



JUNE 2016

# The Mustard Seed

Planting the Seeds of Faith

On the last Sunday in May, my sermon was on passionate worship, and I wanted to take a little more time on this subject because I think it is very important to the life of a congregation and to the life of each follower of Christ. Passionate worship orients us towards God, engages the Holy Spirit, and ultimately brings us to be person who we were created to be.

Worship orients us to God because it is through worship that we express our love to God. This makes worship an act of returning God's love, and it focuses our attention on what we *give* in worship rather than what we get out of it. When worship is God focused, it help us to look beyond what people do and rather helps us to see what God has done, is doing, and what God will do in our lives as well in the lives of others.

When we orient ourselves towards God we are encountering God's presence. We are purposefully readying ourselves to meet God and expecting to hear God's word in our lives. When we have an encounter with this living God we are turned even more towards His presence, and this moves us from expecting God on a Sunday morning to expecting to encounter God during our everyday life experiences.

Lastly, worship brings us back to where we need to be, and it reminds us who we are and that we belong to God. Worship grounds us, it centers us, it helps us to not become overwhelmed by the difficult, confusing or sometimes painful situations life throws at us. Worship brings us to a place where we are reminded once again we are forgiven, loved, and free because of God's ever present love.

Blessings and Shalom, Pastor Kevin



# HUNTERSVILLE NEWS

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Now, I don't know about you, but there's something in the air around Springtime that seems to energize me to get things done that I actually could, and should have done starting last Fall. I mean inside and outside the house. I started noticing that condition a few years ago and now that I'm more and more aware of it, there's no doubt that it happens. Trouble is, unlike everybody else, I'm getting noticeably older and less able to do the things that I did a mere ten years ago. I mean, my mind is now making promises my body can't really keep, and I'm not particularly happy about it. I don't like to bend over any more, or lay on the floor, or walk a mile or so, or even mow the lawn. If any of you can understand this, please tell me because I need all the sympathy I can get.

And now on to the News.....

Glad to see HUMC is starting an Adult Small Group beginning May 31, at 7:00 PM, and each Tuesday thereafter until July 12. Pastor Kevin will be leading discussions related to topics in "Five Practices of Fruitful Living" by Robert Schnase. At the same time, John Neiswender will be leading a children's bible study, so all members of the family can join in.

Last Sunday night, May 15th, our sanctuary was alive with the sound of many voices and instruments as we held our 11th annual Gospel Songfest. Those of you who know and have heard Tom Wetzel play the piano will understand that he was just a part of the "joyful noises" that filled the air. Add in Bill & Rose Gibson, Dr. Tom Gmitter, Kim & Lenny Weber, and Tim & Shawn McNett, along with yours and Mrs. Truly, and it made for a great evening of song and praise. We already have four groups who want to be included next year as they consider our little church a fun place to sing and play. Third Sunday night in May, 2017.

And speaking of music and singing, our third Sunday "special music" this month was Kiera Neiswender and Lily Shoemaker, beautifully singing two hymns, and then singing "In the Garden" for Lily's gram Caroline Hall. Just love to see these young folks take such an active part in our services. (Oh, and did I see Lily's smiling face on the cover of "The Shopper" this week? Student of the month....way to go, Lily!)

Ray and Carol Bower have been away two weekends in a row visiting kids and grandkids in Philadelphia and in Tampa, Florida. We are so happy that they are able to be with these families, and hope they can continue to do that for many years to come.

Other travelers are Ron and Deb Mezick who went to visit their son Kevin and his wife Jenny, and especially 14 month-old grandson Dylan, in Knoxville, TN. The big smiles on both grandpa and grandma's faces when they talk about that little guy is all you need to see to know how much fun that visit was.

Congratulations to Jennifer Pidcoe for being selected for the East Lycoming High School Honor Society, and for her accomplishments in track. She came in 1st in the regional 4 by 4, and 3rd in the regional 100 meter, and has qualified to go to states. She will do us proud, I know.

Don't forget that on Saturday, June 4th, 4:00 - 7:00, our world famous TURKEY DINNER will be taking place in our Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy family style fresh roasted turkey with all the trimmings, home made desserts, and beverages. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-12, \$6.00, children under 6 are free.

