

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my grandmother, Wilma Potts; given by Mike and Lynn Brown.

USHERS: Ron Hutcheson, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller

YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Walter Hoffman

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

GREETER: Camille Morgan

BIBLE STEWARD: Ava Miller

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser

Our Church at Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser (336-225-2964), contact Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Bill Walser, John Potts, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crofts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Annetta Everhart (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Dan Smith (Brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Shane Gordon (Friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (Friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard); Family of Cindy S. Bowers...and Kiana Sinz (Friends of Patti & Jerry Lovell); Dennis Yocum (Son of Carolyn Yocum), Ike Trexler (Friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith), Eliza Paris (Friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (Friend of Cheryl Walser), Ashley Hutcheson (Daughter-in-law of Heidi & Ron Hutcheson)

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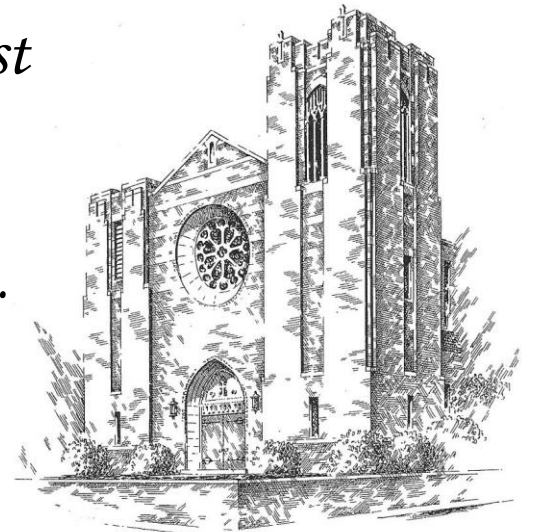
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*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



July 29, 2018

10:00am

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

The Worship of God

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jeremy Peterson

Prayer in Preparation:

Five loaves and two fish are never enough until you start giving it away.

Dear God, remind me to share whatever is in my basket today. You will do the rest. Amen.

Gathering

Prelude

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Jeremy Peterson

Leader: God comes with hands filled with grace;

People: God offers justice like a neighbor with tomatoes from the garden.

Leader: For this reason, we come to worship our God.

People: Jesus comes to hold up those whose legs wobble;

Leader: Jesus picks up all who stumble over their faith.

People: For this reason, we come to follow Jesus.

Leader: The Holy Spirit comes, as close as every breath we take; to guide us on the path.

People: Let us worship, let us listen, let us follow.

*Hymn:

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.

Special Music:

"Joyful, Joyful" (Beethoven)... "Au Clair de la Lune"

Parker Horton

Scripture Reading:

John 6: 1-14
(Page #971 of Pew Bible)

Jeremy Peterson

*Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

We confess that sometimes we think we can do anything we want, no matter the consequences; we can speak any words that are on our lips, no matter how much they hurt; we can hoard what we have, no matter how much need others have in their lives. Forgive us for those times when our own wants and wishes have made

us blind and deaf to the needs and concerns of others. Forgive us for those times when we have only seen the problem rather than dare to dream a solution that would reveal Your love. Help us to transcend self-centeredness, greed and fear and to always to feel, think and act as those who follow Jesus.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 11: 1-15
(Page #281 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon:

“Becoming Goliath”

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn:

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Insert

*Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offering Response

“The Doxology”

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*Benediction

*Postlude

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the “low valley” area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
John Hughes, 1907
Alternate setting: ZION

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

We are the clay, you are the potter . . . Is. 64:8

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wound-ed and
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me aft - er thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er - all pow - er - sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall

will, while I am wait - ing yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

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USHERS

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP for the **Usher Appreciation Lunch** scheduled for **Sunday, August 12th** immediately following the worship service. Come join us so that we can say thank you for your faithful service. Spouses are invited.

Please notify the office **TODAY** to assist us in ordering catered food.

FREE Summer Activities for the Young and Young at Heart...

