prep work

Thursday, November 2 @ 7:00 a.m. – Roast Turkeys, wash dishes, clean dining hall

Friday, November 3 @ 6:00 p.m. – Peel potatoes, prepare pepper cabbage, slice meat

Saturday, November 4 @ 7:00 a.m. – Prepare Potato filling, Hill Church beans and take outs

Monday November 6 @ 6:00 p.m. – Move supplies from dining hall to church attic and winterize the dining hall.

Donations of baked goods are needed and greatly appreciated.

Proceeds from the Turkey Supper are used to maintain our properties and do the work of the church. Do not miss this opportunity to join in the fun and be a part of this tradition!

Announcements from the Hill



Surprise Birthday Card Shower

Sophia Jinks will be 90 years young on October 27th. Help her celebrate! Send her a birthday card to: 530 Gilbertsville Rd., Gilbertsville, PA 19525



Join us on October 22 for a fun time as we try and find our way through the corn maze at Wilcox Farms. We will meet at Wilcox Farms at 4 pm, enjoy the challenge of their maze and then stop somewhere for a quick bite to eat on the way home! If you are interested, or want more

information contact Nancy Weller or Nikki in the church office. Everyone is welcome!!



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 ASAP to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

Weekly Community Outreach Collection - Boyertown Multi-Service

We will continue to support our local community through Boyertown Multi-Service. For the month of October we will collect a few needed items for Thanksgiving Meals. Please do not feel like you have to contribute but if you can, know it is greatly appreciated by those who are in need!

Items needed are:

- Boxes of Apple Cider Mix
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Evaporated Milk
- Boxes of Pie Crust Mix
- Boxes of Corn Muffing Mix
- Monetary Donations to Purchase Turkeys (please give donations to Nikki Weller)

Church Contact Information

Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder - Pastor

Rev. Jim Rogers – Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Elmer Miller – Musical Director/
Organist

Mrs. Nikki Weller – Church Secretary



Mr. Charles Anhalt - Sexton

Mrs. Wendy Shane - Church Treasurer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	2 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Bible Study 7 pm Sunday School Meeting	3 7 pm Women's Guild Meeting	4 6 pm Supper Prep 7 pm Sr. Choir 8 pm Cantata	5	6	7 Buckwheat & Sausage Supper 7 am Food Prep 3 pm Meals Served
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