

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week Beginning March 4 2018

SUNDAY MORNING Worship is held at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES:

Following morning worship, help yourself to coffee and snacks in the gathering room on your way to a Sunday School class!

Our Sunday School Class for Special needs Adults continues.

For more information: Contact Nicole Lonsinger at 942-3055.

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Monday: 9:30-11:30 in the Church Basement: The RISE Women's Ministry group will continue their work on making sleeping mats for the homeless. Bring your scissors--bring your friends. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY: The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet in the church basement at 9:30 a.m. The Lenten Luncheon series continues at the Wehnwood United Methodist Church: noon-1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Band Rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. The Children's BLAST group will meet in the church basement at 6:00 p.m. The Men's Promise Keeper Group will meet in the Annex at 6:30 p.m. The Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study will meet in the Gathering Room at 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal will meet in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.



Tip for the Week:


March is known as the "windy month," but don't be too "windy" when sharing Christ's love with others. God gave you two ears (or hands) and only one mouth. Show God's love by listening to others.

You will earn the right to be heard by attentive listening.



We do regular musical outreaches to several (9) area nursing homes. To be a part of this ministry and be Blessed, See BJ or Daniel. Call BJ at 946:4110.



 **Pray for our young people in the military:
Kaylan Barger, Matthew Gensamer, Dakota Gunsallus,
Zach Hornberger, Jean Bridget Loomis, Austin Noble,
Morgan Shatzberger,**



If you are interested in a Bus trip to see "Jesus" at Sight and Sound on April 6th, see information on the Ushers' table in the Gathering Room, or contact Betty Jane Neely @ 946-4110.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Bill Brown, Esther Chesney, Debbie Darnell, Gordon Darnell, Mike Detwiler, Dave Duke, Archie Keller, John Kelly, Vic Kovaloski, Dave Minehart, Jean Nedimyer, Jim Poirrier, Ray Ramstad, Sr., Heather Sollenberger, Jim Stotler, John Vance, Jim Way, Ken & Audrey Woomer, & Ken Zitsch. Pray for the unsaved by name. Pray for the end of abortion on demand. Pray for the purveyors of terror to be captured by Christ. Pray for our wounded veterans. Pray for World Missions and for our missionaries by name. Pray for persecuted & imprisoned believers and refugees around the world. Pray for our local, state & political leaders. Pray for our nation's police officers and those who govern their procedures. Pray for our outreach into our community. Pray for Spiritual Revival in our church, local community, nation, and in our world! Pray for a solution to the opioid epidemic and the rise of mass killings in our nation.



Our Mission is to Love God and Care for People:

We strive to be a place of healing and a people of joy, dedicated to bringing others into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them become active members of His family. It's all about His love!



We are collecting soap & body wash for clients of our local food bank. Bring items to box in the Gathering Room.



The PRECIOUS LIFE Banquet will be held Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Jaffa. The theme is "Onward and Upward," There will be special testimonies along with sharing the vision of Precious Life for the next ten years. As a special bonus, there will be an auction of a 2018 Ford Escape, "Precious Life Edition," donated by Stuckey Ford/Subaru! Tickets are a \$20 donation and may be obtained by seeing Daniel Weber or by calling Precious Life Office at 944-2669 A free-will offering will be taken.



There is a critical need within the northern regions of our Bangladesh Mission! They are requiring help for winter blankets due to the intense cold. Providing blankets will keep them warm, but will also allow our pastors to share the love of Christ with these people. Approximately 720 blankets are needed at a cost of \$10/blanket. If you would like to share in this Missionary endeavor, please put your donation in a white envelope and mark it blankets.

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Find us on our Church page and on our **BLAST** page on Facebook.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: WE ARE A "SAFE SANCTUARY" CONGREGATION. ALL WHO WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN AND SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS HAVE PASSED CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND HAVE BEEN SCREENED FOR ANY HISTORY OF CHILD ABUSE. POLICIES ARE IN PLACE TO GUARD AGAINST ALL FORMS OF PREDATORY BEHAVIOR AMONG US.

