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## Sunday Worship Service | 18 September 2022 | 15th Sunday of Pentecost

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND BLOOD AND MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD (John 1:14)."



MEDITATION | ALL

PRELUDE | JACOB PADUANO

CALL TO WORSHIP | PASTOR LUNDY

**Invocation** | Pastor Lundy

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS | ELDER WANDA SIZEMORE- MCRAE

**OPENING HYMN | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY** 

VIRTUAL PASSING OF PEACE | LEAD BY FAN COMMITTEE

LIVING OUR MISSION | THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/SEMINARIES; CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN; EVANGELISM SUNDAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | PASTOR LUNDY

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ALL

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | PASTOR LUNDY

**SCRIPTURE READING | LUKE 16:1-13** 

HYMN OF PREPARATION | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

**SERMON** | PASTOR LUNDY: "The Parable of the Crooked Manager"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | ELDER BESSIE ALLEN

PASTORAL PRAYER | PASTOR LUNDY

OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD | ALL

AND MUSICAL SELECTION | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | PASTOR LUNDY

#### MEDITATION BEFORE SERVICE

Silent mediation is the first order of worship. Take this opportunity to reflect upon God, the events of your week, and the persons who are touching your life. If you wish, share your prayer concerns there will be an opportunity to share your concern during our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

Help us, O God of our salvation

For the glory of your name

Deliver us and forgive our sins

For your name's sake. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you

# For we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future

We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you

## We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name

Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen. Silent Confession

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The author of our salvation, the one who weeps for us and for our world, is the God of compassion. God meets us in our need and heals our many failings. Rejoice and be glad. **Amen.** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Any dates for the Church Calendar should be given to Wanda Sizemore-McRae ASAP.

- We're seeking **FAN supporters**, to donate cases of water and/or lead our fitness breaks. See Elder Pam.
- **11am Worship Service** is in person and on Zoom @ Meeting ID: 871 3893 6353 | (929) 205-6099 | https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87138936353
- **Operation Warm Heart** We're also seeking volunteers for in-house program from December 2022 to March 2023. Please contact Elder Bessie for more information.
- 2022 Per Capita is \$45 per member. This and all donations can be submitted during worship; to SHFP Church, P. O. Box 442, Roselle, NJ 07203; or with *Zelle* using shfpchurch64@gmail.com.
- What's the 313? The Ancestors Speak Video Blog Co-hosted by Pastor Lundy and James Amemasor on Sundays at 3p.m. It is a conversation about the Ancestors Speak Research Project on Zoom: Meeting ID 814 0595 3491 and Dial-in Number (929) 205-6099.
- *On Mondays,* **Prayer Service is 6:30pm** and **Bible Study is 7pm** on Zoom. The study will resume on 9/12 on New Testament *Matthew*.
- Do you want to **serve on a committee** or ministry? Please see a session member today.
- If you wish to be a *Liturgist*, please see Elder Wanda after service.

#### **REMINDERS**

- Pastor's office hours are by appointment in the *Snyder Academy*. Contact her at **201-970-3337** or **wandamlundy@gmail.com**.
- During worship service, **kindly turn off or put phones on vibration**.
- Our church is a COVID-19 conscious setting, so **please wear a facemask** properly.
- Anyone requesting a **pastoral visit or at-home communion** should contact one of the Ruling Elders, Deacons, or Pastor.

## **SESSION REPORT:** June Financial Report

Income: \$11,272 | Expenditure: \$16,398

- 1. Church Men's' Bathroom is almost refurbished completely.
- 2. Caldwell Place Sidewalk is in the process of repair.
- *3.* **Operation Warmheart** has permission to use Snyder Academy from 12/2022 to 03/2023 for housing the homeless. *Volunteers are necessary*.
- 4. **Lunches** continually provided to those in need on Fridays at noon.
- 5. The next **Session meeting** is Wednesday, October 20, 2022.



