

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

Rev. Richard Luciotti, Interim Pastor
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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
Greeters: Ed and Candy Hibshman
Worship Leader/Liturgist: Doug Bohannon
Pew Communion/Ushers: Kristi Fields
 Annamarie Behm
 Darryl Brown
 Charles and Carolyn Williams
 Kenny Patrick
Sound Technician: Paulie McQuate
Counting Team: Ted and Carol Batdorff
 Darryl Brown
 Marie Hibshman
Flowers: In Loving Memory of Harvey and Catherine
 Nitrauer by Suzie, Candy and their families.

*We invite you to join us for light refreshment and conversation
in the Gathering Area following today's service.
Hosted by Marianne and Stephen Fritsch.*

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

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March 3, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude *Trumpet Tune in D* David N. Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: For being patient with us,

People: We thank you , O Lord.

Leader: For sending your spirit to help us grow,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For giving us each other to confront and support,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

*Opening Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #111
(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that when tragedy strikes us, we believe it is grossly unfair and even blame you. However, when tragedy strikes others, we wonder what they did wrong and even suppose they deserve it. We spend time comparing our selves to others rather than simply being good news for other people. Remind us that life is short and we must do the work we have been given to do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson is from Psalm 103:1-12

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness Of David.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

The Epistle Lesson is from 1 John 4:7-10

God Is Love

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

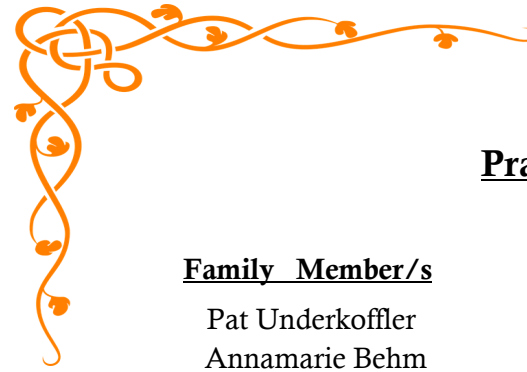
The Message - Bridges, Dishes and Crosses - Keith Miller

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#502

Pastoral Prayer



Prayer List

Family Member/s

Pat Underkoffler
Annamarie Behm

Friends

Ralph Woynarowski - husband of Carol (Zeller)

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

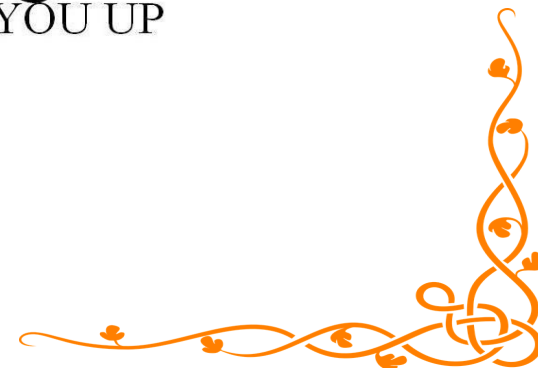
Family Members

Nancy Brown
Ellen Goodyear
Karen Wagner

Friends

Suzanne Fritsch - mother of Stephen Fritsch
Betty and Bill Gracely - mother and father of
Margo McQuate

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



Announcements (cont'd)

A 'Sharing Our Love' card shower has been requested for Bill and Nancy Brown. Please send all cards and notes to:

**Bill and Nancy Brown
39 Temple Road
Richland, PA 17087**

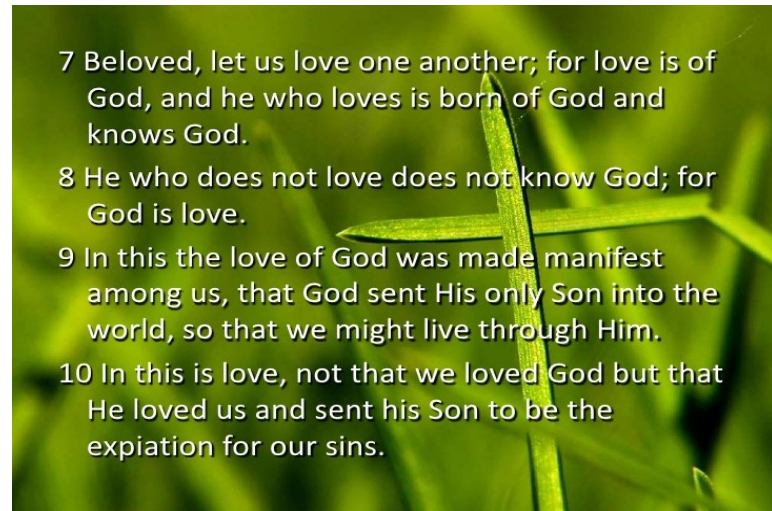


Myerstown Women's Club meeting Monday, March 4 at 7:00 pm in the social hall, with noon set-up.

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

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.

Bruce Farrell will be covering any emergencies that require pastoral care while Rev. Rick is on vacation until 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.



Offertory

Just As I Am

arr. David H. Hegarty

*Offertory Response

Holy Ground

#654

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastor: This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance.

Congregation: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age...

Communion Hymn

Come, Share the Lord

#696

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.

(The 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

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

*Prayer after Communion

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

*Closing Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #481

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #248
(verse 1)

Moments of Meditation (seated)

Postlude *O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair* John Dunstable

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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.**

**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.

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.

**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 24, 2019**

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| <b>Offerings:</b> | <b>General Fund</b>               | <b>\$</b> |
|                   | <b>Our Church's Wider Mission</b> | <b>\$</b> |
|                   | <b>Church Improvement Fund</b>    | <b>\$</b> |
|                   | <b>Hope Fund</b>                  | <b>\$</b> |

**Attendance: 67**

**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 6th. 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**