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LADIES SPRING ENCOUNTER

Saturday, April 14, 2018

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Doors to the ballroom open at 9:00 am)

Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA

SANDPAPER PEOPLE

Mary Southerland is an author and speaker. She is also a survivor. Women identify with Mary because she has survived the road of clinical depression, infertility, adoption, full-time ministry, sexual abuse, chronic physical pain and the daily stress of life. Through God's power, Mary has emerged with joy, strength, and victory. Her heart's desire is to encourage women with a message of hope and equip them with practical truths from God's Word to face every part of their lives with power and purpose.

She is Founder of Journey Ministry and Co-founder of Girlfriends in God, a non-denominational ministry that crosses many boundaries to bring the Body of Christ together as believers.

The unwanted intrusion of a nosy neighbor...the exasperating antics of the teenager who constantly pushes your buttons...the infuriating behavior of a co-worker or the hurtful words of a spouse. Mary will help us discover how to deal with the difficult relationships in our lives.



Mary Southerland
Girlfriends in God

ADVANCE TICKET DONATION:

\$25 event/\$15 lunch | \$30 at the door/no lunch available

Advance Ticket Sales at businesses and on our website, www.ladiesencounter.com end April 8 for Ladies Encounter and April 15 for Teen Encounter

WILL-CALL EVENT TICKETS (NO LUNCH) AVAILABLE

LADIES ENCOUNTER APRIL 8-13 AND TEEN ENCOUNTER APRIL 15-18

Call Doris at (814) 224-5443 or Joyce at (814) 224-5119

LUNCH MENU: Marinated grilled breast of chicken on a bed of mixed greens with tomatoes, olives, red onion, cucumbers, mild pepper rings, shredded cheddar cheese and a balsamic vinaigrette dressing (preset on table not on salad), bread, carrot cake with a cream cheese filling and toasted coconut, iced tea and hot beverages.

-A gluten free or vegetarian option is available.

-Be sure to check your lunch choice on the ticket order form.

-You may go off-site for lunch, but no food or beverages may be taken into the Convention Center.

TO ORDER TICKETS FOR BOTH LADIES AND TEEN EVENTS:

-Purchase tonight at the Ladies Encounter Product Table. You do NOT need to fill out the form.

-On our website, www.ladiesencounter.com.

-At local businesses beginning March 1. Locations will be listed on our website in January and also on our posters.

-Enclose the completed form below along with a check payable to Encounter and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Send to: Doris Miller, 3209 Lafayette Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664



**SATURDAY
APRIL 14**

LADIES ENCOUNTER:

SANDPAPER PEOPLE with **Mary Southerland**

_____ Ladies Event tickets (\$25 donation each)

_____ Lunch tickets (\$15 donation each)

() Chicken () Gluten Free () Vegetarian

**THURSDAY
APRIL 19**

TEEN ENCOUNTER: *WHOYAWANTABE* &

WHATYAWANTADO with **Kirsten Hart**

_____ Teen Event tickets (\$10 donation each)

\$ _____ Total of check enclosed

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

(Ladies Encounter does not share addresses or e-mails with other organizations)

Church Name: _____

Interaction with Today's Sermon
Selected to Serve
Matthew 25:31-46

Introduction: Continuing the series of messages on discovering God's purpose we discover that the fourth purpose for our lives is to serve others. We are Selected by God to Serve. Today's message from Matthew 25 reminds us that disciples of Jesus care for people in need.

Questions for Exploring:

- 1) What thoughts and feelings go through you when you encounter someone who appears to be in need of help? Do you feel:
a) compassionate, b) fearful, c) suspicious, d) judgmental, e) motivated to help? Check all that apply. What thoughts and feelings usually win out? Why?
- 2) Compare your thoughts, feelings, and actions noted in question 1) with what you know of Jesus. Ask "what would Jesus think, feel, and do?" What similarities and differences do you see between you and Jesus in this regard?
- 3) What does it mean to have a "heart" like Jesus' heart? Read Matthew 9:36. What does this verse tell us about the heart of Jesus? How does this answer the "why" of our ministry to others?
- 4) In Matthew 25:34-36, what do we discover about "how" to help people in various needs? What do such ministries require of us?
- 5) Is ministering to others to be "occasional" or "a lifestyle" for those who follow Christ? Explain.
- 6) What steps can you take this week to become more like Jesus in fulfilling your purpose to serve others? How will you be involved in serving Christ through ministering to others?