

MISSION: “The energy of the Holy Spirit equips us to reach out joyfully in Jesus’ name to meet human needs in the community and in the world.”

VISION: “We will nurture people physically and spiritually, showing them the transforming love and grace of Jesus Christ.”

Minister: Rev. Sarah A. Kneier
Director of Music: Rebecca Lauver
Organist Emeritus: Mary Ann Ober
Secretary: Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders:
Tim Nolt Membership/Mission/
Dennis Bouchard Property
Joy Bouchard Christian Education
Deborah Hoffman Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship
Meagan Nolt Clerk of Session/ Youth & Young Adults
Jean Shelly Worship and Music
Barbara O’Neal Fellowship/Outreach

Deacons:
Jeff Weber Moderator, Ushers, Greeters,
Laura Weber Treasurer, Flowers
Janet Stirling Prayer Chain, Transportation
Kari Nolt Visits and Calls, Greeting Cards
Dee Neese Secretary, Audio Ministry, Coffee Hour
April Leggore Nursery, Food Bank

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The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy was organized on December first, 1839 but began holding services in the Mount Joy vicinity as early as 1746. This church is a thoroughly evangelical church in the historic sense of that word and our basic purposes are to bring people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, to build them in the Christian faith and life, and to enlarge missionary participation to the extent that all may come to hear of and believe in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. Friend and stranger, to such a church as this you are welcome.

News of the Week

ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS

September 25, 2016

SAMARITAN’S PURSE – HEAD’S UP

It’s time to think about “Shoebboxes” and what we can find to put in them. There will be a display in Fellowship Hall soon and you will be able to put your shoebox on the table. Also, you can bring in items that can be used for shoeboxes if you don’t want to do a whole box. These can be hygiene items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, soap. You can bring in pencils, paper pads, note pads, coloring books, pencil sharpeners, etc. Also, small toys.

Joy will be telling you more about this in the future weeks. The deadline is November 13th.

FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Laura Weber at 367-9065 or jrweber22@gmail.com for available dates. \$40 is the current price for the pair of bouquets that decorate the pulpit and which the Deacons distribute to shut-ins if requested by the sponsor.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call Janet Stirling at 653-6395.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Shirley Mark– her address is: 803 S. Market St.
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Phone Number – 717-361-1812

If you are in the church alone, please do not use the elevator.

CALENDAR

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S WORKSHOPS

Also in Fellowship Hall on the table are registration forms for workshops for caregivers dealing with the above ailments. There are several days available in September and October.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Due to recent changes in state laws, not session edicts, clearances are needed for anyone who is going to work with children in the church. Since we now have 4 little ones who will need care in church, we need all the help we can get. Please see an Elder or Deacon if you have any questions or need paperwork.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join the Second Chances Volunteers at the "Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch!" This is an open invitation to anyone who wants to join them every Tuesday at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall.

GROCERY CARDS

Grocery cards for Giant, Weis and Darrenkamps are available for purchase. The church earns 5% of all cards sold. See Deb Hoffman. In her absence, please see Barb O'Neal.

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 in the Thrift Store

Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Sundays

Choir Practice – Wednesday nights – 7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study – Sundays – 9:45 am

Speakers during absence of Pastor Sarah:

September 11 through October 2 - Rev. Donald Rising

October 9 – Rev. Gail Mason

October 16 – Rev. Jane Busey

October 23 – Rev. Sarah Kneier returns

September 25 – Coffee Hour – 12:00 pm

Hosts – Sandy Homsher and Marilyn Pomroy

Cookies – Joyce Buckius, Lonnie Nolt, Nancy Duquette

October 2 – World Wide Communion

October 2 – Deacons Meeting – 12:00 pm

October 19 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00 pm

October 19 – Church Family Dinner – 5:30 – 6:30

October 23 – Session Meeting – 12:30 pm

October 30 – Congregational Meeting to elect officers

11:55 am-in the Sanctuary at the end of worship

October 30 – Coffee Hour

SHARING OUR TALENTS

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome our visitors and hope you will come back and visit with us again. There is information about our church at the back of each pew and Visitors' cards for your use.

**Flowers are provided by: Gerry and Buzz Bowman
In Honor of 67 years of Marriage**

Ushers for September – Fred Hoffman and Millard Sherk
Ushers for October – Kari Nolt and Lonnie Nolt

Nursery – September 25 – Kari Nolt and Lonnie Nolt
Nursery – October 2 – Karen and Tom Paul

Counter for September 25 – Barb O'Neal
Counter for October 2 – Laura Weber

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal
Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Flowers for September – April Leggore
Flowers for October – Kari Nolt

Strength for Today – September 26 – October 2 – Jeff Weber
Strength for Today – October 3 – October 9 – Joy Bouchard

Are you interested in participating in the Strength for Today program? It involves reading a brief message (no more than two minutes). It can be a devotional reading, "Our Daily Bread", a favorite Scripture passage or even verses of a hymn. It can be done from the comfort of your own home using our remote telephone procedure. **Call Tim Nolt at 278-5423 or email him at timnolt@gmail.com.** Each person is responsible for one week of messages beginning on Monday and ending on Sunday. The week starts with Monday's message and ends with Sunday's message. Messages can be recorded the night before, i.e. Monday's message can be recorded Sunday night.