

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

Rev. Richard Luciotti, Interim Pastor
717-679-0001

Emily Frantz, Parish Administrator/Youth Director
Mark Herr, Organist/Christian Education Coordinator

Lindy Bennetch, Financial Secretary

Elicia Frank, Custodian

Lee Ann Kurash, Church Secretary

Our website: www.myerstownuccchurch.org

Appreciation to the following people who assisted with today's service:

9:00 AM	Opening church:	Cal Beamesderfer
	Greeter:	Sue Harvey
	Worship Leader/Liturgist:	Wanda Rabold
	Ushers:	Marie Hibshman Emily, Kara and Abby Frantz Kenny Patrick
	Sound Technician:	Robert Dash
	Counting Team:	Ed and Candy Hibshman Terry and Suzie Schott

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

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February 24, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude *Intermezzo* Josef Rheinberger

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me.

**People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.**

Leader: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

People: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

*Opening Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #72

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God who promises to stand by us, walk with us, and listen to our cries, pains, and sorrows. We pray that you teach us to trust that we are always under your caring and loving wings. We miss opportunities planned and unplanned to reach out to our neighbors in need, so we pray, O Lord, that you will work through us to be "mother hens" to those in need. Inspire us to be a blessing to others as we walk humbly along side our brother Jesus in our service to others. God blesses us to be a blessing.

Thanks be to God!

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson is from Genesis 11:1-9

The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2 And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." 5 The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. 6 And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 12:16-21

16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

One: Here ends the Gospel reading. It is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

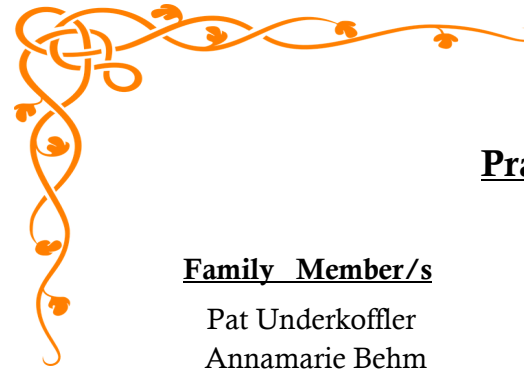
The Message - If You Get Where You're Going, Where Will You Be? - Keith Miller

Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* #587

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen 2



Prayer List

Family Member/s

Pat Underkoffler
Annamarie Behm

Friends

Ralph Woynarowski - husband of Carol (Zeller)

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

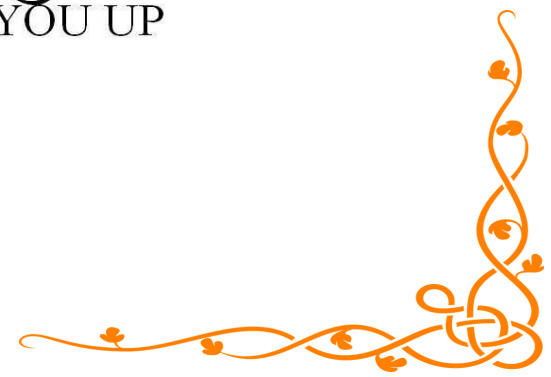
Family Members

Nancy Brown
Ellen Goodyear
Karen Wagner

Friends

Suzanne Fritsch - mother of Stephen Fritsch

Prayer
♥ *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
HE WILL LIFT YOU UP



Announcements (cont'd)

Myerstown Women's Club meeting Monday, March 4 at 6:30 pm in the social hall, with noon set-up.

Council Meeting Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

****Thank you to Glenn and Marcia Bicher for providing February's Better Families.**

We have openings for Altar Flowers for March 10, 24 and 31st. If you would like to place flowers In Memory of or In Honor of your loved ones, please contact Betty Arnold at 717/866-5329.



