



16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"God of Wonders"*

WELCOME

INVOCATION

PRELUDE.....*"Mighty to Save"*

9-11 RECOGNITION

PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"Same Power"*  
*"Great Light of the World"*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISMISSAL

OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #601.....*"Thy Word"*

MESSAGE.....*Gordy Locke*

*"You Are the Light of the World"*

Matthew 5:14-16

1 Peter 2:9

COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"We Are"*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG.....*"Mighty to Save"*

# 9-12-21 – *You are the Light of the World*

Matthew 5:14-16

1 Peter 2:9

I have spent over 40 years constructing and maintaining transmission and distribution power. I hate to tell you but Penelec will probably let you down and you will be without power.

- 1) God will never let you down and his power is endless and eternal.
- 2) God gives us his power at our point of salvation when we decide to follow Jesus and make him Lord of our lives.

**ACTS 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

**2 TIMOTHY 1:7 “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”**

Why do we need God’s power in our lives?

- 3) Just as in electricity – power produces light!

**MATTHEW 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

If we would let the airfield lights burn out, I couldn’t imagine what would happen to all of the aircrafts. We need all the lights to be working properly for efficient plane movement.

Pastor Keith has mentioned indulgences in our lives that distract or take us away from the light God wants us to be. I find myself being under the influence of things that distract me from being the light that God has called me to be. Sometimes something as simple as recreation can influence us away from God’s best in our lives.

- 4) God’s Word is a light that helps us!

**PSALM 119:105 “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”**

- 5) God has called us out of darkness into his light.

**1 PETER 2:9 “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”**

- 6) It pleases God to walk in his light.

**1 JOHN 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”**

My prayer is for each of us that our lights would shine. All of our lights together can shine so much more brightly.

God has called us here at SHUMC to be a light on the hill that cannot be hidden.

I pray that God can take a victory lap around us as our lights shine brightly for him!

WE know that we're all excited to be gathering again 'In person.' And we are encouraging everyone to continue to come to church. However, the spread of the Delta variant is accelerating our need to be responsive, too.

As a leadership team, we are making decisions daily and will continue to do so over the next couple of weeks regarding COVID protocols here at SHUMC. We feel we should show our children a good example as they wear their masks so should we. We need to be mindful of the children AND ONE ANOTHER.

SO... We're asking a couple of things of you as you come to worship:

- 1) That people be mindful of responsible 'distancing' between family units ....
- 2) We're asking that everyone wear masks until the children are dismissed for Sunday School. Once the children are dismissed, you're welcome to take off your mask for the balance of the service.
- 3) We're asking that we all wear masks as we leave the sanctuary and return to our cars.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING .... And, of course, we continue to offer 'online worship' and study opportunities.

With love and care, *SHUMC*



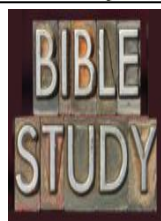
Some of our kids are moving up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and SHUMC would like to present them with their first Bible. Would you please contact Elna Morton at 814-899-6809 or the church office at 814-899-5962 so that we know how many Bibles to purchase this year. Thank you!



Youth in grades 6-12, please join in our SHUMY Fall Kick Off on September 19 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the parsonage. It'll be a fun night with tie dying, snacks, games and deepening our faith.



The U. M. Women have some wonderful cookbooks with some secret recipes shared by some of our own wonderful cooks and bakers of SHUMC! If you are interested purchasing one for \$10, please see Linda Morey.

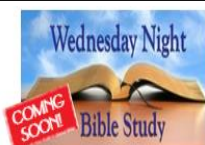


The Sweet & Salty Bible Study group meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights with Diane Senger. Anyone can join in. On Sept. 9, they began the study, *The Amor of God*. You can still join in as all are welcome.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton will be starting up on Tues., Sept. 14 @ 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. The study will be: *Christianity & World Religions* by Adam Hamilton. If you would like to join in the group, please see or call Elna at 814-899-6809 so that a book can be ordered for you.



The Band of Brothers is **opening the group to ALL MEN (in our church & also the community)** in September. We will meet on a regular weekly basis from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup> 6-week video study session (33 the Series) begins on Tues., Sept. 21! Remember to invite a friend. **Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can order materials. Sign up in the narthex.** Questions call Gordy at 719-640-7644.



**September 22** has been slated as the date to begin our Wednesday night Bible Studies. We will have a meet & greet with coffee, water & pre-packaged snacks available @ 6:15 p.m. Then we'll proceed to our separate classes following a prayer @ 6:30 p.m.

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex of the offered studies which will include S.H.A.P.E. with a Spiritual Gifts tests with Linda Morey and a Missions Study with Sue Fuller.



On Friday, Sept. 24 at 9:30 a.m. the Hill Toppers (anyone 55 yrs. & up) will meet in the church parking lot to car pool to St. John's Episcopal Church in Franklin, PA. We have a guided tour set up for 1:00 p.m. The tour lasts about 1 1/2 hrs. The cost is \$5. On the way down we'll stop for lunch (Dutch, of course) but we'll need to make reservations. **Please sign up** in the narthex if you plan to go! See Gordy Locke or call 719-640-7644.

**WOMEN'S ANNUAL DAY APART & ANNUAL MEETING @ Wesley Woods** on Saturday, Sept. 18. Registration begins @ 9 am at McKnight Dining Hall. Each carload bring either 2 doz cookies, a dozen muffins, fruit or sweet breads for hospitality and dessert. The speaker is Rick King of CHOSEN. Cost of lunch is \$10. Make the check out to E/M UMW and send w/registration to: Cindy Hickernell, 26242 State Hwy. 89, Spartanburg, PA 16434 RSVP by Sept. 10. **ALSO:** the Rainbow Connection Thrift Store has a high demand for these items: dressers, sofas, love seats, microwaves, toasters & lamps.



*Label Day*  
All Thru  
September

Join us in a virtual RIDE to end homelessness. You can register at:

[https://secure.ggiv.com/event/ride2021/?blm\\_aid=23574](https://secure.ggiv.com/event/ride2021/?blm_aid=23574)



**Youth metal fundraiser will continue until the end of September.** We are asking that you bring in your old metal which we will turn into cash. All proceeds will go towards future youth projects and events. Bring your metal to the dumpster in the SHUMC parking lot. We will, also, pick up items at your home. They must be on ground level. See or call Sue Fuller at 814-969-1649 so she can put you on the list.



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