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

7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

Ascension Sunday

May 28, 2017

Series: Second Chances: Stories of Restoration, Redemption  
and Repurposing

Today's Theme: One Desperate Mother

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

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

\*PRAISE SONG

*Days of Elijah*

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Worship Leader: How good it is when we gather in unity and love.

**Congregation: How beautiful is this body of Christ.**

WL: How good it is when we gather in mercy and grace.

**C: How beautiful is the love we have come to share.**

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

Merciful God, thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day. **Bless us with compassion and understanding, that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be unified in mercy and grace, we pray. Amen**

\*HYMN of PRAISE #121

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

*Broken Vessels*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

"One Desperate Mother"  
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Beautiful Things*

Bailey Hetrick & Orry Walter

\*DOXOLOGY

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\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bring mercy and grace,  
compassion and love, and healing and hope, through the ministries and  
missions we support. In Christ's gracious name we pray, as we continue  
to use his words, praying ...

\*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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

\*HYMN of PARTING#355

*Depth of Mercy*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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Next week we will conclude our series "Second Chances" with our week  
six look at "Jumping in Over your Head" based on John 21:15-17. What  
will Pastor Brian have to say?

*Pastor Brian will be on vacation from June 5 to June 18. If  
you are in need of pastoral care during this time; please  
contact Pastor George Price. He is the pastor of Trinity  
UMC in Middleburg. To reach him call 570-954-6739.*

### PAVILION

Remember Boy Scout Andrew Knepp is still planning his Eagle Scout Project which is to build a pavilion for us. The pavilion is planned for an area to the south of the parking lot expansion, and has just been marked off.

It will be 40' X 80' and capable of holding enough tables to seat approximately 250.

The pavilion is scheduled to be constructed this spring and summer. If you would like to contribute to any of this Eagle Project, simply mark Pavilion on the memo line of your check.



### BACKPACKS FOR SCC&Y

Snyder County Children and Youth Services is preparing for their Ninth Annual "Back to School Fair" with a goal of providing backpacks filled with school supplies to local children in need. During the "fair" families who pre-register will receive age appropriate school supplies as well as

information about services the SCC&Y provides. We can help this worthy mission in two ways: donation of items, or donation of money. If you would like to donate items, please retrieve a list from the Mission & Ministry table in the fellowship hall following the worship service. If you would like to make a monetary donation, simply mark your check or envelop with the memo "SCC&Y Backpacks." Donations of items and money will be accepted until Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and given to SCC&Y that week.

### SPRING CLEANING

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual Work Day here at the church. Think of it as our Spring Cleaning Day! All of the church members are invited to help out in any way you feel you can. Take a peek at the jobs sign-up sheet and pick your job. Also, while looking at the job sheet take note if you will need any special tools to complete your task and bring them along if required!

### MISSION TRIPS

Interested in doing some mission work? There are a number of Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips being organized by churches and VIM teams around the conference, all of whom would be overjoyed at having you join in. These trips include working in different areas within the conference (Lewistown, Williamsport, Lycoming County), regional trips (West Virginia, and North Carolina), and global trips (Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica). Costs range from \$30.00 to \$2600.00. Thanks to the last several Blueberry Festivals, there is money available for VIM scholarships (talk to PB or Pam Perna). Interested? Stop by the Mission & Ministry table in Fellowship Hall to pick up a full list of trips. In addition to that list, the Young People's Ministry Council (YPMC) is working with the conference VIM coordinator to plan two trips in 2018. One is scheduled for March 3-11 for young adults (ages 18-25) and will be going to Costa Rica; the cost should be around \$1700.00. The other trip is for youth and is scheduled to go the Henderson Settlement in Franks, KY from June 24-30; cost has not yet been established.

### BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL & 5K RUN



The Blueberry Festival & 5K Run will take place on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. This is one week later than usual to help avoid conflicting with Fourth of July vacation plans. The full schedule of events is still being compiled, but it will definitely include breakfast, yard sale, baked goods, and the 5K run. Information on how you can participate in this year's event will be coming soon, until then, consider running (walking?) the 5K or becoming a sponsor for the event. Sponsors' names and/or business info will appear on this year's shirts. Registration forms are available at the Mission & Ministry table, or you can talk to PB for more information.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP**

General Fund	\$4,016.00
Sunday School	42.00
Willow	100.00
Sierra Leone Teachers	150.00
Pavilion	20.00
Tombodu Scholarships	25.00

**MISSION U 2017**

Mission U (formerly known as the School of Christian Mission) will be taking place at Bucknell University from July 6-8, and will include several study choices: Spiritual Growth: Living in a Covenantal Community; Geographic Study: The Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church; Youth Study: Being in Mission with Alaska, Oklahoma, and Red Bird Missionary Conferences; and Children's study: Joined and Held Together: A Children's Study on Missionary Conferences. Please contact the church office for registration forms or for more information.

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

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Jay &amp; Trudy Payne</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Peggy Rearick</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Dennis Yeater</b>
<b>Sound Room</b>	<b>Tommy Rubillo, Pam Perna</b>
<b>Praise Team Singers</b>	<b>Greg &amp; Jess Hetrick</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

Mia Isaacs	Matthew Balinski	James Buckley
Kathy Bilger		Caleb Buckley

**FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

**Monday, May 29**



**Thursday, June 1**

10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer  
 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting

**Saturday, June 3**

Church/Trustee Work Day  
 2-5 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

**Sunday, May 28**

8 a.m. Prayer and Communion  
 9 a.m. Sunday school  
 10:30 a.m. Worship