

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- * **the church at work in the presbyteries of:** Chicago; Great Rivers (IL); Midwest Hanmi; Ohio Valley (IN); Southeast Illinois; Wabash Valley (IN)
- * **the Presbyterian Church:** Centre (Loysville); Rev. William Hambright
- * **in the community:** Friends Meeting (A St.)
- * **in our congregation (at random):** Matt, Megan, Katie & Clairissa Crum; Steve, Ann, Luke & Lydia Lynes; John Snaman

NEXT SUNDAY.....8th Sunday after Pentecost.....July 19th

- ~ **10:00 AM:** Worship. Sermon, "The Best Is Yet to Come"; Scripture, John 2: 1-11
- ~ **After worship,** Presbyterian Women host a Farewell Reception for Rev. Myers.

~ **TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP!** You're invited to join the youth and Lynne Hofferica until 2 PM to work on the Koinonia youth room -- pizza provided! Jobs remaining include: grouting, painting, assembling side tables; cleaning; and planning the Grand Opening. Can't make it today? Another work day is scheduled for **July 26**, noon -- 2 PM.

STAFF NOTES:

- **DEBBY MADDEN** is on vacation the next two weeks.
- **REV. LORENZ** will begin pastoral/staff duties on Monday, July 20, and will lead worship on July 26.

REMINDER! If you have news to share in the August "MHS News", the deadline to the office is Friday, July 17.

MUSIC NOTES:

~ **"A Mighty Fortress"** was written (hymn, text and tune) by Martin Luther in 1529, based on Psalm 46. It soon became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. By 1900, over 80 translations were being used, and today there are more than 200 versions in common usage.

~ **"Nearer, My God, To Thee"** is a 19-century hymn by Sarah Flower Adams, an English poet and Unitarian hymn writer (1805-1848). It is based loosely on Genesis 28:11-19 (the story of Jacob's dream). The hymn is well-known, among other uses, as the alleged last song the band on *RMS Titanic* played before the ship sank.

~ Today's final hymn was written in Latin by John Francis Wade in the mid-1700's. For many years the authorship of the hymn was questioned, but in 1946 an English vicar discovered a manuscript of the hymn signed by Wade.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Today is the 241st anniversary of the date that colonists met at this Meeting House and "declared for American Independence." (*Thank you to Dennis Rydberg for noting this.*)



Rev. Anne K. Myers, Temporary Minister
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First Presbyterian Church

On the Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Order for Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2015

10:00 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDES

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| <i>Nearer, My God, To Thee</i> | Mason |
| <i>Ave Verum</i> | Mozart |
| <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> | Johnson |

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please sign and pass the pew registration pads.)

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| Song | Uehlein |
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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing, dance, and rejoice in the Lord,

for the word of God is among us.

Give thanks to the Holy One, our God,

for in Christ our salvation has come.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You show us what is good, but we choose the ways of evil. You show us what is right, but we fail to do your will. Forgive us, God of grace. Redeem us from our sin and restore us to your image so that our lives may honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(silent confession of sin)
Lord, hear our prayer. **Amen.**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

. . . . In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen!

* RESPONSE - #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

We seek you in your word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Host and our hope. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (p. 604)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Myers

(Following this, nursery-aged children may go to the nursery.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well With My Soul
Korrin Henneman, soloist

arr. Betts

EPISTLE LESSON

James 1: 1-10; 14-17

(p. 228)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7: 24-37

(p. 42)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Conventional Wisdom"

Rev. Myers

SILENT MEDITATION

* HYMN (insert)

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

* APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional)

(p. 14)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory

Let Us Break Bread Together

Callahan

* Response - #592

"Praise God"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ. in your holy name we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (insert)

SENDING

* HYMN #41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Greet one another, saying:

"Jesus Loves You!"

And there is nothing you can do about it!"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* RESPONSE #587

"Amen"

* POSTLUDE

Celebratio

Jenkins

BOLD indicates ALL read
* indicates please stand if able



THE FLOWERS are presented by Deborah Sweaney to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Iris Sweaney, her parents.

AFTER WORSHIP, please come to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments.

THIS AFTERNOON, Communion will be served to our homebound members.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Bruce Ashbaugh

Communion Servers: Anita Ashbaugh; Ann Gottlieb; Charlie Thompson

Communion Preparers: Peggy McKeehen; Elizabeth Martin; Sylvia Thompson

Ushers: Jack & Peg Owen; Fred Seltzer; Deborah Sweaney

Fellowship Hosts: Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh

Flowers: Jean Kretzing (chair) & Sue Dennison

Counters: Barb & Jim Crum

Service Recorder: Ray Thomas