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

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 11, 2017

Today's Theme: The Joy of the LORD

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**

The Joy of the Lord

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Come before your God with praise and thanksgiving.

Congregation: The joy of God is our strength.

WL: Join with the heavens and the earth in telling the goodness of our God.

C: The joy of God is our strength.

WL: Come let us worship God, who revives our souls.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

*HYMN of PRAISE #662

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

Knowing You

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-12

SERMON

"The Joy of the LORD is My Strength"
Cathy Polan

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

O God, we know true joy: when we follow your law, when we share our abundance, when we show your love to others. May these gifts serve as a proclamation of your glory, and may these offerings put our words into action as disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose 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#593

Here I Am, Lord

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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Next week will be a guest speaker from the Gideons. June 25th will start our new series "Moses: Another Reluctant Prophet." What will Pastor Brian have to say?

*Yes, the Administrative Council will be meeting this month!
The date of their meeting is Monday, June 26th at 7 p.m.*



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 30th and given to SCC&Y that week.

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 is estimated at \$400.00 with openings for 20 youth (14-18) and seven adults.

LAST WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$5,124.05
Sunday School	45.00
Building Fund	150.00
Sierra Leone Pastors	150.00
Missions	65.00
HUB	75.00
Pavilion	240.00
Tombodu Scholarships	25.00
Expectations Women’s Center	50.00

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.

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.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL & 5K RUN

The Blueberry Festival & 5K Run will take place on Saturday, July 15th. 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.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL YARD SALE

Do you have items around the house that you no longer need or use? Would you like to clear out some of those things? If so, please consider donating them to the church for the yard sale to be held on Saturday, July 15th. All donations should be in the Fellowship Hall no later than Wednesday, July 12th. Anything not sold will be donated to Community Aid unless you choose to take it back. Please let Nancy Stull know if that is your choice. Thank you for your help.

GEC PROGRAM

The Growing Effective Churches (GEC) pilot program of which we are a part is underway. The clergy group has met a number of times for book study and relationship building. The laity group will be meeting this afternoon for their first study and conversation session. This will be continuing throughout the year with the laity discussing three books and the clergy working through about ten. In the fall/winter, each of the churches involved will be going through a consultation process which will help them celebrate their successful ministries and processes and giving suggestions on changing and "tweaking" others in order for each to be truly effective for the ministry and kingdom of God. Our church's consultation is scheduled for September 29th through October 1st. Throughout the coming months, please wrap the laity and clergy of our church, each of our partner churches, and the entire process with prayer seeking God's wisdom, guidance, and courage. Here are our partner churches: Trinity (Middleburg); Catawissa Ave (Sunbury); Roaring Creek Valley (Catawissa); Benton & Waller (Benton); Hope (Port Trevorton); and Bethany/Christ (Hughesville).

Our Mission:

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters	McClellan Family
Organist	Colleen Ritter
Lay Reader	Mary Kaufman
Sound Room	Harold Kratzer, Rylan Ebright
Praise Team Singers	Julie Loss, Scott & Zach Umstead

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Larry Cover	Susan Gift	Connie Kratzer
Maura Aurand		Cassandra Snook

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, June 11	12-4 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved
Monday, June 12	7-8:30 p.m. Scouts
Thursday, June 15	10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer
Sunday, June 18	8 a.m. Prayer and Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship

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.