**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

January 19, 2020 8:15am & 10:45am

**Sunday Worship**



**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Here I Am to Worship” *Tim Hughes*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP **(from Psalm 40)**

L**:** I waited patiently for the Lord. God inclined to me and heard my cry.

**P: God drew me up from the pit, and made my steps secure.**

L: God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**P: Many will see and believe, and put their trust in the Lord!**

\*Hymn of Praise: 478 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Precious Lord, you are the light who has come into the world. Forgive us, when we love darkness more than we love your light. Keep us from dwelling on our weakness, foibles, and fears. Guard us from looking for darkness in others rather than seeking the beauty that lies within. Give us eyes to see you, and grant us hearts to follow your Spirit that we may shine with the light of Christ. Amen.** *(Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise: 579 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Hear God’s Word**

CHILDREN’S LESSON “I’ll Go”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pg. 1142/1729)

THE GOSPEL: John 1:29-42 (pg. 1063/1614)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lamb of God w/Lamb of Glory” *Debbie Keller*

THE PROPHET: Isaiah 6 (pg. 685/1023)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Call Waiting?” Elder Laura Smith

\*Hymn of Response:

138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed (pg. 14)

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Dedication” *Robert Franz*

\*Doxology: 592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Lord’s Prayer (pg. 16)

**We Go Forth To Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Hymn of Sending: 525 “Here I Am Lord”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “The Gospel Trumpet” *Benton Price*

\*Please stand, if able

**Worship Leaders**

Guest Elder: *Laura Smith*

Greeters & Ushers (8:15) *Steve & Cathy Rush*

Greeters: (10:45) *Marc & Diane Haas*

Ushers: *G. Conrad, V. Shearer, N. Bixler, J. Bergen*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Kellie Karschner* (10:45) *George Casella Sr****.***

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, January 19th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

**Monday, January 20th** *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive (FH)

**Tuesday, January 21st** *(bulletin announcements due)*

6:00pm Deacon’s Meeting (C)

**Wednesday, January 22nd**

6:00pm-7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (FH)

**Thursday, January 23rd**

6:15pm-8:15pm AA Meeting (FH)

**Friday, January 24th**

Office Closed

10:00am-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Saturday, January 25th**

**Sunday, January 26th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

Noon Soup & Sandwich Luncheon (FH)

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15am – 26 10:45am – 64

**Pastor’s Office** (570) 368-4747 presbysmith@gmail.com

**Church Office:** Mon-Thur 9:00-noon (570) 368-1595

**E-mail:** [montourpc@gmail.com](mailto:montourpc@gmail.com) **Website:** [www.montourpres.org](http://www.montourpres.org)

**Note to all committee chairpersons:**

Year-end reports are due by February 7th. Please e-mail your reports to [montourpc@gmail.com](mailto:montourpc@gmail.com). If you are unable to e-mail them, please drop them off at the office. Thanks!

**Correction to Carol Peace’s address:**

**Heritage Springs**

**878 Old Cement Rd #107**

**Muncy, PA 17756**

**Announcements for the week of January 19, 2020**

Welcome to the Montoursville Presbyterian Church.

Visitors: Please complete a Visitor Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you are looking for a church home or membership, please see the Pastor, an Usher, or call the office.

**To assist with your worship experience, we offer:**

**Personal hearing devices** – please see an Usher

**Pew cushions** – stored above the coat racks in the Narthex

**Large print hymnals** – in the Narthex

**Handicap/family restroom** – off the far end of Fellowship Hall

**Worship bags for children** – in a basket in the Narthex

**Nursery care** for children ages up to 5 years old

**Staff:** Deb Rupert, Dorothy Casella, Owen Casella, Gabby Shearer

**A Confirmation Class** will begin January 26th during the Sunday School hour. David and Wendy Smith will teach the class, which we expect to conclude on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020. Parents of children who have not yet been confirmed, aged seventh grade and older, should contact the church office if interested or with any questions. Thank you!

**FISH YOUTH GROUP**  
**January 26th** - Come to the MCEC at 5:30 pm for dinner, games and to continue our race through the Old Testament.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

uuuuuu**Luncheon**tttttt

Everyone is invited to a soup and sandwich luncheon on

January 26th, after the second worship service.

If able, please bring a dessert to share.

The Christmas Eve offering of $733 will go to Shepherd of the Streets and Family Promise. Thank you for your generosity!

**The Hugs from God Ministry would like to thank all who donated money for yarn for the shawls.**

**FYI:** This year the per capita is $36.00.

Thank you for your continual support of MPC.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Baked Steak Dinner – March 14th**

**Blood Drive:** January 20th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm

MPC Fellowship Hall-Sponsored by the Montoursville Lions Club

There is no substitute for blood and volunteer donors are the only source. Please consider donating. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: MontoursvillePresbyterian to schedule an appointment. Save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions.

