

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

10 AM Morning Worship – July 19, 2015- 8th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME - LIFE IN THE CHURCH--Announcements & Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me:

People: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

***Song of Praise to God For Those Tears I Died
#436 Blue Hymnal**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! May the God of all mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI #142 Blue Hymnal**

***AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH
We Believe (in God the Father) #156 Renew Hymnal**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY # 382 Blue Hymnal**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** Song to Glorify God Are You Washed in the Blood?
#259 Blue Hymnal**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Pg. 281

**SERMON Homo sapiens: Our Limit Is God
Rev. Sarah Kneier**

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

***Song of Response They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
#677 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
Organist:	Becky Caplan
Organist Emeritus:	Mary Ann Ober
Secretary:	Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer:	Deborah Hoffman

Elders:	
Tim Nolt	Membership/Mission
John Leggore	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:	
Nancy Duquette	Moderator, Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Hour
Laura Weber	Treasurer, Visits & Calls
Janet Stirling	Prayer Chain, Transportation
Jeff Weber	Flowers
Dee Neese	Secretary, Greeting Cards, Audio Ministry
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.

ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS

July 19, 2015

“BACKPACK TO SCHOOL” PROGRAM

Thank you for your donations to the Backpack to School Program that supplies students with backpacks filled with school supplies at the start of the school year. \$125 in donations was sent to Rainbows End Youth Services along with a check for \$380 from Second Chances Thrift Shop. There is a thank you card from Executive Director Joel Hughes on the bulletin strip in the gathering area.

CALENDAR

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

July 25 – Community Day at Rapho Township Park – sponsored by Erisman Mennonite church. This takes place from 4 to 8 pm and everyone is welcome. They started this last year and didn’t know how many people to expect – they got about 1000. So they expect as many or more this year. Master Strings Blue Grass Band at 6:30. Sam Sandler magic at 5 pm – they expect it to be a great day. Flyer in Fellowship Hall.

August 15 – Chamber of Commerce Chicken Barbeque – see Barb O’Neal for tickets. \$9 for dinners and \$6 for halves. Each dinner includes half a chicken, baked potato, homemade applesauce and a whoopie pie (both made locally), and a drink. The halves include half a chicken and a drink.

August 9 – 13 - Sometime between these dates, we will once again be offering our church kitchen (and freezers) to the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce to use to make applesauce for the Chicken Barbeque on August 15th. If you would like to help cut up apples and fill containers, let Barb O’Neal know. It’s always a fun time. This year we will be filling 1200 containers to put in with the dinners. We store them in our freezers downstairs and on the 15th they are put in with the dinners.

No Sunday School until September and no Coffee Hours until September. Enjoy the Summer!

**Looking Ahead – Second Chances will be closed
September 4 and 5**

We have reserved 28 seats at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for the show about the Church Basement Ladies. The tickets are \$48.00 each and the date is October 10th. See Barb O’Neal – even though October is a three months away, we only have 28 seats so get your reservation in early! Payment must be in by September 15th.

ASK US/TELL US CARDS

Remember to use these cards to let session or Pastor Sarah know about any concerns you have, any news to share, and to ask for special hymns to be used in the worship service.

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 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. The silk flowers were purchased by the deacons to use on Sundays when no flowers have been provided. Thank you, deacons!

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

**Kids Rock Concert – Saturday, July 18th, 7:00 pm at Elizabethtown Community Park on S. Mount Joy Street in Elizabethtown. The featured band will be “Man on the Moon” a renowned E-town rock band that will be performing classic and contemporary music as well as original compositions. The Elizabethtown Child Care Center has asked us to put this in our bulletin. The children in ECCC’s kindergarten and school age programs will be providing the intermission entertainment. Only a free-will donation will be taken.
See flyer in resource corner in Fellowship Hall.**

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.

If you are in the church alone, please do not use the elevator.
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SIGN IN THE OFFICE

“Lord - Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that you and I together cannot handle.”

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: Darlene and Bob Henly, to the glory of God.

Ushers for July – Tim and Meagan Nolt

Nursery for July 19 – Sandy Homsher and Nancy Duquette

Nursery for July 26 – Ron and Peg Cramer

Counter for July 19 – Tim Nolt

Counter for July 26 – Laura Weber

Church Opener – Property Committee

Church Closer for Today – Property Committee

Flowers for July – Nancy Duquette

Strength for Today – July 20 – July 26 – Dee Neese

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.