

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 19

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Livestream Worship Services

MONDAY, September 20 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, September 21

- 6:00 PM - PPSR Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, September 22

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:45 PM - Caring Crock Pot Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, September 23

- 7:00 PM - Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, September 26 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 - 10:00 AM - In-Church & Livestream Worship Services
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The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory Michal E. Haberchak's birthday 9/14/17 by Ed and Rose Haberchak.

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of My Husband Albert on what would have been his 87th birthday September 13th by June Womer.



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able)

Greeting

Marilyn Oldfield

Prelude

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

❖Centering Chorus "Surely the Presence of the Lord" #328

❖Call to Worship

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

❖Hymn "Blessed Assurance" #369

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

You watch over us, O God, and show us the way to prosper in life, not so much in things as in relationships that contribute to our wholeness and well-being. Thank you for meeting us here and helping us to deal with our selfish ambition, disorder, and conflicts. We submit ourselves to you for instruction. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you, voicing our doubts as well as our faith, our hypocrisy along with all that is deeply genuine. Create in us a space for quiet listening and thoughtful meditation. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

"Trust in the Lord"

Children's Moment

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

❖New Testament Lesson

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a (NRSV)

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for^[a] those who make peace.

⁴ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet^[b] something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Message

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

"Doers of the Word: Root of Conflict"

❖Hymn

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

#397

Offertory Reflection

❖Doxology

❖Prayer of Dedication

❖Closing Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#402

Announcements

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing

"Wonderful Words of Life" (vs. 1)

#600

Postlude

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