

**July 8, 2018**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 8, 2018**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     “O Jesus I Have Promised”     arr. by F. Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN     “I Love to Tell the Story”     Faith & Praise No. 659

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God, Grant us today your pardon and your peace-  
For the sins of our lips: For words untrue, and  
words unclean, and words unkind. For the sins of  
our hands: For all careless work, for all wrong  
deeds, for any action which hurt another or which  
made it easier for another to go wrong. For the  
sins of our minds: For blindness to the truth, for  
refusal to face facts, for all dishonest thinking. For  
the sins of our hearts: For all pride, all wrong  
desires, and all false loves. Forgive us, O God.  
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**“Something Beautiful”     Faith & Praise No. 571**

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***Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion  
He understood; All I had to offer Him was  
brokenness and strife, But He made something  
beautiful of my life.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(Children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for Sunday School)*

REPORT FROM GHANA

Matt Hinkle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for Joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[OT page 273]

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 38]

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON "The Familiar and The Different" Rev. Maxfield

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison)

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 845

"Gentle Shepherd"

DEDICATION OF MISSION TRIP BIRDSBORO WORKERS

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Repentance" F. Ritter

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name" Faith & Praise No. 77

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*Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy  
name, glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name in all the  
earth.*

*Jesus, ...*

*Spirit, ...*

+OFFERING PRAYER

+HYMN Faith & Praise No. 557

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+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 "Heart of a Servant" M. Puryear



**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.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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

**Summer Sunday School** – We are in need of volunteers to do a short children's lesson during church or teach a Sunday School class for the kids. Sunday School will be held during the 9:30 am worship service. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up in the Sunday School hallway or contact Nikki.

**Church Treasurer** – Wendy Shane will be resigning as treasurer of Hill Church at the end of 2018. We are now accepting applications to fill this position in order to allow ample time for any necessary training. Applications can be found in the Narthex or the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to ask a consistory member.

**Congregational Meeting** – Immediately after the worship service today. We will be discussing and voting on how to proceed with the installation of air conditioning in our sanctuary, and options to replace the exterior doors to the Sunday School and Church building.

**Help Fuel Our Mission Trip Birdsboro Workers** - Have you heard about Mission Trip Birdsboro? If so, there is now a new opportunity available to support this ministry from July 18-21. Daily lunches are provided for all site workers. Included in these are fruit and assorted snacks. The Kitchen Committee is looking for people willing to donate the following items: apples, bananas, grapes or oranges salty snacks such as chips, etc. or sweet like cookies (small packages please). Homemade cookies are always welcome. Thank you for your help. Please contact Judy Culshaw at 610-582-8509 no later than July 9<sup>th</sup> to sign up to donate.

**Church Office Hours** - Please note that Nikki will be away on vacation from July 12-24. Information for the July 15 & 22 bulletins is due by Monday, July 9. Nikki will be checking phone messages and e-mail while away.

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - July 8**

9:30 am Worship Service

**Monday - July 9**

9 am Small Group Bible Study

**Tuesday - July 10**

6 pm Women’s Guild Picnic at Wagner’s  
7 pm Consistory Meeting

**Saturday - July 14**

6:30 am Breakfast  
8 am Work Day

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - July 15**

9:30 am Worship Service  
Newsletter Deadline

**Monday - July 16**

9 am Small Group Bible Study

**Tuesday - July 17**

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

**July 18-21**

Mission Trip Birdsboro

“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.*

Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb’s Son) ----- disabled

Thelma & Charlie (Judy Conrad’s Aunt)-----

-----transitioning to Senior living and memory care

## Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for July: Rick Furches & Matt Weller

Worship Assistant: Ray Kochey

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

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

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Paul & Sally Shirk

*2018 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: 58

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Last Week's Offering: \$2,950.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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*Nikki's Office Hours: Mon. 11 am – 3:30 pm;*

*Tues. 10:30 am – 3:30 pm; Thurs. 8:30 am – 3:30 pm*

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