In closing, a little child sat in church for the first time and watched as the ushers passed around the collection plates. When they came to the pew where he sat, he piped up and said, "Daddy, don't pay for me. I'm under five!" ( Don't you just love kids?)

Until next time, may God bless you richly.

Carl Schlappi

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## WE NEED YOU! GREETERS & USHERS

### Greeters and Ushers are Ministers of Hospitality!

The Communications and Hospitality Team at Pennsdale Trinity is actively recruiting additional Greeters & Ushers for our 9am Sunday worship service.

What are the responsibilities of a Greeter or an Usher?

Greeters are the first contact with church members and guests, they offer a warm welcome, assistance if needed, and hand out the bulletins. Ushers are responsible for assisting those who need help finding their seat in the sanctuary as well as helping with the offering.

If you would like to sign up, the sheet is on the information table outside of the sanctuary along with the monthly sign-up sheets for Children's Moment & Acolyte. We will contact you with more information & a training date. Thank you!

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## **NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AT HUNTERSVILLE** **-- CONGREGATIONAL CARE BY PHONE CALLS**

Huntersville UMC is looking for people who enjoy talking of the phone! We are seeking volunteers who are willing to call up to 10 families of the congregation once every three months to ask just three questions :

- 1) How are you and your family members (if applicable)?
- 2) How is with your relationship with God?
- 3) Is there anything the congregation can lift up in prayer for you?



We hope that this help our small congregation stay connected to each other. If you have any questions or would like to be part of this important ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Kevin.

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# CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CELEBRATION OF MEN BANQUET

Apologies, this event has been canceled



### PENNSDALE TRINITY'S "ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET" June 22, 2016 4pm-7pm

- Beef BBQ with a roll
- Gourmet Potatoes
- Applesauce
- Bratwurst with a roll
- Green Beans
- Endless desserts
- Hot & Cold Beverages

**\$10 for Adults**

**\$5 for children age 5 to 10**

**Children age 4 & under are FREE!**

**TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!**

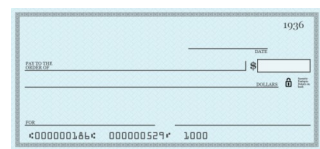


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## PENNSDALE TRINITY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

We were approved by Council to have projection/television screens for the Sanctuary in Pennsdale Trinity!  
There is a capital funds campaign to raise \$8,000 to pay for this project.  
If you are interested in donating to this fund please make sure to write "CFC" (Capital Fund Campaign) in the memo box on the check.



## POTLUCK SUPPER, BALL GAME, & GUEST SPEAKERS

**June 5, 2016 at 5pm**  
**at Pennsdale Trinity**

*All are welcome!* Join us for a potluck supper & guest speakers, Denise Artley & her husband, as they share information on raising a calf through maturity. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. We hope to see you on Sunday, June 5th!! Weather permitting, we hope to eat outside under the pavilion...& see a calf!



## ANNUAL HUNTERSVILLE UMC TURKEY DINNER

**June 4, 2016 at 4pm - 7pm**

Huntersville is pleased to announce they will again be hosting their annual, **WORLD FAMOUS, All You Can Eat Turkey Supper!!!**



The menu includes an all you can eat roasted turkey supper with all of the trimmings, & endless, homemade desserts & beverages.

Carl Schlappi would like to advise everyone, "You do NOT want to miss this one! This is the good stuff!"



# CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## NEEDED! 2016 FAMILY PROMISE FOOD + VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Pennsdale Trinity is in need of volunteers to coordinate meals, food preparation helpers, & volunteers for the 2 weeks that PTUMC will be hosting these wonderful families August 28 through September 4th & November 13 through 20. If you can volunteer to coordinate the schedule for one of the weeks or both weeks, please call Sara in the charge office at (570) 546-2619 or Janet Patterson at (570) 971-5637 & we will gladly show you how easy it is to make a huge difference in your community by helping others, starting right here at our church!

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## PICTURES NEEDED FOR THE CHARGE WEBSITE



Lori Neiswender is currently looking for pictures from/of events at both Huntersville & Pennsdale Trinity to add to the site. Please make sure there is permission granted to take & post the pictures from everyone involved. Thank you for sharing

The pictures can be sent via email to Lori at [lori.neiswender@gmail.com](mailto:lori.neiswender@gmail.com).

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## FAITH FINDERS UPDATE!

