

# Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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*If you are visiting, we welcome you!*

**Rev. Rick Luciotti, Interim Pastor**

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Emily Frantz, Parish Administrator/Choir Director

717-383-1147

Mark Herr, Organist/Christian Education Coordinator

Lindy Bennetch, Financial Administrator

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:**    Bill and Betty Arnold  
**Greeters:**            Terry and Suzie Schott  
**Worship Leaders:**    Carolyn and Charles Williams  
**Ushers:**                Jeff, Holly, Jared, Hannah and Leah Rosen  
**Sound Technician:**    Robert Dash  
**Counting Team:**      Ed and Candy Hibshman  
   Terry and Suzie Schott

*A special thank you should be extended to Reverend Nora Faust  
for being our guest preacher today.*

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*May 26, 2019*

*Worship Time 9:00 am*

*Sixth Sunday After Easter*

Prelude

*Elegy*

Malcolm Archer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We ask, Lord, for your mercy and blessing.

**Congregation: Look on us with favor and grant us your grace.**

Leader: Show us your wisdom; visit us with your peace.

**Congregation: Let all the earth break into joyful song at the mention of your name.**

Leader: Let every nation strive to live by your justice!

**Congregation: Let every people acknowledge that your hand feeds and frees them.**

Leader: Hear us and send your Spirit to guide us.

**Congregation: We call on you with confident hope. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We so often confuse our will with your will, O God. Though our intentions are good, we fail to listen for your intentions and stubbornly make our way in directions not of your choosing. Redirect us onto the paths that you would have us follow. Aid us to decide our course based on your inspirations and not our rationalization. Bring us around to your goals for mission that they may prosper in your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

## Scripture Readings

The first reading is from Psalm 67.

The Nations Called to Praise God

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, 2 that your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. 7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

The second reading is recorded in Acts 16: 9-15.

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Message—"Seeking Meaning"

Hymn

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer List

### Family Member/s

Joyce Mitstifer  
Family and Friends of Karen Wagner  
Family and Friends of Barbara Winters

### Long-Term Prayer Concerns

#### Family Members

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

#### Friends

Suzanne Fritsch — mother of Steven Fritsch  
Betty and 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

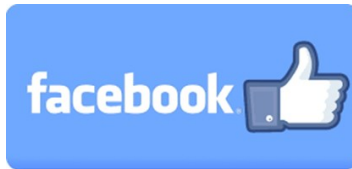


Stewardship Report for Sunday, May 19, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 4,222
	Our Church's Wider Mission	350
	Church Improvement Fund	215
	One Great Hour of Sharing	15



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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.**

Offertory	<i>Meditation</i>	Norman Warren
*Offertory Response	<i>Give Thanks for Life</i> (verse 1)	#518
The Apostles Creed	<i>(on the inside back cover of the hymnal)</i>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	#504
*Benediction		
*Congregational Response	<i>We All Are One in Mission</i> (verse 2)	#552
Moments of Meditation	<i>(seated)</i>	
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "Lasst uns Erfreuen"</i>	Charles Callahan



**Today: First Sunday Summer Worship  
Reverend Nora Faust is preaching  
Sixth Sunday after Easter**

**This Week:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Office is closed for Memorial Day No Strong Bones today</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Worship Support Team Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Property Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Strong Bones at 8:30 am in the social hall Upper Room 1:00—2:00 pm in the Library Ascension Day</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Rev. Rick office hours 8:00 am—12:00 pm</b>



**Next Sunday: June 2—Seventh Sunday After Easter— Communion by Intinction**

Worship 9:00 am

**Open Church:** Cal Beamesderfer  
**9:00 am Greeter:** Dawn Hassler  
**Worship Leader:** Doug Bohannon  
**Communion Servers:** Ed and Candy Hibshman  
Steve and Marianne Fritsch  
**Ushers:** Ed and Candy Hibshman  
Terry and Suzie Schott  
Kenny Patrick  
**Sound:** Paulie McQuate  
**Counting Team:** Ted and Carol Batdorf  
Marie Hibshman  
Darryl Brown



Announcements

**LCCM donation item for the month of June is instant or regular ground coffee.** 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 Community Meal is being served. Please see the bulletin for updated information. You may contact Marcia Bicher at 717/866-6401.

\*\* 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.

**Summer Adventure registration forms can be found on the information counter.**

Sunday, July 7 through Thursday, July 11 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Theme is “Lava Lava Island, Where Jesus’ Love Flows.”

Kathy Grose has taken over ordering all supplies for communion, the Gathering Area and kitchen. Please let Kathy know if you notice we are out of something or getting low on any supplies in those areas. She may be reached at 717/821-5824.

The Worship Support Team will meet on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 pm in the library. Feel free to contact Mark Herr with any questions.

Property Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

**Reminder:** Our final Old Union Cemetery clean-up will be Tuesday, May 28th at 6:00 pm. For more information, see Jim Miller.

There will be a Personnel Committee meeting Sunday, June 2 following the conclusion of the church service.

**GIFT CARD REMINDER:** June gift card orders are due next Sunday, June 2 in the drop box on the information counter. Order forms are also available on the information counter.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be open Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12 noon. We welcome Katie Fields as our temporary secretary during her summer break from Penn State. Please help us make Katie feel welcome in this position!

A special thank you is extended to all who have helped with the community meals throughout the last year. Without your participation we could not have had these community events.

**MUTHENGI MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION PROJECT** - Congratulations to the confirmands and their families who have raised a total of \$775.55 for the Muthengi ministry. We pray that this amount will help their ministry in Kenya. The last day to donate will be **Sunday, June 2**. For anyone looking to donate, please put MUTHENGI on the last line of your offering envelope. A big thank you goes out to all that have donated money towards this great cause.

The Christian Education Committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Sunday school volunteers. Thank you for donating your time to help us all grow in Christ.

An early congratulations should be extended to Calvin E. Beamesderfer and Bonita R. Beamesderfer on their 59th wedding anniversary which is on Tuesday, May 28th.

**Updated Contact Information:** We have started the process of trying to update our contact information for our members so that a new Church Directory can be created. If you could please email [myerstownucc@comcast.net](mailto:myerstownucc@comcast.net) with a current email, address, home phone, cell phone/s and birthdays it would be greatly appreciated.