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Pastor's Message by Rev. Bruce Fensterbush

"You are royal priests, a holy nation"

The Protestant doctrine of the Priesthood of All Believers asserts that all humans have direct access to God through Christ, the true high priest, and therefore do not need a priestly mediator. The doctrine further asserts that all Christians are equal and have equal responsibility for making disciples of Jesus Christ.

This doctrine is based on Peter's testimony in 1 Peter 2:9 in which Peter writes, *"You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light"* Peter is addressing the role of all of Jesus' followers in accomplishing the mission of the church. The church is to be an organization where everyone's gifts are honored and utilized, and clergy and laity serve as one.

A colleague of mine in Virginia recently wrote that "Lay persons have skills that have been honed in the crucible of life. They are called to ministry as well. And that calling is not to occupy a seat for an hour on Sunday morning and to contribute to the local church budget. Lay persons spend the bulk of their time in the presence of people who rarely attend church and who may not have a relationship with Jesus; they are truly on the frontlines of ministry."

A healthy and vital church is a church that meaningfully engages every member in some form of ministry. My role as a pastor is to equip church members for the ministry to which they have been called. (Ephesians 4:12). To accomplish this work, I've enlisted the help of Harry Owens and the Education Committee and Allegra Juday our Coordinator of Lay Ministries. Together, we are constructing a Pathway of Discipleship that will help everyone find their place in ministry.

Disciples aren't born...they are made. And we plan to provide disciple making opportunities for everyone no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. This Fall, for example, we will be offering Disciple I Bible Study - a survey course of the entire Bible where participants read 70% of the biblical literature. We will also be offering a short-term study entitled S.H.A.P.E. that provides participants with an opportunity to refine their top 5 Godly priorities in life. These are just a few examples of the offerings you will be seeing in the days and weeks ahead.

There will be more information in the worship folder and the website this summer regarding these and other opportunities to become a better disciple for Jesus Christ. He is counting on you to continue His ministry in the world. I encourage you to take every opportunity you can to become better equipped for the ministry to which you are being called.

In God's love,

Pastor Bruce

Christian Education News

Adult Sunday School Classes – New class members are always welcome! Please do not think you have to wait for a new study to join! Check out all the classes until you find a class just right for you. Classes meet from 9:45 to 10:45 every Sunday morning.

L.I.F.E. Living in Faith Everyday Adult Class (Room 12/13 in the gym area)

Format of class: *Life Application Discussion/DVD*

Leader: Heather Housel

B.A.S.I.C. Brothers and Sisters in Christ Adult Class (Room 8)

Format of class: *Discussion/DVD*

Leader: Harry Owens

Current Study: *Son of God, The Life of Jesus in You* by Rick Warren

Loyal Bible Adult Class (Room 9/10)

Format of class: *Lecture*

Leader: Rotating Leaders – See Wayne Schwartz for details

Current Study: **The International Uniform Series** believes the Bible is the record of God in Christ, the key resource for understanding the Christian faith, being under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His Spirit. This fall quarter is concentrated on the theme God's World and God's People in the Old Testament and study Scripture passages from Genesis.

NEW STUDY COMING IN THE FALL! DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study, giving the Old and New Testaments equal time, and emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE I draws upon the work of scholars and includes personal Bible reading and study, and dynamic group discussions to aid in our understanding of the Bible. It is an organized, 34-week, deep, challenging and thought-provoking study. Week by week your knowledge of Scripture will grow, and your confidence in expressing your views will be strengthened. It will also help you develop strong study habits as you explore the context of Scripture in the culture for which it was written, as well as in our current culture. This class will be offered on Thursday nights beginning on September 5th, with an orientation session on August 29th. Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet as September approaches. If you have any questions now, please seek out Brenda Brehm or Rosa Seyfried, who will be leading this study.

Children's Activities by Connie Vail

Vacation Bible School is July 8–12 from 9–11 am each day. The theme this year is “ATHENS – Paul’s dangerous journey to share the truth.” Volunteers are needed for Bible stories, games, music, snacks, marketplace workers, decorating and shopping for supplies. There are lots of ways people can help even if they can’t be there all week. See Connie Vail for details. Registration forms are available at the Children’s Ministry bulletin board.

Children’s Ministry Director Position. We are still searching for a part-time Children’s Ministry Director. Please contact the church office for a job description and application.

Youth Activities by Megan Wilson

Please see the enclosed calendar for youth activities throughout the summer.

Sunday Musical Performances

Sanctuary Worship Services 8:30 am

July 7	TBD
July 14	Michael Martin
July 21	Ken Bair II and Brass Ensemble
July 28	TBD
Aug. 4	Rings & Strings
Aug. 11	TBD
Aug. 18	Paul Dalbey and guests
Aug. 25	Vensel Family

The Gathering at 10:45 am

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Sunday Speakers

Sanctuary Worship Services 8:30 am

July 7	Rev. Bruce Fensterbush
July 14	Rev. Bruce Fensterbush
July 21	TBD
July 28	TBD
Aug. 4	Rev. Bruce Fensterbush
Aug. 11	Rev. Bruce Fensterbush
Aug. 18	TBD
Aug. 25	Rev. Bruce Fensterbush

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News & Notes

Administrative Council is scheduled to meet on Sunday, August 18th at 1:30 pm in room 8. The meeting minutes and other handouts will be emailed to council members prior to the meeting.