Pennsdale Trinity 's elementary youth group "FAITH FINDERS" is currently "under construction". Please stay tuned for more details...

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# CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HUNTERSVILLE UMC SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 13, 2016 August 12, 2016

Monday through Friday 8am - 4:30pm



Please contact Lori at 570) 435-0508 if interested in providing snacks or helping with Christian-based activities for children ages 4-12, or if you would like to make a donation (either monetary or supplies).

## JULY NEWSLETTER & SUNDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Do you have important church or charge information or a special announcement for July's newsletter? If so, kindly have your submission into the charge office during office hours, Monday through Thursday 10 - 2pm, or slide it under the door if before or after office hours. If the deadline of 2pm on Wednesday, June 15th is not met, then the submission will have to go into August's Newsletter instead (if still applicable).

If you have an important tidbit for the bulletin, please give the information to Sara in the charge office by noon on Tuesday of the week prior in order for it to be added to the coming Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

### APRIL 2016 BUFFET STATISTICS



April's AYCE Buffet at Pennsdale Trinity served 424 people & raised \$2,698.20 for the church & \$299.80 for future missions at Pennsdale Trinity. Thank you to everyone who brought baked goods, volunteered, &/or attended!

### WELCOME "VIRGINIA'S"!

Pennsdale Trinity would like to welcome Virginia Beck as our church calendar coordinator, & Virginia Bitler as our kitchen coordinator.



We appreciate you helping fill these vital volunteer positions!



# CHARGE MISSION OPPORTUNITY



## WEIS GIFT CARD PROMOTION



Pennsdale Trinity UMC has teamed up with Weis Markets to bring you a phenomenal deal! For every \$50 Gift Card purchased from **Virginia Bitler (570) 584-4524**, you can earn your gas rewards (10 points for every \$50 spent) AND earn money for our church missions! Weis gift cards can be used at any Weis Markets location without any surcharges to purchase your groceries as well as purchase gift cards to just about anywhere you can imagine to use as gifts for family, friends, teachers, bosses, secretaries, co-workers...just about anyone you can think of!

UPDATED LIST of all gift cards stocked regularly at Muncy & Montoursville Weis:

**PLEASE CONTACT VIRGINIA BITLER TO BUY YOUR WEIS GIFT CARDS!**

Aeropastale	Cheesecake Factory	iTunes	Petco
Advanced Auto Parts	Chilli's	JC Penny	Petsmart
Amazon	Coldstone Creamery	Jo-Ann Fabrics	P.F, Chang's
Amazon Kindle	Cracker Barrel	Kindlefire	Playstation
Amazon Toys	Dave & Buster's	Kohl's	Pottery Barn
Amazon Video game	DICK'S	Lane Bryant	Red Robin
AMC Theaters	Disney	Little Caesar's	Regal Cinemas
American Eagle	Dominos	LL Bean	Ruby Tuesday
Applebees	Ebay	Longhorn Steakhouse	Sears
Babies "R" Us	Express	LOWES	Sephora
Banana Republic	Facebook	Macy's Marshall's	Southwest
Barnes & Noble	Fandango	Michael's crafts	Spafinder
Bass Pro Shop	Finish line	Nike	Staples
Bath & Body Works	Footlocker	Nintendoshop	Starbucks
Best Buy	Forever 21	Nordstrom	Stubhub
Bob Evans	Friendly's	Old Navy	Subway
Bonefish Grill	GAP	Olive Garden	Target
Bon Ton	Gamestop	Quiznos	Texas Roadhouse
Boscovs	GNC	Red Lobster	TGI Fridays
Build-a-Bear	Goodle	Outback	The Children's Place
Burger King	Gymboree	PacSun	Ticketmaster
Cabela's	Home Depot	Panera Bread	Toys R Us
Carnival	HOSS'S Restaurant	Papa John's	Xbox
Carrabba's Italian	Ihop	Payless	Zappos.com
Carter's/Oshkosh			

