

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

Our Mission
 Connect People to Jesus Christ
 Grow Disciples
 Relieve Suffering

Prelude *Jesus, Thou Art the Sinner's Friend* *arr. Lyle Neff*
 Peter Omundsen, organ

Introit (10:45) *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*
 Chancel Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

Announcements & Greeting Rev. Joe DiPaolo

* Call to Worship
 The heavens are telling the glory of God, all creation, proclaims God's handiwork.
Without words, each sunrise announces God's faithfulness and the night inspires awe toward our Creator;
 We join this day with Christ's church around the world, to use our words,
And join with all creation in praise and adoration to our God!

* Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* No. 90

Common Prayer Liturgist, Pastor Kerry Leeper
God of mercy, we bring our wounded selves, our divided church and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. Though we are quick to blame others, we know that we need your forgiveness. Break down the walls of distrust and fear. Open a way for us to live together in truth and love, within our churches, and among them. Enable us to build a worldwide Christian movement where all can belong; all can share the gifts you've bestowed, and all move into the future with hope; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Anthem (8:15) *Table of Grace* Pepper Choplin
 Chapel Choir; Peter Omundsen, Director;
 Judy Williams, piano

Anthem (10:45) *The Church's One Foundation* Dan Forest
 Chancel Choir; Brian Norcross, Conductor

Scripture Reading **Philippians 2:1-13** (Pew Bibles, NT, page 186) Liturgist

(10:45) Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to the Children's Program meeting in the Nursery Suite. Teachers are waiting in the Gathering Place outside the Sanctuary.

Concerns of the People

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Joe DiPaolo

* Hymn *Trust and Obey* No. 467
 * please stand if able

Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. – 1 Chronicles 16:29

Worship Music: Joe Anthony, Worship Leader
Open up the Heavens
Only King Forever

Welcome

What's happening at First Church!

Worship Music:
Ever Be
Come Thou Fount

Prayer Rev. Joe DiPaolo

The Word **Matthew 21:23-32**

Sermon *"Love God and Do as You Please"* Rev. Joe DiPaolo

Communion
Trust and Obey

Offering

Blessing

CONFIRMATION RETREAT AND MENTOR TRAINING

The 2017-2018 Confirmation Mentors have been selected and called. The mentor meeting is on Sunday, October 8, 9:30 - 10:00 AM, in the library. If you are a mentor but are not available for the meeting, please let your confirmand and the confirmation coordinator Kate Beiler, youth@engagegodfirst.org, know ahead of time. The Confirmation Retreat is October 13 - 15 at Gretna Glen. Confirmands and interested mentors must hand in permission slips and deposits by October 8 to their confirmation teachers Joe Reed or Marge Kuhn.

First United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor: Rev. Joseph DiPaolo

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kerry Leeper

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A LETTER FROM BEN FOWLER

"Thank you to everyone for sending your love, support and prayers. The words of positivity and encouragement have raised my spirits on many occasions. Between the letters sent in and attending chapel I have seen how the spirits gives great gifts, uplifting those in need. Coming to prison I was expecting abandonment from most everyone, but the Lord works in mysterious ways and for that I give thanks that abandonment was not my destiny. In fact, it was the start of a nurturing family I had not realized that I had. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I will hold all your words dearly close as I continue in my walk towards freedom. Love, Ben Fowler

PS: I am unfortunately limited to the amount of mail I send out of the prison so it is difficult to respond to everyone. But please know that I read and appreciate everything I get. Items such as envelopes and stamps sent to me are confiscated before I get them. But I appreciate the thought." Ben

CHERUB CHOIR: The Cherub Choir season kicks off on Saturday, October 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Cherub Choir is for children 3 or 4 years old through 2nd grade and rehearses every Saturday. We sing at the contemporary service and 10:45 traditional service about 6 times a year. If your child is interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord, please contact Jan Betty @ 717-653-9537 or jan@mycyberlink.net.

CAROL CHOIR: The Carol Choir is for children in grades 3 through 6. This choir rehearses each Wednesday for an hour and sings at the contemporary and 10:45 traditional about once each month. We will continue the tradition of a Children's Sunday on April 15, 2018. This year we are again looking forward to a massed children's choir performance and Youth Art Show during 1st Friday in February. You should come, because it's really fun. This choir meets in room 202. Bring a friend! Please contact Jan Betty at 717-653-9537 or jan@mycyberlink.net with questions.

InsideOut YOUTH DANGER RETREAT

When: Friday, November 10 @ 5:00 PM – Sunday, November 12 @ 3:00 PM.

Where: Pocono Plateau/Skrnish Paintball Facility.

Who: Open to all 9th - 12th graders

What: This is the Senior High Fall Retreat to Pocono Plateau. During the weekend the group will be stretched by challenging their personal comfort zones and faith. The group will have opportunities to boat, play gaga, worship, and enjoy campfires. Each youth can also choose to do high ropes or go paintballing on Saturday afternoon. There is an option for those in Friday night sports or band to ride together late Friday night, if needed. But 8 or more youth NEED to register in order to run the trip. Inviting friends is always encouraged!

