



CHRIST CHURCH

OUR PASTORS

Karen Muntzing
Cheryl Arnold

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Steve Brown, piano & organ
Norma Dennis, piano

MUSIC DIRECTORS

Beth Payton, Vocal &
Handbell Choirs
Norma Dennis, Junior Choir
Steve Brown, Marietta
Ukulele Choir

HEAD USHERS

8:00 Karl Kronberg
10:30 Gerald Swartz

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday9 to 3
Friday.....8 to Noon

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 18, 2019

WE GATHER

Greeting and Announcements – Attendance & Prayer Requests
(pass prayer cards, available in the pew, to the center for ushers to collect)

Moments of Meditation

Jesus came to bring fire to the earth – the fire of the Holy Spirit.
We will either be baptized by this fire or be consumed by it.
Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Prelude *We Shall Behold Him* – Dottie Rambo

*Call to Worship

L: The one who planted us as a vineyard, the one who protects us with the walls of love, calls us here.

P: As the plantings of God’s justice, we come to bear the fruit of righteousness, and to protect the poor from violence and bloodshed.

L: The one who tills the soil of our spirit roots us in Christ, the perfecter of our faith.

P: As the plantings of God’s hope, may we flourish in the soil of God’s joy, joining the great cloud of witnesses before us.

L: As the plantings of God’s love and mercy, may we grow healthy and strong, bearing the fruit of salvation.

P: Let our lives reflect God’s love and mercy. Amen.

L: Come! Let us worship!

*Hymn of Praise *God Hath Spoken By the Prophets* #108

*Opening Prayer

God of the vineyard, plant your passion for justice and righteousness in the soil of our lives; prune our thirst for bloodshed and strife from the wild growth of self-interest and greed. Nurture us in the time of worship, and make room in our hearts for compassion and generosity. Help us bear good fruit and live as your people – a people of passion for justice and righteousness. Amen.

*Prayer Response *Glory Be to the Father* #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Psalm Reading Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 OT #511

Special Music *Here I am, Lord* Jordan Darling & Steve Brown

Children's Time *(children are invited to come forward)*

*Hymn of Preparation *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #420

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 OT #596

Sermon – Pastor Karen



WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer and **The Lord's Prayer**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* – arr. Craig Curry

*The Doxology – #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous and giving God, you have poured your blessings down on us like a summer downpour or a waterfall, sustaining and renewing us. The gifts we dedicate to you are a small token in comparison to your goodness but we pray that they offer you refreshment, in the knowledge that we long to grow in generosity. May our giving inspire justice and righteousness to grow and swell like a mighty river in our midst. We pray in the name of Christ, the Living Water. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

*Hymn of Faith *For the Healing of the Nations* #428

*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.** #672

Postlude *The Heavens Are Telling* - Haydn

** please stand if able*

Today's altar flowers are provided by John & Lynnea Scafer in honor and celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE 8/11

Sunday School 31

Worship 194

SCRIPTURE 8/25

1st Reading – Psalm 71:1-6

2nd Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

returns Sept. 15th

CHILD CARE

Nursery – Room 102

Preschool – Room 103

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – 8/18

8 a.m. Worship

9 a.m. Donut Time

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

MONDAY – 8/19

6 p.m. Softball vs. St. John's
Catholic

7 p.m. Monday Night Bible
Study

8 p.m. Softball vs. Basilica of
St. Mary

TUESDAY – 8/20

9-12 a.m. Sewing Circle

12:30-2 Minister of Health

WEDNESDAY – 8/21

12 p.m. Holy Communion

7 p.m. Trustee Meeting

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Kids! Check the carousel at the bottom of the Sanctuary stairs for your bulletin and a back-to-school pencil!

Summer Sunday School today is Safe Sanctuary training for all our children's and youth ministry volunteers. **Next Sunday** Russ and Jenni Garrison will share their experiences at Annual Conference.

Monday Night Bible Study Mondays at 7 p.m. studying Galatians. 604 6th St. For info, see Don or Jan Rary (740-371-4973).

Softball Schedule Monday 6 p.m. vs. St. John's Catholic, 8 p.m. Basilica of St. Mary. Bring a lawn chair to Hadley Field & cheer us on!

Laity Sunday all services on September 1st! Are you looking for good news rather than the bad news we often hear? Hear stories of faith strengthened, needs met, and more. All services are celebrations of God's work through our congregation. Sunday School hour is a time of sharing and listening with breakfast buffet. Don't miss this rejuvenating event!

God's Girls Fall Study begins Sept. 22 studying Nancy Guthrie's *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis*. Books are \$13. Register with Shelly Stormes (614-365-0934) **by Sept. 1st**.

Sock it away! Grab a sock from the Narthex and collect your pocket change for the international mission of United Methodist Women! You will change the lives of women, youth, and children around the world. Collecting through Nov. 15th.

Foothills UMW Cookbooks \$10 each. See Beth Morgan for your copy.

Bridge Crossings: times of change, challenge, and joy when your church family crosses with you. How has Christ Church crossed bridges with you? Fill out a card (balcony rail) or scan the QR code above.



Foothills District Men's Retreat Sept. 13-15, Camp Otterbein. \$75. Registration & brochure in Narthex.

Fishes & Loaves – August Food Pantry needs: spaghetti, mac & cheese, crackers, ramen noodles. Donate in marked basket in Narthex.

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