Blood Pressure Screenings are the first Sunday of the month at 9:30 am in the cry room.

Canned Fruit for Project SHARE: Otterbein UMC has made a commitment to Project SHARE for 100 cans of fruit each month. For the past several months, we have not met our commitment. Please consider picking up a can or two of fruit on your next visit to the grocery store and bringing those cans to church on a Sunday morning. Collection containers are located in the narthex and in the gym. Thank you!

United Methodist Women are not meeting over the summer. Check the weekly worship information for the next meeting date.

Rise Against Hunger – Where did our packaged meals go? The meals we packaged on March 31st were included in a shipping container holding 285,120 meals, which was sent to Zambia. Thank you everyone for both your financial support of this project and the hands-on meal packing in March. Our next meal packing event is being discussed for the fall of this year.

Chairs Available: We recently received 17 donated chairs from Mission Central. These chairs were put in the library and the church office. We now have 4 chairs in the office and 6 chairs in the library that need a new home. Please see Leslie in the church office if you want any of these chairs.

Cash for Causes Fundraiser: We are participating in Giant Food Stores “*Cash for Causes*” community fundraising program, as well as the Karns Gift Card Community fundraiser program. For each gift card we sell, we keep 5% to use as we choose. Cards are available in \$25 and \$50 amounts. Otterbein has decided to use the money to purchase equipment for the church. Gift cards are to be used for everyday purchases like groceries and gas. They are available for purchase the first Sunday of the month in the narthex and anytime during the week in the office. This is a great fundraising opportunity for us. So far, we have raised over \$7,700.

Seniors Luncheon Group Hello, we would like to give you an update on the Tuesday luncheon that happens on the first Tuesday of the month. First we would like to thank Betty Bennett for her great job as our coordinator for the last few years. She has decided to step down as the coordinator and we are happy to welcome Connie Calaman as the new coordinator. We are also now going to be titled Seniors Luncheon. This is to let all seniors know that they are welcome to join us for lunch on any given date. We will continue to meet on the first Tuesday at 11:30 at various restaurants decided on by the group. All you will need to do is call a week ahead if you are planning on attending. We will use this rsvp count for making the reservations. Following are the dates for the next three months and the rsvp deadline for each location:

July 2 at TJ Rockwells rsvp by June 25

August 6 at Scalles rsvp by July 30

September 3 at Hickory Ridge rsvp by August 27

For any questions and all reservations please contact Connie Calaman at: 717-249-4231

We look forward to seeing you all then. Information submitted by Edna Brehm.

Volunteers for July & August

Ushers

8:30 am Service – July: Don Steinour, captain, Bob Moyer, Mary Moyer, Joe Newsome, Maryann Newsome, Chester Raudabaugh, Clarence Raudabaugh, Joe Shughart

8:30 am Service – August: Carl Shenk, captain, Jerry Christopher, Jerry Morgan, Gary Morrow, Bob Moyer, Hattie Ogle, Bruce Tingle, Richard Snyder

10:45 am Service – Gym door greeters and Ushers are needed for July and August. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the gym door.

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

Worship Services are every Sunday morning at 8:30 am for traditional worship in the sanctuary and 10:45 am for the contemporary worship service, called The Gathering, in the gym. Our *Soul Café*, located in the gym, is open from 9:15 am until 9:45 am.

Sunday School for all ages is from 9:45 am until 10:45 am all year long.

Please take note of the new worship times!!

Mailbox Reminder

All committee chairs are reminded to check the mailboxes in the library weekly for correspondence.

Don't forget your canned fruit for Project SHARE. Our monthly goal is 100 cans. There are containers in the narthex and in the gym. The monthly deadlines are as follows:
June 16th, July 14th and August 18th

Altar Flowers

June 2 Russ & Hattie Ogle
June 9 Joe & Maryann Newsome
June 16 Shane & Tiffany Wivell
June 23 Jeff & Tammy Ham
June 30 Jim & Wanda Borden

July 7 Chester Raudabaugh
July 14 Russ & Hattie Ogle
July 21 Von & Steph Jaymes
July 28 Art & Anna Mae Smith

Aug. 4 Joe & Shirley Shughart
Aug. 11 Richard & Patti Johnson
Aug. 18 Jay & Alice Franklin
Aug. 25 Richard & Katherine Snyder

Flowers come from Georges' Flowers. Please call them directly at 717-243-2626 with special requests. The cost per Sunday is \$44 plus tax, billed directly from Georges' Flowers (price is for 2017).

Missions Updates

The Congregation is being asked to keep all Mission Trips in their prayers. During the final preparation phase, as they travel to their destinations, as well as, while they participate in their Mission Work.

