

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

GREETERS	McClellan Family
LAY READER	Pam Perna
ORGANIST	Kay Kratzer
SOUND ROOM	Greg Hetrick, Amanda Moyer
VIDEO TECH	Davannah Dunn
PRAISE TEAM	Tony Landis, Michael Delawder Brody & Jess Hetrick

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 9

2-6 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Monday, September 10

6 p.m. Mission Team Mtg.

Thursday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Girls to Divots

10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer

6-8 p.m. Governing Board

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Sunday, September 16

8 a.m. Prayer & Communion

9 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Our Mission:

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

Paxtonville UMC

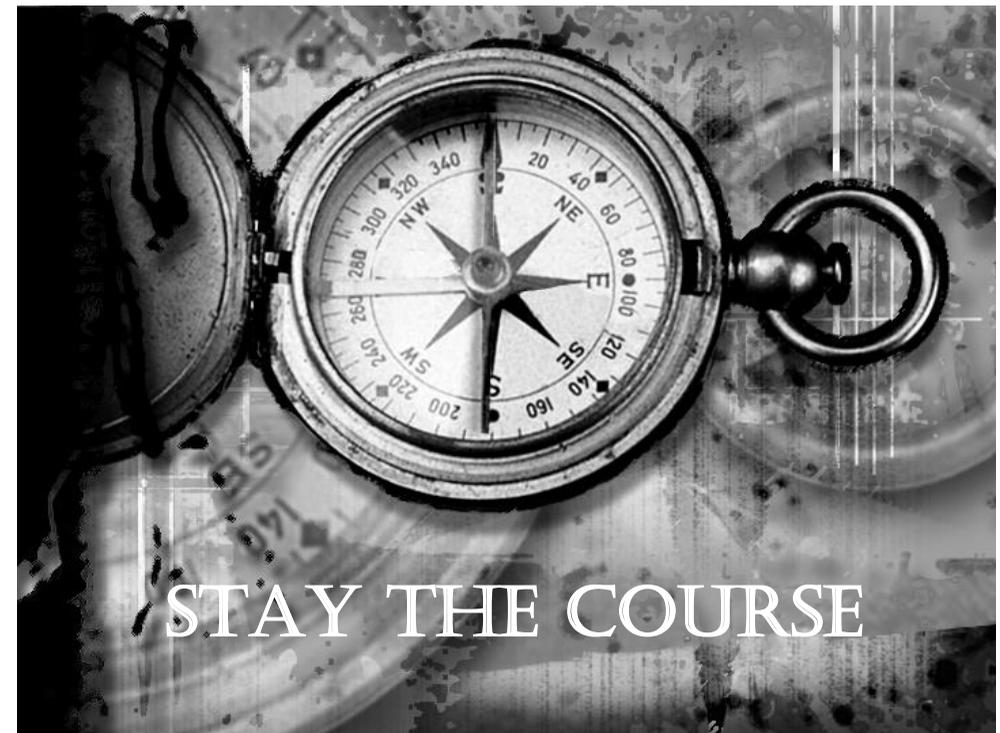
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Our Vision:

**ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE
GOD'S LOVE**

16th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 9, 2018

Series: Stay the Course

Series Scripture:

Today's Theme: Bon Voyage

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

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

***PRAISE SONG**

I Will Follow

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

WL: And all the time,

C: God is good!

WL: We are all safely aboard our ship and tied to the dock; but that's not where God asks us to stay. If a ship doesn't untie and set sail, it never gets anywhere. So now we say "Bon Voyage" and begin the harder part of our journey: following Jesus wherever he leads, and going wherever he sends. This does mean leaving the relative safety of the harbor and the shallow waters, and heading out into the open seas. The journey of discipleship is not always smooth sailing, but God asks us to "Stay the Course." When we do, we will ENCOUNTER God's love, learn to UNDERSTAND God's love, and begin to PRACTICE God's love with all whom we meet. Come, let us set sail together.

SMASH NEXT WEEK -

Next week SMASH will be practicing the greatest commandment "love thy neighbor" by preparing something in the kitchen to share with neighbors and congregants. Student will also be learning about how food is its own ministry.

FLOOD RESPONSE

As you have seen on TV and the internet, some of the areas in our district have been hit quite hard with flooding, and you might be wondering how you can help; there are three ways for you to do that: 1. Be in prayer for the churches and communities that have been damaged; 2. Consider volunteering your time and labors with a work team when those are formed; and 3. If you are feeling lead to financially support the response, mark "Advance #8055" on the memo line of a check or on the outside of an envelope.

GRAB-A-BITE MEALS

We need volunteers to provide 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. We have several volunteers who are willing to do multiple meals, so monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

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 like to make a monetary donation, please see Colleen Ritter or call her at 837-0438. Meals are served at 6:00.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$3,766.00
Sunday School	39.00
Building Fund	180.00
Sierra Leone Initiative	200.00

SERMON "TEXT"

If you have a question about today's sermon, Scripture, theme or series, PB wants to help. In fact, he asks that you text your question to 570-351-1619 before the end of today's worship service so he can answer it before we leave. Based on the number of questions (and the length of the answers) he will answer up to three questions each week. If the answer requires too much time or is of a more personal nature, he will do his best to answer you at a different time.

BIBLE JOURNALING

Sept. 18 @ 6 p.m., Bible Journaling 101. Come and discover a few ways to help learn and remember scripture. Please bring a journaling Bible, if you have one, or a writing journal and your Bible, pencil, fine tip permanent marker (black or other colors) and colored pencils or markers.