## 2015 END OF YEAR GIFT CARDS STATISTICS

SOLD \$ 18,595.00  
PTUMC PROFIT \$ 929.75





# CHARGE CELEBRATIONS

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 – Kevin Fenstermacher | 24 – Jim Muffly         |
| 5 – Connie Hauser       | 25 – Ted Fry            |
| 9 – Kellan Smith        | 27 – Joan Hilkert       |
| 10 – Kathy Clees        | 27 – Mary Reed          |
| 10 – Natalie Lamoreaux  | 27 – Joey Bergquist     |
| 13 – Dorothy Day        | 28 – Tanya Lamoreaux    |
| 14 – Karen Russell      | 28 – Timothy J. Colburn |
| 15 – Joshua Wingfield   | 29 – Jeff Scott, Sr.    |
| 16 – Faye Simcox        | 29 – Jerrett Thomas     |
| 17 – Gary Clees         | 29 – Chloe Waldman      |
| 17 – Raymond Bower      | 29 – Genie Wines        |
| 19 – J. Zachary Fry     | 29 – Galen Delker       |
| 20 – Tanya Sones        | 30 – Chad Wines         |
| 21 – Wayne Andrews, Sr. | 30 – Lenny Weber, Jr.   |
| 24 – Gwen Pidcoe        |                         |



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 – Jeffrey & Melissa Thomas     | 18 – John & Pat Lamoreaux   |
| 3 – Jon & Stacie Hart            | 26 – Donnie & Steph Trimble |
| 6 – Kevin & Julie Witmer         | 27 – Jim & Deb Muffly       |
| 8 – Andrew & Stephanie Reitmeyer | 27 – Wayne & Doris Wagner   |
| 8 – Philip & Kristina Bitler     |                             |



\*If you notice a birthday or anniversary of a charge member(s) that is not on this list for this month, kindly call the charge office at (570) 546-2619.

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# CHILDREN'S FUN PAGE

## CATERPILLAR NECKLACE

Supplies needed:

- 5 cooked & hard penne noodles
- Green paint & a paintbrush
- String for necklace
- Scissors
- School glue
- Hole punch
- 1 sheet each of red, yellow, green & black or brown construction paper

Step 1 - paint your hard noodles green & let dry while working on your "body"

Step 2 - cut out 4 red circles for the body (about the size of a nickel)

Step 3 - cut out 1 red circle for the face (about the size of a half dollar)

Step 4 - punch a hole into the center of the 4 small red circles

Step 5 - cut out 2 small yellow circles for the eyes

Step 6 - cut out 2 green circles to fit inside the yellow eye circles

Step 7 - cut out a small green dot for the mouth & glue onto the largest red circle

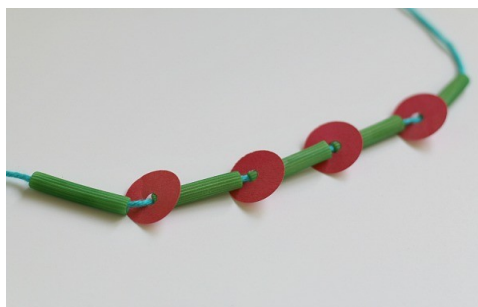
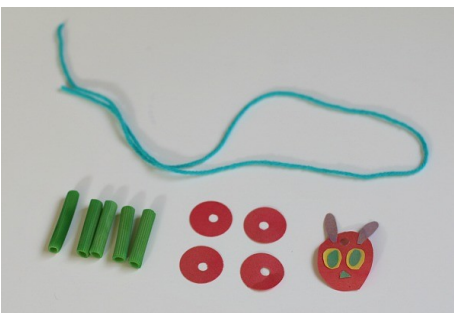
Step 8 - Cut out 2 black or brown antenna tubes shapes, about 1/2 inch each

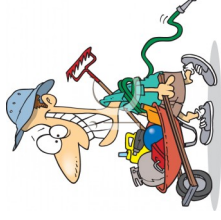
Step 9 - assemble & glue the caterpillar's face on as shown in the picture below

Step 10 - punch a hole into the "face" circle between the antenna (above eyes)

Step 11 - string the noodles & circles onto the necklace string as shown below




Step 12 - tie a knot at the end of your string & enjoy wearing your fun necklace!