Update on the (2019) Mission Trips:

- **Red Bird Mission Trip– Beverly, KY** **Sunday, June 9 – Saturday, June 15, 2019**
Lead: John & Melanie Hackman
 - Registration is Closed– Full Registration (15)
 - Attendees are: John, Melanie, Ella, Amelia & Owen Hackman, Beth Helterbran, Megan Wilson, Lydia Anderson, RaeAnne Hudson, Aaron Mast, Patrick Nickle, Kendal Snyder, Skylar Snyder, Kyleigh Zenewicz, Riley Zenewicz.

- **Tangier Island Trip, Tangier, VA –** **Wednesday, June 19 – Tuesday, June 25, 2019**
Lead: Mike Marra
 - Registration is Closed– Full Registration (35); (6) Otterbein UMC Attendees
 - Attendees are Joe & Ava Packowski, Jim Compton, Slim Connors, Gail Cushman, Mike Marra
 - Trip will be a Multi-Denominational Church Trip; Adult, Teens and Children

- **Hurricane Relief– Washington, NC** **Sunday, August 11 – Saturday, August 17, 2019**
Lead: Kit and Pastor Bruce Fensterbush
 - Registration is STILL open
 - As several couples will be driving themselves separate of the Main Van, there remains room for approx. 4 additional folks.
 - The Facility has ample room
 - Cost: \$350; covers all costs– Transportation, Room & Board, etc.
 - **Please note that all Registrations and Trip Arrangements will be made directly through Servants, Inc.**
 - **Remember to pick-up an Information Trip Sheet**

Apple Tree– South Middleton– Back to School Clothing Drive: **Year #7**

Leads: Jody Heberlig & Beth Helterbran

- Communication with the school has been initiated through the School Counselors
- We expect to have (20) youngsters again who will need our assistance.
- We plan to have the Clothing Need by **Mid-June** and hope to get things rolling at that time.
- The Goal is to have all clothing purchased, sorted and back to school by the **beginning of August**, (August 5, 2019) allowing them a few weeks for distribution to the families.
- The Committee thanks you in advance for your efforts and donations
- **Keep an eye out for those Apples!**

Servant's Corner

- Outreach Task Force: Since 2007, we have delivered over 480 loaves of bread to our first-time visitors. Please contact the church office with any suggestions or to become part of this outreach ministry.
- Blood Donor Club #412, remember to give our number when donating. We have received 13 units towards our 2019 quota. When you donate, remember to give **our club number 412**. Did you know: On average, the donation process takes less than 1 hour to complete. The actual blood donation is 5-10 minutes. Contact Wayne Schwartz (717-258-3987) with questions.

Getting Involved

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Administrative Council – Aug 18 at 1:30 pm

Meets quarterly

Bright Beginnings Daycare Board – Aug 19, 6:30 pm

Meets quarterly

Christian Education Comm. – as needed

Communications Comm. – as needed

Contemporary Worship Comm. – TBD

Finance Committee – Aug 11 at 9:45 am

Meets quarterly

Missions Committee – July 9 at 7:00 pm

Usually meets 4th Tuesday monthly

Springville Cemetery Assoc. – June 17 at 6 pm

Staff Parish Relations Comm. – as needed

Trustees – TBD

United Methodist Women –

Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly except summer

Worship Committee – Aug. 28 at 6:00 pm

Bible Studies

On break for the summer.

Sunday School for All Ages

Sunday school for all ages meets on Sundays at 9:45 am. Classes for children and youth by age group and four different adult classes are available most every Sunday.

Soul Cafe

Sundays from 9:15 am to 9:45 am in the Gym.

Hosting Community CARES in August: We are once again hosting Community CARES (formerly Carlisle CARES) for the month of August. Please check the weekly worship information for volunteer opportunities.

For the Record

Membership: (Count is 578)

Welcome New Members: Norman & Virginia Kelley and Neil & Christina Mast.

Welcome Confirmation Class: Cooper Smith, Luke Bond, Daniel Mast, RaeAnne Hudson, Lydia Anderson, James Snyder IV, Skylar Snyder

Finance Committee Report

Thru May 2019 vs. Thru May 2018

Church Income for 2019 \$323,406
Church Expenses for 2019 \$292,508*

Church Income for 2018 \$263,248
Church Expenses for 2018 \$256,132*

Daycare Income for 2019 \$152,226
 Daycare Expenses for 2019 \$139,751

Daycare Income for 2018 \$183,563
 Daycare Expenses for 2018 \$202,063

*figures include mortgage principal payments and additional payments on mortgage debt.
 Income includes Capital Campaign income

Mortgage balance as of 5/31/2019:
 Building \$401,119.28

Memorial Donations: Thanks to everyone for the many memorial donations for Jeanne Raudabaugh, Rev. Dan Dennis, Mary Fitzgerald, Lee Calaman, Oscar Hinkle, Jean Shearer, Randy Diehl and Jo Anne Bair.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am traditional worship in the sanctuary

9:15–9:45 am Soul Café

9:45–10:45 am Sunday school

10:45 am contemporary worship “The Gathering” in the gym.

Attendance for May

	8:30 Sanctuary	10:45 Gymnasium	Sunday School
May 5	168	70	87
May 12	174	176	74
May 19	166	70	82
May 26	179	66	85

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Summer 2019

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Fridays, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary Service
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Gym
Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.