**Greeters & Ushers for February 2nd & February 9th**

**Greeters & Ushers (8:15) *Carl Fulton & Mike Yourish***

**Greeters(10:45) *Jim & Lois Thomas***

**Ushers – *T. Strein, A. Strein, S. Mathias, L. Keller***

**Liturgists**

**January 26th – *Nancy Butler/George Casella Sr.***

**February 2nd – *Nancy Butler/Joe LeCrone***

**February 9th – *Ellen Dunkleberger/Joe LeCrone***

**Current Expense & Mission Budget**

Operating Balance 12/31/18 $ **12,681.65**

December giving $ 22,285.80

December expenses $ (18,878.37)

Excess(Deficit) **$    3,407.43**

YTD giving $ 197,552.04

YTD expenses $ (198,107.66)

Excess(Deficit) **$      (555.62)**

Operating Balance 12/31/19 **$   12,126.03**

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** John Albertini, Peggy Alison, Annetta Almoney, Dawn Armstrong, Paula Auten, Tom Bailey, Mary Bennett, Bode family, Sandie Bradley, Joey Braunsberg, Cathy Brendle, Jenn, Chance and Gideon Butler, Hedi Campbell, Hobart Campbell, Joanie Campbell, Carmela Carr, Frank Cipra, Diane Damaska, Lonnie Dangle, Barbara Darby, Barb Dincher, Raymond Dincher, Joyce Dotts, Kayleigh Early, Ellie English, Allen Fenner, Gary Finn, Janine Fisher, Bob Folmar, Janet Frantz, Terry & Peggy Fry, Barbara & Bobby George, Elaine German, Ryder Getchis, David Haas, Trista Hackenberg, Donna Hall, Andrea Hanna, Joanne Hartman, Sophie Heinbach, Margaret Hopper, Tom Hoy, Rob Hughes, Skip Hungerford, Kathy Hulzie, Skip Hungerford, Peggy Keller, Doug Killian, Rob Kline, Pat Korizno, Myra Kovalak, Kremser family, Marcy Kremser, Gene Kurtz, Phyllis Little, Shirley Livermore, Brooke Marshall, Natalie Mathias and family, Elizabeth Maule, Brian McCormick, Chaz Merrill, Jim Mexdorf, Wayne Misselbeck, Mason Morrow, Don Nibert, Owen Packard, Wayne Packard, Carol Peace, Brantley Phillips, Joyce Pittenger, Buzz Platt, Colin Prael, Curt Rakestraw, Larry Rider, Beth Robinson, Bob Schild, Doris Schwab, Aliete Sesler, Shirley Shaner, Len Shepard family, Paula & Ben Shimmel, Bob & Judy Shimp, Dave Shipton, Arlene Skelston, Phillip Smith, Kelly Snyder, John Souter, Harry Southwell, Judy Stanley, Tootie Starr, Dana Stettler, Teagan, Tom Ulmer, Barbara Wagner, Keith Wallace, Jake Waybright, Vee & Matt Weakland, Barbara Wells, Chris Williams, Priscilla Wirt, Bobbi Wirth.

**Joys:** New choir director

**Travel Mercies:** For David, Christian, Sophie Smith and Hannah Shimmel and all students traveling back to school.

**Military:** Duane (DJ) Burleigh, Ryan Burns, Joe Cardone,

Maj. Brady Cillo, Capt. Calvin Farrell, Maj. Laurie Fontaine, Caleb Frantz, Julia Glosek, Dani Kline, Sgt. J. Patrick Lawracy, Sgt. Eric Littlefield, Jeremy Loveland, David McCollin, Marissa Patterson,

Jason Yurek, All military personnel and their families.

**Others:** Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa), Ministries of MPC, Peace in the World, Camp Krislund. People in the Bahamas and Carolinas after hurricane Dorian. Haiti and Rosie and Vila



**Women’s Luncheon**

Women’s Circle 2 is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, February 23rd, immediately following the second service. There will be lunch, devotion and a craft.

Come enjoy a time of fellowship & fun! All women of the church are invited. Feel free to bring a friend! Hope to see you there!

Any questions contact Wendy Smith, Jamie Hahn or Paula Shimmel.

Please fill out the form below and place it in the basket in the narthex before February 16th.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**will** attend the Women’s Luncheon.



**Women’s Luncheon**

Women’s Circle 2 is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, February 23rd, immediately following the second service. There will be lunch, devotion and a craft.

Come enjoy a time of fellowship & fun! All women of the church are invited. Feel free to bring a friend! Hope to see you there!

Any questions contact Wendy Smith, Jamie Hahn or Paula Shimmel.

Please fill out the form below and place it in the basket in the narthex before February 16th.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**will** attend the Women’s Luncheon.