

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST/SPEAKER SERIES – Ladies, do you suffer from SuperGal Syndrome? Do you have trouble leaning on your faith instead of trying to control the outcome of every event in your life or indulging the feeling that you have to be perfect? Join us on Saturday, **September 12**, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a Women's Breakfast with speaker Lori Hynson, author of *SuperGal vs. God*. With joy, humor, and even a little song, Lori will give a talk entitled "Overcoming SuperGal Syndrome: What Every Christian Woman Needs to Know." The cost is \$12.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sign up at The Table of Well Wishing or contact Jennifer Haubrich (jehaubrich@gmail.com or 215-272-9868).

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS – We would like to send letters/emails and care packages throughout the academic year to our students who are in college. If you have college students in your family, please feel free to send their postal and email addresses, as well as their birthdays (month and day), to Patti Davis (pattidavis1@aol.com) or Amy Brewer (abrewer0103@comcast.net) by **October 1**. This is a continuation of Alice Gillen's ministry. Students love it!

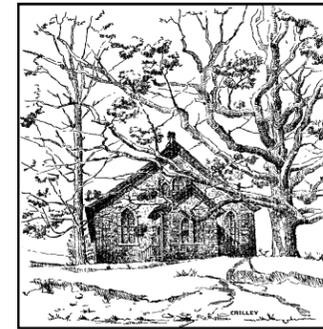
BLOOD DRIVE – A blood drive will be held at TMPC on Monday, **October 5**. Please mark your calendar and consider donating at this year's drive.

RUMMAGE SALE – Our next Rummage Sale will be held on **October 15** (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and **October 16** (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). We will start accepting donations on September 13. We accept clean, used clothing in good condition and small household items. We do not accept electronics or large items of any kind. Please contact Anne Peshek (annepeshek@comcast.net) with any questions.

URBAN PROMISE: ITEMS NEEDED – Urban Promise is in need of a number of items for their after-school program. If you are cleaning out your house and have any of the following items, or if you are willing to donate new items, please put them in the box by The Table of Well Wishing labeled "Urban Promise." If you have any questions or larger items to donate, please call Kathy Bradley at 215-493-0791. Urban Promise thanks you! School Supplies: electric pencil sharpeners, white copy paper, notebook paper, glue sticks, markers, Scotch tape, blue masking tape, Dry Erase markers, staplers, spiral notebooks (one subject), and composition books. General Supplies: paper cups (3 ounce, 5 ounce, or 12 ounce), plastic spoons/forks, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, hand sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, mini-fridge, \$25.00 gift cards to Target or Walmart (used for Street Leader rewards), boombox that can play CDs, large jars of peanut butter or jelly, milk crates for storage, first-aid kits, and low-sugar cereal. Recreational Supplies: playground balls, hula hoops, air pump for balls, jump ropes, basketballs, and a basketball standard.

Sun., 8/30	9:30	Worship Service/Fifth Sunday (Fellowship Hall)	Thurs., 9/3	7:00	AA Men's Meeting (Conference Room)
Mon., 8/31	9:30	Woman's Bible Study (Conference Room): Read Elisabeth and Anna	Fri., 9/4	9:30	Fabulous Folders — CANCELLED
Tues., 9/1	9:00	Men's Study Group (Conference Room)	Sat., 9/5	6:00	Women's AA Meeting (Conference Room)
	9:30	Worship and Music Committee (Choir Room/Room 127)	Sun., 9/6	9:30	Final Summer Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Wed., 9/2	5:30	Grey Sheeters Anonymous (Room 115)			

Sunday through Saturday, 7:00-8:00 a.m. – Foglifters A.A. group meets in the Conference Room.



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2015

9:30 a.m.

SILENT MEDITATION

"[Sacrificial and self-giving love] is the love modeled by God in his gracious self-giving. [Love is] the power that moves us to respond to a neighbor's needs with no expectation of reward. Giving of itself, it asks no return on its investment.

