

**September 23, 2018**

# St. John – Hill U.C.C.

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## **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      September 23, 2018**

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      “Be Thou My Vision”      arr. by E. Broughton

### CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN      “Be Thou My Vision”      See Insert

### 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

“My Tribute”

Faith & Praise No. 36

“My Tribute” words & music by Andraé Crouch, ©1971 Communiqué Music CCLI License #11085161

***To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the  
glory for the things He has done. With His blood  
He has saved me; With His pow’r He has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[NT page 214]

James 3:13-18; 4:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

[NT page 43]

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON "Wisdom from Above" 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. 424

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

SHARING PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Almost Persuaded” arr. by E. Broughton

+OFFERING RESPONSE

“All Things Are Thine”

Blue Hymnal No. 508

“All Things Are Thine” words and music by John Greenleaf Whittier ©1892 CCLI License #11085161

*All things are Thine: no gift have we, Lord of all gifts,  
to offer Thee; And hence with grateful hearts today,  
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.*

+OFFERING PRAYER

+HYMN

Faith & Praise No. 406

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

+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 “March” G.F. Handel; arr. by D. Paxton



- \* 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.

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

**Church Treasurer** – 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.

**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.

**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](http://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 select 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 mornings from 9 - 10:30 am and Monday evenings from 7 - 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!

**Apple sauce and Chow Chow Day** – Monday, October 8, 7:30 am or when you can help. With many hands we should be finished by 11:00-12:00. Where?: Dining hall. This is a multi gender event. A couple of muscles in this days event are appreciated. This will supply our church for our 3 major church dinners. I don't have a clipboard but let me know if you can help. Thank you for volunteering. Nancy Weller

**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)

## ANNUAL BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

Dinner served 3:00 -7:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$9.00 Children 3-10 yrs. \$5.00

Take out \$1.00 extra

Dinner includes: Sausage, Buckwheat Pancakes, Regular Pancakes,  
Homefries, Vegetables, Dessert & Beverage

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Clean-up of grounds and wash dishes in the dining hall.

(Please bring your own lawn equipment).

**Saturday, October 6 at 7:00 a.m.**

Morning food preparations start at 7 am.

(peel & slice potatoes, set up tables, prepare take out sides, cut & stack sausages)

Meals are served starting at 3 p.m.

(1 pm help with mixing pancake mix, frying sausage and potatoes)

(2:30 pm waitresses & kitchen help needed)

*Donations of baked goods are needed and are greatly appreciated!*

**Monday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.**

Trash removal and returning items from dining hall to church attic.

Again your help is needed. Please do not wait to be asked, we do not know your schedule, but we need your help for clean up on Wednesday evening and also for the Saturday events! We don't know who you are - so contact Eileen, Dennis or Nancy with what you can help with any day or time for above activities. Your time is so appreciated.

*Proceeds of this event help sponsor our Sunday School and Youth Group curriculum along with helping families with camp fees, Vacation Bible School, Sponsorship of an Elder person, \$10.00 pack of tickets per student for Knoebels Grove Sunday, sponsorship of our Creation Festival; chaperones for our Youth. What a wonderful gift we can all help to nurture our Youth!*

***HAPPENING THIS WEEK:***

**Sunday - September 23**

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

**Monday - September 24**

No morning bible study due to funeral  
7 pm Introduction to the Bible

**Wednesday - September 26**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal

***HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:***

**Sunday - September 30**

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

**Monday - October 1**

9 am Small Group Bible Study  
7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting

**Tuesday - October 2**

7 pm Women's Guild Meeting

**Wednesday - October 3**

6 pm Supper Prep  
7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Saturday - October 6**

7 am Supper Prep  
3 pm Buckwheat Supper

"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 John Mauger ----- He passed away last Sunday



## Serving Today

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

Worship Assistant: Rick Furches

This week's flowers & bulletins are sponsored by Joel & Nikki Weller in honor of their anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins:

Flowers:

*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: 37

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Last Week's Offering: \$1,857.00

2018 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,099.11

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**Rev. Charles Maxfield, Interim Pastor**

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

*Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 am – 3:30 pm*

**Wendy Shane, Treasurer**

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# Be Thou My Vision

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Irish hymn, c. 8th century

SLANE

Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Irish melody

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

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Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

1. Be Thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart- Nought be all  
2. Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word- I ev-er  
3. Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise- Thou mine in-  
4. High King of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won, May I reach

else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by  
with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa-ther,  
her-it-ance, now and al-ways; Thou and Thou on-ly,  
heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night- Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.  
I Thy true son- Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.  
first in my heart- High King of heav-en, my Treas-ure Thou art.  
ev-er be-fall, Still be my Vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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