

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**11 AM Morning Worship-October 23, 2016**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Announcements & Concerns

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!**

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*Song of Praise to God      How Great Thou Art  
   #2 Blue Hymnal**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**All: We are, I am forgiven. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!**

**People: And also with you!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI                              #142 Blue Hymnal**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY                              # 382 Blue Hymnal**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* Song to Glorify God              The Church's One Foundation  
   #547 Blue Hymnal**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON              Luke 18:9-14 Pg. 81**

**SERMON      Thank You God              Rev. Sarah Kneier**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**\*Song of Response              Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
   #87 Blue Hymnal**

**\*THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*standing in mind, body or in spirit**

**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:**  
**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

October 23, 2016

WELCOME BACK, PASTOR SARAH!!

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational meeting will be held at the close of the worship service on October 30 to elect officers for 2017. The slate of nominees is:

**Ruling Elders:** Tom Paul and Joy Bouchard  
**Deacons:** Karen Paul and Nancy Duquette  
To fill the term of Ruth Schwartz – Robert Henly  
**Nominee for Auditor:** Robert Henly

### INSERTS IN TODAY’S BULLETIN

Please take a look at the insert for the Holiday Remembrance Service at Trinity Lutheran Church and the one for (can you believe it?) the Poinsettia Order Form.

**STOP!!**

We will soon stop collecting the Campbell's Soup Labels because the Campbell's Soup Company is ending the program. We will collect until Sunday, Nov. 13 and send in one final batch. After that, the labels will be recycled. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to collect and bring in soup labels over the years.

### ADVENT CALENDARS

Sue Washburn—Pastor and editor of Presbyterians Today, has put together a collection of daily reflections and prayers to help us experience the joy and wonder of Christ’s birth with the senses God has given us. It’s titled *A Journey of Memories* and provides a Scripture reading, meditation, and prayer for each day of Advent. There are five copies left at \$2 a copy – See Barb O’Neal.

## PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE – HEAD'S UP

It's time to think about "Shoebboxes" and what we can find to put in them. There is a display in Fellowship Hall. Fill your shoeboxes and put them 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. The deadline to turn in your box is November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ANOTHER WAY TO HELP FAITH HOMES OF DONEGAL

In Fellowship Hall there is a flyer on the bulletin board showing how to sign up at Darrenkamp's Market to have them donate 1% of your total Gold Card purchases every 3 months to Faith Homes (or any other charity that is listed on their site). It's easy and costs you nothing but FAITH Homes gets the benefits.

## 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.

## FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Laura Weber at 367-9065 or [jrweber22@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## CALENDAR

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 – 10:30 am

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 Hosts: April Leggore and Dee Albert

Cookie providers: Darlene Henly, Sandy Homsher,  
Joy Bouchard

November 6 – Deacons meeting after worship

November 13 – Session meeting – 12:30 pm

November 13 – Last day to bring in your Shoebox for Samaritan's Purse collection.

## **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:** Mary Ann Ober, In Loving Memory of my husband, D. Kenneth Ober.

**Ushers for October** – Karen and Tom Paul

**Ushers for November** – Dee Albert and Owen Neese

**Nursery – October 23** – Kari Nolt and Lonnie Nolt

**Nursery – October 30** – Deb Hoffman and Barb O'Neal

**Counter for October 23** – Dennis Bouchard

**Counter for October 30** – Barb O'Neal

**Church Opener** – Barb O'Neal

**Church Closer for Today** – Property Committee

**Flowers for October** – Kari Nolt

**Flowers for November** – April Leggore

**Strength for Today** – October 24 – October 30 – Barb O'Neal

**Strength for Today** – October 31 – November 6 – 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](mailto: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.