**~~ This Week’s Prayer List ~~**

Kay Bonnaure Lionel Carlos Eddie Chess

Jake Cool Mabel Wilson Edith Ergen

Bill Ferrington Rose Growden Keri Watters

Diane Boustead Eleanor Heidler Penny Kramer

Mary Lou McConnell Ella D. McCullough Evelyn Smith

Diane Quinn Diane Schultz Parker Schultz

John Schedlock JR McConnell **Mary Beth Patterson**

Paul Von Stein **Casey Quinn** **Family of David Sippy**

Judy Heck 724-899-3159

Judy will call the first person on each list. If unable to reach Judy, please call Lena Cool (724-695-2836). Then that person will call the next on their list, etc. Judy Heck will also call the church office, and Lena Cool will call the pastor’s home. The last person on each list will call Judy to complete the chain. (If you cannot reach the next person on the list, please contact the *next* person.)

***List One***

Lena Cool 724-695-2836

 Mabel Wilson 412-329-7094

 Cindy Macek 724-899-3755

 Irma & Walter Groom 724-899-2133

June Miller 724-899-3963

 Beverly Hilpert 724-695-7185

***List Two***

Leah & Skip Clydesdale 724-899-3749

Bill Marburger 724-899-2451

Sandi Cogis 724-695-0559

Joyce Houston 412-788-4080

Keri Laniewski 412-266-4144

Tom McCullough 724-457-1713

**Please help us keep the Prayer List updated monthly.**

 **~~ Church through the Week ~~**

**July 26 - August 2, 2015**

Sunday July 26 9:00 am Missions Comm. Mtg.

 10:00 am Worship

Thursday July 30 7:00 pm Session

Sunday August 2 9:00 am Worship & Music Comm Mtg.

 6:00 pm Impact

 10:00 am Worship

**July 27th: Joyce Houston**

**July 28th: James Huffman**

**July 29th: Diane Boustead**

**July 29th: Kathy Huffman**

**July 30th: Sydney Watters**

**July 31st: Jennifer Hart**

*May God bless you on this very special day and throughout the year!*



*Blessed by the freedom to worship God openly, we come before him in praise and thanksgiving. Welcome!*

**Prayer Requests:** Please use a yellow card to share a prayer request, giving it to an usher during the first hymn.

**Announcements:** Please use a light blue card to share your announcement, giving it to an usher during the first hymn.

**Deacons’ Fund**: This fund serves people with special needs. If you know of someone needing help, please contact a Deacon or the church office.

**We Have a Wiggle Room**There is a "wiggle room" located in the back of the sanctuary for little ones who may need a break during our worship service.  Grown-ups are free to take their little one to this room as needed.

**Youth Group Strasburg Trip**Sight and Sound Theatre, Sleeping on the Farm and an Amish Adventure!  Youth going into grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us for our annual trip to Strasburg, PA from **Monday, August 17 - Wednesday, August 19**.  Space is very limited, and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.  Cost is $115 per person, and is due at the time of reservation.  See Pastor Laura for more information or to reserve your spot.

**We Need Prayers** The Nominating Committee is in search of the one whom the Triune God is calling to step into this awesome role. First, please pray for the Nominating Committee as they discern where the Spirit is leading. Second, pray for the person who is being called. Finally, if you have been ordained as an elder, prayerfully consider whether this is a ministry that you are called to. Indeed, **YOU** may be the one whom our God in Christ has been preparing for just such a time as this!!! For more information, see Brenda Metz or Pastor Laura.

**The Deacon’s Giving Campaign:** Our giving campaign has gone really well and for August we will be gathering “Kid Stuff----mac-n cheese, fruit cups, applesauce cups.”   Please bring your items to the church and place on the table in the narthex. Please continue to pray for your Deacon committee, our work is very important.

**Kids' Group Leaders Needed!** We are in need of two people to lead Kids' Group, kids in grades 2 - 5. If able, please contact Pastor Laura or Brenda Lamb.

