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OUR SUMMER HOURS:

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10 am

Our Mission Statement

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

TO OUR GUESTS: Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

Stewardship Sentence: Since God never goes on vacation and stops providing for you, be sure to maintain your weekly offering to the Lord this summer when on your vacation.

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

	10 am service
Duty Elder	Lamar Miller
Acolyte	Brittany Morrison
Altar Care	Freda Steinke & Cathy Hurff
Lay Reader	Steve Schoeneck
Audio Assistant	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Barbara Hahn
Ushers	Bob & Mickie Ferguson and John & Mel Reinstetle
Altar flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Mary Joyce Donovan in loving memory of her mother Pearl Littleton.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, June 1	9:30 am	Sunday School classes
	10:00 am	Worship
		REGISTRATION FOR VBS CONTINUES
Monday, June 2	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Tuesday, June 3		No scheduled activities
Wednesday, June 4	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Thursday, June 5	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, June 6	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, June 7		No scheduled activities

ASCENSION SUNDAY

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2014 – 10:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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The Call to Reverence *(Please rise)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Look up!

People: We see our Ascended Lord.

Pastor: Look in!

People: We recognize our Redeeming Lord.

Pastor: Reach out!

People: We represent our Loving Lord.

Pastor: When times are hard, when faith seems weak, when God seems far off,

People: Teach us to LOOK UP – that we might see in the heavens the avenue of your promised return.

Pastor: When sin seems great, when temptation is strong, when we feel far from you,

People: Teach us to LOOK IN – that we might sense within the promise of your Holy Spirit and remember the faithful promise of sins forgiven and hearts made pure.

Pastor: When the world seems a dark and treacherous place,

People: Teach us to REACH OUT – that we might act as representatives of your holy will, holding out to this dark world the light of your love and the promise of your grace.

Pastor: Teach us to LOOK UP,

People: And see your grace.

Pastor: Teach us to LOOK IN, Lord,

People: And live your grace.

Pastor: Teach us to REACH Out, Lord,

People: And be your grace. Amen.

Please rise for verse 6

✠ *Please be seated*

First New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11(Bible Page 1,156)

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

Second New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23(Bible Page, 1,241)

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he

put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ, we rise to sing*

All Sing:

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

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He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53(Bible Page 1,126)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting

(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

Children's Talk

(students dismissed to class afterwards)

As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

Refrain

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

The Sermon Hymn

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

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The Sermon

"Up, Up and Away"

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The Apostle's Creed

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings

✘ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:*

✘ The Offertory

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

The Prayers For The Day (The Pastor will end each petition with *"Lord, in your mercy ..."* and the congregation will respond with **"hear our prayer."**)

Lord's Prayer

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in Peace!

People: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Closing Hymn (all rise)

"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"

(Melody: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling")

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A Measure of Our Devotion

May 25, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (10 am)	149
Worship Attendance 2013 (10 am)	98
Sunday Communion 2014	132
Sunday Communion 2013	95
SS/Youth /Confirmation	10/0/1
Adult Sunday School / Mid-week Studies	n/a
Receipts for May 25, 2014	\$2,152.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

➤ **THE MAILBOXES IN NARTHEX II** have been updated per the Church Council's approval. Check out your new location this morning.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(7) Jenna Crider; June Rohrschieb (8) Ryan Barraclough; Bob Ferguson

There are no anniversaries this week.

Food Pantry Item for the month of June	<i>Any canned fruits or Spaghetti Sauce</i>
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- VBS WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 16TH TO FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH FROM 6:30- 8:30 PM. Early registration is now available. On Monday June 16th, registration will begin at 6 pm. Students from pre-school through 5th grade are invited to attend. Older students are encouraged to help out with VBS.
- THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPECIAL ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS YEAR AT VBS. The topic of study will be "Reasonable Faith in an Uncertain World", with videos featuring Lee Strobel, Sean McDowell, Craig Hazen, Tom Woodward and Aaron Walp. Please join us in this study as we learn how our Christian faith can be defended in the current, skeptical environment. Signup sheets will be the back of the narthex.
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FINANCIAL SUPPORT Please use the special VBS envelope found in your regular offering envelope box. Please be generous as we do not charge for VBS.
- WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF SUPPLIES that could be donated and placed in the VBS Box in Narthex II. Currently, we are asking for donations of the following supplies:
 - 8 inch Paper Plates
 - Craft "eyes"
 - 2 x 3 Bright colored poster board
 - Various colors and thicknesses of pipe cleaners
 - Pool noodles
 - Poster Paints
 - Various sizes of "pom poms"

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE CHILDREN.
YOU ARE A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE "HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS".**