



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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Sunday
August 7, 2022

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and Virtual

Rev. Ashley Rossi, preaching
Sacrament of Communion

SUNDAY
August 14, 2022

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and Virtual

Milt Fredericks, preaching

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THEO'S CAFÉ is open for coffee and tea. Snacks will begin again in the fall. There is a donation container on the counter to help offset the cost of refreshments. Thank you!



PLEASE NOTE: As we return to the sanctuary for worship, we ask that you refrain from bringing beverages into the sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding.

GIVING STATEMENTS:

A statement of what you have given to the church for the first 3 quarters of 2022 will be mailed out in early October. If you would like an update before then, please email Kathi Lynch at:
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From the Pastor...

Holy Cow! It's August and that means the back-to-school ads are starting and Target has a school supply section set up in the back of the store. I hope that you are enjoy a time of rest and refreshment knowing that the Fall will be here shortly. The church has typically taken June, July, and August as a down time, and I am thankful for that change in schedule. I am getting excited about September and a return to a more normal routine in my life and in the life of the church. As I have talked to clergy friends and colleagues over the past several months, everyone mentions that about 30 percent of members have not reengaged back into the church following the pandemic season. I am hopeful that this Fall, we will return to a more regular schedule of worship, Sunday school, task force meetings, community dinner, Bible studies and service opportunities. It finally feels like we are emerging from the Covid season.

My sister, Emily, works in communication and storytelling in Northern Virginia and in a recent blog post, she talked about the idea of emergence:

"As I think of emergence – becoming exposed after being concealed – it is both a physical and emotional act. In many ways, the physical is easy. How are you showing up and what actions make you feel safe? Where I hear and feel the struggle in conversations is on the emotional side. The exhaustion to emerge. The fear that lingers about emerging. The loss at a multitude of levels (death, long COVID, milestones, connections, health, goals, jobs, income, time). The

sadness. The disconnect. The loneliness. The anxiety. The wariness. People (myself included) are not good at talking about emotions and sharing troublesome feelings. The vulnerability required is not often provided in the room. It takes effort to make a sacred space for emotions to emerge. Sacred space requires someone to set that intention with time, with mindfulness, with sincerity, with openness, with trust, with active listening, with creativity, with honesty, and with hope. But most off, it requires space for meaningful conversations."

I agree with her and believe that we need space for meaningful conversations about what we have been through as human beings. I believe that the body of Christ is the perfect place to have those conversations. I think the church must emerge back out into the world, because our message - THE GOOD NEWS - needs to be shared with our neighbors! I would invite you to join your church family in worship, study, service, and meaningful conversations!!

In Christ,
Phil



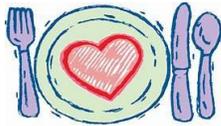
Psalm 113:3
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

COMMUNITY DINNER

August 11, 2022

5:30 PM

TAKE OUT ONLY



COMMUNITY DINNER

HELP AND FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, clean up and to provide food for the Community Dinner. Please sign up or call the church office if you can help.

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

In September, we will begin another new church year! On Rally Day Sunday, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Asa Lee to lead our 10:00 am worship service. Dr. Lee is the President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Hampton University, Wesley Theological Seminary, and Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Lee is married to the Rev. Chenda Innis Lee, an ordained United Methodist elder. Together, they have four daughters. Dr. Lee became president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary March 30, 2021 and assumed his duties as President June 7, 2021.

During our 10:00 am Rally Day Service, not only will we hear a message from Dr. Asa Lee, but we will also have an opportunity to recommit ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ plus enjoy a church-wide picnic at Red Bank Battlefield Park. Please mark Sunday, September 11th on your calendar!!

NEW WORSHIP TIME COMING THIS SEPTEMBER:

After prayerful consideration and realizing that the world is at a very different place, the Session has unanimously voted to restructure our Sunday morning schedule. Shifting Sunday morning worship to 10:00 AM, beginning this Fall. We believe that this will be an opportunity for a fuller participation in worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, on Sunday, September 4th, the service with Communion, we will have the following schedule moving forward:

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| 9:00AM | CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE |
| 10:00AM | WORSHIP SERVICE
Kid's Sunday School after Children's Message
Pre-K through Grade 5 |
| 11:00AM | COFFEE FELLOWSHIP |
| 11:15AM | ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| 12:15AM | CONCLUSION OF ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL |

SAVE THE DATES:



CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

Sunday, September 11th
Red Bank Battlefield

CHURCH WIDE RETREAT
CAMP JOHNSONBURG
April 28, 29 & 30, 2023



BAPTISM: We welcomed Julian James Hill into God's family through Baptism on July 24th. Julian is the son of Jon and Amanda Hill.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Kathy Federici, Dick Hill, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.