## Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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#### If you are visiting, we welcome you!

Rev. Rick Luciotti, Interim Pastor Emily Frantz, Temporary Pastoral Assistant/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

## WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

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

9:00 AM	Open the church	
Greeters:		Paulie and Margo McQuate
	Lector:	Paulie McQuate
	Liturgist:	CharlesWilliams
	Ushers:	Glenn, Sheryl, Olivia and Bryson Runz
	Sound Technician:	Robert Dash
	Counting Team:	Lois Werner
		Sara Zeller
	Flowers:	In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore
		Batdorff and Robert Patrick by the Batdorff and Patrick families.



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306 West Main Avenue Myerstown, PA 17067-1023 717-866-5252

Worship Time: 9:00 AM

November 18, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude We Gather Together (Praeludium, Quartet, Finale in Five Parts) Flor Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart.
Congregation: I will be glad and rejoice in you, I will sing to your name.
Leader: Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion.
Congregation: Proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.
Leader: It is the Lord who rules the world with righteousness,

Congregation: the Lord who judges with equity.

*Hymns of Gathering (see insert)	In the Lord Alone	#62
	He Is Exalted	#122
	Give Thanks	#359

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Lord of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your for givesness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

Assurance of Pardon

## Scripture Readings

The Epistle Lesson is Hebrews 10:19-25

## A Call to Persevere

19 Therefore, my friends since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

## All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 13:1-8

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

13 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!'[a] and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message - 'Praise the Holy One'

Anthem (see insert) Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!

(with congregational hymn participation)

The Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer List

## Family Member/s

Karen Wagner Ellen Goodyear Kenny Patrick Nancy Brown Larry Eisenhauer Ruthann and John Snoke Glenn Bicher friends and family of Evelyn Wuori friends and family of Donald Snyder Marcia Bicher

## Friend/s

Glenda Yohn - sister-in-law to Marcia Bicher Suzanne Fritsch - mother of Stephen Fritsch Larry Vindich - friend of Ed and Candy Hibshman Ella Ream - friend of Ed and Candy Hibshman Lori Hull - friend of Suzi Upton Richard Ruf - grandpa of Angie Bicher

Suzie Wartluft's contact number is 717/866-5490. Please call this number with any and all prayer concerns. Feel free to leave a message if Suzie does not answer and she will follow up to ensure accuracy on the listing of concern. The updated list will be called into the church office by 9:00 am each Wednesday morning. Feel free to contact Suzie with any questions or concerns.





# And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward



## 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

Hymn	Lord, Listen to Your Children Pra	ying #489		
Offertory - Abby Frantz, Fren	Aria (Kirchen Arie 1667) ch Horn ; Emily Frantz, piano	Alessandro Stradella		
*The Apostle's Creed	(inside back cover of the hymnal)			
*Closing Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	on #411		
*Benediction				
*Congregational Respo	onse Now Thank We A (verse 3			
Moments of Meditation	(seated)			
Postlude	Marche in F	Alexander Guilmant		
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<u>Today</u> : Sunday School at 10:15 am				
<u>This Week:</u>				
Monday: Strong Bones fitness class 8:30 am in the Social Hall Tuesday:				

Wednesday: Office closed

Thursday: Have a Blessed Thanksgiving - celebrate with family and friends!

Worship at 9:00 AM Guest Pastor Garrett Book Guest Organist Sarah Wagner Ushers: Jeff Rosen Marie Hibshman Kenny Patrick

## **<u>Coming up:</u>** December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

Worship at 9:00 AM - Guest Pastor is Garrett Book, Guest Organist is Sarah Wagner Sunday School at 10:15 am

## Announcements

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

**LCCM donation item for the month of November** is small and large canned yams. 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.

The Elders will take turns being 'on-call' as listed in the following schedule:

#### November 18 - November 24 Marie Hibshman 717/343-3247 November 25 - December 1 Carolyn Williams 717/866-9482

If someone is hospitalized or has other needs, one of the elders could visit or assist in contacting Rev. Rick. Elders are also planning to visit shut-ins and offer communion to them. We could certainly use help. If you are not comfortable doing communion, would you be willing to make some visits, asking members what they need and telling them that the elders and Rev. Rick Luciotti are available?

### Rev. Rick's office hours this week and next:

November 208:00 am - 12:00 pmNo office hours November 29November 278:00 am - 12:00 pmNo office hours November 29

**There is an opening for Altar flowers for Sunday, November 25.** If you'd like to place flowers In Memory of or In Honor of loved ones, please contact Betty Arnold at 717/866-5329.

Someone is needed to open the church the 4th and 5th Sundays from December 23 through March 31st, until Bill and Betty Arnold return. If you are interested, please let Bill and Betty know or contact the church office at 717/866-5252.

We are in need of someone willing to unlock the church on the second Sunday of each month. The church needs to be unlocked at 8 a.m. If interested, please contact Kristi Fields or Lee Ann in the church office. Thanks for the consideration!

## **Community Meal:**

The Community Meal **will be served on Dec. 13., Mar. 14, Apr. 11 and May 9**. Note there will be no meals in, Jan. and Feb. **The meals will be served from 4 PM to 6 PM**. Note that this is a change in time. Mark Herr will be actively helping with the preparation along with a group of volunteers., as has been done in the past. If you have never helped and would be willing to help prep, cook or serve in several ways, please see Mark Herr or Carolyn Williams. Please consider supporting this mission by volunteering your assistance.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Carol Sing will be held on the square at Main and Locust Streets, Myerstown, on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm The instrumental music will begin at 6:15 pm

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the sanctuary of the Myerstown United Church of Christ.

Following the ceremony, there will be refreshments by candlelight at the Isaac Meier House on South College Street. Please join us! ~ Community Improvement Committee

We would like to continue having our Fellowship/Gathering time after worship. If you have not signed up yet, please sign up on the Information Counter in the Gathering Area. We need people to sign up for December.

The Angel Tree is up and decorated. Please pick an angel card and purchase the item that is listed on the card, bring it back unwrapped and in a bag along with the Angel tag. Gifts should be placed at the base of the tree in the Conversational area. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry.

Correction\*\*Thank you to Jim and Nancy Weaber for providing November's Better Families!

**Hurricane Donation** - Council voted to purchase 2 \$100 Visa Gift Cards from HOPE Funds to send to hurricane relief in Florida via Rick Clay. Kory Leppo reported that Rick was in contact with a family who lost everything and is living with very little at this time.