

Order of Worship for September 1, 2024 – 15th Sunday After Pentecost, Year B  
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 Website: [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
For personal transformation, we study God’s Word to learn how we shall live, offer praise and worship  
and strengthen each other. For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

CENTERING WORDS Wisdom leads us to fulfilling life!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE The Sanctuary Song *Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.* (sing twice)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has given us this day for praise!

**P: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!**

L: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

**P: Let the words of God’s own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!**

L: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

**P: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God’s healing and restoring love.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Have Thine Own Way, Lord! UMH #382

† 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.***

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – St. James UMC & Sprucetown UMC

HYMN OF PREPARATION Spirit Song UMH #347

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Proverbs 9:1-6 // Psalm 34:9-14 // Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MESSAGE Our Daily Bread: An Appetite for Instruction

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 12

† CLOSING HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT Jesus invites us to cultivate our spiritual appetite; one that will mature our minds, our mouths, and our motives.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

SAVE THE DATE: September 29 – Trinity Church Fall Hayride and Picnic, all in the Penns Valley Charge and community are invited. We begin loading wagons at 3pm, bring a covered dish to share after the hayride at 5pm. Plenty of picnic tables available. Hot dogs, beverages and table service provided. (Raindate is the following Sunday)

September 3 – Sprucetown Church Ad. Council and Trustees meeting at 7pm.

September 4 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board at 7pm.

September 5 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation begins at 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. Ladies from the valley are invited to chat and have a wonderful time. You do not have to belong to this or any church.

September 16 – Trinity Trustees & Ad Board meeting 7pm

September 17 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting 7pm at St. James

September 18 – PV Charge 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting 7pm at Trinity in Woodward. 2025 Pastoral compensation and charge conference forms will be discussed.

September 19 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation begins at 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn.

September 22 – “Hands to the Plow” District Conference Gathering 3pm at Mt. Nittany UMC. Registration information is forthcoming.

September 26 – St. James Homecoming Parade Soup Sale Volunteers, contact Paula Smith.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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Our new Bishop beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez Conf. Website: [susumc.org](http://susumc.org)

The Penns Valley Charge is part of the Penns Valley Cluster; State College District; Susquehanna Annual Conference; Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

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