# June 2016

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p>5</p>  <p>Holy Communion Pot Luck 5pm (PT)</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Small Group 9am (PT) Choir 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Thursday Praise Service 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8am (PT)</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hosp Team 9am (PT) Trustees 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Small Group 7pm (H)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Small Group 9am (PT) Worship Team 6pm (PT) Choir 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Thursday Praise Service 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>United Methodist Women 8am (PT)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Father's Day World Thank offering</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Hosp Team 9am (PT) Ad Board 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Small Group 7pm (H)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Small Group 9am (PT) Choir 7pm (PT) Men's Banquet 6pm (PT) July Newsletter submissions due</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Thursday Praise Service 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hosp Team 9am (PT) Trustees (H) 6:30pm Ad Board 7pm (H)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Small group 7pm (H)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Small Group 9am (PT)  AYCE Buffet 4-7pm @PT</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thursday Praise Service 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Hosp Team 9am (PT)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>(H) 7pm Small Group CoM 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Choir 7pm (PT)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>(PT) Praise Service 7pm</p>			

# JUNE'S SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

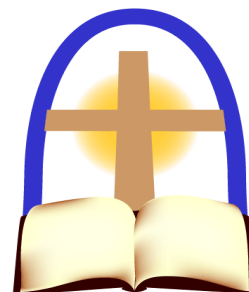
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## JUNE 2016 WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

9am at Pennsdale Trinity

10:30 at Huntersville UMC

\* Children's Church available \*



### June 5th

Hebrews 10:22-24 (CEB)

Growing in Grace

### June 12th

Matthew 16:24b-26 (MSG)

Loving & Serving Others

### June 19th

TBA

(Pastor Kevin is on vacation)

### June 26th

2 Corinthians 9:10-13 (CEB)

It is not about what you get

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## GRADUATION SUNDAY IS JUNE 12TH



We will honor our students graduating from Pre-School, Kindergarten, Sixth grade, High School Seniors, & College. If you know of a student graduating please call Pat Lamoreaux at 570-546-6230, or contact the charge office with the student's name, the grade they are graduating from, the school to be attended in the Fall, any extra curricular activities they were involved in or honors they are receiving/have received, & the parent's name(s). Congratulations grads!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON SUMMER VACATION TOO!

Did you know that Sunday school at **Pennsdale Trinity** is on summer vacation too? It will resume September 11, 2016 at 10:30am. There is still Children's Church during Sunday service.



# FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Pennsdale Trinity/Huntersville UMC**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, July 24th - Thursday, July 28th**

**KNOW** what God's love is.....**EXPLORE** God's everlasting love.....**SERVE** God

Get ready to travel back in time & zoom through God's word together as we discover God's everlasting love! Find out how God's love makes a difference in every story, at every time—including your story right now! Children will go on a time-travel back to bible times with **BLAST TO THE PAST!**

Join us at the Muncy Pool on Sunday, July 24th, 6-8:15pm, for our vacation bible school kick-off celebration! If the weather does not cooperate we will meet at Pennsdale Trinity instead. To complete this awesome week of biblical discovery, we will have a family hot dog & marshmallow roast & pot-luck picnic on Thursday, July 28th following the closing program.

Please register your child(ren) by calling Sara in the charge office at (570) 546-2619 Monday - Thursday 10am-2pm, to register.



### 7pm THURSDAY PRAISE SERVICE

Come see how much fun we have celebrating our Lord through upbeat Christian songs! Join Pastor Kevin at Pennsdale Trinity Thursday evenings at 7pm!



### WE OFFER CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING SUNDAY SERVICE!

**9:15-10AM AT PTUMC**

**10:45-11:30AM AT HUMC**

Please join our qualified & loving teachers after the Children's Moment during Sunday service for singing, crafts, bible teachings, scripture, fun games, yummy snacks, & more!



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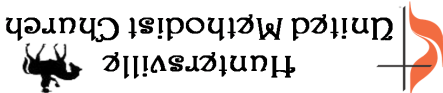
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**PTUMC Lay Leadership**  
Butch Dauberman & Perry Reed, Council Co Chairs  
Cathy Dauberman & Mary Walters, Co Lay Leaders  
Phil Glasser, Missions Team Chair  
Clair Lockard, Trustee  
Joanne Lockard, UMW President  
Ken Varke, Finance Committee Chair  
Jane Waldman, Education Team Chair

**HUMC Lay Leadership**  
Artie Fetterman, Ad. Council Chair  
John Neiswender, Lay Leader  
Russ Pidcoe, Trustee Chair

**Charge Lay Leadership**  
John Lamoreaux, SPRC Chair

**Kevin St. Martin, Pastor**  
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