Order of Worship for Sunday, August 28, 2022 Final Thoughts: Known by Our Love // Blessing of the Backpacks Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and worship, strengthening each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS We are called by Christ to be known by our love. How can we allow love to define our relationships?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give to the Lord your whole trust.

- P: We place our lives in God's care.
- L: Know that God has always and will always be with you.
- P: We place our spirits in God's embrace.
- L: Worship God in confidence and peace.
- P: We open our hearts to God's incredible love. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE All Puffed Up Based on Luke 14:1-11

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Luke 14:1, 7-14 // Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

MESSAGE Known by Our Love

† CLOSING HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love UMH #432

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- September 1 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!

- September 4 Our fall series "Emerging Heroes" begins! Amazing results often don't start out making sense on paper AND they require heroes and hero makers. It is also Communion Sunday.
- September 6 Sprucetown UMC Adm. Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm
- September 7 St. James UMC Trustees Meeting 6:30pm, Adm. Board 7pm
- September 11 Potluck Lunch following worship! Bring a covered dish to share after 11am worship.
- September 15 Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- September 19 Trinity UMC Adm. Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm
- September 21 PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7pm at Faith UMC, Spring Mills
- Pastor Theresa will be on vacation September 26-28.
- October 15 Fall cleaning day at St. James starts at 8:30am. Refreshments and coffee provided! The focus is to de-clutter, recycle and re-home many of the items in the basement. All welcome.
- October 23 Penns Valley Cluster Pulpit Swap; Randy Muthersbaugh (Faith UMC & Brush Valley UMC) serves the pulpit

- SAVE THE DATE: Our Charge Conference is October 23 4:30pm hosted by Sprucetown UMC. Full church members, led by our District Superintendent Rev. Brenda Leigey, will attend to holy conferencing to approve reports, officers and more for the past and coming year. All are welcome. Full members may vote.

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