

BLESS: Eat Together

Romans 12:9-14

B-L-E-S-S is not one more thing to do.

Blessing our neighbors is how we live. Bless is our witness.

B-L-E-S-S is not a one and done but a lifestyle, a life-time of walking in the Spirit in Communion with God and one another.

Memory Verse:

Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. —Romans 12:12-13

Cover-dish dinners, potlucks, and fellowship meals have been a staple of Christian church.

Where did we get this idea?

The Bible, the New Testament Church, and from Jesus.

1. Contributing to the Needs of the **Saints**.

Contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. —Romans 12:13

Hebrews 13:1-2, *“Let love of the brothers and sisters continue. Do not neglect hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”*

Acts 2:42-47, *“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... And all the believers were together and had all things in common... continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house.”*

When is the last time you had a Christian or a church member into your home?

For a meal?

Try a fun experience: see someone in church (maybe someone new), invite them out for dinner or to your house for a meal.

Over 75% will say, “No, I already have plans.”

Then say, what about next week? Next Sunday?

2. Hospitality is **More** than Potluck.

Contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. —Romans 12:13

philoxenia: φιλοξενία, (fil-on-ex-ee'-ah)

Translation: hospitality, meaning: love of strangers

philos=brotherly love, Xenos=stranger

Romans 12:13, seems to say, needs of saints and hospitality is the same thing.

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Hebrews 13 describes an extension of brotherly love to strangers.

Tables of Eight: 4 pairs from the church would schedule a meal each month taking turns at each other's homes, hence the name, "Tables of Eight."

Tables of Eight was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have ever had as a Christian, but it only made me more connected to those inside the church.

A Pharisee, a Jewish religious leader, invited Jesus to a dinner party. The Pharisee also invited many of his friends and associates who jockeyed for the best seats at the meal. Jesus spoke to the host describing true hospitality.

Luke 14:12-14, *"Whenever you give a banquet, invite people who are poor, who have disabilities, who are limping, and people who are blind; and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Benefits of Hospitality:

- Rewards in Heaven,
- May entertain angels without knowing it.
- Blessing Jesus, doing to the least of these (Matthew 25:40)
And the King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me."

3. Holy Communion and **Breaking Bread**.

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart. —Acts 2:46

Breaking bread and taking meals together.

- Holy Communion was instituted at the Last Supper, Jesus' last meal before the Cross, and the Last Passover Meal.
- Holy Communion has become a Sacrament for us, but also a symbolic meal together.
- Early Methodists practiced a love feast: a meal, blessing each other, testimonies, and Holy Communion.

Luke 24:29-31, *"And it came about, when He had reclined at the table with them, that He took the bread and blessed it, and He broke it and began giving it to them. And then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight."*

Let us Break Bread together.

Let us share Holy Communion together.

WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below and mark appropriate boxes. Place the completed card in the offering plate or as directed.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I ATTENDED WORSHIP TODAY AS A:

- 1st time visitor
- Visitor
- Friend/Regular Attender
- Member

SERVICE ATTENDED:

- Sunday—8:30 AM
- Sunday—11:00 AM

MY DECISION:

- I'm committing my life to Jesus
- I recommitted my life to Jesus
- I desire to be baptized
- I desire to become a member

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION:

- on Small Group/Bible Studies
- on Children's Ministries
- on Youth Ministries
- on Music Ministries

I WOULD LIKE:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

- 8:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am Youth Sunday School (YR)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE (OMC)
- 3-6 pm Spanish Church (FH)
- 7:30 pm "Sharing With You" on Channel 9

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 pm SPRT (Parlor)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

- 6:00 pm School of the Spirit (YR)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022

- 9 pm-12 am Spanish Church (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

- 9 am-1 pm Soup Make & Take (Kitchen)
- 12-8 pm Private Party (FH)

PLEASE PRAY FOR & SEND AN ENCOURAGING NOTE TO:

Shut-In of the month:

Gail Beam, 1412 Brubaker Street, Berlin, PA 15530

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS LAST WEEK:

8:30: 117 11:00: 143 TOTAL: 260

General Fund Update:

\$10,152.02

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS!

Sunday, August 7, 2022
8:30 AM 11:00 AM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Message

Pastor Randy brings us the next message in our **BLESS** sermon series... **E** — *Eat Together*.

This morning we will receive Holy Communion

8:30 service: Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Come down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

11:00 service: Prefilled Communion Cups are on the table in the lobby.

The United Methodist Church celebrates "OPEN COMMUNION," meaning all those who have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior and have prepared their hearts are invited to receive.

