

Serving Today

Consistory Helper for July: Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Matt Weller

Acolyte: Matt Hinkle

Nursery Caregivers: Joel & Nikki Weller

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Annetta Schwager & family in memory of Lee Schwager.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Dale & Dottie Fronheiser

Flowers: Furches'

2017 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 83

Last Week's Offering: \$2,918.00
2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



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CHARITY, A DRUG FOR THE POOR?

The other day, I read in one article written by a Jesuit Father, that charity is like a drug for the poor—that when we give the people things free, it is like giving them drugs. I've decided that I will write to him and ask him: "Why did Jesus have pity on the people?" He must have drugged them also when He fed them by the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.²² He came to give Good News to the people,²³ but when He saw that they were hungry and tired, He fed them first. One more question that I'm going to ask him, "Did you ever feel the hunger of the poor? Did you ever feel the biting cold and have no blanket to warm you at night? Have you ever had a severe headache and had no aspirin to take?" It is so easy for him and for us to talk about the poverty of the poor but how little we really know of it. Today straight after Mass, without a thought, we all sat down to breakfast. We ate our share of chapattis and drank as much tea as we wanted—but did we have to think if there would be enough for tomorrow, or how much one cup of tea costs or worry if we could afford to buy more sugar?

*Mother Teresa, "Where There is Love,
There is God"*

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July 16, 2017

5th Sunday after Pentecost

(+) *Those who are able please stand* **Bold - congregation responds as able**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “I Can’t Wait” K. Kane
performed by Rick Furches

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
God’s love has poured into our hearts,
Through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

+HYMN Faith & Praise No. 226
“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

CONFESSION OF SIN
~ *Silent Prayers* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)
Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;
Thanks be to God.

+GLORIA PATRI
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy
Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be; world without end. Amen*

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) Psalms 23
**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie
down in green pastures. He leads me beside still
waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of
righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no
evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with
oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children K and older are dismissed for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may
hear anew your message for us today. Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 180] Ephesians 1:1-14

HYMN “A Wonderful Savior” (*sing 2x*) Faith & Praise No. 913

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 104] John 14:25-27

SERMON Pastor Mary
PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “All My Heart I Give” H. Livingston Jr.

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; All
that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
(prayers for local and worldwide concerns)
PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD’S PRAYER (unison) (debts & debtors)

+HYMN “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Faith & Praise No. 679

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide,
uphold you; With his sheep securely fold you; God be
with you till we meet again.*

+POSTLUDE “Prince of Peace! Control My Will” W.T. Porter



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - July 16

9:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School

Monday - July 17

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

Tuesday - July 18

7:30 pm Cemetery Board
Meeting at St. John Hill UCC

July 19-22

Mission Trip Birdsboro

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Note: Pastor Mary on vacation this week

Sunday - July 23

9:30 am Worship Service with
message from Meggan at
Bethany Children's Home
9:45 am Sunday School

Monday - July 24

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

Welcome Visitors - We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Communitas - The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Mission Trip - Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22. Please pray for our volunteer workers.

Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis - See Connie Hile

Music Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to provide music selections during the summer worship services. Contact Elmer Miller.

Pastor Vacation - Pastor Mary will be on vacation July 23-29. If you need emergency pastoral care, please contact Nikki in the office or cell phone (610-781-6248).

Reading Phillies Celebrate Your Faith Night - Eileen Fisher is organizing a group (need min. 20) for the Thursday, Aug 24 game at 7:05 pm. Christian group "Boundaries" will be performing and fireworks will be after the game. If you are interested contact Eileen by July 30.

Grab Bag Auction - Tuesday, August 1st at 7 pm in the upstairs Sunday School rooms. Proceeds from the auction will go towards new church doors.

Ringgold Band Picnic - Posters and signs are available to put throughout the community. Schedule is listed in the bulletin.

Confirmation Class - Pastor Mary will be starting a confirmation class in September. If you know of anyone who would like to take part of this class, please let Pastor Mary know or call the church office.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

- Abigale Beidler----- Recovering from concussion
Betty Miller ----- Struggling with Alzheimer's
Mae Bauer (Janet Conrad's Mom)-----
Recovering at home from broken bones
Marie Schollenberger-----
At Topton Lutheran Home for rehab and treatment
Brian Conrad (Herm & Judy Conrad's Son)-----
Home recovering with heart problems
Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy's Daughter in Law)-----
Recovering from lumpectomy
Fern Schanely ----- In rehab recovering from back surgery
Claudia Schott-----In rehab recovering from hip surgery
Family of Molly Benfield -----She passed away on July 3
Gary Dillensnyder----- Fell and has back pain

Ringgold Band Picnic - Saturday, August 5th

We need lots of help. If you have never helped before now is the time to volunteer and have fun! Donations of baked goods are needed and greatly appreciated. Donations of intermission raffle items are also being accepted; please see Elmer Miller. Advertisement posters & signs are available in the Narthex. Please help distribute them throughout the community.

Please note that help IS needed to clean up grounds and set up and serve food the day of this event. If you are available to help with clean up or the day of the event, please let Elmer, Eileen, Terry, Dennis or Nancy know. Come when you can, leave when you must!

The following dates are the schedule of events for the Ringgold Band Picnic:

Monday, July 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

Clean-Up (clean up dining hall and wash dishes, mow grass and trim weeds.)
Please bring lawn equipment for grounds work.

Wednesday, August 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rain date for clean up

Saturday, August 5 @ 1:00 p.m.

Food Preparation
(peel potatoes for french fries, complete grounds work, wiping down serving stand).

Saturday, August 5 @ 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Help with picnic and food sales.
Refreshments available at 3:00 p.m.
Music from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

Close up buildings and trash removal.