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#### NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



## **JUST FACTS**

Do You Know? "Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period (www.census.gov/newsroom/stories)."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

(September Birthdays)
2nd Tamar VanDeVeery
9th Shirmaya Sizemore-Reddick
11th Rev. Joseph Garlic
14th Ja'Da Swaggerty
24th Kittrell McCullers
28th Heidi Garlic

(September Anniversaries)

13rd Mr. Will & Mrs. Pam Robinson

14th Mr. Robert & Mrs. Erma Linton

14th Mr. Winston & Mrs. Lorraine Tidd

## THIS WEEK'S WORD

- <sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management because you cannot be manager any longer.'
- <sup>3</sup> "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'
- <sup>5</sup> "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'
- <sup>7</sup> "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'
- <sup>8</sup> "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
- <sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?
- <sup>13</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money (Luke 16:1-13)."

## WHAT'S COOKING?



## Whole Wheat Pasta Salad

{Yield: 10-12 servings}

## **Ingredients:**

8 oz. box Whole Wheat Rotini
(spiral shaped pasta)
1 bell pepper, diced
1 cucumber, seeded, and diced
1/2 cup chopped green onions
1/2 cup diced tomatoes
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 Tbsp. parsley, minced
1 tsp black pepper
3/4 cup lite shredded cheddar cheese

#### **Dressing:**

(COMBINE ALL)

1/3 cup fat free yogurt, plain 1/3 cup fat free honey Dijon dressing 1/3 cup fat free Caesar dressing 1 Tbsp. dill, minced

#### Instructions:

- 1. Boil pasta according to directions on box.
- 2. Drain, rinse and chill pasta.
- 3. Mix with other ingredients and dressing and serve.

This recipe is courtesy of our *Fitness Activities and Nutrition* Committee. **Learn more about FAN and be healthier at www.shfpchurch.org/fan-resources**.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Our Food Ministry preparing food donation bags as a family. We invite you to participate in GOD's work at the Snyder Academy.

## TODAY'S HYMN

## WORD OF THE WEEK

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

- 2 Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me,
- **3** When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

#### MANAGER



"Someone whose job is to control or organize someone or something (https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us)."

## **LITERARY CORNER**

#### FOLLOW ME

"You say follow me, but I'm not sure where you're going.

You say follow me, as if you're leading me out of the chaos and confusion, but the closer I follow, the thicker the clouds of darkness seem to be and the less comfortable my life gets.

You say follow me but insist I leave "me" behind.

You say follow me but wait just a minute. Let me look you over,

examine you and ask, "just who are you?"

You say follow me, and my heart knows it's what I was born to do.

You say follow me, but my head has different plans. It sees the storm clouds you're brewing and the confrontation that arises

wherever you go.

My mind makes up excuses, finds ways to dismiss you and remain in the lead.

But you say follow me, and I see the goodness and living water that flows from the river you're providing.

I see the beauty of your face and if what you say is true – it's the greatest story the world will ever know.

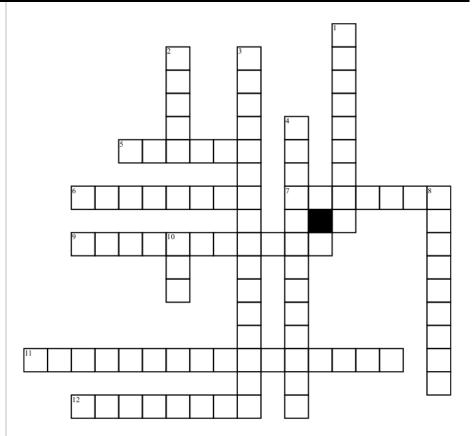
But you say follow me and it scares me because there's still some doubt.

But does that doubt have anything to do with you or because I know accepting you comes at a cost, knowing that I'll have to die to myself and admit I'm lost?

You say follow me.

Grant that I may be willing to take up my cross (©Justin Farley)."

# MIND MUSCLE WORKOUT



#### Across

- **5.** Number of Holy Days observed by Eastern Orthodox Church
- **6.** Number of governing bodies of the Eastern Orthodox church
- 7. Leader of Catholicism
- **9.** Founder of Christianity
- **11.** Largest Christian denomination

**12.** Vow Catholic priests take that make them different from other Christian priests

#### Down

- 1. Considered by many Christian groups the most important city of their faith
- **2.** Holy book of Christianity
- **3.** denomination of Christianity developed within the Greek-speaking eastern branch of the Roman-Byzantine Empire
- 4. denomination founded over disagreements when Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses outside a Catholic Church door in 1517
- **8.** Sacrament typically celebrated more by Catholics than other branches of Christianity
- **10.** Number of Holy Days observed by Roman Catholic church