

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 7, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Powerful God, before whom we are as nothing, we dare to approach You because You assure us that we are not like mere grasshoppers to You. Our individual potential is not hidden from You, and the faithfulness of Your church is important to You. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope restored. Make Yourself known among us as we unite in Your praise. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gladly sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him!

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

Break away from your illusion of independence to realize your responsibility in the church. Claim your unity in Christ with all God's children. Then realize how much you need to confess brokenness and seek healing.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Who are we to claim equality with You, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order You around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without You. In our church, we hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandate. We bend Your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to Yourself, as we pray our individual prayers of confession. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

To the empty, God promises renewed meaning and purpose. For the downtrodden, there is hope for a brighter future. Those who search will find a Savior. All who are open to God's steadfast love will discover its recreating power. We are forgiven! Praise God!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 40:21–31; Mark 1:29–39

ISAIAH 40:21–31

- ²¹ Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
- ²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
- ²³ He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

- 24 No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.
- 25 "To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.
- 27 Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God"?
- 28 Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
- 29 He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
- 30 Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
- 31 but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

MARK 1:29–39

Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

SERMON: "Seek Him"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom, come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

Go in the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us. Speak a healing word. Do a caring deed. Go out to serve. Someone needs you today.

CLOSING HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.



CLARA ELIZABETH LITTLE

Born: February 4, 2021
6 lbs, 18 ins

Parents: Tyler & Kendra

Big Sister: Jemma

Grandparents: Scott &
Ginger Leppo

Great Grandparents: Nevin & Romaine Leppo and Gunther and Jackie Muller

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, February 7, 2021

ATTENTION CHILDREN: Once again Miss Wanda is in need of birthday cards for our shut-ins. Your homemade birthday cards are always so special and very much appreciated by our shut-ins. You can give your cards directly to Miss Dee or Miss Wanda on Sunday mornings or put them in a baggie and place them on the table outside of the Medical Supply closet entrance and we will be sure to get them to Miss Wanda. We could probably buy cards but it just wouldn't be the same. Your homemade cards are ever so much better. Thank you for this very important, very special ministry.

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School wing.

GRIEFSHARE: GriefShare, Sundays at 3:00 pm. The group meets in person in the Sanctuary (with masks and social distancing). Sessions will also be shown on Uber-conference 717-388-0676. You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video. The sessions will be about 2 hours in length and will run until March 28.

MEN'S GROUP: The next meeting is Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676). You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We are studying the Minor Prophets. All sessions will be in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: There is a link on the church's FB page for ordering girl scout cookies from K. Bostian. Other scouts are welcome to add their ordering link.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com or psscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

CARD SHOWER FOR KITTY MYERS

Happy 90th Birthday on February 9, 2021, to Kathryn (Kitty) Myers!

Our parents, Rev. Robert and Kitty Myers, have wonderful memories of St. David's UCC, while our dad served as their pastor. Please help us celebrate her very special milestone by sending her a birthday card. Feel free to include messages and pictures. She will enjoy hearing from her friends and family. Please send cards and birthday wishes to: Kathryn Myers, 679 Plum Tree Lane, Hanover, PA 17331.

Thank you so much!

Dave and Jean Myers, Phil and Monica Myers and Ann and Dave Collado

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: February 27

CLOTHING BANK DATE: February 19

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL

Single-serve Fruits
Individual Size Chips, Pretzels, etc.
Laundry Detergent
Instant White Rice
Scallop Potatoes

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant (Men & Women)
Exam Gloves (Med & Lg)
Hand Sanitizer
Bottled Water
Shampoo/Conditioner

Clothing Bank

Family-Size Toiletries
Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Bath Towels
Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts
Baby Diapers (Sizes 4 & 5)

Ruth's Harvest

Single-serve Entrees (Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snacks or Veggies)

HACC Job Openings: Intake Office Personnel for our afternoon/evening shifts 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM; 5:00 PM -11:00 PM; and 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM. If interested, please stop by our office for an application or email your Resume to:

adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org.

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid is currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books and jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St.

David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday–Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

HANOVER NEW HOPE NEEDS: Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Soups, Shampoo, Bars of Soap and Toilet Paper.

“Yeah! We get to have a good dinner tonight!”

A mom recently came into our evening food pantry with her children, searching desperately for food assistance. She said she was not able to afford to go grocery shopping for over a month, even though she and her husband are both working, their hours have been cut back due to COVID-19. We were her last hope before she would simply give up her job and “go into the system” just to have food for her children to eat. We lovingly told her we would feed her family and she began the process of shopping through the aisles of our food pantry. With tears in her eyes she said, “you have no idea how much this means!” Then her 8-year-old son said, “Yeah! We get to have a good dinner tonight!”

This is a real story with real people right here in our community.

Thank you for answering God's call in your heart to bless those in need.

