

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Today's altar flowers are sponsored
IN HONOR & GLORY OF GOD

PRAYER LIST

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Register today for the 2026 Laity Academy: Foundations of Faith

Training: **July 31st - August 1st**

[Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087.](#)

The courses are divided into the Christ Servant Ministry categories of the BASIC Course, Speaking, Leading and Caring. Go to the Conference Website to register for the training. A copy of the course categories can be found on the table in the Narthex for your review. **Registration closes July 20th.**



On Wednesday, **September 16, from 9:30am-3:00pm**, you are invited to participate in an **Advanced Sexual Ethics Workshop** at **Innabah Camp & Retreat Center**. This workshop

explores the distinct challenges facing clergy in careers that involve helping others and strategies for self-care. Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Linwood Smith Jr.

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The Social Creed

“We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts in idolatrous ends. We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons. We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.”

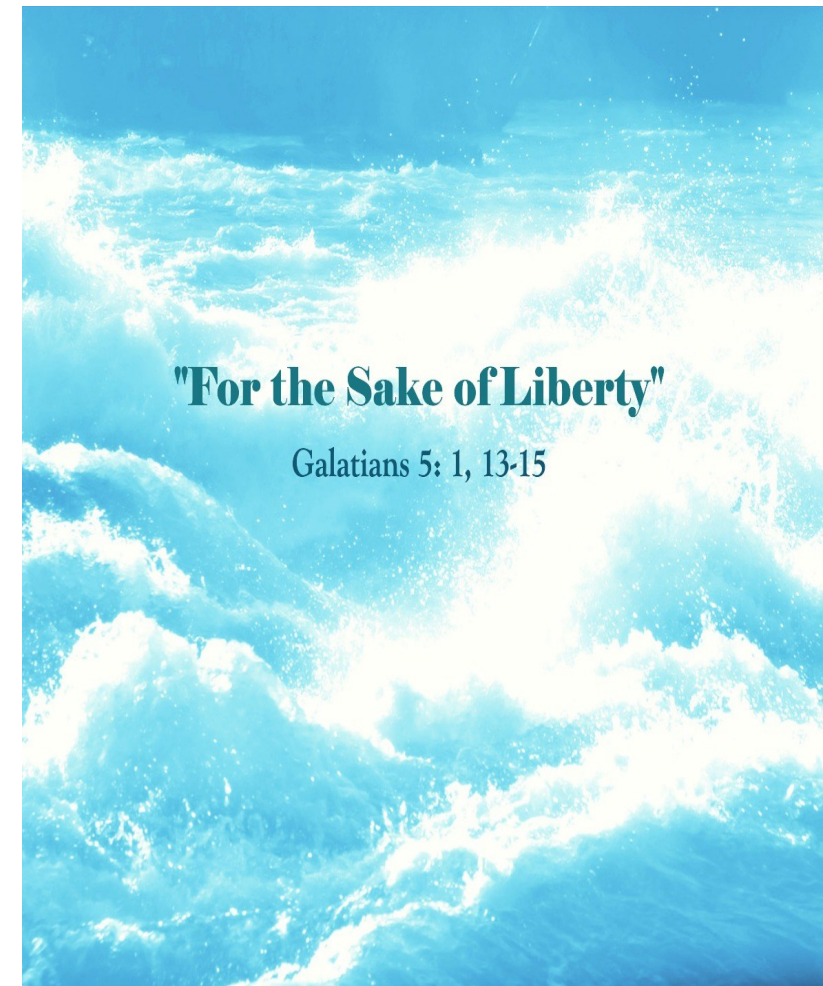
BRISTOL TEEN ART CAMP

July 13-31- Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Harriman Methodist Church, 1700 Wilson Ave., Bristol.
Free arts camp! Learn fine arts skills, music, novel writing and more.
Contact Amanda, Director of Youth at **609-558-5494**.

EMILIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 162 YEARS OF WORSHIP,
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"For the Sake of Liberty"

Galatians 5: 1, 13-15

**June 28th, 2026
10 a.m.**



BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28th, 2026

The Rev. Stacey Jones-Anderson

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Pre-Service Music *The Lord's My Shepherd*
arr. Lynn Arthur Koch

(Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people).

Greeting The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

***Call to Worship** Liturgist, Buffy Gibson

Liturgist: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

People: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

Liturgist: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

People: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

Liturgist: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

People: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Liturgist: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

All: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** *Blessed be the God of Israel* UMH #209

Unison Opening Prayer Buffy Gibson

Holy One, we come before you today: full of hope, full of desire, full of promise. Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us, that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil within and around us, that we may face the future unafraid. Show us your way, your truth, and your life. AMEN.

Passing of the Peace Buffy Gibson

Community Connections

Children's Message

Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers

Offertory Music *Give Thanks* arr. Joel Raney

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Unison Offertory Dedication and Prayer** Buffy Gibson

God of the generations that have come before and have yet to arrive, you call new hearts into service every day. As we offer our gifts to you, forgive us as we confess that too often, we have held back and allowed others to do the sacrificial giving. We've told ourselves the older generation has more resources. We've told ourselves that the younger generation has more energy. Remind us in our giving that you have placed a mantle on each of our shoulders that is the right size for us. Help us take it up and respond to your call in faithfulness. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Hymn of Reflection *Into My Heart* TFWS #2160

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Galatians 5: 1, 13-15 Buffy Gibson

Sermonic *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
TFWS #2223

Sermon *For the Sake of Liberty* Pastor Stacey

****The Social Creed** **See Back of Bulletin or Screen**

***Closing Hymn** *Lord God, Your Love has Called Us Here*
(vs. 1-3 &5) UMH #579

***Mission Statement** (screen) Buffy Gibson

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Postlude** *Voluntary for Three Voices*

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Pastor-On-Call: Please call 215-945-5503

The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

Church Office Hour: Tues. thru Thurs. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.