

September 9, 2018

St. John - Hill U.C.C.

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16th Sunday after Pentecost **September 9, 2018**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Andante Tranquillo” arr. by D. Hegarty

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN “Give Thanks” Faith & Praise No. 68

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, forgive: Our choosing the worse when we know the better; our failure to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand of others; our blindness to the sufferings of others and our slowness to be taught by our own; our complacency towards wrongs that do not affect us and our over sensitiveness to those that do; our slowness to see the good in others and the evil in ourselves; our hardness of heart towards our neighbor’s faults and our readiness to make allowance for our own. 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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word
open to being surprised. Silence our agendas;
banish our assumptions; cast out our casual
detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the
cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of
our hearts with this word. We know that you can,
we pray that you will, and will wait with great
anticipation. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 213]

James 2:1-9, 14-17

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 40]

Mark 7:24-30

SERMON "Showing Partiality"

Pastor Chuck 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. 477

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “The Healing Hand of God” 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 “Bind Us Together” Faith & Praise No. 704

+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 G. F. Handel; arr. by E. Broughton

“With Trumpets and Horns”



* 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

Outdoor Worship – Next Sunday, September 16 at 9:30 am worship will be held outdoor in the bandshell, benches will be set up or bring your own chair.

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.

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

Blood Drive – The November 2018 Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be held on Monday, November 19 in order to accommodate the St. Joseph's Daycare Thanksgiving program. This is a change from the typical third Tuesday schedule.

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!

Pastoral Search Process – We are starting to collect surveys to complete our church profile. See any transition team member, the church office or visit www.stjohnhillucc.org to complete the survey. Responses need to be completed and returned by September 23.

Introduction to the Bible – Pastor Chuck Maxfield will offer a course, “Introduction to the Bible,” on Monday nights in September and October. This course does NOT go through the Bible verse by verse, chapter by chapter, or even book by book. It is an overview, to help us to understand the Bible as we use it in the future. Class will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

T-Shirt Fundraiser – Matt Hinkle has returned from his mission trip and working towards a goal in 2020. T-shirt are 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.

Back to College – We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Once completed, we will post the list in the Narthex so that anyone who would like to keep in touch with them can do so. Please give your information to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

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)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - September 9

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday - September 10

9 am Small Group Bible Study
7 pm Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday - September 11

Hoagie Orders Due
7 pm Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - September 12

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - September 16

8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship Service
Joyful Noise Offering
Newsletter Deadline
4:30 pm Remington Ryde Concert

Monday - September 17

7 pm Introduction to the Bible

Wednesday - September 18

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

“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

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for September: Ray Kochey, Dottie Fronheiser & Terry Shane

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Acolyte: Samantha Jo Dolansky

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Dottie Fronheiser

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Dennis & Nancy Weller in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Ray & Tracy Kochey

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: 49

Last Week's Offering: \$3,406.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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