**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

September 22, 2019 8:15am & 10:45am

**Morning Worship**



**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “More Precious Than Silver” *Lynn DeShazo*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45)

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 79:8-9, 13)

L: Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may Your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

**P: Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of Your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.**

L: Then we, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will praise You forever;

**P: From generation to generation we will proclaim Your praise.**

\*Hymn of Praise: 459 “Father, We Praise Thee”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful and gracious God, You sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him. You have reached out to us in love, but we have turned from You and from one another. Take away our sin, heal our brokenness, and help us to turn back to Your life and Your love, given freely in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We ask this in His name, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (pg. 1193/1804)

SPECIAL MUSIC  “Glorious Light” *Debbie Keller*

THE PROPHET: Jeremiah 8:18-9:3 (pg. 762/1154)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON  Weeping and Waiting *Rev.* *David C. Smith*

\*Hymn of Response: 394 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563, Q. 1)

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, Who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Let Your Light So Shine” *Tom Birchwood*

\*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: 403 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” *Kirk Dearman*

\*Please stand, if able

**Worship Leaders** Pastor: *Rev.* *David C. Smith*

Greeters & Ushers (8:15) *George & Dorothy Casella*

Greeters(10:45) *Bob & Judy Shimp*

Ushers: *M. Bradley, D. Shimmel, S. Means, M. Haas*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Doc Shearer*  (10:45) *Paula Shimmel*

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, September 22nd**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

5:30pm FISH Youth Group (MCEC)

**Monday, September 23rd** *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

10:15am-Noon Yoga (FH)

2:00pm Williams funeral

7:00pm Session Meeting (MCEC)

**Tuesday, September 24th** *(bulletin announcements due)*

**Wednesday, September 25th**

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

**Thursday, September 26th**

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

**Friday, September 27th**

Office Closed

10:15am-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Saturday,** **September** **28th**

10:30am-4:00pm Building Use (FH)

**Sunday, September 29th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service (S)

5:30pm FISH Youth Group (MCEC)

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15am – 33 10:45am – 66

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**Ushers & Greeters for October 6th and October 13th**

Greeters & Ushers: (8:15) *Mike Yourish & Steve Rush*

Greeters*:* (10:45) *George & Diane Casella*

Ushers: *D. Weiser, N. Bixler, D. Peace, G. Casella Jr.*

**Liturgists**

9/29/19 - *Doc Shearer /Winnie Kremser*

10/6/19 – *Carl Fulton/Dave Shimmel*

**Announcements for the week of September 22, 2019**

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 and Owen Casella

**FISH Youth Group**

**TONIGHT** - Come to the MCEC at 5:30 pm for dinner, games and Bible study.  Bring a friend!

**October 6th** - Destination Unknown.  Slight change in plans.**Please meet at the MCEC at 5:00 pm** - before we go off to parts unknown we will help set up tables in the Fellowship Hall for the Rummage Sale.  We’ll all pile into cars, go to an undisclosed location for a lesson about our faith and then we’ll go out to dinner, normally to Dairy Queen.  Please bring $10 for dinner.  We should be finished by 8:00 pm.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

The women of Circle 1 will be holding their rummage and bake sale on **Saturday, October 12th** from 8 am to 1 pm. Items that you wish to donate can be brought to the church beginning Monday, October 7th through Thursday morning October 11th.The Elm St. door will be open from 9 am until 7 pm each day. Look for sign-up sheets to volunteer to help with the set up and also with the sale.

PEANUT BUTTER FOR BACKPACKS

Thank you to everyone that donated peanut butter to support the local weekend backpack project.  As a result of the great response of our congregation, we were able to provide **451** jars of peanut butter that will be put in backpacks for students in our school district that have been identified as being at risk for hunger over

the weekends. Missions Committee

**Disaster Response Mission Trip:**  Our Presbytery is participating in a mission trip with the Susquehanna Interfaith Disaster Response Network, October 20 - 26 to Washington, NC.  Purpose of the trip is to help those who had hurricane damage to their homes.  Work will depend on the abilities of the participants, but there is a special need for work on roofs, drywall and painting.  All tools and materials will be provided.  Cost is $100.  In the coming weeks, there will be a meeting to find out more, so please talk with Wendy Smith, if you are interested. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall with pictures of past work accomplished.

**MPC is seeking a Chancel Choir Director. This is a compensated position that requires 2 hours Thursday evening rehearsals and 2 hours Sunday (warm-up and worship service). Meetings and preparation as needed. If you or someone you know has the musical gift to lead our wonderful Chancel Choir, please contact Neil Bixler at 570-407-2126 or**[**nbixler@live.com**](mailto:nbixler@live.com)**.**

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| **Current Expense & Mission Budget** | |
| August giving | $                   13,442.01 |
| August expenses | $                 (21,421.67) |
| Excess(Deficit) | **$                   (7,979.66)** |
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| YTD giving | $                 127,738.14 |
| YTD expenses | $               (131,857.35) |
| Excess(Deficit) | **$                   (4,119.21)** |

**SAVE THE DATE: Baked Steak Dinner – October 26th**

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** John Albertini, Annetta Almoney, Tom Bailey, Mary Bennett, Bode family, Sandie Bradley, Joey Braunsberg, Hedi Campbell, Carmela Carr, Frank Cipra, Sue Clouser, Barbara Darby, Diane Damaska, Joyce Dotts, Ellie English, Charlie Ferrington, Gary Finn, Janine Fisher, Bob Folmar, Terry & Peggy Fry, Barbara & Bobby George, Ryder Getchis, David Haas, Trista Hackenberg, Joanne Hartman, Sophie Heinbach, Margaret Hopper, Tom Hoy, Rob Hughes, Skip Hungerford, Peggy Keller, Rob Kline, Pat & Joe Korizno, Myra Kovalak, Marcy Kremser, Gene Kurtz, Shirley Livermore, Brooke Marshall, Natalie Mathias and family, Chaz Merrill, Jim Mexdorf, Wayne Misselbeck, Alex Moyer, Don Nibert, Owen Packard, Wayne Packard, Brantley Phillips, Joyce Pittenger, Colin Prael, Ruthanne Runyan, Laura Sanchez, Bob Schild, Doris Schwab, Aliete Sesler, Shirley Shaner, Bob & Judy Shimp, Dave Shipton, Kendall Simms, Phillip Smith, Kelly Snyder, Judy Stanley, Dana Stettler, Newell Thompson, Cathy & Mark Traister, Sue & Tom Ulmer, Barbara Wagner, Keith Wallace, Tom & Vee Weakland, Will family, Chris Williams, Marieva Williams, Priscilla Wirt, Bobbi Wirth.

**Grief:** Family and friends of Glen “Bud” Williams

**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 families

**Others:** Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa), Ministries of MPC, Peace in the World, Camp Krislund, Families of Flight 800. Families and friends of those killed in the weekend’s shootings; healing for the wounded. People in the Bahamas and Carolinas after hurricane Dorian