

# The Vineyard

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**Myerstown United Church of Christ**

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## Church Office closed, Monday, 5 July 21

### Office Hours

Monday:

9:00 am to noon

Tuesday:

noon to 3:00 pm

Wednesday: By appointment

Thursday: By appointment

Friday: 9:00 am to noon

### Gift Card Orders

due **Tuesday**,  
**6 Jul 21** because  
of the observed  
Monday holiday

## Condolences

Sympathy cards for Stella Heim can be sent to her niece, Peggy Wike. Her address is

PO Box 386, Fredericksburg PA 7026

### Pastoral Emergencies

In the event of an **emergency requiring pastoral support**, please contact Pastor Paul directly

by phone [610.217.9717]

or email  
[muccpastor@comcast.net]

## Thank You

**From Lancaster Theological Seminary**

Thank you for your gift in support of the ministry of theological education. It provides support for LTS's mission "to educate and nurture leaders to join God's redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish."

## Paul's Epistle

A person's wisdom yields **patience**  
Proverbs 19:11

"Waiting is a sign of true love and patience. Anyone can say "I love you," but not everyone can wait and prove it's true." Anon.

God's love is always abundant, as is God's patience. Among we who are human, not so much. We are emerging from a time that has significantly tested our patience. As I look around me, I see lots of folks who are ready to cut loose and leave the last year in the dust. I think there are many lessons we could learn and retain from the need for patience we have been experiencing, perhaps even growing in our capacity for love and connection to the source of all love, our divine Creator!

During the last year, we have offered some opportunities to use the extra time that staying home has afforded us. A few have participated in the weekly Bible Study (which is now on hiatus until September) and many have participated in "reading through the Bible in a year", which will end with the last day of August, but will begin again with the New Year. Times that call for patience can be empty times, but they do not need to be. Times of patient waiting can be filled with reflection, study, prayer, communication, and connection.

As we make plans for a re-opening at the end of August and into September, we need to be aware of why we need this time to begin anew. We are certainly reopening from the difficulties and traumas of the past year and the isolation it placed upon us. We are reopening in order to make a new start after a decade of struggle and decline. Mostly we are

re-opening to the Grace and Spirit of God to be incarnated in our community and the activities we plan, to be incarnated in our leadership and fellowship, to be incarnated through our teaching and meeting and our praying together. For God in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit to be present in all we do, inspiring and inspiriting us in graceful service to our community in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to be a part of this planning process, please be in touch with me via email at [muccpastor@comcast.net](mailto:muccpastor@comcast.net) or by phone at 610.217.9717. If we are to take on this immense task of being God's Servant people in this time and place, we need all who hear God's call in their lives to share their gifts and talents in that service.

This will be an exciting time as we face the challenges before us. We must answer the question of whether we will answer that call. Either way, God will be with us and blessing us, as only God can, and we will be blessed to be blessings, in our families, our workplaces and throughout our community.

God's Richest Blessings,  
Pastor Paul

**Wood Crafts**

George Heim  
Wood Work is available in "Ellen's" classroom. There are no prices. Decide what you think it's worth. Checks to the church should have "Wood Work" on the memo line.

# JULY WORSHIP

## July 4: Independence Sunday

*In Person Worship & Live stream* 9:00 am

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Sermon:** Serving With Power

**Scripture:** Mark 6:1-13

Early in His public ministry, Jesus sends out the disciples he is beginning to train. When they share their gifts, they both bless, and are blessed!

## July 11: Graduate Sunday

*In Person Worship & Live stream* 9:00 am

### Sermon: In Joyful Abandon

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5 12-19

As we celebrate the accomplishments of our Graduates, we hear about how important it is for us to make celebration a regular part of our lives and Christian lifestyle.

## July 18: Perspective Sunday

*In Person Worship & Live stream* 9:00 am

### Sermon: In Our Generation

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

We can easily become focused on our own view of life and the activities around us. God calls us to find perspective in the work and activity of God that has been occurring for generations and will continue after us.

## July 25: Healing Service Sunday

*In Person Worship & Live stream* 9:00 am

### Sermon: Theology of Abundance

**Scripture:** John 6:1-21

God provides, God Provides with abundance! We worry and stress, but God continues to provide if we, as community continue to trust in God's abundant Grace.

## JULY Birthdays



- 2 Wendy Shaffer
- 3 Porter Linn  
Carol Woynarowski
- 4 Dean Ebling  
Camilla Zimmerman
- 6 Brett Bohannon
- 7 Monroe Krall
- 18 Stacey Hackman
- 20 Scott Bennetch
- 23 Russell Miller
- 27 Joyce Bahney
- 27 Terence Wolfe
- 28 Jacob Blystone
- 28 Michael Hartman
- 29 Jacqueline Shaak
- 29 Mary Smith
- 31 Jeff Rosen

**NOTE:** If your name is missing, please contact the church office and provide the month, day and year.

**Shhh! We won't tell anyone the year. Honest!**

"Summer on the Beach" by Karen Arnold on PublicDomainPictures.net.

