

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost



October 3, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

## World Communion Sunday

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"Agnus Dei"*

WELCOME.....*Jim Loeffler*

INVOCATION

PRELUDE.....*"All Hail the Power"*

WORLD COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG.....*"Jesus Messiah"*

PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"Love the Lord"*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISMISSAL

OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING (Revelation 2:1-7) .....*Linda McGarvey*

HYMN #184.....*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore. Amen.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore. Amen.

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be: honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore. Amen.

HYMN #154.....*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

*"Jesus' Words for the Church – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow"*

**TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS**

*"You Have Renounced Your First Love"*

Revelation 2:1-7

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"Hallelujah"*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG.....*"This Is Amazing Grace"*

10-3-21:

*“Jesus’ Words for the Church – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow”*

**TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS -**

*“You Have Renounced Your First Love”*

Revelation 2:1-7

**MAIN POINT OF SERIES:**

**JESUS HAS CALLED, ORDAINED, AND APPOINTED “THE CHURCH” TO BE HIS MANIFESTATION TO THE WORLD --- to be HIS EXPRESSION AND HIS INSTRUMENT ---- TO BE HIS “HANDS & FEET” TO THE WORLD ... TO PREPARE THE WORLD FOR HIS 2<sup>nd</sup> COMING, WHEN ALL THINGS WILL BE MADE RIGHT.**

**REVELATION WARNS & PREPARES THE CHURCH TO PERSEVERE AND TO BE VICTORIOUS!!!!**

**FROM BEGINNING TO END --- THE EMPHASIS AND FOCUS OF REVELATION = JESUS FOR HE IS THE BEGINNING AND END OF ALL THINGS**

**MATTHEW 22:37-40 :** <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**REVELATION 2:1-7:** “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

THE TEXT:

THE CONTEXT:

SO WHAT?

NOW WHAT?



## We Are One – World Communion Sunday

Today is the Sunday when we remember **WE ARE ONE!** Today, churches around the world celebrate together as one family. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal—the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance—and of Jesus' sacrifice.

The Last Supper is a celebration of the Eucharist. Around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful sharing in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and lets us look at different Christian traditions from around the world.



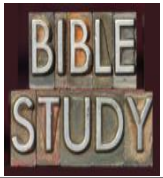
Youth in grades 6-12, please join in our **SHUMY Fall Kick Off TONIGHT** from 6-8 p.m. at the parsonage. It'll be a fun night with tie dying, snacks, games and deepening our faith.



## Look for the U. M. Women's Soup Sale on October 24! Sign up sheets are in the narthex.



These cookbooks were recently found. The U.M.W. had these published years ago & thought they were lost – **SO WHAT A FIND!** This is a must if you love to cook! The U. M. Women are sharing some of their 'secret' recipes as well as other recipes submitted by many of our own fine cooks and bakers of SHUMC. If you are interested in purchasing one for \$10, please see Linda Morey. They also make a great Christmas gift!



The Sweet & Salty Bible Study group meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights with Diane Senger. They began the study, **The Amor of God** and you can still join in. All are welcome.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton at 9:30 a.m. has begun. 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.



The Band of Brothers is for **ALL MEN**. We will meet on a regular, weekly basis on Tuesdays in the multi-purpose room from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup> 6-week video study session (**33 the Series – A Man & His Design**) has just begun so you can still join in – see or call Gordy at 719-640-7644. Feel free to bring a friend.



This year's Christmas pageant will be . . . **"SHUMI SAVES CHRISTMAS EVE."** The play is adapted from the book, **"Mouse's Christmas Gift"** by Mindy Baker will be presented in worship on Sunday, December 19. With the Advent/Christmas season not far off, we want to get a jump on preparing for this year's pageant. If you are interested in participating you'll find sign-up sheets in the narthex for both children and adults. **For the adults, there is an extra column (TALENT/AREA)** in which you can write where you'd like to help – either sewing, making props, helping with the children, reading part, putting together costumes, etc. So please sign up!



**Youth metal fundraiser will continue.** 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.

## COVID PROTOCOLS

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 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*



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