

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" Rev. Timothy R. Monroe 137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349 Church office 724-459-7991 e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE August 14, 2016 ~ 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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 Eli Borbonus, Acolyte

Call to Worship (Psalm 80)

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts;

look down from heaven, and see.

People: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Hymn # 73 "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

*Prayer of Confession

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You call us your beloved people, but we do not follow your ways. You planted us as your own vine, but we fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of our sin so that we may run the race that you have set before us; 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

Old Testament Lesson
Special Music
Gospel Lesson
Sermon
Isaiah 5:1-7 (pg. 634 of OT)
Henry Foder
Luke 12:49-56 (pg. 75 of NT)
Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Confession of 1967)

Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all men fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the man who assumes that he is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring men to repentance and new life.

*Hymn # 569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory Henry Foder

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 508 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*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 Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Eli Borbonus; Ushers, Mary Anzelone, Andrea Clayton, Bonni Dunlap and Judy Trimble; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex Baker; Special Music, Henry Foder; 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 Nancy Boone.

A COMPASSION OFFERING will be received this morning during worship for the support of three children. They include: Vestine Hagenimana and Samuel Mutabazi from Rwanda, and Jeferson Morales from Colombia. During the Sunday school year, offerings through the Sunday school are used for compassion support, however during the summer months special offerings are received for this purpose.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, August 18^{th} at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning next Sunday, August 21st through Sunday, August 28th. Many people are needed for set up, meals, over-night stays, clean-up, etc. If you would like to volunteer to work with this ministry, contact Gene Artman.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The cooked luncheon is provided free of charge to the students of WyoTech and is an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

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 or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

A BENEFIT DINNER will be held for the Craig Michael Paouncic Family Saturday, August 20th at 3:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Elks. Dinner is \$10 with memory bracelet and includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Take outs will be available. Sync-RZ will perform at 9:00 p.m. For more information, visit the facebook page Craig Michael Paouncic Family Benefit.

THE CHOIR PICNIC is planned for Sunday, August 28th at 1:30 p.m. at the Borbonus farm. Choir members past, present and those interested in joining the choir and their families are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share and swimming will be available. Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. The choir will return to worship Sunday, September 11th.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will host a light breakfast to kick off Sunday School Sunday, September 11th at 9:45 a.m. We invite parents to attend with their children and welcome you to visit your child's classroom for the first 15 minutes to meet the teacher. We also have adult classes available, the Homebuilders Class meets upstairs and the Adult Class meets in Fellowship Hall. If you don't attend Sunday School but would like to find out more about it, this is a perfect opportunity to see what it's all about!

WE HAVE become aware of the need to update our member military Honor Roll located at the back of the sanctuary. If you served in the military, please check the Honor Roll to see if you have been included. If we missed you, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991 or upchurch@r-church.com.

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

MISSION MOMENT-College and Young Adult Sunday

"So, what exactly does a chaplain do?"

It's a question I'm often asked when I tell people that I'm a college chaplain. I don't really have "typical" days. Like most pastors, chaplains do a little of everything. We put together programs, organize and lead worship (weddings and memorials included) and counsel students.

In his book "Reaching Out" Henri Nouwen recounts a story of walking the campus at Notre Dame with an experienced professor who, as they strolled along, said to him, "My whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I discovered that my interruptions were my work." If ever there was an apt description of ministry in higher education, that is it: a ministry of interruptions.

About a year ago, some students approached me about having a Bible study. It was a pretty unusual request, given the number of active student groups on our small campus. We were joined by Christians of all kinds and by students who might not identify as Christian but were interested in how we might talk about the Bible. We met weekly during Lent and read Lamentations together. Most of them (even the churched ones) weren't even aware it existed. In a world of distraction and disruption, sometimes we need interruptions like this in our hectic lives, and sometimes we ask for it without even knowing why we need it.

While the heart of the church may be the congregation, I see the Holy Spirit at work in amazing ways through people who never enter a church building. Working beyond church walls also means I never quite know what is coming my way and can't really plan for it, because when I plan too much, I miss the best opportunities.

And some days I do my best work in the dining hall.

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes, Julia Thompson Smith Chaplain, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia

SUMMER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today 10:00 a.m. Worship

Compassion Offering

Thursday 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group meets in the

parlor

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship

SUMMER MUSICIANS

Today	Henry Foder
August 21	•
August 28	
September 4	