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10:30 AM

FAMILY WORSHIP

September 6, 2015

WELCOME

Pastor Lynch

*PRAISE HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

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*INVOCATION

“Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known, we come before you today with praise and singing for the gift of life in its fullness and eternity. Speak to our hearts, dear Lord, as we wait before you. Amen.”

Unison

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

(vs. 1) # 303

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Stand Here Forgiven”

Barb Kriston

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Lynch
Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

Presentation of God’s Tithe
*The Doxology
*Dedication Prayer

Audrey Scipioni

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Use Me, Lord”

Barb Kriston

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34

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*PREPARATION HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly”

(vs. 1, 2, 4) # 461

MESSAGE

“The Homing Instinct”

Pastor Lynch

*COMMITMENT HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynch

*POSTLUDE

Audrey Scipioni

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ.*

Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God's word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

We welcome Barb Kriston to worship and we praise the Lord for her ministry of music. Barb is a retired Spanish teacher from Northern Lebanon High School and is the Director of Music at Zion United Methodist, Myerstown.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD's of today's service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office. You can also listen to the service through the church's web site bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

Our extended Sunday School for elementary children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Dick Lasher, **Acolyte:** Allison Deimler, **Ushers:** Barry Smith, David Finney, Tom Gussler, **Organist:** Audrey Scipioni.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Healing mercies for Ken and Freida Schaeffer, Barb Starner, Helen Lutz, Steve Scipioni, Hannah Strait, Mike Scipioni, Ashley Commissiong and Dale Patrick. 2) Birthday blessings to Allison Deimler tomorrow and Karen White this Wednesday. 3) Our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, and police officers. 4) Those who labor and are heavy laden.

Our special person of the week is Helen Lutz. Please pray for Helen and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.

September/ October Upper Room booklets are available. Please take on for yourself and one for a friend.

September sub and pretzel sandwich orders can be made at the information table. Orders are due by September 16 and pick up is September 24. Proceeds benefit our church.

Our Apple Festival is Saturday September 26 from 8-1. There will be crafters, bake sale and of course apple dumplings. Cider will be made and lunch will be served. Baked goods would be appreciated. Mark your calendars. ~ Sandy Pillsbury

Do you enjoy praising God with upbeat music and spending time with your friends? Are you in Kindergarten - 12th grade? If so, Sunbeam is the place to be! Our first practice is this Wednesday, September 9th from 4:30-5:00 P.M. We sing on the third Sunday of every month from September -May. Please join us, and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Bethany at (717) 813-5842.

Used church tables are available for a donation. Please see Don Brubaker for one or all.

Next Sunday is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Please bring food and personal care items in support of the Caring Cupboard. Especially needed are paper products including paper towels and toilet paper. Also Progresso or Chunky soups. Pastor Lynch will be preaching on I Corinthians 1:18, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Operation Christmas Child: For September we are brining in toothbrushes, toothpaste, brushes, combs, washcloths and bars of soap.

The church office will be open this Tuesday and Thursday from 8-10.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: *Helen Lutz*

ASST. ORGANIST: *Audrey Scipioni*

NURSERY CARE: *Vicki Smith*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Selma Patrick*

TRUSTEE CHAIR: *Don Brubaker*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: *Gary Nicholson*

MISSIONARIES: *Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany*

LAY LEADER: *Steve Scipioni*

SUNBEAM CHOIR: *Bethany Oleyniczak*

ADMIN. COUNCIL: *Cindy Anspach*

CHURCH SECRETARY: *Karen Neidigh*

CUSTODIAN: *Beverly Bell*

PASTOR: *John Lynch (298-1308)*