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MAY 12TH, 2019 – MOTHERS' DAY – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Order for Morning Worship

Prelude —Selected

Greeting and Call to Worship (Unison) —I Chronicles 29: 11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all that is in heaven and earth is Yours;
Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
And You are exalted as head over all.

***Praise 110** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Caswall
(Stanzas 1, 3 and 5)

***Hymn 109** *Our Great Savior* Chapman
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

A Reading from the Old Testament (Unison) —Psalm 23: 1 – 6
Pew Bible, Page 491

A Reading from the Gospel —St. John 10: 22 – 30
Pew Bible, Page 950

Solo *Take My Life* Havergal
Faye Knouse, Vocal Soloist

Children's Corner

Offertory —Selected

***Hymn 776** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pierpoint
(Omit Stanza 4)

***Morning Prayer**

Choir *Write Upon My Heart* Martin/Angerman

A Reading from the New Testament

—Acts 9: 36 – 43
Pew Bible, Page 975

Message "About Work He's Planned for YOU!" Pastor

***Hymn 483** *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* Wilkinson
(Omit Stanzas 2 and 5)

Presentation of Mothers' Day Awards

***Benediction**

***A Moment for Quiet Reflection**

Postlude —Selected Organ and Keyboard

*Standing, if possible

Organ – Byron Mikesell, Daniel Resh **Keyboard** – Marian & Kellen Mikesell

WELCOME, AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL!

Worship 8:15 and 10:30 am – **Sunday School Bible Study Hour** 9:30 am

Prayer & Bible Study Wednesday, 11:00 am

Youth Group & Awana Club Wednesday, 6:30 pm (Sept. – Apr.)

Ladies' Bible Study & Prayer, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am – Noon

Women's Ministry, 1st Tuesday, 1:00 pm

LBA Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Head Hostess/Greeter: Carol Knisely

Greeters Today: Michaelle Ellerman, Sam & Cheryl Beetem

Head Usher: Bob Wickard

Ushers: Barry Sipe, Roy Wickard, George Carver, Leon Calaman

Sunday School Secretaries: Lana Davis, Cheryl Sipe

Offering Stewards: John Navratil, Naomi Lamason

Nursery: Susan MacNamara, Barb Deitch

Junior Worship: Ron and Kellie Kuhn/Caroline Jardine

A MOTHER

God sought to give the sweetest thing
In His almighty power
To earth; and deeply pondering
What it should be, one hour
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of heaven apart
And gave to earth a mother.

—Author Unknown

GOD KNEW

God knew we'd need—a guiding hand,
A loving heart to understand
When all the world was strange and new,
For babies don't know what to do.
That's why He made—mothers!

God knew we'd need—a lullaby,
A soothing voice if we should cry,
Two list'ning ears if we should wake,
A kiss to heal each childish ache;
God knew we'd need—a gentle touch,
Much more than a friend's, yes, twice as much
To make and keep us ever strong
When we are tempted to do wrong.

God knew we'd need—a place to rest,
The solace of a mother's breast,
The hope that she alone can give,
Her blessing ev 'ry hour we live;
God knew we'd need—a mother's smile,
Two eyes to guard us all the while,
Two arms to comfort and to care,
A love that no one else could share.

God knew we'd need—her help to walk,
Her words to teach us how to talk,
Her faith to follow day and night,
Her prayers to give us—second sight;
God knew we'd need—her patient way,
Her loyalty day after day;
God knew we'd need—her love to teach
The human things His hands can't reach.
That's why He made—mothers!

—Phyllis C. Michael

SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS—

MAY 12, 2019

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Galatians 6:14; 2:20).



Celebrate with us the joy of salvation through faith in Christ and the hope we have of eternal life in Him! **Celebrate Jesus!**

I am the resurrection and the life, said Jesus. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live. (St. John 11:25).

Happy Mothers' Day! Mothers are asked to register for one of the plant gardens from the sanctuary. All ladies will receive a gift as you leave today!

The Annual Congregational Meeting is this morning during the Sunday school hour at 9:30 am. Today we have the opportunity to elect officers for the new conference year, May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. All members participate in this meeting annually. Thank you for your interest & prayers.

Local Board of Administration (LBA) Meeting—Monday, May 13th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Your prayers are needed & welcome!

Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel Tuesday, May 14th at noon for all the women of the church. Questions, call Norma Shover at (717) 448-2093.

The Mid-Week Bible Study Group meets Wednesday at 11:00 am, for prayer and conversation around the Word of God, informal over coffee!



Next Vacation Bible School planning meeting Monday, May 20th, 6:30 pm, lower floor fellowship area. Faye & Bill Knouse are the VBS directors for this summertime ministry to children. Many others are needed to make VBS 2019 happen!

VBS 2019 will be June 16th – 20th from 6 – 8 pm. This year's theme: "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the WORLD!. Children, Age 3 and Up!

Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm, open to any ladies who would enjoy the opportunity for informal Bible study, conversation and prayer. Your participation is welcome! **Next meeting, May 23rd.** Welcome to the conversation!

Prayer Shawls, and Lap Robes are being knitted, crocheted or loomed for members in the hospital or nursing homes, and for shut-ins from the congregation, or persons needing a special touch! Meeting at Alicia Navratil's home the 3rd Sat. of each month, next meeting May 18th, 10 am to Noon.



If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:19-22).

But if this blessed season brings,
A firmer faith in holy things;
Assurance of a living Lord;
A strengthening of the tender chord
Of love that binds us to the life to come
Where loved ones 'wait us in the heavenly home,
No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss,
Dear friend of Easter, when it means all this.

—Mary Ricker Conrad

On Our Church Calendar: Northeast District Conference, June 6 – 7, Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville, PA. District Ordination Service, June 6th, 7:00 pm; Pentecost & National Church Multiplication Sunday, June 9th; Fathers' Day June 16th; Vacation Bible School, June 16 – 20; District Youth Camp at Tuscarora Inn, Mount Bethel, PA June 30 – July 4; Wesleyan Kids' Camp at Seyfert, PA July 15 – 19; Church-wide Picnic and Baptism Service July 20th at Fuller Lake in Pine Grove Furnace State Park (5:00 pm); God's Holiness Grove Camp at New Columbia, PA July 21 – 28; Family Camp at Seyfert, PA August 3 – 11. Please mark your calendars and pray for these summer-time events!

Midweek Activities for both Awana Club and Youth Group have been suspended for this school year, but will pick up again in September. These groups meet September through April of the school year for children age 3 through grade 12. Several summertime activities will be announced!