It ignores the subtle calculations of human love; it is not interested in the odds of getting some self-satisfaction in return for its efforts. It gives, not in hope of inspiring the loved one to give in turn, but simply because the other is there and in need."

Lewis Smedes, *Love within Limits*

HYMN SING (Starting at 9:20)

Bailey Pruner

WE GATHER IN GOD'S LOVING PRESENCE

WELCOME

Stuart Spencer

"Welcome one another...just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grant Farmer

The Eternal God, our heavenly Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins, and who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever, calls us to worship Him this morning as the only true lover of our souls.

The Lord stoops with kindness to receive the love of our poor hearts. God calls us to remember the depth of His love for us, which we find in Jesus Christ. God seeks and receives our love!

Perfect love casts out all fear. So come, and let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Please refer to the music on p. 4.)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"Love of our neighbor is the only door out of the dungeon of self..." (George MacDonald)

"Such love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear." (1 John 4:18a)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

John Davis

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have ignored your commandments and have strayed from your ways. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to reach out to people in need, and have not told your story to the entire world. We confess that we are slow to follow your leading. We prefer to do things our own way and to ignore your presence in our lives. Blessed Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – have mercy upon us. Forgive our sin, and raise us to new life. Amen.

(We join in a time of silent prayer.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Hear and trust the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to get angry, and full of unfailing love.

God has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west. We are forgiven and set free! Amen.

SILENT PRAYER FOR THOSE WE HATE OR RESENT

“But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”

Mark 11:25

*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

CHORUS OF PRAISE

ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

(Please refer to the music on p. 5.)

WELCOME TO THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

“We are a joyful family called by God through Jesus Christ

and empowered by the Holy Spirit to:

Welcome all, share our faith, love each other, serve the world, and glorify God.”

WELCOME VISITORS! We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew so that we can send you a welcome note. If you have any questions or would like to have a tour of our building, please feel free to ask an usher.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – Refreshments are provided today by Fred and Marie Wustholz. New hosts may sign up at The Table of Well Wishing!

USHERS/GREETERS TODAY – Today’s ushers/greeters are Rosanne Bell, Amy Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Linda Torda, and Mike Wert.

FLOWERS – Today’s flowers are given in loving memory of Vodie Schwantz and her “precious Bill.”

OPEN HOUSE/FALL KICKOFF – Our fall kickoff is on **September 13** with services at 8:30 a.m. (traditional, in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. (contemporary, in Fellowship Hall). During the Christian Education hour, which will be 9:45-10:45 a.m., our families will meet the Sunday School teachers and learn more about the opportunities for adult education. We will have a special table set up for Christian Education registration. The Adult Forum will begin the following week in the Conference Room. Please join us!

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF – On **September 13** both of our youth groups will meet for the first time this fall! ROCK (junior high) will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Rooted (senior high) will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All youth are welcome to join us! Please see Bailey Pruner with any questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDS YOU – The Christian Education team is looking for a few more Sunday School teachers for this fall. Our goal is to have three or four adults to share in the teaching of each one of our classes. We have openings in our preschool, second/third grade, middle school, and senior high classes. Please prayerfully consider lending a hand in this very important ministry! If interested, contact Patty Gatto (215-919-6675) by **September 6**.

SUPPORT CONEXION MOSAICO – Pastor Spencer and three TMPC college students recently traveled to Mexico City to serve with ConeXión Mosaico, Thompson’s new international mission partner. ConeXión leads men, women, young people, and children through personal transformation, equipping them to be agents of change that transform their communities. For \$10.00 a month you can help five people who are currently living in an urban slum. Your gift allows the poor to receive access to basic services like water, electricity, and health care. For more information visit www.conexionmosaico.net/donate.

