

August 26, 2018

St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “God's Glory Is All Around” E. Sheppard

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN Faith & Praise No. 648
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Father, we have done wrong, by not caring when we
should have loved; by our indifference to the cry
of need; by hating and ignoring our neighbors.
We have rejected the way of your Son. Forgive us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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-6th grade may leave for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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Joshua 24:1-18

SCRIPTURE LESSON (responsive)

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous,
and his ears toward their cry.

The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous;
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked;
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SERMON

Rev. George Harpel

+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. 582

"My Faith Has Found A Resting Place"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

J. Montgomery

"Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

Solo by Kristen Bender; Accompanied by Eileen Fisher

+OFFERING RESPONSE

"Glorify Thy Name"

Faith & Praise No. 77

"Glorify Thy Name" words and music by Donna Adkins

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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. 534

“Wonderful Words of Life”

+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 “Ye Servants of God” Arr. by R. Wilson



* Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

* The weekly Communitas are available in the narthex.

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.

Remington Ryde Concert – September 16 at 4:30 pm! Yard signs and posters are available for you to take and put out around the community.

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

T-Shirt Fundraiser – St. Paul's UCC, Fleetwood fundraiser for 2020 mission trip to Ghana, Africa! Matt Hinkle has returned from his June 2018 trip and working towards a goal in 2020. The t-shirt is available for purchase for \$20 to help raise money for their project. Contact Matt Hinkle for more details or see the poster in the Narthex or Sunday School hallway. Order deadline is September 30.

Pastoral Search Process – We are embarking on the process of searching for and calling our next full time pastor. The first task is to update our Hill Church Profile, which is essentially our resume which will be used by future potential candidates to evaluate their interest in pursuing the pastoral position at Hill Church. The Consistory has nominated a “Transition Team” to develop our new profile and the members are Gloria Romig, Bonnie Helmick, Dale Fronheiser, and Rick Furches. We had hoped to have 5 – 6 people participate on this team so if you are interested in helping please let someone from the Consistory or Transition Team know. The Transition Team will be soliciting input from all members of the congregation over the next couple months regarding who we are, where we are, and where to we want to go as a church with our next pastor. This information will be incorporated into the profile so please provide your responses when we ask. After the profile is complete, another group, the “Search Committee”, will be the group to actually interview candidates and select our new pastor: if you are interested in serving on the Search Committee please let the Consistory know.

Church Treasurer – We are now accepting applications to fill this position 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.

Community Outreach - We will be collecting for Operation Backpack during the months of August and September. Below is a list of items needed to fill the backpacks each week. They request that each item be "single serve" if it is within a multi or larger pack. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller. note: items with (*) are in most need

- *Tuna To-Go
- *Complete Meals (like Hormel)
- *Ready to eat Soup (with a "pop-top")
- *Mac and Cheese
- Spaghettios/Beef Ravioli
- Fruit Cups / Applesauce
- Granola / Fruit Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal
- Non-refrigerated Milk
- Variety Snack Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pudding (pre-made cups)

Hoagie Sale - Order by September 11; Pick up September 22. More details and order form are in the bulletin.

Oley Fair - Saturday, September 22nd Hill Church is volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 -10 pm. Please contact Eileen Fisher if are able to help out for more details. A free parking pass for the night is available if you help out. It is a great night of laughter, fun and work all while helping the community!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - August 26

9:30 am Worship Service
Rev. George Harpel

Monday - August 27

9 am Small Group Bible
Study

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 2

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
with Holy Communion

Tuesday - September 4

7 pm Women's Guild
Meeting

Saturday - September 8

6:30 am Men's Breakfast
8 am Work Day

"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

Dennis (Dale Fronheiser's Uncle) & Ruth Brooke -----
----- Ruth is in declining health

Family of Harold Eidle-----Passed away Wednesday

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for August: Rick Furches & Arlan Schaeffer

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Nikki & Joel Weller

This week's flowers are sponsored by Donald & Glenna Albitz in memory of Raymond & Luella Albitz

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Dale & Dottie Fronheiser in honor of Paige's birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers: Jan & Eileen Fisher

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: 64

Last Week's Offering: \$7,216.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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as
& for me
MY HOUSE
WE WILL
Serve
the
LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

EPHESIANS 6:10

**BE STRONG
IN THE LORD
AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER**