

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 1, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"At All Times"*  
WELCOME.....*Jim Loeffler*  
INVOCATION  
PRELUDE.....*"Step By Step"*  
WHAT IS FAITH? (Hebrews 11:1-3) .....*Pastor Keith*  
PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"I Will Praise You"*  
*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"*  
  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....*Adrienne Morton*  
OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
SCRIPTURE (Hebrews 11:8-12; 17-19)  
HYMN #467.....*"Trust and Obey"*  
  
MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*  
*"Giants of the Faith: Abraham"*  
Abram – Learning to Live By Faith (Genesis 12-25)  
Abraham's Final Exam (Genesis 22:1-19)  
  
RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"Step By Step"*  
BENEDICTION/BLESSING  
EXIT SONG .....*"Thrive"*

8-1-21 --

# *Giants of the Faith:* **ABRAHAM**

## **LEARNING TO WALK BY FAITH**

### **THE FINAL EXAM (Genesis 22:1-19)**

#### **SERMON OPENER:**

THE RIP-CORD EXPERIENCE ~ TO PULL THE CORD OR NOT?

FAITH – WHAT IS IT?

WHY IS FAITH IMPORTANT?      In Relationships?      In Life?

#### **THE STORY OF ABRAHAM**

#### **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ABRAHAM**

#### **ABRAHAM'S FINAL EXAM (Genesis 22:1-19)**

1. **WHAT WE CLING TO THE MOST IS USUALLY WHAT GOD ASKS US TO RELEASE**
  - What we cling to the most, often becomes like an idol in our lives
  - TANGIBLE: Possessions, Vocation, Family, Identity, Power, Position, Dreams, The “PAST,” Relationships
  - EMOTIONAL/INTERNAL: “Control;” “Fear;” “Self;” “Security;” Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs
2. **WHAT WE RELEASE, GOD OFTEN REPLACES WITH SOMETHING OR SOMEONE FAR MORE VALUABLE**
3. **WHEN GOD REPLACES, HE OFTEN BLESSES & REWARDS WITH UNIMAGINED JOY & EXPERIENCE**
4. **WHEN GOD BLESSES, HE EXPECTS THAT OTHERS WILL BE BLESSED TOO (Genesis 12:1-9) “Blessed to be a blessing”**

#### **ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT TEST?**

- God “tests” not to tear down, but to build up
- God “tests” to show us (not Him) that we’re ready for the next STEP of life & faith

#### **WHAT DO WE LEARN?**

1. **The Life of Christian FAITH is a JOURNEY**
2. **The Life of Christian Faith is a LIFE-TIME**
3. **The life of Christian Faith is not easy & it’s full of RISKS**  
(Proceed at your own risk) 😊
4. **The life of Christian Faith is full of trials and tests – often allowed or placed --- so that God may help lead us to greater awareness and dependence upon God**
5. **The life of Christian faith includes unimagined blessings and rewards ... and grace for the day that we may live and THRIVE .... AND THAT the world may be blessed thru the Spirit of God in us**

**JUST AS ABRHAM & SARAH HAD FAILURES (& they were significant) --- WE SEE THAT GOD FORGIVES AND WELCOMES US INTO A DEEPER EXPERIENCE OF HIS PRESENCE & GRACE**

**GOD ALWAYS RESPONDS TO AN OPEN HEART & A TRUSTING LIFE**

**SO, DO YOU TRUST GOD, DAY BY DAY --- *Step By Step?***



Mark your calendar for August 6 @ 6:30 p.m. for a **Senior FUNDAY** (55 yrs. & older) at the Faulhaber's, 5100 East Lake Road. Bring a dish to pass. We'd like to start having more events for seniors and we are looking for a committee to help organize. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see/call Gordy Locke (719) 640-7644.

## ERIE GIVES will be August 10, 2021 ~ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Attached is a check contribution form if you would like to donate by check.  
They must receive it by August 9 for it to be counted!



August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. a **BAND OF BROTHERS GAME NIGHT** is being planned with pizza, pop, corn hole, jarts, RC race cars and more fun! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

*We Love Our Guys!*



**Sunday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

### WORSHIP AT CAMP FINDLEY

This year, SHUMY is going to Camp Findley in Findley Lake, NY on Aug. 20-22 for our Summer Retreat, **WORSHIP**, and picnic, too!

**We will have our regular Sunday Worship Service at Camp Findley – so there will be no one in the pews at SHUMC that Sunday.**

Join us for the **free picnic afterwards. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.**



### BUS TRIP TO CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER

2 days – October 20-21 and the cost is \$419 per person/double occupancy  
Register on your own directly with Anderson Travel (space is limited) 1-800-345-3435 or GoAnderson.com  
Please remember to identify yourself as part of the South Harborcreek UMC group!



Sweet & Salty Bible Study with Diane Senger meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Let Diane know as she makes reservations for dinner. **Aug.'s schedule:** Dinner/Devotion at Freeport Restaurant in North East, then prayers at the beach; Aug. 12 – Devotion/Fellowship/Prayers at Cindy Furey's home, 1122 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> St.; Aug. 19 – Picnic Dinner/Devotion @ Frontier Park on 8<sup>th</sup> St., with a prayer walk in the labyrinth; Aug. 26 – Devotion/Fellowship/Prayer at Liz Doleski's home



The youth are having a fundraiser for the their retreat at Findley Lake. We are asking that you bring in your old metal which we will turn into cash. All proceeds will go towards the retreat. Bring in anything from the list below 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.

### ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING:

1. Metal Furniture: chairs, bed frames, file cabinets
2. Old Restaurant Equipment, Stainless Steel
3. Copper, Brass, LED Electric Wiring, Electric Motors, Transformers
4. All Appliances: washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, etc.
5. Motor Vehicles, Farm Equipment, Old Lawn Mowers, Car Parts, Machinery, etc.
6. Car/Truck Batteries
7. Aluminum Siding, Cans, etc.
8. Old Metal Tools, Bolts, Screws, etc.



**OPEN TO ALL -- THURSDAY GOLF OUTINGS** at Scenic Heights Golf Course @ 5:30 pm **every Thursday** evening. Questions? Call Gary Faulhaber (814) 881-7308 or Gordy Locke (719) 640-7644.



**RELAXING COVID REQUIREMENTS:** As per State and Federal Guidelines and changing public practices – masks will now be optional for those who have received their vaccine. However, masks are required for those who have not been vaccinated against the Coronavirus. Also, we encourage people who have greater health concerns and risks of exposure to wear masks. **Bottom Line:** We respect each person's decision in these regards.



**Please hit the "Like" button** so we know that you are viewing! It lets us know that you appreciate the Sunday Worship Service & Devotions. It helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.



**Live-streaming of the services can be seen on . . .**

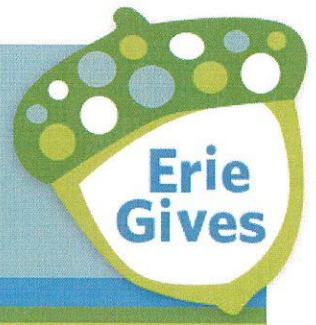
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# ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 9, 2021.



## ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

Donor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Example: John & Jane Doe | John Doe | Anonymous*

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