

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



October 17, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"Everlasting God"*

WELCOME & INVOCATION .....*Jim Loeffler*

PRELUDE .....*"As the Deer"*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 5:10-12).....*Sue Fuller*

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*People: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER .....*Sue Fuller*

PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"Where I Belong"*  
*"You Are God Alone"*

KIDS' TALK & DISMISSAL.....*Adrianne Morton*

HYMN.....*"As the Deer/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

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

TO THE ANGELS OF THE CHURCHES OF SMYRNA & PHILADELPHIA

*"What to Do When Everyone Turns Against You"*

Matthew 5:10-12; Revelation 2:8-11; 3:7-13

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"10,000 Reasons"*

BENEDICTION

EXIT SONG.....*"All Over the World"*

10-17-21:

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**TEXT & CONTEXT:**

The Churches in ancient Smyrna and Philadelphia were the ONLY 2 churches in Jesus' address in Revelation 1-3 that Jesus did not reprimand or correct --- BUT RATHER ---HE LOVINGLY ENCOURAGED THEM TO to "CARRY ON," to "PERSEVERE," and to 'ENDURE' ... WHAT MAY WE LEARN & APPLY FROM THESE WORDS OF JESUS --- YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW?

**TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF SMYRNA (Rev. 2:8-11)**

**TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA Rev. 3:7-13)**

WHAT IS JESUS PRESCRIPTION?

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO ME AND TO SHUMC?

YESTERDAY?

TODAY?

TOMORROW?

SLANDER: The CRIME of making false statements that damage a person's reputation that may even lead to significant harm --- emotionally, spiritually, or physically. (Bullying +++)

PERSECUTE: To harass or punish in a manner designed to injure, grieve, afflict – to cause to suffer because of a belief.

ENDURE: to undergo a hardship WITHOUT GIVING IN --- to suffer without giving in --- tolerance ... to remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding to its pressure.

PERSEVERE: to PERSIST in spite of opposition, persecution, or discouragement

FAITHFUL: allegiance and duty ---

FIDELITY to one's promises, sincerity, belief, and trust in loyalty to God. Belief

NOW WHAT: DEVELOPING & SUSTAINING THE FAITH TO PERSEVERE

1. DRAW NEAR TO GOD --- James 4:8

2. REMIND YOURSELF and THEN HOLD UNSWERVINGLY TO THE HOPE WE PROFESS

- + Isaiah 41:10
- + Mark 10:27
- + Deuteronomy 31:6
- + Joshua 1:9
- + 1 Corinthians 15:57

**A Call to Persevere in Faith Hebrews 10:19-25**

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*

3. CONSIDER HOW WE MAY "SPUR ONE ANOTHER ONE"

4. DO NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER

5. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

REMEMBER WE HAVE 10,000 REASONS TO BELIEVE AND BE ENCOURAGED ... ONE DAY, ALL THINGS WILL BE MADE RIGHT ... AND THE SAINTS OF GOD WILL SHINE FORTH ... and TO YOU IN SMYRNA AND PHILADELPHIA --- YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE FORTH ... AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS WILL BE REWARDED ...

### **IN SUMMARY:**

- **ENDURE**
- **ENCOURAGE**
- **REMEMBER THE REWARD**



In Sunday School today, the kids will be learning about DAVID and Jonathan  
1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42  
"Friendship"

On Sunday, October 31, we will be presenting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders with their new Bibles! On that day we will also recognize the wonderful and faithful teachers who teach Sunday school each week.



## Backpack Program

For those who help out with the Backpack Program, we wanted to let you know that **we will not** be packing any food this week for the children.



Calling all singers! We will be putting together an anthem choir for **Sunday, Nov. 21** to sing a thanksgiving song during the worship service. **Practice will begin on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.** SATB singers needed!

**For those who cannot make the practice on Thursday evening**, we'll have a 20-minute practice directly after worship on Sundays for you – beginning this Sunday, Oct. 17!



**October 17, 31** - SMALL GROUPS (6-12 grade) will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided directly following Church. We'll break up into small groups.

**October 24** - Erie-Meadville District Youth Event. Harvest party at Burch Farms. Meet at church at 3:30 p.m. Pick up at Burch Farms at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$10. Bonfire, hayride, food, fun and fellowship with other kids from our area!



## SCRAP METAL DRIVE

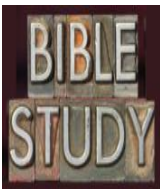
The fundraiser is almost over. It will be drop off only until the dumpster is full.



**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 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 Charlton's Bible Study meets in the multi-purpose room at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays. They will be continuing the study, *THE CHOSEN* (Season 2). **All are welcome to join in.**

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Elna Morton at 9:30 a.m. (*Cristianity & World Religions* by Adam Hamilton). All are welcome. If you would like to join in the group, please see or call Elna at 814-899-6809.

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.



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!

## COVID PROTOCOLS

As a leadership team, we are making decisions daily & 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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