

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

July 16, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Austin Baker, Acolyte

Call to Worship

\*Hymn # 23      *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

\*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty God, we know that there are no restrictions on Your grace, and there are no boundaries to Your love. Yet, we confess that we are guilty of trying to place restrictions on Your gifts of love and grace. Too often, we build roadblocks in our neighbor's paths, instead of building up our relationships with one another. Merciful God, forgive us. Teach us to open our hearts, so that we may love as You love. Guide us in the ways of Your grace, that we may offer it freely to all others – just as You have freely given it to us even now. We pray these things in the name of Christ, our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

**DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

New Testament Story

Special Music

Nightengals

Old Testament Story

Sermon

"Anything for a Promotion"

Randy Stear



**THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE**

*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit  
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Hymn # 476                      *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory    Nightengals

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**Teach us, O God, how to glorify You in our offerings, and how to enrich the life of the world with the overflow of goodness from the cup of blessing which You have filled so bountifully. And this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn # 72                      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*(\*All who are able, please stand)*

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TODAY WE WELCOME Christian Storyteller, Randy Stear to worship. Randy and his wife, Rev. Katie Ward-Stear, live in Plumville, PA. Please be sure to greet him before you leave today.

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, Austin Baker; Special Music, the Nightengals; Ushers, Rick & Willa Shoemaker and Pat & Janeen Swope; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Holly George by Linda George.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include reviewing this year's Vacation Bible School, plans for clean-up of supplies and planning for the Sunday School year.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. There are many tasks to be taken care of throughout the week. If you are interested in volunteering to help in this homeless family ministry, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

INDIANA COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL BASH will be held Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in downtown Indiana. Eligibility is based on income. For more information or to register, call 724-463-8036 Monday-Friday, July 10-28 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

GUEST MUSICIANS are being scheduled to share their musical talent during worship. If you or someone you know would be willing to share with us, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.  
Special Musicians Schedule

Today .....	Nightengals
July 23 .....	Sarah Noone
July 30 .....	Randy Doak
August 6 .....	Betsy Holby
August 13 .....	Adam Loucks

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only, at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are July 19 and August 16 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

DEADLINE for articles or information to be printed in the August edition of the UPLIFT Newsletter is today. If possible, please have information to the church office today or call for other arrangements.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jenley (Gould) Schillow and her husband on the birth of their son, Maddox Jaxon on July 2, 2017. All are doing well. Also, congratulations to the proud grandparents, Dennis and Nancy Gould.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING will be held in Fellowship Hall Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The training will cover church-specific scenarios. This 3 hour workshop will provide the required training in a format that will make sense to your situation as a church Elder, Deacon, VBS volunteer, Sunday School teacher/helper or Pastor. Please register with Jill at 724-459-7991 or [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com)

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist residents of St. Andrew's Village. The third Monday of each month is shopping day at Walmart. Volunteers are needed to help push wheelchairs through the store as residents shop. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Thank you.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Clarksburg will host our guests from Rwanda September 12, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Rev. Celestin Nsengimana and Rose Marie Ibyashaka will be the guest speakers. The presentation is entitled, "The Rwanda Experience: Peace and Reconciliation in an Angry World." Dinner will be served immediately following. If you would like to attend, please register by calling the church office or the presbytery office by Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Randy Stear
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship