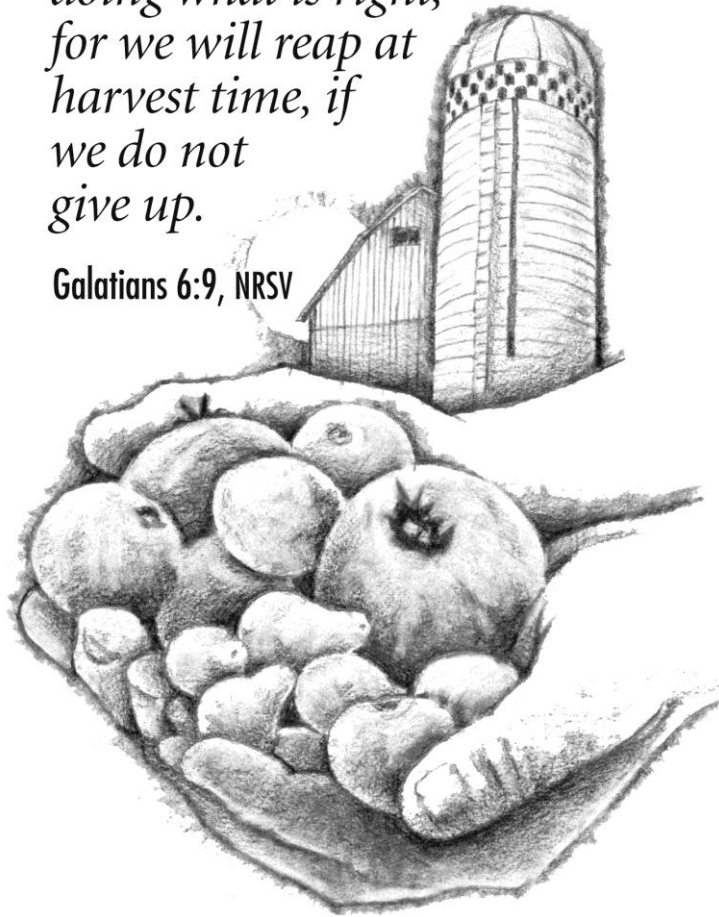


*So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right,
for we will reap at
harvest time, if
we do not
give up.*

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



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

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July 3, 2016 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

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

Call to Worship (*Psalms 30*)

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among
those gone down to the Pit.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

**People: Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

*Hymn # 82 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of the prophets, we confess that we have failed to heed your
word. You summon us to follow your Spirit, but we are stuck in
our stubborn ways. You send faithful laborers among us, but we
refuse to offer them welcome. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us
listening ears, accepting hands, and open hearts to bear one
another's burdens; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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| Gospel Lesson | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (pg. 71 of NT) |
| Anthem | Nightengals |
| New Testament Lesson | Galatians 6:1-16 (pg. 191 of NT) |
| Sermon | Rev. Timothy Monroe |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn # 255 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors")

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Nightengals

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 727 "America, the Beautiful"

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

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 Ushers, Bobbi Monroe, Janeen Swope, Kim & Ron McKinney; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Guest Musicians, the Nightengals; 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 loved ones by Dave Semsick.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE would like you to save the dates...July 31st immediately following worship, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall and the church yard for a church picnic. The day will include baseball, hotdogs and an Apple Pie Contest. RSVP's are not necessary however we would like to know if you're participating in the pie contest. Please use the insert to let us know.

THEN ON August 20th, "Out of Sync," a fun night of singing and joyful noises will entertain us. You won't want to miss it...but you might if there is not enough interest. Please let us know if you plan to entertain or just attend for the fun of it by completing the bulletin insert.

MONDAY, JULY 4TH the office will be closed in recognition of the Independence Day holiday.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, July 5th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold their annual picnic in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m.

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 Shirley McLaughlin. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will provide vaccinations for those underinsured or uninsured from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. at the Blairsville Community Center, July 20 and August 17. The vaccines are by appointment only. Please call 724-357-2995 to schedule an appointment.

THE OUTLOOK bulletin insert today is an abbreviated review of the 222nd General Assembly. The official "Assembly in Brief" is still being put together. We hope to have it to you next week.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday, July 7th at 3:00 p.m. If you do any kind of hand-stitching work, bring it along and join us.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

"BE A FOOD DETECTIVE" is the theme of this year's Indiana County 4-H Day Camp sponsored by the Penn State Extension Office. The camp is for kids ages 7–12 and will be held in Fellowship Hall July 12-14th. Camp activities include: Opening Ceremonies, workshops, crafts, lunch (bring your own), recreation and snacks. Registration fee is \$40.00 per camper and each camper receives a T-shirt. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary for registration information or call Carol at the Extension Office at 724-465-3880.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH located at 36 W. Campbell Street has a little church library box located in their lawn. It is a ministry for those in the community. Just open the door and look inside the miniature church. There are free items for you to take or borrow. You do not have to do anything in return. There will be new additions added each month to share with adults and children of the community.

SAVE THE DATE!! A trip is being planned to Sight & Sound Theater for the production of Samson on Saturday, December 10th in Lancaster, PA. Show time is 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$146.00 for adults and \$93.00 for children. This price includes: Deluxe Coach Bus transportation with bathroom, your ticket to see Samson, all-you-can-eat Amish Family-style lunch at Hershey Farms and a continental breakfast on the bus. There is a payment plan available. If you are interested, please contact Vickie Baxter for more details or to sign up at vickiestours@gmail.com or at 724-248-3546.

SUMMER MUSICIANS

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| July 3 | The Nightengals |
| July 10 | The Bruner Family |
| July 17 | Randy Doak |
| July 31 | Danielle Cyphert |
| August 7 | Angela Lyons |
| August 14 | Henry Foder |
| August 21 | Betsy Holby |
| August 28 | Adam Loucks |

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

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| Today | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| Monday | | Office Closed |
| Tuesday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Food Bank in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Historical Society Picnic |
| Thursday | 3:00 p.m. | Stitching Group |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship & Communion |

MISSION MOMENT- *Immigration Sunday*



Keith Neill began his ministry in Portadown, Northern Ireland, playing in a Christian rock band and volunteering with the youth at his church. There, he felt the call to youth ministry, first part-time and then full-time. All told, he guided the youth of Portadown and nearby Lisburn for 23 years.

In 2013, Keith and his wife, Jennifer, began to wonder if God was preparing them for a new challenge. He interviewed at other churches but did not sense that they were the answer to the restlessness he felt. Upon returning from one such interview in London, he read an online ad for a youth worker position in Hutchinson, Kansas.

It was uncanny, as Keith had been visiting Hutchinson for years, taking youth from Ireland to participate in a Christian peacemaking project there. In fact, on one such trip he took his daughter, who met and eventually married a man from Hutchinson. Could this be the answer to the restlessness he had been feeling?

Many calls, prayers and a successful immigration petition later, it became clear that Keith was being sent out again, this time across the world to serve God as the director of youth, Christian education and mission at First Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson.

In a Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus sends out his disciples to travel from village to village to teach and heal. How excited and anxious they must have felt to receive such a call. And how many lives were no doubt changed by their answering it.

Our church is blessed that people still answer this call today.

Theresa Waggener, Coordinator, Immigration Issues, Office of the General Assembly