

## ***Paxtonville UMC***

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### ***Our Mission:***

***To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.***

## ***8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY***

**February 26, 2017**

**Series: Practical Christianity: The Epistle of James  
Today's Theme: Humility Before God and Neighbor**

### **PERIODIC LITANY (May be used at any time.)**

**L:** God is good.

**P:** All the time.

**L:** And all the time.

**P:** God is good.

(You are invited to stand, as you are able, wherever a "\*" is marked. **Bold print** indicates congregational participation.)

### ***ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE***

**PRELUDE**

**Mandy Holt**

**WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)***

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

**Worship Leader:** Who is wise and understanding among us?

**Congregation:** Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's guidance.

**WL:** Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

**C:** O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

**We draw near to you, O God, source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE#327**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**(Please join in singing *Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
as the children come forward.)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**PRAISE SONG**

*Word of God, Speak*

**UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:13-4:12

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

SERMON

"Humble Yourself"  
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Irene and Orry Walter

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Mandy Holt

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

**You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. We lift this prayer in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ as we continue to use his words...**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE**

**\*HYMN of PARTING#354**

*I Surrender All*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Next week we will begin our series "A Disciple's Path" with our week one theme "A Disciple's Path Defined" based on Luke 10:25-28. What will Pastor Brian have to say?**

### **GARDENING**

Spring is rapidly approaching and with it comes the need to care for the landscaping around the church building and front sign. This is a job that requires the help of more than the current one or two people from March through September or October.



In previous years, volunteers were assigned specific sections to maintain throughout the growing season. This year we want to try a different approach. Instead of volunteering to maintain a section for the entire season (although we welcome anyone willing to do this!), we also want volunteers willing to help an hour or so wherever/whenever work is needed. If you would like to help with landscape maintenance or want more information, please see Lyn or Martha.

### **HELP NEEDED**

The Golden Girls have finished their latest study and will be taking a 2-week hiatus from their studies. During these 2 weeks, they will still be meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.; to help Holly put kits together for Mission Central. Holly feels there may be more work than this small group can accomplish and is asking you, the congregation, to check your calendars and if you have free time to please come and help. THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO HELP!!

### **LOCAL VIM OPPORTUNITY**

Christ U.M.C. in Selinsgrove was destroyed by fire in 2015. They are currently constructing a new building just off 522 in Selinsgrove and have several VIM opportunities. The dates are: March 13 to 17; March 20 to 24; and March 27 to 31. You can go as individuals or as a group, for one day or for an entire week. If you are interested in helping them out, please see PB for more info and for the volunteer registration form.

### **FAITH WALKERS' UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS**

It's almost time to start making those delicious peanut butter and coconut crepe eggs. If the weather cooperates, we should have some ready for sale after worship on Sunday, March 5th. Stop over to the Fellowship Hall following the service to purchase some at just \$1 apiece.

Orders will be taken starting today and continuing through Sunday, March 5th for homemade soup. Varieties for sale are chicken corn, chicken rice, ham & bean, and vegetable beef. Cost is \$7 a quart. See a member of the team or sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. Soup will be ready for pickup on Wednesday, March 15th.



If you've started your spring cleaning and found "treasures" you no longer want, you may donate them to the Faith Walkers. All donated items should be in the Fellowship Hall no later than Thursday, March 16th. We will be having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, March 18th, beginning at 8 a.m. Other teams from the Mid-West Relay will be here as well offering various items for sale. A lunch stand will also be available. (Treasures not sold will be held for the Blueberry Festival Yard Sale.)

## LENTEN PROGRAM

Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> with Ash Wednesday. This year we will be joining up with Trinity Middleburg, Hummel's, St. Paul's, and Zion UMCs for our weekly Lenten programs, most of which will begin with a soup and bread meal. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00: Ash Wednesday service at Paxtonville (no meal)
- Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Zion UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: Hummel's UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>: Hummel's UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>: St. Paul's UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Trinity UMC, soup at 6:00 with program to follow at 7:00
- Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Paxtonville UMC, Holy Thursday service at 6:00 with soup meal to follow.

Throughout the series offering plates will be available for your donations to Mission Central.

### LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$4,306.00
Sunday School	31.00
Tombodu	10.00
Building Fund	100.00

## Our Vision: **ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE** **GOD'S LOVE**

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Faye Aurand</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Kay Kratzer</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Greg Hetrick</b>
<b>Sound Room</b>	<b>Terry Polan, Amanda Moyer</b>
<b>Praise Team Singers</b>	<b>Julie Loss, Greg Hetrick, Nate Zechman</b>

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Martha Herman	Alanna Keister	Lisa Nesbit
	Elijah Feltman	

### FOR YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Sunday, Feb. 26</b>	10:30 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Confirmation Class
<b>Monday, Feb. 27</b>	9 a.m. Morning Mocha 6:30 p.m. Vision Team Meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Scouts
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 28</b>	9 a.m. HUB Work 6-8 p.m. WWII Class
<b>Wednesday, March 1</b>	6 p.m. Grab-A-Bite 6:30 p.m. ROCK <b>7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service</b>
<b>Thursday, March 2</b>	7 p.m. SPRC Meeting
<b>Saturday, March 4</b>	2-7 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	8 a.m. Prayer & Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Confirmation Class Lenten Program @ Zion 6 p.m. Soup Meal 7 p.m. Program