



September 2020  
Hayshire United Church of Christ



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## Worship updates

Previously when we have talked about - Where do you find God's presence? – we have heard answers like in nature, in church, in the people around us. YES! We are able to find, feel, and BE in God's presence no matter where we are. God is always with us.

Council has decided that we will continue **ALL Virtual or Remote worship** for a few weeks. I know this is not what we want to do, but what we feel is necessary at this time as we faithfully and patiently watch how things progress.

So, we will gather on Sunday mornings at 10:30am via Zoom and Conference Call.

Our Zoom link will remain the same each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733381125?pwd=OUJ0NUc2WkN6RkdTMmlhUHJhSzB6dz09>

- Simply copy and paste the link into your web browser and hit enter.
- If/When you see a box saying “Open Meetings” click on that;
- If/When you see a box saying “Join Meeting/Computer Audio” click on that.
- Then you are in! You should be able to SEE each other and chat before worship starts.

If you wish to join via Conference Call:

- Please call: (605) 472-5713
- Enter code: 910762 then #
- It will put you right into the Conference Call

We thank you for your patience as we continue to respond faithfully to these changing times. We will return to in-person worship as quickly as possible. Council and Creative Worship Team continue to monitor the health situation and our member's comfort levels and make the best decision they can to keep everyone together.

See you on Sunday morning!



## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 • Tasha Keller
- 2 • Caroline Reitano
- 10 • Vicky Deardorff
- 13 • Laura Noll
- 14 • Sarah Baughman
- 15 • Ann Fortney
- 15 • John Nixdorf
- 17 • Cheryl Klinedinst
- 18 • Sherri Reitano
- 19 • Brett Weist
- 21 • Julien Torres
- 23 • Elliette Knaub
- 24 • Michael Beaverson
- 25 • Byron Gunnet
- 25 • Richard Lloyd
- 28 • Brianna Melhorn
- 28 • Geoffrey Zech
- 30 • Lance Cunningham
- 30 • Jeffrey Lohr



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 • Clint & Michelle Shultz
- 11 • Blake & Cris Stabley
- 12 • Bryan & Cindy Firestone
- 15 • Derek & Alicia Miller
- 20 • Michael & Donna Beaverson
- 22 • Chad & Christine Kenney
- 22 • Larry & Debra Slenker
- 23 • Randall & Sue Sipe
- 23 • Scott & Wanda Waltz
- 25 • Jeff & Michelle Holdren
- 27 • Mike & Sherry Hetrick



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Jean Blauser • Lutheran SpiritTrust-Sprenkle Dr.  
 Martha Pringle • Manor Care - Kingston Court  
 Helen Bair • Manor Care - Dallastown

### MEMBERS

Pat Strine, Deanie Lloyd, Jim and Barb Knight,  
 Klinedinst-Newman Family, Kermit Hoke, Phyllis  
 Miller, Al Bistline, Ken Darone

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Carol Hess, Linda Sents, Craig Mehring, Tom Leckrone,  
 June Price, Robert Anderson, Dan and Rachel Conway,  
 Jamie Minnich, Patrick Hall, Ruth Cassell, Susan Martin &  
 Linda, Ruth Ann Bubb, Kimberly Hill, Herb Snook, Doris  
 Stermer, Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veterans and staff, Bradley  
 Knisely, Dodd Family, Cassidy Why Family, Alicia Sanders,  
 Caroline Shavino, Cynthia Nimmer, Cathy Snelbaker, Glenn  
 Hedrick, Diane Berkheimer, Jerry Nimmer, Jay & Tracey  
 Covert & Boys, Bonnie Lawrence, Tory Goss, Michael  
 Johnston, Ramon Nimmer, Susan Wollwage



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We hope everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to starting the new school year! We are very happy with the success of the summer program. Even with these strange times and masks, the kids did phenomenal.

We feel very confident we will have a successful school year as well. We have implemented new safeguards, policies and procedures to keep us all safe and healthy.

We still have openings in a few of our classes if you know of anyone looking.

In September, we will talk about family, friends, "All About Me" and introducing colors, shapes, numbers and letters.

//Jackie Bailey, Director

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 haylo@hayshireucc.org

## Pastoral Reflections . . .

From the very first book of the Bible, God stated that rest and renewal were an essential part of a healthy spiritual life. We hear it in Genesis 2:2-3, when it states that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, God rested and hallowed the day, he made the day holy, and then God proclaimed that every creature and human should treat it as holy, even making it the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment given to Moses (*Exodus 20:8*).

Rest, time for personal reflection and discernment are essential to a healthy spiritual life. Jesus did his best to model this throughout the gospels. There aren't a lot of verses that actually state that Jesus was able to have "alone" time with God.

- The longest time Jesus spent alone in prayer and discernment was the 40 days he was in the wilderness following his baptism (*Mark 1:12, Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13*)
- Matthew 14:13 tells us that immediately after Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been killed, he attempted to go away to a deserted place by himself. Only the crowds followed him, demanding his attention.
- After the feeding of the 5000, Jesus is finally able to grab a little time by himself upon the mountain to pray (*Matthew 14:23*)
- Before Jesus' arrest, he and a few disciples settle in the Garden of Gethsemane to pray (*Luke 22:39-44*)

How often do we intentionally schedule time to rest and to spend in a spiritual retreat with God? I would bet you would answer, I spend time praying every day (morning or evening). I don't need more than that, do I?

That's a great question. Do you think we should spend more than our regular prayer time to spend with God throughout the year? When something big is happening in your life, do you ever spend more time with God trying to make a decision about what to do? Jesus did. He spent 40 days in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. And he spent hours in prayer in Gethsemane before he was arrested, making sure he knew what God expected of him. That he wasn't following a false path.

Our lives are so full and busy, that we don't often slow down to hear God's still small voice, and to check and see if the plans we are planning for ourselves and the decisions we are making each day are in line with what God has planned for us. Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane should be ours as well, "let your will be done, God, not mine." (*Mark 14:36 and Luke 22:42*).

During my sabbatical, I will be spending time with God, and making sure that I remain focused on God's will for my life. I have a few books I am looking forward to reading, as well as getting some extra rest, and starting some new positive practices for myself while I am away.

Over the next month or so, may you also find time for a mini-retreat with God; to take some time to just "be" in God's presence – to rest, to relax, and to renew your spirit.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Brenda



## Hayshire Book Club

Our Book Club will meet again September 10, 2020 at 2:00PM at our Church Library. Please wear your mask.

We will just discuss books we might have read during our long months of quarantine, and then plan books to be discussed thru the next 6 months. If necessary, we will meet in the gathering area to maintain social distancing. You can contact JoAnn Stoner at 717-880-6501 with questions or concerns.



### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- We are moving forward with the Bazaar for this year.
- We are working on having the fence replaced by the water basin.
- Movie night is planned for September 11th. Bring your own chairs and snacks.

## From your President . . .

There are times when the scripture lesson and/or sermon hit close to home. Sunday, August 16th, was one of those Sundays for me. Part of the scripture lesson was from Matthew Chapter 15, Verse 21 and mentions a demon that had been tormenting a mother's daughter. Brenda's sermon mentioned our faith and questioning God.

If you have spent time reading the bible, you realize that demons and mental illness are referenced quite a bit. Obviously, people throughout the entire lifespan of the human race have dealt with mental health challenges. As a society, how often is mental illness even discussed? When it is mentioned, it is in the context of an excuse for someone's actions rather than the cause of someone's actions.

When it comes to physical health issues, I have some idea what to look for and how to react. Far from being an expert, at least I have had CPR training. Years ago, I visited my parents early one Sunday afternoon. As soon as I heard my dad's slurred speech, I knew he had a stroke. He needed to get to the hospital as soon as possible.

Mental health issues are a much different story. How do you deal with these challenges? I have two friends, one whose wife is bi-polar and the other had a girlfriend that was bi-polar. Also, I had an aunt that was schizophrenic and my ex-wife's brother was schizophrenic. I do not take mental illness lightly. Although, I knew of people with mental health issues, I never had observed the dark side of their disease until the very end of my mother's life.

My mother obviously had a form of dementia, not Alzheimer's. Although she was not officially diagnosed, there is a very good possibility she had vascular dementia. A situation in which delusions and hallucinations are part of someone's everyday life. As much as I tried to incorporate common sense into our conversations, I eventually realized that I just needed to listen to her for 10 to 15 minutes. After that, she was a joy to be around. Yes, I did question God, on why my mother, who had to deal with so much adversity in her life, was living with so much paranoia at the end. Knowing that she was finally at peace, made it much easier to mourn the loss of her.

Recent events in my life have resulted in me once again questioning God. I have heard people say, no one is given more in life challenges than they can handle. Through conversations and texts with an individual, I realize this person has faced too many of life's difficult challenges. As a result, they are currently struggling to cope. I sincerely hope that they find peace and happiness to enjoy the rest of their life.

Please take mental health issues seriously. They certainly were around in biblical times and will be around for as long as the human race exists. My thoughts and prayers are with all of those suffering with mental illness and the loved ones that are attempting to take care of them.

//Scott Shue

## Coverage During my Sabbatical

While Pastor Brenda is away, there are several great pastors from our sister UCC churches helping to support Hayshire in her absence. If something arises that you need to speak with a pastor (illness, hospitalization, etc.) please contact:

- Dawn, in the church office (Mon-Thurs, 9a-12noon) OR
- JoAnn T. Stoner (717-880-6501) after 1p and on weekends

They will help put you in touch with one of the local pastors who will be providing pastoral support while Pastor Brenda is on sabbatical.

Each week, we will gather at 10:30AM for worship. Pastor Brenda has arranged for our Sunday morning messages to be provided by Pastor Curt; Mrs. Sue Schmidt – who shared the message with us in early June; Rev. Kathy Harvey Nelson – who has previously filled in while Pastor Brenda was on vacation; and Lisa Young. Each week, a Council member will welcome you to worship and act as liturgist. We hope you enjoy the variety of messages and styles as the Gospel is preached each week.

If you have any questions or concerns while Pastor Brenda is away, please contact Scott Shue, JoAnn Stoner, or Dawn.

## Preparing for Communion at Home

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, we traditionally share communion together during worship. Even though we are unable to be together in person, we can still share this sacred meal by lending Christ our table.

Like for any meal, we often “set the table” prior to sitting down to eat. Here are some ways you can do that:

- Pick your spot – You may wish to lend Jesus your kitchen or dining room table – a place where 1 or more from your house can gather together for this blessed meal.
- You may want to put them on a lovely cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or a person deeply connected to you. You may want to add a candle that you can light before worship or maybe a plant or flower(s).
- Or if you wish to keep it simple like Jesus did, you can place it on a napkin with the cup next to it. Your communion space may be as fancy or as simple as you wish it to be.
- Select your bread – it can be a single slice, a roll, a small loaf, or even crackers. Something you alone or with others in your house may break and share.
- In some parts of the world tortilla, rice cake, and cassava are used as this element – which is defined not as a wheat product, but as the most common food of the people.
- Select and prepare a cup or cups of juice (it can be grape, cranberry, apple), or perhaps wine, water, coffee, tea – whatever is your preference and what you have available.

Thank you for your preparation.

## Fall Worship Time

Starting Sunday, September 6th we will resume our fall worship service time. Service will begin at 10:30AM.



## DRESS FOR FREEDOM

### 3.0 EVENT!



100% of sales will advance the mission of Sparrow Place.

A non-profit with the vision to provide a residential restoration program in York County, PA for survivors of domestic sex trafficking.

*Check out a few of the dresses on Facebook at*

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*For the safety of our volunteers, please donate all items in tied/drawstring bags or boxed. Please do not leave loose items.*

**Donation Acceptance Sites (NO hangers, please!)**

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## In-Church Worship

Council will be making a decision at our September 14th meeting about returning to In-Church Worship. At that time we will consider the state of the Covid-19 virus in our area, and most importantly, your thoughts about returning to our physical space for future services. The well being of our congregation is of utmost importance, so we would like to hear from you about your thoughts and concerns to return to In-Church Worship.

So, over the next couple of weeks, please reach out to any Council member— Scott Shue, Christine Daniels, Ethan Knaub, Glenn Young, JoAnn Stoner, and express your thoughts on returning to our building for worship.

//JoAnn Stoner



## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149

Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114

Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

## Movie Time!

Hayshire is offering an outdoor family movie on Friday, September 11, at 8:30pm in our West parking lot. Showing is, Happy Feet 2.

Everyone needs to bring their own chair and snacks, and we will social distance the seating. In this time of so many things being cancelled and our normal activities are minimized, this is something Hayshire is excited to do for our community.

So pass this information on to your friends and family, and join us for a little free entertainment!

Remember, 9/11.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11

Movie Night 8:30PM

Sept. 18

Messy Church via Zoom 6-7PM



## “Which Way? Jesus Calls the Disciples”

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00pm

We invite you to a Zoom meeting so that you can experience our second Virtual Messy Church from Hayshire UCC. This abbreviated version of our traditional Messy Church event, will include crafts, storytelling, singing, food and more. As part of this event we will be providing a supply kit that can be picked up at the church on Tuesday or Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-6:30PM. Join us for the FUN. Questions? - contact Glenn Young at [vizmas57@comcast.net](mailto:vizmas57@comcast.net)

Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/21568961pwd+ZINFOWZBL2hzbFJqdjdKWJJrsT>

Meeting ID: 304 566 0215

Password 558702

## Show Your Church Some Love

The church grounds are in need of some TLC. There are plenty of weeds to pull and the bushes are overgrown and in need of a good trim. The retaining fence is also in need of repair. Even though we are not in church right now, it is still our responsibility to keep up with the care. We are asking anyone who is able to take some time to pull weeds and trim bushes to help us maintain an inviting presence.

Please email Scott Cutright if you can help.



## CALENDAR //September

| Sunday                                       | Monday                          | Tuesday                              | Wednesday   | Thursday            | Friday                               | Saturday                             |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  |                                 | 1                                    | 2   | 3                   | 4                                    | 5                                    |
| 6<br>Worship Service<br>10:30AM<br>Communion | 7<br>Labor Day<br>Office CLOSED | 8<br>Preschool<br>Orientation 6:30PM | 9<br>Preschool 1st Day<br>of classes<br>Preschool<br>Orientation 6 &<br>7PM | 10<br>Book Club 2PM | 11<br>Movie Night<br>8:30PM          | 12<br>Pastor Brenda's<br>wedding 6PM |
| 13   | 14<br>Council Meeting<br>6PM    | 15                                   | 16  | 17                  | 18<br>Messy Church via<br>Zoom 6-7PM | 19                                   |
| 20   | 21                              | 22                                   | 23<br>Stewardship/<br>Finance Meeting<br>5:45PM                             | 24                  | 25                                   | 26                                   |
| 27   | 28                              | 29                                   | 30  |                     |                                      |                                      |



## WORSHIP SUPPORT //September

\*Due to worship services being held via Zoom and conference call, no volunteers are needed and altar flowers will not be ordered.

|                      | September 6                         | September 13                       | September 20                       | September 27                        |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Worship Leaders      | JoAnn Stoner and<br>Rev. Curt Weber | Scott Shue and<br>Mrs. Sue Schmidt | Glenn Young and<br>Rev. Curt Weber | JoAnn Stoner and<br>Rev. Curt Weber |
| Greeters             |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                     |
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| Head Usher           | Joyce Gross                         |                                    |                                    |                                     |
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\*Contact the office to be a bulletin, newsletter, or altar flower sponsor!



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Dawn Jones, Administrative Assistant  
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Jackie Bailey, Preschool Director & Teacher  
Stacey Knisely, Teacher  
Cathy Jennings, Assistant  
Amy Shaffer, Assistant

### HAYSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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