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

16th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 24, 2017

Series Theme: Five: The Core Practices of Sent People
Today's theme: Sent People

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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The Danelle Cressinger Band

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

***PRAISE SONG**

3 Song Medley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: This is the day to walk in the light.

Congregation: This is the day to share signs of peace.

WL: This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

C: This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.

WL: Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

***OPENING HYMN #578**

God of Love and God of Power

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

God of manifold blessing, come to us this day. Come and bless us. Come and lead us into the light. For we come to you to find peace. We come to rediscover joy. We come to believe where we have not seen. We come to

touch the glory of everlasting life, through the power of your Son. We come to truly live. Amen.

SHOEBOXES

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are wrapped and ready to be picked up from the table in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to pick up a pamphlet with information on how to pack your shoebox. Because of custom regulations do not include any type of candy or toothpaste! You can also refer to the OCC article in the latest newsletter for more information on what is allowed in your shoebox. Any questions can be directed to Connie Kratzer or Noelle Buckley.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$3,444.00
Sunday School	36.00
Willow Church	50.00
Missions	25.00
Tombodu Church	10.00
UMCOR (Flood Relief)	600.00
Pavilion	100.00
Tombodu Scholarship	8.00

ATTENTION SENIORS

Paxtonville seniors (60+) are invited to "EAT" with others at the center in Beaver Springs. The center's open 9-2 Mon.-Thurs. Lunch is at 11:40 for a donation. Meals (hot or cold) need to be ordered by Wed. of the prior week. Menus are available at the center. Also - and APPRISE office is at the center.

Review your health insurance Oct. 15-Dec. 7, make an appointment!

SAFE SANCTUARIES

It has been five years since we last offered a "Safe Sanctuaries" training session which means we are due since the certification lasts five years. To remedy this issue and to provide opportunity for others to be trained, we will be hosting a training seminar on Wednesday, October 25 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting until about 9:00 p.m. If you are currently involved in any of the children and youth ministries of the church (or feel that you might become so in the future), this session is for you! Just register with the office or sign up at the mission and ministry table. The cost of the seminar is \$3.00 per person to cover the cost of hand-out materials.

KEEPING IT CLEAR



Have you taken a walk on our new walking path out back? Would you like to see it continue to be open and clutter free for everyone to use? So, would we. We're looking for families to sign-up for one-month intervals from March to November to help keep the weeds, branches and leaves cleared out of this path. It shouldn't take much, just a weed killer and maybe a rake or broom to brush branches & leaves away! Please consider this request and if you feel able, sign-up on the designated sheet on the Mission & Ministry Table.

PUBLIC SUPPER

Our Fall Public Supper has been scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. Please mark this on your calendars and sign-up to help at the Mission & Ministry Table. You can help by waiting on tables, dishing out food in the kitchen, helping with our take-out meals, or simply come at the end of the day to help with clean-up.

The proceeds from this supper will be equally divided between UMCOR (Flood Relief) and the 2018 Youth Mission Trip.

***SHARING GOD'S LOVE/PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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 (Amazing Grace)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

SERMON

"Sent People"
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Danelle Cressinger Band

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

God of abundant grace, we live in a world where people's worth is often tied to their wealth. You have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offerings we bring before you now be signs of our commitment to help those in need and to live together as the family of God. We lift this prayer in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, as we continue to pray using 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN #584**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Next week we will begin our new series "21 Questions in 21 Days" with our week one theme: "The Spiritual Life: Is Jesus Real to Me" based on John 3:3-17. What will Pastor Brian talk about next week?

*Thank you to The Danelle Cressinger Band for joining us
for worship! Baskets will be available for a free will
offering for the band.*

Our Mission:

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

WESLEY FOREST

Wesley Forest has a Volunteers in Mission opportunity for you. They are in need of your help to paint. You can find more information on this opportunity by going to our Mission & Ministry table.

KEYKEEPER

We are currently looking for someone to join the church staff as a "Keykeeper." This person would be responsible for opening and closing the church on Sundays (that is, unlocking and locking the doors; adjusting the temperatures appropriately) and occasionally when outside individuals or groups would like to use the facility. This position pays \$50.00 per month. If you are interested or want more information, please talk to Lee Shamory or PB.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

A Fall Fellowship Meal is being planned by the Worship Committee for Sunday, October 1st; this will be a noon meal following the Worship Service. This is a time for us to invite friends, neighbors, members, or anyone who you think may be interested in beginning the season with an interest in joining us in worship and praise. It is also a great opportunity to meet new attendees you haven't had a chance to connect with and make them feel welcome. This will be a covered dish dinner, everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish to share buffet style, as you are able. We will not be upset if you bring 2. Mark your calendars now for this relationship building and outreach opportunity. Questions? See Colleen Ritter or call 837-0438.

HURRICANE HARVEY HELP

Reverend Larry Leland, Jr., our District Superintendent, has given a challenge to us and all the churches of the Lewisburg United Methodist District. His challenge is for us here at Paxtonville UMC to collect as many of the supplies we can between now and our yearly Conference (Nov. 5th, 7 p.m.) to assemble "Cleaning Kits" to give to Mission Central and then onto the devastation on the gulf coast from Hurricane Harvey. A list of the needed items can be found on our Mission & Ministry table.

Monetary donations are also being accepted for relief from Harvey. Donations given to the church will then be given to UMCOR, who will use it in any way known as help for the victims. If you wish to give in this manner all you need to do is mark "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope; and we will pass it on. Or if you'd like to you can text to give - text RESPONSE to 80888 and a \$10 donation to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) will appear on your next cell phone bill. 100% of your donation goes to direct relief.



Please keep in mind there are lists of items that are appropriate for cleaning buckets (bucket size dictates size of items) both on the Mission & Ministry Table in the Fellowship Hall and at the HUB bulletin board in the hallway. If you donate items please try to find appropriate items and sizes (some have been changed by manufacturers). Try to stay close or below if you have trouble with ounces, etc. If you have any questions please talk to Holly Paige or call 570-837-2510.

GRAB-A-BITE MEALS

We need volunteers, couples, small groups, singles, anyone, to volunteer for providing a “quick” meal for the families on the Wednesday nights of our Rock meetings. This is your opportunity to be part of the “Rock” ministry.

This meal is called grab-a-bite for a reason. We need a quick, inexpensive, meal provided for the parents and children of our rock groups, who have no time to make a meal after work, and still get to their rock meetings by 6:30.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the ministry table. If you have any questions or would prefer to make a monetary donation to purchase food supplies, please see Colleen Ritter or call her at 837-0438.

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).

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters	Ron & Sylvia Strauser
Organist	Pam Perna
Sound Room	Bryan & Emeline Snook
Lay Reader	Lee Shamory

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Logan Trego	Judy Moyer
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FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, Sept. 24	1-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved
Monday, Sept. 25	9 a.m. Morning Mocha 1:00-6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile
Wednesday, Sept. 27	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday, Sept. 28	10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 1	8 a.m. Prayer and Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship Fellowship Meal following Worship

Following worship this morning will be a brief meeting for the Vision Team, Trustees, and the Administrative Council. If you are a part of any of these committees; please plan to attend.