

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**10:00 AM Morning Worship – July 27, 2014
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Wildflowers Are Blooming” – O. E. Moore

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Announcements & Concerns

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God’s name, make known God’s deeds among the people!

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God’s wonderful works!

L: Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

P: Seek the LORD and the LORD’S strength; seek the LORD’S presence continually.

L: Remember the wonderful works God has done, God’s miracles, and the judgments God has uttered.

P: God remembered Abraham, Isaac, Joseph and the people Moses led out of Egypt.

L: God remembered us in the promise of the Savior.

All: In Jesus Christ, God came to us and promises us life. Amen.

***HYMN** How Great Thou Art (1885) #2 Blue Hymnal

WE APPROACH GOD

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

Most Holy God, we live in a world of things that we can see with our eyes, but yet are often unable to see what you are doing. Sometimes it is our lack of commitment, or another love that we pay attention to that causes us to not see you. When we turn away, we are filled with despair and are discouraged. We are sorry for the things that we do that take the place of you in our lives. Fill us with hope and a discerning eye that we would be encouraged and built up in faith.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

L: In Jesus Christ, there is unending grace and mercy.

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

***AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed (see pew card)

WE SHARE OUR LIFE AND GIFTS

***HYMN:** O Lord Hear My Prayer #173 Renew Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Using Debts and Debtors)

***HYMN** Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (1978) #266 Renew Hymnal

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 28: 15-28 Pg. 28

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “I Love Thee” – Franklin Ritter from “Christian Harmony”

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31-35, 44-45 Pg. 14-15

SERMON Yikes! When People Let You Down
The Rev. Sarah Kneier

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***HYMN** Standing on the Promises (1886) #69 Blue Hymnal

***THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

***Those who are able may stand**

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
Organist: Mary Ann Ober
Secretary: Barbara O'Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders:
Tim Nolt
John Leggore
Joy Bouchard
Deborah Hoffman
Meagan Nolt
Jean Shelly
Barbara O'Neal

Membership/Mission
Property
Christian Education
Treasurer/Finance & Stewardship
Clerk of Session/ Youth & Young Adults
Worship and Music
Fellowship/Outreach

Deacons:
Nancy Duquette

Laura Weber
Janet Stirling
Jeff Weber
Dee Neese
April Leggore

Moderator, Ushers, Greeters,
Coffee Hour
Treasurer, Visits & Calls
Prayer Chain, Transportation
Flowers, Nominating Committee
Secretary, Greeting Cards, Audio Ministry
Nursery, Food Bank

Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday from 10 am to 1 pm
Wednesday from 9 am to 12 pm
Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm

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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 all 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

July 27, 2014



"Dear First Presbyterian Mount Joy,

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the wonderful worship service and luncheon afterwards in Fellowship Hall when we celebrated our covenant pastoral relationship together. Many hands and voices went into the worship preparation and also the preparation of food. It was a wonderful day and a wonderful welcome to your congregation. Thank you! I look forward to our time here together. --Pastor Sarah"

CAMP DONEGAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED!!!

"We need scholarships to send kids to Camp Donegal. We've got kids who would love a week at camp. Some of them have no church connection. They need to get out of the city, out to camp, and live in the love of Jesus for a week. It matters. There are 3 weeks left of camp. We need 25 scholarships. A scholarship costs around \$400. Let's raise the \$\$\$ for all 25 scholarships and let's get kids to camp."

**Send a check to: Camp Donegal
303 Telegraph Rd.
Airville, PA 17302**

CALENDAR REMINDERS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

August 2nd - There will be a memorial service for Glenn Mains at 2:00 at the First Presbyterian Church in Newville, PA. (Newville is on the other side of Carlisle)

August 3rd – church picnic here in Fellowship Hall. at 12:00 Noon. Bring a dish to share and we'll have Hot dogs! Hamburgers! And whatever else we bring – still an old fashioned picnic in keeping with the 175th--- Remember to wear your yellow shirts!

August (date to be decided) – Making applesauce for the Mount Joy Chamber Chicken Barbeque

August 14th – We will be hosting a Chamber of Commerce mixer and open house here in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The Chamber has one mixer each month throughout the year and since we are celebrating our 175th Anniversary, we thought we would hold our open house in connection with this. From 5 to 7 pm on 8/14, plan to join us as we open our church to the Chamber and to the community. **To help with this, we would like to have some of your favorite food items to show off to the people who will attend. There is a sheet in Fellowship Hall to list what you might want to contribute.** We are looking for small, finger food, bite size items and small desserts – not dinner items. The Fellowship Committee will also be supplying some of the food but we wanted to have some of your favorites, too. It's early but it doesn't hurt to plan ahead.

August 17th – Spaghetti Dinner to fund the Dog Park Mount Joy at the Trinity Lutheran Church. There is a flyer in Fellowship Hall.

August 27th – Lifeline Screening – all day in Fellowship Hall. There is a leaflet in the bulletin today for you to use and there are brochures at the back of the sanctuary and in fellowship hall. Please take a few and give them to friends and relatives.

September 7th – We will be going to Camp Donegal for the day. It will include our worship service, catered hot meal, afternoon craft or free time and a late afternoon campfire for hot dogs and s'mores. It's another yellow T-shirt day! There will be car pools going rain or shine. No worship service at church that day.

To provide flowers for the pulpit on a Sunday, contact Jeff Weber (361-9065 or jrweber22@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.

PICTURES

Thanks for all the pictures. Most have been current so if you have some old ones that we can scan, please give them to Barb. They will be returned.

MUGS

We still have 175th Anniversary mugs in Fellowship Hall. They are \$5 each and there is a can to put the money in beside them. They are really nice – green and gold. Pick one up on your way out of church.

SHIRTS

If you are interested in a Tee Shirt for the 175th, see Joy or Dennis Bouchard.

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

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Anyone who works with children in our church must complete forms to comply with Child Protection Laws. Please see John Leggore if you have not done this.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

There will be a congregational meeting on a Sunday in September (date to be determined) to select members of a Pastoral Search Committee. The search committee will consist of five people, with at least two from the session. If you are interested in being a part of the Pastoral Search Committee, please contact Meagan Nolt or Jean Shelly to have your name included as a potential committee member

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 today are provided by Tom Paul and Karen Bryan in honor of their wedding on July 26th.

Ushers for today are Robert and Darlene Henly
Ushers for August – Robert and Darlene Henly

Nursery for Today – Sandy Homsher and Nancy Duquette
Nursery for August 3 Jeff and Laura Weber

Counter for Today – Session Member
Counter for August 3 – Barb O'Neal

Church Opener – Barb O'Neal

Church Closer for today – Property Committee
Church Closer for August 3 – Property Committee

Flowers for August – Dee Neese

Strength for Today – July 28 – August 3 – Barb O'Neal
Strength for Today – August 4 – August 10 – John Leggore

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.