MEN’S STUDY GROUP – Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **September 1**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are reading the book *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead, and we are currently reading Chapter 3. The Men’s Study Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month. *All men are welcome!*

AID FOR FRIENDS – Wow! September is around the corner, and we will be back to preparing meals on Tuesday, **September 8**, in Fellowship Hall. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. You can help us by bringing ingredients that we will need for the meals. In the meantime, if you missed your opportunity to make soup, there is still time. We are hoping to beat our totals for June and July. Questions? Call Susan Achenbach (267-432-4312) or Holly Tomkovicz (215-550-6817).

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34, 35)

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

AUGUST 30, 2015

For Those Who Are Celebrating Birthdays: Judy Cronise, Holly Roach, Colleen Miele, Rick Schaub, Jon Lyons, Christine Shields, Aaron Brooks, Maeve Doolan, Elise Evinski, Jaimie Salt, Marie Wustholz

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For Muriel Meserve,* who allowed us to hold a baptism service on Lewis Island on Sunday, August 9

For the gift of Fern Brown,* who recently celebrated her 90th birthday

For the joy of summer, with thanks for every gift that we have received

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

AT HOME:	Melanie Abele, Fern Brown, Patty Gatto, George Gushue, Doris Holmquist, Jake Kopp, Laurel Krauss, Lisa Palise, John Paslo, Meredith Power, Elinor Raike, Jim Seamans, Sam Smith, Peggy Van Arsdale, June Vogt, Cathy Woods
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Prayers for Blessing and Guidance:

We ask God's blessing upon our students as they return to school.

Sue Johnson* is recovering from hip replacement surgery that she underwent this week.

Nate Shiel* continues to recover from injuries that he sustained in a car accident.

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

For Christopher Campbell, Jonathan Goad, Garret Hrynko, Ryan Kraus, Ryan Marriott, and Will Schaub

Student:	Nicole Garafola, Gettysburg College
Prayer Friend/ Family:	Carol Ivins
Local Church:	Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church, Pastor Anita Bell
Psalter:	Psalms 103
Psalms Prayer:	<i>God of might and mercy, keep us far from all sinfulness so that our lives may be a blessing to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.</i>

*Will receive a Letter of Well Wishing (Please sign these in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall.)

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
INCLUDING *WOW!* MOMENTS Stuart Spencer

CHILDREN'S SERMON Bailey Pruner
(Children from age four through second grade are dismissed to Junior Church.)

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY Colton Martin
Vêpres du commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge, Op.18, Antiphon no. 4 Dupré

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 3:11-20 (NIV)

SERMON Stuart Spencer
"How Do I Love?"
Summer Sermon Series: Ten Good Questions

*THE SENDING SONG Grant Farmer
Follow You Cash, Mooring, and Mooring
(Please refer to the projected words.)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
now and forever, amen.**

POSTLUDE Colton Martin
Toccata in B minor Eugène Gigout

*Those who are able, please stand.

*"There are three things to remember when living in any community (e.g., a marriage, a family, or a church). First, you're not God. Second, this isn't heaven. Third, don't be a jerk!"
(Adapted from James Martin)*

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt. DIX
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906 7.7.7.7.7

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je-sus, thy bound-less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth-ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra-cious is thy way! All fear be-

reach, no tongue de-clare; O knit my thank-ful heart to
 thy pure love a-lone; O may thy love pos-sess me
 fore thy pres-ence flies; care, an-guish, sor-row melt a-

thee, and reign with-out a ri-val there! Thine whol-ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea-sure, and my crown! All cold-ness
 way wher-e'er thy heal-ing beams a-rise. O Je-sus,

thine a-lone, I'd live; my-self to thee en-tire-ly give.
 from my heart re-move; may ev-ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth-ing may I see, noth-ing de-sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, c. 1739, alt. ST. CATHERINE
 MUSIC: Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864; alt. James George Walton, 1874 8.8.8.8.8.8

“God’s definition of what matters is pretty straightforward. He measures our lives by how we love.”
 (Francis Chan)