**Treasure the Memories** 2015 Fair in the Woodlands, come and enjoy food, games, entertainment, music… Fun! Fun! Fun! Registration is August 13th 1:00-7:00 pm. Contact Judy Heck 724-899-3159.

**Faith In Action** We are still here for our seniors for Dr. appts., etc… we are in need of drivers. If you have a few hours a month, please consider driving for this cause. Contact Judy Heck for more information (724) 899-3159.

**Worship Time Change: September 6**Sunday School will resume at 9:45 a.m. for all ages and worship at 11:00 a.m. on **Sunday, September 6**.  Please mark your calendars.

**Confirmation Class**Confirmation Class for all youth entering grades 6 - 8 will take place during Sunday School beginning on **Sunday, September 6** in the youth group room.  This class will run through the academic year.  Please see Pastor Laura for more information.

**Rally Day is Coming**Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 13** as we celebrate Rally Day!

**The Finance Committee is Working!**Did you know that our Finance Committee meets at least twice a month now?  They're working hard, along with our church treasurers, to get our church on our best financial footing.  Please continue to pray for them as they continue onward in faithfulness and service to Jesus and the church.

**Please Remember:** As previously announced, we are only recognizing 4 funds for our envelope contributions: general fund, mission fund, building fund and per capita fund. This is necessary until we get our software package up and running and have time to learn how to use it correctly. Until further notice, all money marked for any other funds will automatically be placed into the general fund.

**Attic Treasure & Bake Sale**: Jennifer Rossman is seeking volunteers for this event including set up on August 10th, evenings from 6pm-9pm August 12th-14th, and Saturday August 15th from 12 pm- 4 pm. See Jennifer after the service.

![50th-anniversary-seal-eps-3917802[1]]()There have been lots of milestone wedding anniversaries in our church this year, and I would like to let everyone know that another one is coming.  **On August 28th, Dan and Judy Heck** **will celebrate their 50th anniversary.**   Denny and I enjoyed so much all the cards and good wishes we received on our anniversary, so please mark your calendars and take a little time and send them a card to wish them well. ~Cindy Macek

**Clinton United Presbyterian Church**

***The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost***

**July 26, 2015 10:00am**

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship, based on Ephesians 2:

Leader: We are no longer foreigners or strangers.

**People: We are fellow citizens with all God’s people.**

Leader: This household was built on the apostles and the prophets.

**People: Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone!**

Leader: In Jesus alone, the whole church stands together.

**People: In Jesus alone, the whole church becomes the holy temple of God.**

Meditative Prelude

\*Hymn **of Praise *“In Christ There is No East or West”***#439

\*Prayer of Confession:

 **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confess that we have lost our focus this day. We have built our faith upon the foundations of our culture, our generation, and our comfort zones. We are unwilling to be challenged by your Word. We are afraid that the Scripture might call us to change, and might show us that we’re wrong. We are uncomfortable with a church that is built upon a man who was convicted and who died on a cross, even though he rose again and reigns as king. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our minds to hear what you are saying through your Word this day and every day. We pray this in Jesus’s name.**

(*Silent time for personal confession*)

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #577

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. (Repeat last line.)

\*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive
one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

 **People: And also with you.**

Children’s Sermon

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 19:1-16 p. 16 *p. 26*

Leviticus 20:13 p. 117 *p. 187*

New Testament Readings: Romans 1:20-28 p. 1112 *p. 1747*

I Timothy 1:8-11 p. 1174 *p.1846*

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**Sermon “What Does the Bible say about…Homosexuality?”**  **Part One** **Rev. Laura E. Strauss**

\*Hymn of Response ***“The Church’s One Foundation****”* #442

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical) p. 14

Minute for Mission

Announcements and Concerns for Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (“sins”)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Organ Interlude

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

\*Doxology #592

 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

 Praise Him, all creatures here below;

 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication ***“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less****”* #379