***HYMN #568**

Christ for the World We Sing

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

God of knowledge and truth, you search our hearts and know our every thought. You, who formed us in your image, are shaping us even now. Mold us into the wonderful creatures you would have us become. Weave us together to be your people, that we may walk in your ways and follow your path of truth. Amen.

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

We Are

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSONS

Luke 14:25-33 & John 13:34-35

SERMON

"Bon Voyage"
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lead Me, Lord"

Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

SERMON "TEXT"

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN OF PARTING #672

God Be with You till We Meet Again

*PARTING BLESSING

*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

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Next week we will continue our series, "Stay the Course," with our theme of "Port of Call" based on Luke 6:38 as well as a bunch of others. What will Pastor Brian talk about?

MISSIONS TEAM

Dietrich Bonhoeffer called Jesus "a man for others" meaning he thought more of others than of himself, and as disciples of Jesus we are called to be men and women for others; some of the ways we do that are through missions and outreach. We will

be having a Missions Team organization meeting on Monday, September 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m. where we will look at what/how we have done M&O in the past, and what/how we will do in the future. We will also be looking for someone to lead this team into the future. If you want to be involved in missions in any way

and want to be a part of this conversation, you are encouraged to come out on the 10th.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Monday, September 24th, a blood draw will be held here in the Fellowship Hall from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and to provide food for the canteen. (Donors and the staff always enjoy coming to our facility because they love the homemade cookies that are provided.) Locate the sign-up sheet on the Missions' and Ministry Table to donate such items as sandwiches, punch, or home baked cookies. Also, choose a time when you can help.

Every day hospital patients rely on generous blood donors - like you - for the precious blood products they need to treat a wide variety of medical conditions. In fact, nearly 6,000 times a day, someone receives blood from a Red Cross donor, and yet, only about 3 percent of the population donates. It's so important that generous donors give regularly so the blood products of all types are available whenever and wherever they're needed.

(Excerpt from a Red Cross mailer.)

Bloodmobiles are only as successful as the number of people who donate; so please, if you are able, come out and give blood. You will be helping to save lives!!! Any questions— talk to Kay Kratzer.



Snyder-Union-Northumberland Habitat for Humanity is in need of both non-construction volunteers and new board members. The following is a review of four of the committees which are looking for volunteers and the need for board members.

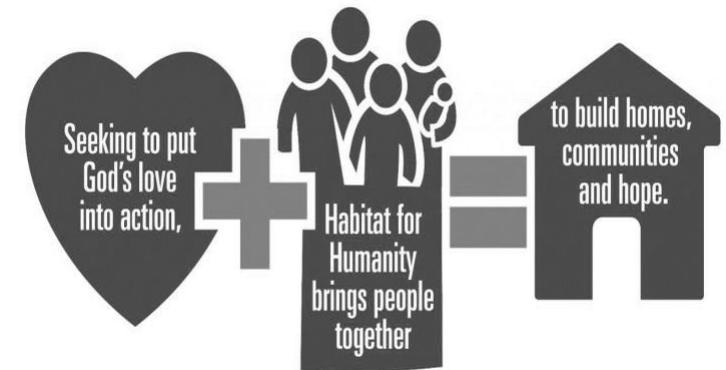
If you have interest in helping this organization, please contact Sandy Hopkins at sandy@sunhabitat.org. Or call 570-374-2437 and leave a message.

+Fund Raising: this committee does what it says – helps to come up with fundraising ideas and events that can raise awareness in the region. The committee creates and participates in fundraising events; works hand-in-hand with the public relations committee; and seeks partners for events with other organizations that share a similar mission as Habitat. Time commitment varies depending on the events being scheduled; usually no more than an average of 6-8 hours per month.

+Communications: If you have the knack for writing, enjoy meeting with the public or creating posts for Facebook and Twitter you will love volunteering for this committee. We prepare newsletters, newspaper articles, event programs, and ads for the organization. We also coordinate with IT to keep our website, Facebook page, and Twitter followers up to date! This committee participates in Ground Breaking and Dedication of Homes event – sure to warm your heart! We meet as needed with an average of 4 or 5 hours commitment (most activities are done On-line) per month.

+Family Selection: Be a part of making a real difference in someone's life! This committee seeks applicant families, reviews the applications, interviews potential partner families, and recommends the families who need our services the most to the Board. There are different capacities in which you can serve, if you are more comfortable working behind the scene to make sure families are within guidelines or if you would like to meet with our potential partner families first hand you can be the one to go out and do the interviews. Meetings are held as needed, reviews of applicants are done on-line, and family visits are as needed at the applicant's current home. Averages 20 to 40 hours commitment per year if you participate in all phases.

Habitat for Humanity is looking for board members that can help bring our organization into the next phase of growth. We are expanding our number of homes built and need qualified people to aid us in making decisions and leading our volunteers. If you have skill sets that would benefit SUN Habitat for Humanity or have experience in leadership, we would like to speak with you to consider your nomination. If you believe in helping low-to moderate- income families by giving them a hand up not a hand out this is the organization for you. Meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month, time commitment varies depending on how involved you wish to be.



Luke 14:25-33 (CEB)

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, “Whoever comes to me and doesn’t hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters – yes, even one’s own life – cannot be my disciple. Whoever doesn’t carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. “If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn’t you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn’t finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. They will say, ‘Here’s the person who began construction and couldn’t complete it!’ Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? And if he didn’t think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.”

John 13:34-35 (CEB)

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

September 16th

Next week at SMASH, the kids will be in the classroom doing an activity to really dig in deeper into the meaning of each of The 10 Commandments.

September 23

There will be no SMASH next week. We will be having Family Huddles. Everyone is welcome. Your family can consist of whomever you like and we will have a group for you to join if you come alone.