

# Welcome to Community of Faith Presbyterian Church!

Pastor: Rev. Sharon D. Carter

Music Director: Joanna Bailey

Musician: Roy Miller - Bass

Clerk of Session: Dawn Ramsey Farwick

Our purpose is to be a community of faith serving in the likeness of Christ. We aspire to servanthood in order to be faithful to our calling as Christians. We work both as individuals and in community to live faithful lives in response to that calling. We believe that we are saved by faith in order to speak the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and do God's work in the world

**Sunday Mornings**—We welcome any visitors to our community today! Worship begins at 10:30 am; children leave for Sunday School after the anthem (except for Communion Sundays, when they stay for the entire service.) Visitors are invited to sign the guest book near the front door.

## In Our Prayers

Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth and Jack Roeber, The McDermott family, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Joanna Bailey, Jean Jennings' family, Mary Lee Harrison, Emille Walden, Deborah Grover, Kelly Montana, Margaret Meyer, Lynda Jaeger, and Floyd Hastings.

## Sunday Schedule:

Fellowship 10:00am; Service 10:30am

## Contact us:

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Sunday, July 22, 2018

## Upcoming Events:

7/29, 8/5, 8/12: Worship Service

8/18-8/19: Ice Cream Social

## The Scriptures

for Sunday, July 29

2 Samuel 11:1–15

Psalms 14

Ephesians 3:14–21

John 6:1–21

## School Supplies—

We will be collecting school supplies for Be Concerned and Covington Partners until August 12th. The supplies needed include:

- Pencil boxes (transparent rectangular ones)
- Permanent markers (8 or 10-count boxes)
- Safety scissors (blunt-nosed, appropriate for kindergartners and 1st graders)
- Folders (paper, 2 pockets)
- 1-subject college ruled notebooks
- Glue sticks (2-packs)
- Board games
- Sports equipment (soccer balls and kickballs)



*thank you*

**Thank You!**—To everyone who participated in our Cornerstone dinner last week. We served tacos and rice, banana pudding and carrot cake, to over 120 people. To see a slideshow of the dinner, visit our facebook page.

**Hello!**

**Contact Us!**—Do you have information you would like to share in upcoming bulletin announcements or newsletters? Contact the church office at 859-331-3238 or communityoffaith@fuse.net.

## Reading Between the Lectionary Lines

Today's readings come from Mark 6:30-34 and 53-56—so we notice right away that a lot is left out! Mark 30-34 features the return of the disciples, an attempt by Jesus to draw them away for rest, and a crowd so large and miserable that Jesus can't leave them. Mark 6:53-56 closes out the chapter as well as this section of Mark that we've been reading through. What we skip over, though is quite interesting.

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The second story to look at is the story of Jesus walking on the water. Jesus sends the disciples away ahead of him in the boat, then later approaches the boat across the water. The disciples think it is a ghost; they are surprised that it is Jesus because, the text says, they didn't understand about the loaves.

Why does Mark include this story here?

What do you think it means that the disciples hearts were hardened?

Has Jesus every surprised you, and how did you feel about that? What would it take for us to fully and wholeheartedly believe in Jesus and his power and authority?

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