

D O N E G A L
P R E S B Y T E R I A N
C H U R C H

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September 17, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” -
Joshua 24:15b (NRSV)*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering in God’s Name

“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”

PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken” Gaelic melody

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS & JOYS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103:1, 11)

People of God, bless the Lord.

Bless God’s holy name!

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is God’s steadfast love for us.

*HYMN “Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show” #481

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and forgive us, O God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ’s name we pray...

Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #579

Proclaiming God’s Word

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children from the ages of 4 through 10 may be dismissed to CWW at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE WRITINGS Psalm 115 p. 855

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Gordon Young
LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS Joshua 24:14-15 p. 327
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Whom Will We Serve?" Matt Randolph

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" #525

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional "debts") hymnal p. 16

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer" William Bradbury

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #592

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #420

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Morning Hymn" Charles Sergisson

**All those who are able may stand.*

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Reflection for the Christian Life

Both of our scripture lessons, Psalm 115 and Joshua 24:14-15, reference idols. An idol can be seen as some "other god" that is worshiped instead of the God of Israel. However, an idol can be much more than that. An idol can be anything in our lives that we hold in a higher regard than our God... money... material possessions... sports... television programming... the list could be endless. The hard fact is that there could even be things associated with the church that could be seen as an idol. So what in your life or in our life together can possibly be seen as an idol? How do we respond to Joshua's exhortation as God's beloved children? "Choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

WE WELCOME VISITORS TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AGAIN!

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a **TIME of FELLOWSHIP**. The refreshments for today are provided by Bruce and Lyn Limpert.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hurricane Victims	Karen Mencer	Dora Beres
Jim Gottfried	Keith	PJ Ferretti
Refugees of Iraq & Syria	Jim Pappianne	Pat Crockett
Rachel Rasmussen	Mark Bruce	Matthew Rodriguez
Skip Sterling	Judy Converse	Alyssa Yeagley
Joan & Don Betty	Robert Coady	Family of Pete Hopper
Jerianne	Josh Fessler	Laura Vago
Ryley Nazario	Danny Hoye	Trudy Dinardo
Doug Snavely	Andy McKenzie & wife	Dora Bartis
Ron Bauman	Denise Reichert	Ron Thompson
Dale & Holly Brubaker	Ethan Van Owens	Rose Hershey
Araella Bornmann	Ray Myers	Jesse Howard
Michelle Young	Ruthie Loraw	Vicki Mayers
Ritsch Family	John Yurkovic	Sara Kunkle
Linda Ahern	Claudia Neiner & Family	Mary Karnes
Nancy Shuman	Linda Uliano & Family	Phil Koser
Daniel Kuzdro	Jesse Stoner	Ronald Bruce
Jim & Linda Armstrong		

In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, we are asking for your help. If you or a family member know of any names that need to be added or removed (with their permission) from our list, please advise the church office. God's care is constantly working in and amongst us, and our Prayer List needs to reflect everyone's present situation. Thank you for your concerns and help in maintaining them.

OUR MISSION

*Faith witnessed, faith celebrated,
faith to embrace the future,
so that all may be whole and fully alive in Christ.*

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*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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USHERS: Frances & Gene Mateer
FLOWERS: Jeff & Portia Brian in memory of their parents
NURSERY: Amy McGough 9:00 a.m. & Mitch Forry 11:15 a.m.
ARTWORK: Kim Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- Gift Card & The Ultimate Cloth® sales during Fellowship Time.
- October Newsletter Deadline is today. All interesting and informational articles can be placed in the secretary's mailbox in the Communication Center or you may e-mail it.
- Administration Team Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 p.m.
- B&G Team Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.
- Donegal Men will meet Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship and prayer, at Gus's Keystone Restaurant. In by 7:00, out by 8:00.
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- Contract Bridge, Thursday, September 21, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Session Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- We will celebrate World Communion, along with a time for healing and wholeness, Sunday, October 1.
- Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering will be received Sunday, October 1.

VETERAN'S PROJECT: The Historian Team is requesting that veterans and those currently serving in the United States Armed Forces submit a picture preferably in uniform. Please include name, years of service, and branch of the Armed Forces. Pictures will be returned to you. Please submit to Missy Foltz or Portia Brian by October 8, 2017.

THE DISPLAY CASE in the lower level hallway has pictures of the original Donegal Meetinghouse in County Donegal, Ireland.

HOMEMADE CHICKEN CORN SOUP SALE! Orders for quart containers of chicken corn soup (with or without rivels) are being taken now! The price is \$10 per quart. **Orders are due by Monday, October 2.** Order forms are located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and in the Communication Center. To order by phone, please contact Dawn Bourassa at 717-471-2613 (cell) or DAWN659476@aol.com (email). **The pick-up date is Saturday, October 14 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** The quarts of soup are great for freezing and a quick meal idea. Proceeds from the soup sale will support our church ministries.

CORKS TO FORKS 5K AT NISSLEY VINEYARDS! The race will take place Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. Proceeds from this race will support our local community food banks including Hands Across the Street (Columbia), Elizabethtown Community Cupboard, Donegal Power Packs Project, and the Maytown/Marietta Food Bank. If you're interested in running, walking, or volunteering you can register at <https://www.runreg.com/corkstoforks>. And don't forget to share this link with your friends on Facebook! Questions? Contact David Labagh (davidlabagh@gmail.com).

LET'S PLAY BINGO! DPC is hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on Friday, November 10, 2017. The purse prizes will be on display in the Fellowship Hall during September and October. To make the event as profitable as possible for the ministry of the church, the Stewardship Team is asking for individuals, groups, or businesses to sponsor the cost of the purses. Sponsorship can be anonymous or in honor or memory of an individual or group of your choice. Your designation will be recognized at the event. To sponsor a purse, fill out the form attached to the purse you like and put the "sponsored" sign on that purse. Make checks payable to DPC. See Carla Douple or email her at carladouple98@gmail.com with questions.

"WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?": As part of our recent Mission Study, we learned that highly dynamic and growth oriented churches have members that wear name tags. This helps everyone learn each other's names and helps new church guests to more easily learn to know who is who and feel more at home. If you would like to have a re-useable magnetic name tag made, please see Carla Douple (she will be wearing her name tag) or sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00. Make checks payable to Carla Douple.

Oct/Nov/Dec issue of **THESE DAYS**, daily Devotions for Living by Faith, is available in the Narthex. The Deacons would appreciate a donation of \$2.00 for this service.

HOW'S YOUR SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOX? Can you tuck in one more thing? Can you close it? (Strong rubber bands at the "Purse Center" will help.) **November 5 makes the final collection day.** We thank you. Children with destroyed lives thank you.

BIRTHDAYS: Please remember the following members of the Donegal Family with a card, phone call, and particularly in your prayers on their birthdays:

Sept. 20 – Joel Leaman	
Sept. 18 – Dennis Randolph	Sept. 22 – Kristen Labagh
Sept. 18 – Corey Landis	Sept. 22 – Susan Croumer
Sept. 19 – Joyce Collom	Sept. 22 – Tara Welsh

STEWARDSHIP

08/27/17 Offering: \$ 6,172	Attendance 93
09/03/17 Offering: \$ 5,144	Attendance 73
09/10/17 Offering: \$ 5,120	Attendance 80

2017 Per Capita Expense: \$7,319 @ **\$35.53 per member**

2017 Per Capita Contributions YTD: \$ 3,314.17

Capital Campaign Goal: \$125,000.00

Capital Campaign Pledged-to-Date: \$71,634

Capital Campaign Received-to-Date: \$48,134

SERMON NOTES



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<u>CLASS 2017</u>	<u>CLASS 2018</u>	<u>CLASS 2019</u>
	SESSION	
Carla Douple	Connie Ginder	Mark Bruce
Mitch Forry	David Labagh	Sue Croumer
Karen Karnes	Cherry Lee Landis	Mike Wills
Gloria Straub	Bob Mains	

	DEACONS	
Steve Douple	Linda Bayer	Judy Kay Bard
Bill Latimore	Lydia Cleis	Scot Harlacher
	Jeri Culbertson	Amy Kachelries
	Annie Ritsch	Judy Weidman
	Dianna Wills	

	STEPHEN LEADERS	
Melody Nissley		Linda Bayer

	STEPHEN MINISTERS	
Judy Kay Bard	Ellie Heller	Judy Weidman

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
 Melody Nissley – Moderator

	CHOIR MEMBERS	
Diane Bittner	Kristi Elkner	Lisa Kuzdro
Tim Bittner	Norene Fessler	Philip Landis
Frank Ehrhart	Eleanor Heller	John Landis
Karen Karnes	James Landis	Beth Gable
Kathy Gable	Kent Gable	Berlin Smith
	John Nissley	Mike Wills
		Susan Landis
		Nancy Ehrhart
		Bob Mains
		Linda Mains
		Charlie Gable