## Bible in a Year

- 1 Mark 11:15-33; 1 Kings 2; Hosea 5:5-15
- 2 Mark 12:1-27; 1 Kings 3; Hosea 6:1-7:2
- 3 Mark 12:28-44; 1 Kings 4-5; Hosea 7:3-16
- 4 Mark 13:1-13; 1 Kings 6; Hosea 8
- 5 Mark 13:14-37; 1 Kings 7; Hosea 9:1-16
- 6 Mark 14:1-31; 1 Kings 8; Hosea 9:17-10:15
- 7 Mark 14:32-72; 1 Kings 9; Hosea 11:1-11
- 8 Mark 15:1-20; 1 Kings 10; Hosea 11:12-12:14
- 9 Mark 15:21-47; 1 Kings 11; Hosea 13
- 10 Mark 16; 1 Kings 12:1-31; Hosea 14
- 11 1 Corinthians 1:1-17; 1 Kings 12:32-13:34; Joel 1
- 12 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 1 Kings 14; Joel 2:1-11
- 13 1 Corinthians 2; 1 Kings 15:1-32; Joel 2:12-32
- 14 1 Corinthians 3; 1 Kings 15:33-16:34; Joel 3
- 15 1 Corinthians 4; 1 Kings 17; Amos 1
- 16 1 Corinthians 5; 1 Kings 18; Amos 2:1-3:2
- 17 1 Corinthians 6; 1 Kings 19; Amos 3:3-4:3
- 18 1 Corinthians 7:1-24; 1 Kings 20; Amos 4:4-13
- 19 1 Corinthians 7:25-40; 1 Kings 21; Amos 5
- 20 1 Corinthians 8; 1 Kings 22; Amos 6
- 21 1 Corinthians 9; 2 Kings 1-2; Amos 7
- 22 1 Corinthians 10; 2 Kings 3; Amos 8
- 23 1 Corinthians 11:1-16; 2 Kings 4; Amos 9

- 24 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 2 Kings 5; Obadiah 1
- 25 1 Corinthians 12; 2 Kings 6:1-7:2; Jonah 1
- 26 1 Corinthians 13; 2 Kings 7:3-20; Jonah 2
- 27 1 Corinthians 14:1-25; 2 Kings 8; Jonah 3
- 28 1 Corinthians 14:26-40; 2 Kings 9; Jonah 4
- 29 1 Corinthians 15:1-34; 2 Kings 10; Micah 1
- 30 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 2 Kings 11; Micah 2
- 31 1 Corinthians 16; 2 Kings 12-13; Micah 3

After many years of

# Altar Flowers

dedicated service to the task of ensuring that there are flowers to adorn our worship, Betty Arnold has handed in her notebook. Until a new volunteer has assumed this opportunity, the church office will monitor the process. There is a sign up sheet in the Information Area.

It begins with July 4th through all of 2022. Dates can also be requested by calling or emailing the church office.

# Gene Haag

Correspondence should be sent to:

Gene Haag  
%Janice Eby  
956 N Route 934  
Annville PA 17003



# Attendance & Giving

## Giving

General Fund	\$ 12,066.00
Church Improvement	\$ 1,200.00
OCWM	\$ 575.00
Food Bank	\$ 85.00
HOPE Fund	\$ 20.00
Julius M Ministry	\$ 655.00

## Attendance

	LiveStream	InPerson
2 May	21	29
9 May	21	24
16 May	20	24
23 May	24	22
30 May	19	26

LiveStream is the number of households not an actual number of people



## Update from Julius Muthengi

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I trust the Lord has been with you as you continue walking with him, and serving him in the capacity he has chosen for you. Agnes and I are thankful to God for his watchful care and provision as we serve him here in Kenya. As I shared with you earlier, our graduation ceremony at ILU took place on Saturday, June 12th 2021. It was our virtual graduation! We praise God for leading us that far. I am sending a link for the recorded ceremony and I trust you will watch and listen to the event as you are able. Attached also find recent photos of our ladies in our village ministry receiving solar lamps. It was a wonderful experience as the ladies repeatedly praised God for the gifts! Continue praying for the recent graduates that God will use them in their respective ministries for his glory. Pray also for the people in our community who have been greatly affected by the coronavirus pandemic. May God bless you mightily.



Your friends in Christ,  
Julius and Agnes

Facebook: <https://fb.watch/6g8m-IQ9kP/>  
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Zkb8IK7iUK8>

A Baby Girl  
**Penelope Saige**

born 17 June 21 to  
Derek & Jessica Behm  
Proud grandparents  
David & Annamarie Behm

"Baby Girl Heart" by Karen Arnold  
on PublicDomainPictures.net.

## Take One / Leave One / Shelf

Someone surely  
did leave one—  
actually many  
ones!

Come and take a  
look. Maybe you'll  
decide to Take One  
home!



## Information Area begins to take shape

Gift Card order forms  
and drop box as well  
as the Altar Flower  
Schedule are in place.  
Other items will be  
added as the need  
arises.

Contact the Church  
Office to place  
something in that  
area.