

8th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

July 30, 2017

Series: Moses: Another Reluctant Prophet

Today's Theme: The Art of Memory: Is God Reliable?

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

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

PRESERVICE PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC

Good Good Father

Lord, I Need You

Broken Vessels

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

*PRAISE SONG

Shout to the Lord

*CALL to WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Waiting and hoping, we gather together,

Congregation: seeking God's presence and singing God's praise.

WL: Waiting and hoping, we come now to worship.

C: praying and listening for the Spirit's guidance.

WL: Waiting and hoping, we gather together,

C: Seeking God's presence and singing God's praise.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

Loving God, we come in search of you and your loving wisdom. Come to us and gather us in your love. Mold us into a community of compassion that is strengthened by the unity and power of your Holy Spirit. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN of PRAISE #117**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

(Please join in singing the refrain of *O How I Love Jesus* two times as the children come forward.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

You Are My All in All

SERMON

"Is God Reliable"
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kristen & Maggie Weader

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

VBS Video

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

Creator God, in remembrance of your wonderful works and your overflowing abundance, we bring gifts that we have received from your hand. Generous One, in gratitude for your miraculous deeds, we bring these offerings of praise. Loving Spirit, in joyous trust, we place these blessings in your keeping to bless a world in need of your love. Amen

***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#130**

God Will Take Care of You

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Next week we will continue our series "Moses: Another Reluctant Prophet" with our week seven theme, "Lessons from the Wilderness" based on Numbers 14:2-4. What will Pastor Brian have to say?

Our Mission:

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

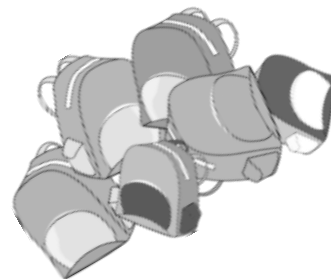
NEW MINISTRY TEAM SOLICITATION POLICY

As the Paxtonville U.M.C. continues to strive to fulfill its mission to “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” we have discerned the need to adjust how we solicit congregational assistance in worthy ventures through the use of sign-up sheets and donations of goods, which do help us “PRACTICE God’s Love.”

All PUMC church ministries and programs are encouraged to seek help from the congregation in this way: the use of sign-up sheets specifying what help is needed (e.g. – wait staff, cooks, and clean-up crew at fund-raisers; teachers and helpers for VBS and Sunday school; timers and water distributors at 5Ks; etc.) along with specific times the help is needed. Since worship and Sunday school are two of the main ways we “ENCOUNTER and UNDERSTAND God’s Love,” these sign-up sheets will no longer be passed around during those times, but will be placed on the “Mission and Ministry Table” in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements will be placed in the bulletins, on the screens, and mentioned during the “Discipleship Announcements.” It is suggested that whichever ministry or program is using a sign-up sheet, one team member should make his or her way to the table during the closing hymn to be prepared to speak with parishioners who come over.

In an effort to be better stewards of our resources (including time and money), and to encourage parishioners to be better stewards and givers, we will no longer be asking for donations of food items (with the exception of baked goods) but will instead solicit monetary contributions toward specific fund-raisers as they occur. These monetary contributions can be added to the offering plates (please mark your checks or envelopes) or can be given directly to the ministry team member.



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.

HELP THE HUB

All 104 school bags have been put together, but Holly still needs your help! There are greeting cards to be cut to be made into Mission Central Love Kit Cards. The piece that is cut from the front of the greeting cards can be NO larger than 3" x 3" so that a personal greeting may be added to the construction paper backing. The card fronts that need to be cut are on the wooden stand where the candy goose is located. Please feel free to take some with you if you would like to help the HUB with this project!



GEC PROGRAM

The Growing Effective Churches (GEC) pilot program of which we are a part is underway. The clergy and laity groups have met a number of times for book study and relationship building. 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 January 12th through the 14th.

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 The Beacon (Bethany/Christ, Hughesville).



Paxtonville United Methodist Church invites all children to soar with us at VBS Hero Central Vacation Bible School. This Superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible-Fun, super science, cool crafts, hands on mission hero work, delicious snacks, great games, and more. The fun runs from Sunday, July 30 to Thursday, August 3. Time will be 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at PUMC.

We are still looking for Teachers, Helpers, and decorators. To be a part of all the SUPER fun at VBS Hero Central, please call Leta Doersam at 570-837-5861 or visit us online at www.paxtonvilleumc.org.

Hope to see you there, Heroes!

Instead of looking over a sign-up sheet, signing up and then trying to remember what you choose to donate; here's a better idea. For all the snacks that will be needed; Amy McClellan is asking you to just give her a monetary donation and she will go to the grocery store to purchase all the needed supplies.

ICE POPS NEEDED!

We will once again have a float in this year's Firemen's Parade which will be taking place on Thursday, August 10th and are planning on distributing ice pops along the route. Donations of ice pops (or financial contributions toward them) are welcome. Please bring them to the church by August 6th, pre-frozen if possible. We did great last year and hope to do even better this year! Also, if you are interested in helping with the float (decorating, riding, walking and distributing), please contact Susan Lucas.



You are invited to the Middleburg pool, August 4th, from 6 to 9 p.m. for Paxtonville UMC's Pool Party! We will be having games with prizes and a free soda and bag of chips for the first 200 people through the gate! Everyone is welcome to attend: invite your friends, your family, even your boss!

HELP NEEDED

Due to separate issues, both of our current Indoor Custodians have resigned. We are currently looking for a replacement or replacements. Are you (or someone you know) looking for a job? For more information please speak to Lee Shamory or PB.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$3,309.35
Sunday School	50.00
Youth Mission Trip	40.00
UMCOR	50.00
Pavilion	20.00
Trail	20.00
Community Aide Collection Box	53.00

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters	Guy & Pat Kerstetter
Organist	Colleen Ritter
Lay Reader	Dennis Yeater
Sound Room	Tommy Rubillo, Irene Walter
Praise Team Singers	Jess & Bailey Hetrick, Orry Walter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Larry Walter	Michael Levan	Leta Doersam
Emma Zechman	Brian Lucas	Anna Kratzer

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, July 30 through Thursday Aug. 3
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Hero Central VBS

Monday, July 31	9 a.m. Morning Mocha
Thursday, Aug. 3	10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer
Saturday, Aug. 5	Paxtonville Day
Sunday, Aug. 6	8 a.m. Prayer and Communion
	9 a.m. Sunday school
	10:30 a.m. Worship
	12 - 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved