

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

GREETERS	Rachael McCardle, Ann Markel
LAY READER	Cathy Polan
ORGANIST	Pam Perna
SOUND ROOM	Amanda Moyer
VIDEO TECH	Terry Polan
PRAISE TEAM	Jess Hetrick, Tommy Rubillo, Michael Delawder

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, October 21, 5-7 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Monday, October 22, 9 a.m. Morning Mocha

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. Youth Leader Meeting,
7 p.m. Church Conference

Thursday, October 25, 10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer,
6-8 p.m. "Holy Conversation", 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 8 a.m. Prayer & Communion,
9 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child have been wrapped and can be picked up in the hall. Be sure to also pick up the brochure with information on how to pack your shoebox. **Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 11, 2018!** Any questions can be directed to Connie Kratzer or Noelle Buckley.

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The Tie That Binds

Our Vision:

ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE

GOD'S LOVE

Our Mission:

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

22nd SUNDAY after PENTECOST

October 21, 2018
Series: The Tie That Binds
Today's Theme: Moved

(You are invited to stand, as you are able, wherever a "*" is marked. **Bold print** indicates congregational participation.)

ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC
ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
WELCOME & DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

***PRAISE SONG**

I Will Follow

***CALL to WORSHIP (On Screen)**

***HYMN of PRAISE #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison, On Screen)**

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE
**(Please join in singing *Jesus Loves Me*
as the children come forward.)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:16-26 (NIV)

SERMON

"In Step with the Spirit"
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE SONG

Spirit of the Living God

LETTER WRITERS NEEDED

I need people to help write "open when" letters. In November, we will be putting together college care packages. We will need people to bake cookies and write "open when" letters. They should write on the envelope of the letter "open when (along with the subject) you are feeling anxious, alone, sad, etc. then enclose an encouraging letter for that occasion. Please put letters in Penny Rudy's mailbox.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$3,252.00
Sunday School	32.00
Building Fund	40.00
Disaster Relief (UMCOR)	50.00
Sierra Leone Mission Trip	300.00
Flooring	50.00
Youth	50.00

SCHOOL FUN NIGHT

Twice a year the Midd-West Middle School has a "Fun Night" where the students have a safe place to come, play games, listen to music, and even dance. We have been asked to help out with this program by providing chaperones for the event. The first one will be taking place on Friday, November 2, from 7 until 9 p.m. We need six individuals who have their clearances to take part in this. If you haven't already gotten your clearances, there is time, but you'll need to do it right away. If you would like to participate, speak to Penny Rudy.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please contact Lyn Levan if you want Offering Envelopes for 2019 & don't already receive them. You do not have to be a member to use our envelopes. People that have been using the envelopes - if you wish to change your status (no longer receive them, or combine family members) please speak to Lyn. With the new membership software being installed, Lyn will need to know any changes or need of new envelopes by Dec. 2nd!

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHORALE

The Susquehanna Valley Chorale will present their fall concert, *Haydn's Creation*, on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3PM. Without excluding his numerous string quartets, Joseph Haydn is best known for his oratorio, *The Creation*. Considered by many to be his masterpiece, this work features a soprano, tenor, and bass soloist, and depicts the creation of the world as described in the book of Genesis. Join us for a thrilling musical depiction of this very familiar story. Performances will take place in the acoustically exquisite Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury and promises to be a musical event not to be missed. Visit www.svcmusic.org for tickets.

DECK THE HALL

P.B., here! I'm thinking about Christmas. I know, it's only October and Hallmark haven't even started showing their Christmas movies yet, but I'm thinking about Christmas anyway. It occurs to me that many families have Christmas traditions, and many of those involve particular items or collections. For us, it's decorating our tree with ornaments collected from vacations covering the last twenty-six years; and displaying a number of nativity sets (I'm pretty sure we have more than a dozen), most of which have significant sentimental value, like the one my parents bought in Israel, the one from a dear friend after she passed away, and the handmade one a friend spent many hours making. What's yours? I'd love to see your collections, and I'm thinking others would as well, so we're going to try a "A New Christmas Tradition: Gather the Past & Enhance the Present." What we're going to do is set up tables in the fellowship hall that you can cover with a table cloth (black would probably make things "pop" the most) and decorate how you want to show-off your personal collection or tradition. This is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 15 from 5-7 and will be open to the public (invite your neighbors!). We will probably also have music and refreshments. If you are interested in participating, just contact the office to reserve a half or whole table.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Blessed Be the Tie" Video

SERMON "TEXT"

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN of PARTING #347 *Spirit Song*

*PARTING BLESSING

*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Next week we will conclude our series "The Tie That Binds," with a theme of "Anointed" based on Psalm 133. What will Pastor Brian have to say?

CHURCH CONFERENCE

All church members are invited and encouraged to attend our yearly church conference. The conference will be held here in our sanctuary on Wednesday, October 24th, at 7:00 p.m. Our Lewisburg District Superintendent, Reverend Larry Leland, will be leading us in worship and the yearly business to be decided upon and approved. In addition to the regular business, this year we have the added responsibility of voting to give approval to Tommy Rubillo to continue on his journey toward becoming a Local Pastor. Please join us!

SMASH NEXT WEEK - Oct. 28th

Next week in SMASH students will be meeting in their classrooms to learn that even though David was a "man after God's own heart", there was sin in his life. They will learn about humility and repentance.

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"CIRCLE OF PRAYER" CHURCHES,

Bishop Jeremiah Park,

Rev. Larry Leland, District Superintendent

Hummel's UMC, Middleburg, Curwensville UMC, Curwensville,

First UMC, Chambersburg, New Hope UMC, Bellefonte,

Halifax UMC, Halifax, Saint John's-Newberry UMC, Williamsport,

Beach Haven UMC, Beach Haven, Fort Loudon UMC, Fort Loudon,

Christ's UMC, Julian, Lake Como UMC, Lake Como

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller* - *Gen. Conf. Delegate (Clergy)*

Kirby Hickey* - *Gen. Conf. Delegate (Laity)*

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Richard Jordan, Peggy Rearick, Larry Zechman, Finley Snook,

Linda Hoy, David Hinds, Paul Kratzer, Carolyn Hassinger, SMASH,

Tombodu UMC & Pastor Jonathan Kellie, Geraldine Stroup, Keith Martin,

John Getz, Byron Hassinger, Ellen Smith, Jackson Ritter, Darryl Shirk,

Mary Ewing, Matthew Keister, Anna Reigle, Cohen Herman,

Sara Seebold, Peg Mattern, Janet Ettinger, Martha Herman,

Goldie Womer, Amy Keerans, Molly Herman, Paul Snyder,

Gavin Keerans, Jennifer Ritter, Chandis Klinger, Shari Dunn,

Davannah Dunn, Denny Levan, Children's Ministry w/ KrisAnn &

Dan Wilcox @ First UMC, Wasilla AK, Bill Kerstetter,

LaDawn Stuck Straub, Shirley Erdley, Ben Keiser, Janet Klline,

Messiah Campus, Betty Drumheller, Stan Ritter, Peg Aumiller, Kofi Ata

GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COMM. ON WAY FORWARD

The Bishops' Commission on a Way Forward was created at the 2016 General Conference with the mission of looking for a way forward through division over LGBTQ issues, with the aim of bringing forth proposals that would provide for the most diversity while maintaining unity. They completed their work in the spring and released a report with three options (copies of which were provided several months ago, and more copies are on the Mission and Ministry table). These options, potentially along with others, will be brought to the floor of a special session of General Conference that will take place in St. Louis from February 23 through the 26th. In order to better understand the various proposals and how each one might affect PUMC, we will have a "Holy Conversation" this Thursday, October 25th from 6 until 8 p.m. All members, attendees, and friends of PUMC are welcome to attend this dialogue. In preparation for it, you are encouraged to visit susumc.org/way-forward to look over some of the resources, especially the "Courageous Conversations" guide under Discipleship Matters, as well as the materials under the "Commission on a Way Forward" banner towards the bottom of the page.

The Susquehanna Annual Conference will be sending five clergy and five lay delegates (along with two alternates each), each of whom requests prayer throughout the next five months. Their names and e-mails (they welcome your input and opinion, we ask that you keep it polite and Christian) are available at: <https://susumc.org/index.php/about-us/gc-nej-delegate-information/elected-delegates>.



Galatians 5:16-26 (NIV)

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.