

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

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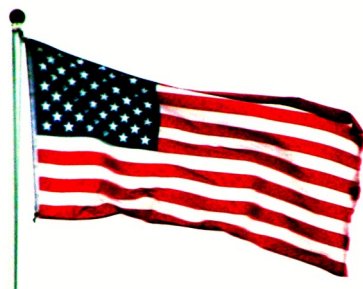
Elicia Frank, Custodian

Katie Fields, Temporary Church Secretary

WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

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

9:00 am **Open Church:** Cal Beamesderfer
Greeter: Shirley Krall
Worship Leader: William Arnold
Ushers: Marie Hibshman, Emily, Kara, Abby Frantz
 Kenny Patrick
Communion Servers: Jackie Shaak, Wanda Rabold
 Sarah Zeller, Betty Arnold
Sound: Paulie McQuate
Counting Team: Ted and Carol Batdorf
 Marie Hibshman, Darryl Brown
Flowers: In honor of service men and women who have
 served our country to preserve our freedom
 by Terry Schott.



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306 West Main Avenue
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July 7, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we come into your presence in confidence and anticipation, for we have experienced your power and love. We have called to you for help and you healed us. You have shown your light and dispersed our darkness.

Congregation: You have turned our mourning into dancing.

Leader: Let us draw near to the presence of God with a true heart to the source of our comfort and life.

Congregation: Let us unite in the profound simplicity of faith.

*Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

#82

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God with our schemes and vanity, we have made our lives so complicated. We have convinced ourselves that we have all the answers or can figure them out and have no need to look to you, except as an authority to be feared. In so doing, we have lost sight of you, we have spiraled into ever more convoluted circumstances of failure and frustration. Have mercy upon us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Epistle Lesson is from Galatians 6: 14-18.

14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. 18 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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 10: 1-11.

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

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- 'Surprising Prophets'

Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

#592

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.

Prayer List

Family Member/s

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Family Members

Nancy Brown
Ellen Goodyear
Lee and Mary Smith
John and Ruthann Snoke
Joyce Mitstifer

Friends

Suzanne Fritsch — mother of Steven Fritsch
Bill Gracely— mother and father of Margo McQuate
Dennis Palm— former ScoutMaster of Troop 20
Katie Long— friend of Phyllis Keith
Linda Feaser— friend of Kathy Grose
Jewel Fessler— friend of Kathy Grose
Joanne Frantz— mother-in-law of Emily Frantz
Heather and Elvin Perez— friends of Marianne Fritsch

Muthengi Ministry Update

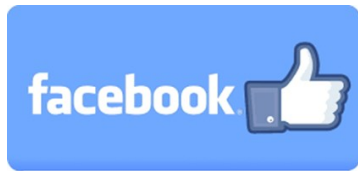
Dear Friends at Myerstown United Church of Christ,

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. I trust this correspondence finds you well in the Lord. Agnes and I are thankful to God for his amazing grace, goodness and faithfulness towards us. God's ministry is progressing well, both at the university and also in the village. The last several months have been extremely bus for us here at International Leadership University as we have been preparing our students for graduation, scheduled for Friday June 21st, 2019. We are grateful to God for these men and women who are about to enter into full time Christian ministry. Pray for them that God's guiding hand will go ahead of them.

Thank you beloved for your commitment to pray for us as we together help fulfill the Great Commission globally. In addition to your prayers for us, you have faithfully supported us financially. Indeed, words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the Lord on your behalf. Thank you particularly for the \$775 gift which you sent to us through our dear friend Jack Reed. All we can do is to assure you of our continued and daily prayers as God gives us the grace. . .God bless you.

Your coworkers in God's vineyard,

Julius and Agnes



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Offertory

Melody

Alexander Guilmant

*Offertory Response

For the Fruit of All Creation
(verse 1)

#723

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to the this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

#695

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(pastor continues the prayer)

The Words of Jesus and Prayer of Blessing

Proclaiming the Mystery

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the savior of the world.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (hold the bread and cup until instructed by the Pastor to partake)

Announcements

The Apostles Creed *(on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

*Closing Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* #264

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *Sent Fourth by God's Blessing* #712

Moments of Meditation *(seated)*

Postlude *Toccata* James Southbridge

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**Today: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Summer Adventure begins at 6:00 pm**

**This Week: Sunday– Thursday: Summer Adventure 6:00-8:00pm**

**Thursday: Summer Adventure Final Program beginning at 7:00 pm**

**Friday: Rev Rick office hours 8:00 am—12:00 pm**

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Next Sunday: July 14– Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship 9:00 am

Open Church: Mark Herr

Greeter: Lindy Bennetch

Worship Leader: Kristi Fields

Ushers: Jeff, Holly, Hannah, Jared, and Leah Rosen
Kenny Patrick

Sound: Paulie McQuate

Counting Team: Marie Hibshman, Kathy Grose
Charles and Carolyn Williams

MUCC Membership Update – We have been attempting to update our inactive membership list and our active member information. Emails have been sent out with a link connecting you to a short Membership Survey, which will allow you to update all information about phone numbers, addresses, emails, birthdays, etc. If you did not receive an email or just feel more comfortable writing it on paper, paper copies can be found on the Information Counter and dropped in the box. Please take a few moments (either online or on paper) to fill this out. The church office appreciates your time.

Please help us by reaching out to any inactive members that you know with a personal phone call or visit. The best way to reach people is through our personal relationships. Encourage them to rejoin us as active members or bring their concerns to us. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of Council or our Membership Team: Susan Harvey, Council Liaison; Candy Hibshman, Ernie Firestine, Loretta Firestine, and Suzie Schott; and staff members Emily Frantz and Katie Fields. There will be a Property Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 pm in the Library.

LCCM donation item for the month of July is salad dressing. 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.

** 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.

Help needed- an easy job to do on your schedule: The office is looking for someone to package the empty ink cartridges in the office so we can send them off. This would be great for a youth member looking to build a resume or college application.

The Elders would like to establish a more organized schedule for visiting shut-Ins. Would you be willing to “adopt” a shut-in, committing to visit that person at least once a month? Visitors would be encouraged to share church news, perhaps taking a copy of the Vineyard if appropriate, and to convey any needs back to the Elders. Updated shut-in lists are on the information table. Talk to Marie Hibshman if you are willing to help in this ministry.

There are openings for flowers on July 21st and 28th, please contact Betty Arnold if interested.