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

4th SUNDAY of EASTER

May 7, 2017

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

Today's theme: Living Among the Tombs
A Service of Word and Table

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

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

***PRAISE SONG**

Trading My Sorrows

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: All who thirst, refresh yourselves in the waters of the living God.

Congregation: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

WL: All who weep, comfort yourselves in the safety of the living God.

C: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

WL: All who feel lost and forgotten, find home and family in the house of the living God.

C: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

WL: Come! Revive yourselves in the waters of the living God

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

God of mystery, open our eyes to look for you in unfamiliar places; open our ears to hear you speak in the sound of sheer silence; open our hearts to feel the depth of your love. When we wander in the wilderness of fear and death, revive us with your care, that we may find strength for our journey back to the land of hope and life. Amen.

***HYMN #616**

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
(To the tune of #101)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

As the Deer

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-29

SERMON

"Living Among the Tombs"
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On Screen

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH#13

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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(The elements will be served by intinction. The U.M.C. observes an "Open Table" where all are welcome to receive.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN OF PARTING #382**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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Next week we will continue our series "Second Chances" with our week three theme: "Jesus, Simon, and the 'Sinful' Woman" based on Luke 7:36-39. What will Pastor Brian talk about next week?

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.

ELECTION DAY CAFÉ

Once again we will be serving the public at our Café on Election Day which will be on Tuesday, May 16. We need donations of food (sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the hallway). We will also need help in the kitchen, Monday, May 15th and Tuesday, May 16th.

MISSION AROUND PAXTONVILLE (MAP)

Our annual Mission Around Paxtonville Day (MAP) is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, beginning at 8:00 a.m. This is a day when we volunteer to help our church family members and people in the community at large with work at their homes that they wish to have done but are not able to do themselves.

If you were present for the worship service on Sunday, April 2, you heard Pastor Brian's message about volunteers and servants. He referenced the words of Jesus who said ". . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve . . .*" (Matthew 20:28). Therefore, serving others is a way for us to show

Christ's love in our local and surrounding communities.

Please let Pastor Brian or Harold Kratzer know if there is someone who could use help with a home project. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway for this purpose as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We hope you will give consideration to participating in this local mission activity.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE COUNTRY STORE

A few of our church families have a family member who is a resident of The Manor @ Penn Village; and many of us know one certain church member who is a resident there, Sara Seebold. Whether you know Sara or any other resident of a nursing home, you should know how little some of these residents have and how hard it is for them to go shopping for more of what they need. With that in mind, please thoughtfully consider this request from The Manor @ Penn Village:

Donations are needed for the residents' Country Store. The Country Store is set up once a month in the recreation room on the first floor. Residents may redeem the tickets they have won at the various games for items at this store. We are in need of the following items:

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| *Men's & Women's Deodorant | * Pringles Chips |
| *Men's & Women's Body Wash | *Hershey Bars |
| *Shampoo | *Mouthwash |
| *Cologne, Perfume | *Tissues |
| *Soda (all flavors - 16 oz. bottles) | *Sugar-free candy |
| *Toothbrushes, toothpaste | *Cookies & Crackers |
| *Puzzle Books (Large Print) | *Lotion, Body Spray |
| *Reeses Peanut Butter Cups | *Small Stuffed Animals |
| *Tastee Cakes, Little Debbie's (Individually wrapped) | |

A few of us here at Paxtonville UMC have decided to help this home with their ongoing need for store supplies. If you feel that you would like to help-out by purchasing/donating a few of these items, you may bring them here to the church, where a collection table for these items will be by the Office Door. Leta or Amanda will see that they are taken to the Activity Dept. of The Manor @ Penn Village.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

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| General Fund | \$4,543.00 |
| Sunday School | 56.10 |
| Building Fund | 35.00 |
| Pavilion | 20.00 |
| Tombodu Church | 6.00 |
| Missions | 10.00 |

SOAKING PRAYER

Strangers, acquaintances, friends, good friends and intimate friends of God (from A Disciple's Path by James A. Harnish), take a step toward, or deeper into, intimacy with God and join me on Thursdays from 10am to 11:30am in the church sanctuary. We will learn about **soaking prayer**, what it is, how to do it, why to do it. Then we will practice this type of prayer. Bring what you need to be comfortable. Pillow, blanket, prayer shawl, Bible, paper, pencil or pen to write down anything that God might say to you. Stay the whole time or part of the time. If you have any questions, talk to Linda Howell.

YOU ARE INVITED

Wednesday, May 10th is National Prayer Day and on this date the Middleburg cluster of Methodist churches will be holding a service that you are invited to attend. The service will be at 7 p.m. at Hummel's church. The theme of the service is "Praying Our Way Forward: We Are One in Christ."

Our Mission:

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Greeters | Rubillo Family |
| Organist | Pam Perna |
| Lay Reader | Terry Polan |
| Sound Room | Doug Keefer, Irene Walter |
| Praise Team Singers | Scott Umstead, Julie Loss |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

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| Lori Keister | Marshall Aurand | Trevor Kratzer |
| Bryan Snook | | Lori Cover |

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

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| Sunday, May 7 | 1:30 p.m. Scout Bake Auction |
| Monday, May 8 | 9 a.m. Morning Mocha |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 7 p.m. Trustees' Meeting |
| Wednesday, May 10 | 7 p.m. @ Hummels Cluster Wide Prayer Service |
| | 7 p.m. Choir |
| Thursday, May 11 | 10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer |
| | 7 p.m. Prayer Service |
| Friday & Saturday, May 12, 13 | Fellowship Hall Reserved |
| Sunday, May 14 | 8 a.m. Prayer and Communion |
| | 9 a.m. Sunday school |
| | 10:30 a.m. Worship |