

## WELCOME TO COMMUNITY CHURCH

**VISITORS!** Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon. For more information about our active family of faith you may call 412-761-1233 or email the church at office@cpcba.org. You may also visit us on our website at www.cpcba.org.

**CHILDCARE is available on the lower level for infants through age 3.**

**PLEASE JOIN US** for some food/beverage and fellowship immediately following Worship in the Narthex.

**THE FLOWERS** this Sunday morning are given to the glory of God.

**THE SYMPATHY** of the congregation is extended to the family of Chuck Davis who died on July 22. Chuck was the loving husband of Sally Davis and devoted father of Deb Sadowski. A memorial service was held on July 25.

**THE PASTOR** will be out of the office from August 4 through August 18. Please contact Rev. Dr. Jean Henderson with all Pastoral calls, 412-352-8001.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers.**

### Calendar of Events

#### **LORD'S DAY, JULY 29**

10:00 AM Worship & Sunday School, Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour, Narthex  
11:00 AM Five Wishes Seminar  
5:00 PM Youth Group (until 7:00 p.m.)

#### **MONDAY, JULY 30**

7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study, Conference Room

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 31**

2:00 PM Staff Meeting, Pastor's Study  
7:15 PM Mission & Outreach Meeting, Conference Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1**

11:00 AM Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

#### **NEXT LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 5—Music and a Meal Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship & Communion, Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour, Narthex  
11:00 AM Five Wishes Seminar  
5:00 PM Youth Group (until 7:00 p.m.)



## Summer Series

### *Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind*



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## Worship for the Lord's Day

July 29, 2018

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

### SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Jesus is apt to come, into the very midst of life at its most real and inescapable moments.*

*Not in a blaze of unearthly light, not in the midst of a sermon, not in the throes of some kind of religious daydream, but...at supper time, or walking along a road...  
He never approached from on high, but always in the midst, in the midst of people,  
in the midst of real life and the questions that real life asks. ~Frederick Buechner*

PRELUDE                      Christians, We Have Come to Worship                      Matthew Weston

### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made. **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

\*HYMN 409    God Is Here!

## WE EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 51)

**Merciful God,  
have mercy on our souls,  
according to your abundant mercy  
wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long.  
Create in us clean hearts  
and write on our hearts your love,  
your boundaries for our lives  
your salvation that sets us free from our sins.  
to live the abundant life you have for each and every one of us.**  
*Silent prayer*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE    Hymn 519    You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

## WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Pre K - 5th grade Sunday School Students can go to Classes.  
Parents can pick up children from classrooms downstairs after worship.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC                      For the Beauty of the Earth                      John Rutter  
*Women's Chorus*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, you call us to come just as we are, and so we do.  
Speak to us now through your word,  
so that we might find the joy and inspiration we seek,  
and become the people you created us to be. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING                      Mark 5:1-20                      Elder Deb Sadowski  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      What is Your Story                      Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnston

### SILENT REFLECTION

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*HYMN 795    Healer of Our Every Ill

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 472    Kum ba Yah

### 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.**

### OFFERING

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication  
**Holy God, we give you thanks and praise  
for the presence of the living Lord among us.  
By your Spirit who breathes within us,  
strengthen our faith, bless our gifts, use us  
so that others may encounter Jesus,  
and experience your grace and love and peace. Amen.**

Offertory                      God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending                      Matthew Weston

## WE GO FORTH WITH JOY

ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Elder Deb Sadowski

\*HYMN 661    Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE                      Praise to the Lord                      Hugh S. Livingstone

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Monday Night Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm

“God’s Promise: I am with you”

July 30 and August 6 & 13

Cost:  
\$10

This study traces God’s recurring promise of presence from Genesis through the Gospels—from the beginning to the end of the age. God’s “I am with you” promise is spoken in varied circumstances and to many different people throughout scripture. Some may be quite familiar, while others might surprise you.

Participants will reflect on how the promise of God’s presence speaks beyond the pages of the Bible, to their own circumstances. Individually and as a community, we will be encouraged to both see and seek God’s presence with us in the extraordinary and the ordinary experiences of our lives. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the Narthex.

## 2 WEEKS OF 5 WISHES SUNDAYS JULY 29 AND AUGUST 5 11:15 AM-12:30 PM

Cost:  
\$5

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! A special gift for your family and your church!

Rev. Jean Henderson will lead a one-hour seminar with a light lunch. The subject is FIVE WISHES, based on a booklet from Aging with Dignity. The program is for those 18 or older, and in PA, it meets legal requirements for living wills.

The wishes include: the person I want to make care decisions for me when I cannot; the kind of medical treatment I want or don’t want; how comfortable I want to be; how I want people to treat me; and what I want my loved ones to know. AND, you will also be given a one sheet, two-sided document to complete entitled EXPRESSION OF MY PERSONAL WISHES FOR PROCEDURES AT THE TIME OF MY DEATH.

The first Sunday, July 29, we’ll review both documents; during that week you’ll complete the two documents and bring them back to our second gathering on August 5. We’ll share some of our decisions, our questions, and next steps for using the completed documents

It’s NEVER too early to be thinking about these issues, but you don’t want it to be TOO LATE!!! Please sign up in the Narthex or with Jean at [jhh21942@aol.com](mailto:jhh21942@aol.com).

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help clean the Sanctuary on **Saturday, August 4** from **9:00 AM** -?. We will be polishing the pews, dusting, cleaning the floors, etc. This is a major undertaking and the more hands on deck the quicker we will have the Sanctuary ready for worship on September 9. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the Narthex.

Need more information? Contact Jeffrey Houser, Sr. at [jshouser438@netscape.net](mailto:jshouser438@netscape.net) or 412-860-7255.

## HOLY PLACES FIELD TRIPS THIS SUMMER

Also, a trip to **PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN**, Oakdale, off the Parkway West, is set for **Wednesday, August 1**. Our private tour begins at 11 a.m. for about 45-60 minutes. It is a 'limited ability tour' which includes the homestead site, the dogwood meadow and the Asian pond - all with some bench seating. Our volunteer tour guide is retired pastor John Free, an old friend of Jean Henderson's. Fee is \$10.00 per person, payable to registrar Jean Henderson by sign-up deadline - July 29. We can take 15-20 on the tour. Wear comfortable walking shoes. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10 a.m. if you wish to carpool. Otherwise, meet at the PBG visitors center. Those who wish to have lunch together will go to a nearby restaurant (TBD) after the tour. The Botanic Garden is 60 acres; on this tour we will see just a bit. Check out their great website!

## 2018 ANNUAL CHURCH BACKPACK DRIVE



Thank you to all those who took a backpack tag. Please remember to buy the packs, fill them with the supplies and **return them to the church by August 5.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> UP Church & CPCBA have been mission partners for several years.

Please help to provide a tangible reminder of God’s love to the children in the Wilkinsburg community.

Please Return Filled Packs by **AUGUST 5, 2018**

## JAZZ BBQ FEST REQUEST FOR RAFFLE ITEMS



If you've attended the Jazz BBQ Fest the past couple of years, you know what a wonderful assortment of gifts and baskets we have in the raffle! If you have any items that you would like to donate to this year's raffle such as unused gift cards, sporting or cultural event tickets, or even new, unopened items, please see Diana Petruska or Kate Colville. Items are needed by Sunday, August 5 as ticket sales for the raffle will begin on August 12. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

This year the Jazz BBQ will be held on **August 26.**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**Save the date!!!!!!**