

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA  
11 AM Morning Worship- -April 15, 2018  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

**Announcements & Concerns**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Ps. 105:1-5*

*Leader: Call on the name of the Lord in praise; make known God's deeds among the nations!*

*People: Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds.*

**\*Song of Praise to God** **Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**  
**#293 Blue Hymnal**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and through eternity. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, give us courage to see you. We admit that sometimes we close ourselves off from you and encourage our own desires. Give us the ability to turn these things over to you so that we can see your presence and action in the world with us through the Holy Spirit.

(a time of silence for private personal prayer)

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus died and the tomb was empty. He arose! This was for you and for me. Remember, through this you are forgiven. Be at peace! Amen.

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!**

**People: And also with you!**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**#142 Blue Hymnal**

**Anthem**

**My Faith Has Found a Resting Place**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#382 Blue Hymnal**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* Song to Glorify God**

**Jesus Lives, and So Shall I**

**#288 Blue Hymnal**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**John 20:19-30 Pg. 115**

**SERMON**

**Blessed Are Those**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**\*Song of Response**

**The Easter Song**

**#301 Blue Hymnal**

**\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**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.”

<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Sarah A. Kneier
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Rebecca Lauver
<b>Organist Emeritus</b>	Mary Ann Ober
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Barbara O’Neal
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Deborah Hoffman

**Elders:**

Dennis Bouchard	Music and Worship
Joy Bouchard	Christian Education and Nurture
Marilyn Pomroy	Stewardship & Finance
Meagan Nolt	Membership/Mission
Tom Paul	Property
Sandy Homsher	Fellowship
Barbara O’Neal	Clerk of Session

**Deacons:**

Nancy Duquette	Moderator, Ushers, Prayer, Contacts
Lonnie Nolt	Treasurer, Flowers
Dee Albert	Transportation
Kari Nolt	Secretary, Nursery
April Leggere	Food Bank
Karen Paul	Cards, Coffee Hour

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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**

**April 15, 2018**

**OLYMPICS**

Over 20 people came to the Olympics and what a wonderful time we had! EVERYONE PARTICIPATED – and Sandy is to be complimented on all the innovative games that were like the real Olympics (in really unusual ways). We hope this is the first of many Church Family events here at First Presbyterian. We have some pictures and they will soon be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**GROCERY CARDS**

Why don’t we use grocery cards? For me, it is just laziness. I’m making a promise today to buy grocery cards and use them when I go shopping. Deb has the cards all the time – you can get them anytime we are in the church. You can get them for Weis, Darrenkamp’s or Giant. Are you lazy like me and not bothering to get them? If so, try it for one month. Deb has been telling everyone how easy it is to have them in your purse or pocket. I’m going to do it! (Barb O’Neal)

Grocery cards for Giant, Weis and Darrenkamps are available for purchase. The church earns 5% of all cards sold. You can get them at church on Sunday or when Second Chances is open. See Deb Hoffman. In her absence, please see Barb O’Neal.

**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.

**FLOWERS**

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Lonnie Nolt at 278-5475 or [larrynolt@comcast.net](mailto:larrynolt@comcast.net) 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.

## **FAITH HOMES-- FURNITURE BANK**

Faith Homes serves not only people who are living in the Faith Homes program but also residents from the Donegal Community who have a need for furniture and household items. The Furniture Bank is in need of mattresses and box springs (single and double only) small dressers, microwaves, silverware. They do not need couches or dining room tables. They also need volunteers to help with moving, picking up and delivering furniture.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy to Tasha Walker and her family in the death of her Grandmother (Nana) Loretta M. Dimeler. A Memorial Service was held at Sheetz Funeral Home. Tasha has been worshiping with us for some time and together with Ben Leggore, is the parent of Madison Faith Leggore. 181 E. High Street, Elizabethtown PA 17022

We received word from Dot Durfee that her daughter, with whom she lived, has died. Dot is the widow of the Rev. Harlan Durfee, a former pastor of our church. Dot's address is: 663 Hillgirt Circle, Oakland CA 94610

We received word recently that Pat Catlett passed away in Maine where she and her husband, J.T., have lived for many years. Pat faithfully served FPCMJ especially as a Deacon and Choir member. Please remember J.T., daughter Jennifer Netzley, son Geoff Catlett, and their families in prayer. We have addresses for J.T. and Jennifer in our Church Directory.

Our condolences continue to go out to the family of Beverly (Bev) Zink. Bev was a member of First Presbyterian Mount Joy. She died Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial and Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Jim Zink, 102 Frank Ave, Mount Joy PA 17552.

Our condolences also continue to go out to the family of Warren (Pete) Foley who died the morning of December 31, 2017. Emmy Foley, 12 Donegal Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

## **HELP!**

The deacons are in need of large cans to transport flowers each week. Please give cans to any deacon. Thank you!

## **DON'T FORGET YOUR 'GOD SIGHTINGS.'**

**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 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.

## **CALENDAR**

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

Adult Bible Study – 9:45 to 10:30 in Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Third Sunday of the month

April 18 – Neighbors Connect – 12:00 pm  
“Discover Lancaster”

April 20-21 – Second Chances now has summer clothes on the racks!

April 22 – Coffee Hour hosted by the Deacons

May 6 – Deacons meeting at 12:00 pm

May 6 – Session meeting at 12:30 PM

May 13 – Mothers Day

May 18 – Neighbors Connect with Jill Weisberg from Jewish Family Services—unique benefits for seniors

May 20 – Pentecost – Birthday of the Church – Wear Red!

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

**SHARING OUR TALENTS**  
**Sunday – April 15, 2018**

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.

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**George and Ellen Kramer**

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**Church Opener** – Barb O'Neal  
**Church Closer** – Property Committee

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