

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

July 15, 2018 ~ 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

Call to Worship (*Psalm 24*)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**People: For he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**People: Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

\*Hymn # 9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we  
forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our  
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to  
you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and  
finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ  
your Son. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139:1-18 (pg. 577 of OT)

Special Music

Nightengals

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 192 of NT)

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

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

**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.**

(*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1*)

\*Hymn # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

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

\*Hymn # 428

"When Peace Like a River"

\*Benediction

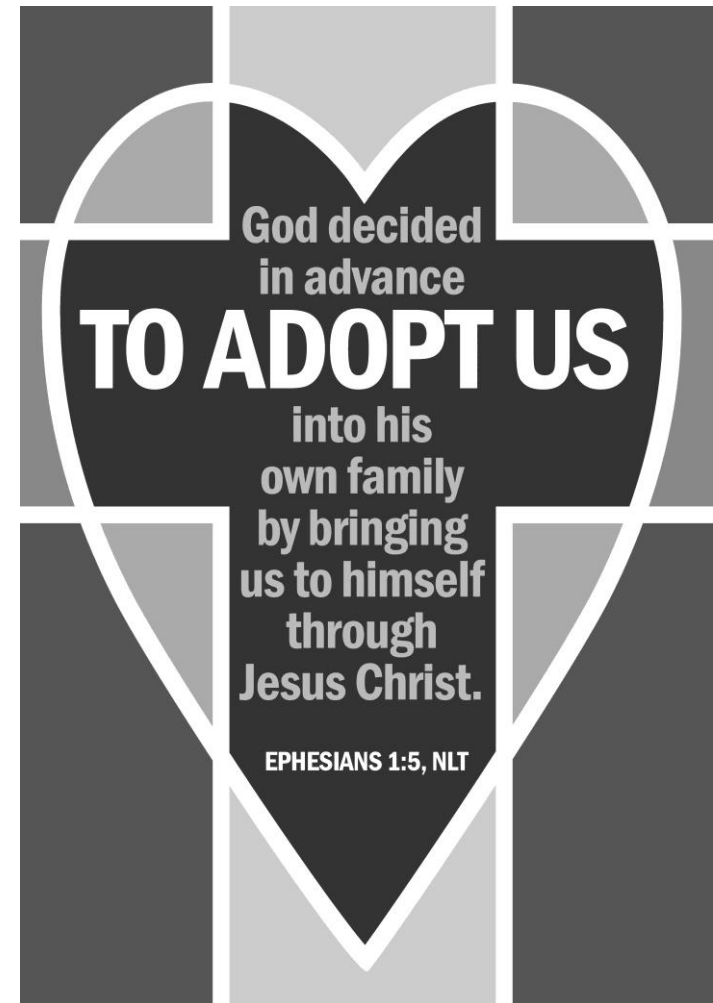
\*Postlude

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

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## **SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship



## **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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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; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus. Special music is provided by the Nightengals.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of John and Jane Biesinger by Joy Fairbanks.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, July 19<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.

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.

Guest Musicians Schedule:

Today.....	Nightengals
July 29 .....	Blairsville Brass Group
August 5 .....	Adam Loucks
August 12 .....	Dave Hiltabidle
August 26 .....	Danielle & Matthew Cyphert

COUPONS FOR VETERANS is still receiving donations. Since December 2016, we have sent \$203,706.96 in coupons. A big thank you, to all those who are clipping coupons for the program. Keep up the great work!

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.

THE CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY CENTER hosts a Soup Kitchen in Blairsville from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church, 241 E. Campbell Street. The dates are listed: July 24, August 14, 21. Volunteers are always needed to help support the program. If you would like to help, please contact the center Monday, Tuesday or Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR A WONDERFUL LIFE will be held Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mack Park Fairgrounds Track in Indiana. Proceeds from the walk benefit STF Community Awareness Programs. Registration is a voluntary donation. Those interested can register online at [stf32.com](http://stf32.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will hold disaster response training sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity and its presbyteries. Trainings begin with registration at 9:00 a.m., include lunch at 12:30 p.m. and closing remarks at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Each site will include training in "Disaster Preparedness and Engagement" and "Human-Caused Disasters." On September 5 & 27 training will also include "How to Accompany People in Trauma"; on September 6 it will include "Compassion Fatigue"; and on September 25 & October 17 it will include "Immigration Issues." If you are interested in attending training, please contact the church for locations.

SAVE THE DATE - Pennsylvania State Police Active Shooter Response Training & Emergency Preparedness for Houses of Worship: *How to Remain Welcoming and Protected* will be presented by Trooper Clifford A. Greenfield. Presentations will be made October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at our church; October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Hilltop Baptist Church in Indiana; and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Center Presbyterian Church. Check upcoming bulletins for registration details.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you.

## **MISSION MOMENT** - *Volunteers stretched thin*

by Rick Jones

Strong hurricanes, record flooding and massive wildfires have taken their toll on volunteer groups aiding in clean up and recovery. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance says that groups have been working hard in recent years to help communities rebuild, but the continuous string of powerful hurricanes and other natural disasters are making it harder to find enough people to meet the need. "Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in 2005 really touched people's hearts and groups and individuals showed up in masses to help. That was 13 years ago," said Jim Kirk, PDA's associate for national disaster response. "Over the years volunteers went back 10 to 15 times to assist with clean up and rebuild and now they're aging out. Back then, they were in their 60s and had a lot of time and energy and now they're in their 70s or 80s." Kirk said that between 2013-15, there was a drop in the number of volunteers. But in the last two years, there's been uptick again. Even with the upswing, he said there is still a great need. "Just in response to the hurricane season of 2017, PDA opened 10 new volunteer host sites including four in Texas, four in Puerto Rico and two in Florida," he said. "We haven't seen that many open in a short time since Superstorm Sandy. That's significant. We are in conversation now to open up an additional half a dozen." Kirk said keeping the centers full is challenging. In Florida, fewer centers were opened last year because many were still in operation from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. "We are still responding to disasters that occurred in the last two or three years. People are still going to North and South Carolina for Hurricane Matthew/flood recovery, Gatlinburg, Tennessee following the wildfires two years ago, Florida with Hurricanes Hermine and Matthew damage and Louisiana with horrific flooding in 2016," said Kirk. "When something new is on the radar, people want to go and it draws volunteers away from established sites." Long-term recovery organizations like PDA work with volunteers at every skill level. "The more skilled the volunteer, the better. In the early stages of disasters, we just need warm bodies with strong backs because there's a lot of muck and gut which can be done with little supervision," said Kirk. "But as recovery moves on, the level of skill required increases. We have space for everybody right now." PDA is always looking for people with building and construction experience. "Even if only one person in the group has construction experience, it will work. A lot of things can be done with some hands on, on-site supervision," said Kirk.