Cost: Between \$130-170, includes lodging, 4 meals, and the adventure option selected by the youth. You can do a payment option or request scholarship assistance. The cost varies based on what each individual youth chooses to do.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF JACOB GUOT: Available in the Gathering Place is the book, The Lost is Found: a "Lost Boy's" story of faith, hope, charity and love. This book tells Jacob's story of becoming a "Lost Boy," when Muslim militias raided his Sudan village in 1987. It details his years of running for his life at age 7, living in refugee camps, and being brought to the US in 2001. The book cost is \$15 and the proceeds support mission work to South Sudanese refugees.

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card. Staff members pray for each request on Monday afternoon. Place the card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven’t historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus’ affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who’ve historically been assigned to the world’s margins? On World Communion Sunday, your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

An envelope is available in the bulletin today. Your check for World Wide Communion Sunday may be made payable to First United Methodist Church with “World Communion” written in the memo line.

HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN – JANUARY 15-24, 2018: While you are on the Holy Land via Jordan pilgrimage in January 2018, you will visit the Palestinian town of Bethlehem. Micah prophesied that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of Jesus (Micah 5:2). You will visit the 6th century Church of the Nativity. The birth is marked by an inlaid silver star in a grotto under Church, located on Manger Square. You will gaze over Shepherd’s Field, where the angels first proclaimed, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord” to the shepherds keeping watch over their sheep (Luke 2). Pick up at brochure at the Welcome Center and be ready to celebrate Christmas anew in the town of Bethlehem. Call Pastor Joe or Katherine at 392-7231 with your questions.

SUDAN REBIRTH MINISTRY FALL FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
 Where: Tellus 360, 24 East King St., Lancaster
 This annual fall fundraiser pledges support to educate Sudanese students. The fundraiser includes hors d’oeuvres and silent auction. The cost is \$30 per person. Please RSVP to Anne Griswold at momeocran@hotmail.com or 717-823-0757 no later than October 18, 2017.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW): The UMW Board meets Tuesday, October 3 at 1:30 PM in room 240.

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Joe DiPaolo

Scripture Reading **Matthew 21:23-32** (Pew Bibles, NT, p. 22) Rev. Joe DiPaolo

Sermon “*Love God and Do as You Please*” Rev. Joe DiPaolo

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* No. 881

* Gloria Patri *How Great Thou Art! (refrain)* No. 77
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper Acolyte
 8:15- Malini Sakrudkar 10:45- Justin Kuhn

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)
 Hear the good news:
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
 that proves God’s love toward us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
 Glory to God. Amen.**

* Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory *We Shall See Jesus* Dianne Wilkinson
 Paul Richer II, baritone; Bill Crabtree, piano

Procession of Offerings 

* Doxology *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (stanza 5)* No. 682
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion
Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for service. God of peace, strengthen us as your people, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly beside you throughout all our days; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn *Victory in Jesus* No. 370

* Blessing

Dismissal *Victory in Jesus (refrain)* No. 370
O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

Postlude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. Charles Callahan
 Peter Omundsen, organ

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: Peggy Schneebeli N: Mac Pellegrine	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Jim Thorbahn, Tish Thorbahn	W: Steve and Susan Franz N: Susan Moyer
Ushers	Blair Hoey, Don Banzhof III, Karen Hoey, Kathy Steed, Arthur Williams	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Jim Thorbahn, Tish Thorbahn	Barbara Hill, Timothy Benton, Douglas Cherry, Craig Lehman, Virginia May, Polly Pearce, Nicol Taylor, Charles Yrigoyen, Jean Yrigoyen
Sound Tech	Ken Beiler	Chris Reindollar	Cole Lehman
Liturgist	Pastor Kerry Leeper		Pastor Kerry Leeper
Communion Assistant	Kneeling		Kneeling
Acolyte	Malini Sakrudkar		Justin Kuhn
Welcome Center	Herrs	Jeanne Paules	Jan Betty
Fellowship Time	Bill & Ruth Crabtree	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	
Safety & Security	Al Pedersen		

SHALOM PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL BANQUET: Shalom Partnership’s annual meeting is Thursday, October 26th, 6-8PM, in the Celebration Center. The emcee is Ann Shannon of WGAL and the keynote speaker is Dr. Damaris Rau, Superintendent of Lancaster Schools. The delicious meal by Distinctive Affairs is \$25. Always an upbeat evening with teachers, principals and students on board. Reservations must be in no later than October 19th. See Bob Hannum, Jim Reindollar or Steve Franz with questions and for reservations.

CHRISTIAN JOURNEY CLASS TRIP TO ST. GEORGE’S UMC: The Christian Journey class is planning a trip to historic St. George’s UMC in Philadelphia for their “Time Traveler” program on Saturday, October 14. St. George’s prides itself on being the oldest acting United Methodist church in the United States. Please contact Mark Stoner, mark_thomas59@yahoo.com or 717-808-8488, if you have questions or are interested in coming along.

DISCOVERY CORNER PRESCHOOL ADOPT-A-CHILD FUNDRAISER: Discovery Corner Preschool is excited to once again sponsor the Adopt-A-Child fundraising campaign for the DCP Scholarship Fund. This fund helps families who might not otherwise be able to send their children to a Christian educational preschool. The campaign will run for three Sundays: October 8, 15 and 22. Look for DCP’s table in the Gathering Place or contact the church office if you are interested in supporting this campaign. New this year, DCP will also sell Community Day Coupon Books for Bon-Ton at Park City Mall. These \$5 coupon books are good during Bon-Ton’s Community Days 11/8 through 11/11. Proceeds from the sale of these books will be used to support DCP’s operating fund.

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