PARENTS, Children in Kids Church will be brought to the service for Holy Communion following the sermon. Nursery children will remain in the nursery. Children may receive Communion at parent/guardian discretion.

Night of Worship Under the Stars

TONIGHT...Sunday, August 7 @ 8:15pm at

The Farm on the Ridge, 667 Ridge Road, Hooversville, PA 15936

Grab a friend, a lawn chair or blanket, and join us under an open night sky for live praise and worship with Oakland Worship. We will be singing praises to the Lord with "church favorite" songs from the last couple years... there's just something special about worshipping God together under the constellations!

EMERGE Youth News

Next Sunday, August 14th, there will be a pool party at Ressler's house. Watch for details in the Band App.

Samaritan's Purse is in dire need of volunteers in Kentucky to help with the devastation caused by flooding. If you are interested, contact Jim Bickford, jimbic@atlanticbb.net or 814-266-6838

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Backpack Give-Back

Oakland Kids is excited to serve our community through our 3rd annual back to school Backpack Give-Back! We've partnered with local hairdressers to offer free haircuts. We're asking for your help to give each child a backpack filled with school supplies. Our goal is to bless 100 kids on Saturday, August 20th from 10am-2pm in the OMC. To partner with Oakland Kids you can donate a backpack filled with school supplies, or individual items, through Wednesday, August 17th. (Individual items are also appreciated.) There will be baskets in the lobbies where you can drop off donations.

(See bulletin insert for donation details.)

Church Picnic at the Que

Our annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 21st, at the Quemahoning Family Recreation Area, with a little change in schedule. Our 11:00 service will be held in the large pavilion (Pavillion 1) at the Que. We are excited to be able to invite those who are camping there to join us in worship. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. After lunch—around 2 PM—we will have our **BAPTISM SERVICE**. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and have never been baptized and would like to be baptized in the Que, please fill out an Adult Baptism Application found on the Ministry Table in any lobby. You may place your completed form in the Payment/Registration box or return it to the church office. Someone will then be in contact with you.

Daughters we are EXCITED for SEPTEMBER 10!

We will be uniting daughters from all generations, **Saturday, September 10th!** 1 DAY - 2 SESSIONS with a powerful time of worship and the Word!

Save the date, invite a friend, tell your family, gather your girlfriends to come as a group (the more the merrier!) the event is

TO OUR GUESTS

FIRST TIME VISITORS: We invite you to stop at our **VISITOR CENTER** (in the lobby) to choose a gift from the Welcome Table.

LOST & FOUND BOX is in the lower Ferg Street Lobby if you misplaced an item.

NURSERY

8:30: children 3 & under AVAILABLE

11:00: children 2 & under AVAILABLE

Room 104 during all our Services

8:30 KIDS CHURCH AVAILABLE

following the Children's Sermon in the Large Group Room for CHILDREN AGE 3- GRADE 4

11:00 KIDS CHURCH AVAILABLE

following the Children's Sermon for Age 3-K in Room 108

1st-4th Grade in New Large Group Rm

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

OaklandKids Sunday School 10:00-10:45

PreK-K in Room 105

1st-2nd Grade in Room 107

3rd-4th Grade in Room 111

5th-6th Grade Crossroads: Crossroads Rm

Prayer requests will be prayed for by church staff & placed on the Prayer Chain.

To place a prayer request on the Prayer Line, please call the church office at 269-3678 or email oumc@atlanticbb.net



3rd Annual Back to School Backpack Give-Back

We're asking for your help to give each child a backpack filled with school supplies. To partner with Oakland Kids

you can **donate a backpack filled with school supplies** through Wednesday, August 17th. (Individual items are also appreciated.) There will be baskets in the lobbies where you can drop off donations.

School Supply List

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| Backpack | Lunchbox |
| #2 Pencils | Pencil sharpeners |
| Colored pencils | Crayons |
| Ballpoint pens | Erasers |
| Washable markers | Highlighters |
| Dry erase markers | Ruler-12" |
| Glue sticks | Watercolor paints (8 ct.) |
| Pair of scissors (blunt-tip) | Construction paper |
| Wide-ruled notebook | Spiral notebooks (wide-lined) |
| Indexed cards (ruled) | 3-ring binder (1-inch) |
| 3-hole punch | Protractor |
| Subject dividers | Wide ruled loose leaf paper |
| Pencil case/Zippered pencil bag | |
| Pocket folders without fastener | |
| Box of tissues | |
| Hand sanitizer | |