1 Corinthians 13:8
Love never fails
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Offertory	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	arr. Lani Smith
*Offertory Response	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> (verse 3)	#14
*The Apostle's Creed	(on the inside back cover of the hymnal)	
*Closing Hymn	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	#621
*Benediction		
*Congregational Response	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i> (verse 1)	#393
Moments of Meditation	(seated)	
Postlude	<i>Fanfare on Shout On</i> (Early American Hymn)	arr. Edward Broughton



Today: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - Keith Miller, guest pastor

This Week:

Monday: Strong Bones 8:30 am in the social hall
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Scouts 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thursday: Strong bones 8:30 am in the social hall.
Upper Room Ladies Bible Study 1:00 pm in the Library
Office closed - Lee Ann out of town
Scout Committee meeting 6:30 pm- social hall
Friday: March 1st - World Day of Prayer

**Next Sunday: March 3 - Transfiguration Keith Miller - guest Pastor
Gift Card orders due**

Worship at 9:00 am Pew Communion	Open Church - Cal Beamesderfer Greeters - Ed and Candy Hibshman Worship Leader - Doug Bohannon Pew Communion/Ushers - Kristi Fields Annamarie Behm Darryl Brown Charles and Carolyn Williams
	Sound: Paulie McQuate Counting - Ted and Carol Batdorff Darryl Brown
3	Marie Hibshman

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## Announcements

**Servant's Gift Inventory - If you have not filled out one yet, please do so and return to the box provided on the Information Table in the Gathering Area.**

There are sign-up sheets on the Information Table in the Gathering Area for 2019 for sponsoring **Better Families bulletin inserts and for providing snacks/food for Gathering/Fellowship time.**

**LCCM donation item for the month of March is crackers, saltines or Ritz.** Please place donations in the box provided in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Williams at 717/866-9482.

**Upper Room Ladies Bible study meets each Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Library,** except the 2nd Thursday of the months when the Community Meal is being served. Please see the bulletin for updated information. You may contact Marcia Bicher at 717/866-6401.

**The 2019 Offering envelopes** are in the Gathering Area. Please pick up your envelopes plus your neighbor's and friend's. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 23rd, which will be the LCCM Annual Lenten Breakfast!** Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, an inspiring message and entertainment. And the opportunity to mingle and worship with friends from the surrounding community. Come and bring a friend. See Carolyn Williams for tickets.

\*\*Please let us know of **anyone** who would enjoy a 'Sharing Our Love' card shower. We can announce it in the bulletin anytime. This is a great opportunity to reach out with a simple card or short note to lift someone's spirit and let them know they are loved and not forgotten. Please see Emily Frantz or contact the office by phone or email to set up a card shower.

**Bruce Farrell will be covering any emergencies that require pastoral care while Rev. Rick is on vacation from February 16 - March 9. Please contact either the office, Kory Leppo (717) 269-6033, Kristi Fields (717) 679-1632 or Emily Frantz (717) 383-1147. Whomever is contacted will in turn contact Rev. Farrell of the need.**

**In the event of Inclement Weather, delay or cancellation notifications will be sent to WGAL and WLBR in addition to our church website, and Facebook page. In addition, an email will be sent to all known email addresses of those attending Myerstown UCC. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please make sure that the Church Office has your current email address. If you do not have access to the internet and would need a phone call notification, please contact the Church Office. There will be a phone chain created for those members.**

## Announcements (cont'd)

**Important Christian Education dates:**

**Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 14 during the Sunday School hour and would include (as last year) children through the youth classes.**

**Summer Adventure - Sunday, July 7 though Thursday, July 11 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Theme is "Lava Lava Island...Where Jesus' Love Flows."**

### Stewardship Report for Sunday, February 17, 2019

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| <b>Offerings:</b> | <b>General Fund</b>               | <b>\$ 3,207</b> |
|                   | <b>Our Church's Wider Mission</b> | <b>\$ 195</b>   |
|                   | <b>Church Improvement Fund</b>    | <b>\$ 320</b>   |
|                   | <b>Hope Fund</b>                  | <b>\$ 10</b>    |

**Attendance: 73**

**Our next Community Meal is Thursday, March 14, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the social hall.** Please join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship. If you'd like to help with the meal in any way, please contact Mark Herr at 717/572-7734 or Carolyn Williams at 717/866-9482.

**Lenten Devotionals** are available on the counter in the Gathering Area. There are Family Activity booklets called Together with Jesus for our families with children and a teen/adult devotional called The Saving Passion: Inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen. Both begin on Ash Wednesday, March 7th. Please see Emily Frantz with any questions.

**We have a request for a 'Sharing Our Love' card shower. This is for Fritz and Sally Ann Shaak. Please send all cards and notes to:**

**Fritz and Sally Ann Shaak  
451 S. Race Street  
Myerstown, PA 17067**