- **Church-wide Bowling Night, Lexington YMCA** – Friday, August 3rd from 5:30 – 7:30pm First Reformed family and friends will enjoy pizza, drinks and bowling. If you haven't contacted Cathy Waitman yet, **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to sign up!**
- **Back to School Bingo and Movie in church fellowship hall** – Tuesday, August 14th from 1:30 – 4pm; prizes, popcorn, snacks, drinks will be provided. Please let Cathy know **by August 5th** if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE

for the weekend of **September 15-16** when Rev. Al Staggs, a minister and performance artist, will share three presentations. Saturday evening, September 15th, Rev. Staggs will present "**Laughter for Life**". This program focuses on the spiritual, emotional and physical benefits of humor and features his numerous comedic impersonations.

Sunday morning, September 16th, at 9:45am in the education building, Rev. Staggs will perform "**Clarence Jordan and the God Movement.**"

Sunday morning at 11:00am in the sanctuary, Rev. Staggs will perform, "**A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**". The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God. In the play, Bonhoeffer tells of the profound influence of fellow Union Theological student, Frank Fisher, an African-American friend who introduced Dietrich to the blight of racism in America. Prisoner Bonhoeffer expresses moral outrage against the Nazi treatment of Jews and explains how that outrage led him to become involved in the German resistance movement, a commitment that would result in his execution by hanging on April 9, 1945

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As we begin preparation for Rev. Staggs' visit, beginning Sunday, August 5th during the Sunday school hour, Rev. Horton will lead a class on the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman, has ordered several books titled *Bonhoeffer Study Guide* for those who would like to read and prepare for the Sunday school class. **Only a few books remain.** Please see Cathy if you would like a copy.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT for OPEN HANDS MINISTRY

The Open Hands Ministry is in need of size #10 cans of fruits and vegetables. You may drop any donations by the church office. All donations are appreciated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.



Send a Kid to School

Our "Back to School" campaign for Communities in Schools continues through August 12.

Please help by bringing the items to the **Communities in Schools Box** located outside the office during the month of July or in the Narthex during August.

ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

- July 15 – pencils & notebook paper
- July 22 – crayons & glue sticks
- July 29 composition books & erasers
- August 5 – colored pencils & markers
- August 12 - backpacks



Bill Walser sends a special **thank you** to everyone who helped him last Sunday following worship. He is thankful you were there when he needed help!



(Building Relationships In Dinner Groups Eating)

A new Dinner Ministry begins! Join a Bridge Dinner Group!

The mission is not to play cards, but to build bridges. We want to get to know congregation members better by sharing a meal together in a small group setting once in September and again in October.

Who's invited to participate? Anyone who wishes...from long-time members to those who are recently visiting.

Tammy Rhodes and Susie Smith will coordinate those who are interested into groups of 6-8 people. Next, an "engineer" will be selected from each group to contact the group members to decide when and where and how the small group will meet for a meal.

Meals could be a covered dish at someone's home, a local park picnic, a table at local restaurant...each small group will decide for itself the meal details.

To participate, e-mail or text your name to Tammy Rhodes **by SUNDAY, August 19th** at tammyrhodes2215@gmail.com or **(336) 250-3121**.



NEXT SUNDAY, August 5th worship services will return to their regular schedule.

9:45 - Sunday School

10:30 - First Sunday Social {Fellowship Hall}
Walter & Ann Hoffman

11:00 - Worship and Holy Communion in our newly *refreshed* sanctuary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 29.....Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM ... Worship Service in Chapel

Intercessory Prayer Circle at front of Chapel

Monday, July 30

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal *{Fellowship Hall}*

Tuesday, July 31

10:00AM..... Youth Trip: Meet at Adventure Landing

Thursday, August 2

5:30PM YOGA Class *{Parlor}*

7:00PM Square Dance *{Fellowship Hall}*

Friday, August 3

5:30PM..... Youth Bowling at Lexington YMCA

Saturday, August 4

10:00AM..... NC Lion's Club District I Meeting *{Fellowship Hall}*

Sunday, August 5..... Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:45AM..... Sunday School

Youth study Esther with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Rev. Horton *{FH}*

10:30AM..... First Sunday Social: Walter & Ann Hoffman *{FH}*

11:00AM..... WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY & COMMUNION

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries *{July 29-August 4}*

BIRTHDAYS..... July 31 Margot Everhart

August 1 Pattie Everhart

..... Claire Smith

August 2 Karla Loper

..... Jerry Lovell

August 4 Lynn Klopp

ANNIVERSARIES..... July 30..... Eddie & Belinda Yates

August 3 Bill & Carolyn Robbins