

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA
11 AM Morning Worship- -September 23, 2018
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP Mark 9:35-37

People: The last are first in the realm of God.

Leader: the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.

GATHERING PRAYER in Unison

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Song of Praise to God O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
#442 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

After the pastor prays, there will be a short time of silent personal prayer followed by words of pardon.

Hear these words from John 3:17: God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Song to Glorify God

Wonderful Words of Life

#29 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37 – Pg. 45

SERMON

Keeping Quiet

The Rev. Sarah A. Kneier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

#382 Blue Hymnal

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*Song of Response

Take My Life and Let It Be

#458 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.”

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

Elders:

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| 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:

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| 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

September 23, 2018

OLD FRIENDS - CONDOLENCES

Dorothy (Dot) Durfee passed away on August 14, 2018 at Attleboro Nursing Home. Dot was a former member of our church and her husband Harlan had preached here for several years. A full funeral service will be held at Donegal Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

PRESBYTERY: An Elder Commissioner is needed for the September 25 presbytery meeting at Chanceford Presbyterian Church. This is an evening meeting. Registration starts at 4 PM; there is an evening meal and business takes place after the meal. You do not need to be an Elder currently sitting on session, but you do need to be an ordained Ruling Elder. (Guests are always welcome at presbytery, too!) It is fun to meet and talk to people from churches in the local area. Please let Pastor Sarah know if you are interested.

LATEST ON THE GIFT CARDS

Following is an email Deb Hoffman received at Masonic Village:

“Thank you for taking the time to contact us. We will be taking gift cards at all of our locations till liquidation is completed at all 4 stores. After Nov 3rd and the stores are closed, those gift cards will be able to be used at Giant Food Stores for 6 months after that date. We are not offering refunds on gift cards since there are options for them to be used in the next 8 months. Signed: Jared Darrenkamp (Also – Mount Joy Darrenkamps noted – they are not sure exactly when their store will close but the email assures us we will still be able to use the cards).

FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – WEEKLY OFFERINGS

September 16– Current Fund - \$289

Benevolence - \$1

Capital Fund - \$25

FLOWERS FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Flowers are supplied by our members. The price for flowers is \$40 for two bouquets to use for the Sunday worship service. After the service, you may take the flowers or the deacons will deliver them to shut-ins or to someone you designate. If you wish to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday, please contact Lonnie Nolt at larrynolt@comcast.net or 717-278-5475.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to Evelyn Pollock, on the death of her husband. Roger Pollock died August 29, 2018 at Masonic Village. Evelyn lives at Masonic Village and she and Roger are members at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Evelyn has been worshipping with us since they moved here. A memorial service was held at Olivet Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 22nd. Evelyn's address is 395 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown PA 17022.

SAFETY REMINDER

There is a box beside the cardboard container in Fellowship Hall marked "Glass." There is also a box in the kitchen. Any broken glass or glass not able to be recycled, that is being thrown out should be put in the box and not in garbage bags. Glass to be recycled should be put under the sink in the green can. There have been some injuries from broken glass in bags so this should be a way to forestall any more.

FUNDRAISERS AND REPURPOSE

- Large Juice cans for the deacons to use to deliver flowers.
- Bottle caps and tabs from aluminum drink cans -- fundraiser for Donegal High School Key Club. There are containers in Fellowship Hall. Any bottle caps will do.
- Save Moo Money --Moo Money caps from drink bottles at Turkey Hill will bring us money! For every 500, we get \$50.
- Greeting cards for Gail Mason -- box on the table in Fellowship Hall.
- Vintage Clothes for Elizabethtown College Drama Department.

FURNITURE BANK URGENT REQUEST

The furniture bank is in need of a pop out recliner chair for a person with sleep difficulties. They could also use silverware, pots and pan small appliances such as crock pots, toasters, toaster ovens, mixers, electric can openers and coffeepots, as well as mattresses of all sizes except king, Please call Lorraine Lutz to arrange donation at 717-653-2478.

NURSERY AND 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Adult Bible Study at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

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

September 23 – Fellowship meeting after worship

September 29 – “A Run to Remember” 5K Run/Walk and Festival
See brochures in Fellowship Hall

September 30 - **CHOIR:** Come sing with us! The first choir rehearsal at 10:15 AM in the choir room and day singing in worship is September 30th. The more the merrier!

October 7 – World Wide Communion Sunday

October 14 – Joint Session/Deacon meeting – 12:30

October 21 – Pot Luck lunch and Scavenger Hunt after worship

October 28 – Congregational Meeting after worship in Sanctuary

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Nursery for September 30 – Tom and Karen Paul

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Bulletin Preparation – Ed Becker and Irene Becker

Strength for the Week – September – To be Determined

Are you interested in participating in the Strength for the Week program? It involves reading a brief message at the beginning of each week (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 Meagan Nolt at 607-857-6059 or email her at meagan.harkness@gmail.com.** Each person is responsible for one month of messages.

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