

## Praise

- \* that additional copies of *Sing the Journey and Sing the Story* can be ordered
- \* for visitors
- \* for painting completed in the HeartHouse refurbishing project
- \* for the message today

## Lift Up To God in Prayer

- \* laser eye surgery for Earl
- \* possible opportunity for Abby
- \* for visitors for Helen, her spirit, and her birthday
- \* the family & friends of Shirley Kennell as they mourn

## Congregations to pray for this week:

- † St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Roanoke
- † Roanoke United Methodist Church
- † Trinity Lutheran Church, Roanoke

**Reminders for this week**—**Monday, July 17**-Women's Coffee & Creative Expression from 9-11 a.m.; **Saturday, July 22**-Bridal Shower-Maria Geiser at 10:30 a.m.; **Sunday, July 23**- Nursery: Abby Reel

## Our Purpose:

*Roanoke Mennonite Church is committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily living. As a member of the Mennonite Church USA, we support each other in worship, nurture each other through fellowship, and share God's love and peace in our communities and beyond.*

## Our Vision:

*Roanoke Mennonite Church strives daily to be a vital congregation by:*

- *Encountering God in fresh ways, being transformed through the mystery of God's presence;*
- *Nurturing healthy relationships, using spiritual gifts and common fellowship to build up the body of Jesus Christ;*
- *Joyously sharing ourselves and our resources so that God's healing and hope flow through us to our community and world.*



## Report July 09, 2017

## Stewardship Attendance: 52

Budget	\$2,320.00
Heart House Project	\$ 220.00
TOTAL	\$2,540.00





6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

**Focus Thoughts:** How can we develop the persistence and generosity of the sower when there is so much to discourage and divert us from “tending our own gardens”?

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Gathering Song**     *We plow the fields and scatter*     H 96

### Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, we praise Your abiding guidance in sending us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, that we may discover the meaning of Your covenant.

**People:** **Open our eyes that we may see, open our ears that we may hear**

Leader: Break up our fallow ground and work our hearts into fertile soil that we may receive Your Word with joy

**All:**     ***Hear our prayers, O Ancient Gardener, that we may love You with our whole being and bear abundant fruit for Your world. Amen.***

### Praising Jesus' Name

#### With Our Voices in Song

*Fairest Lord Jesus*     H 117

*Taste and see*     SJ 86

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*     H 324

### With Our Tithes and Our Offerings

**With Singing of the Doxology** (congregation stand...)     H 119

### Hearing God's Word

**Scripture**     Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Message**     *How does your garden grow?*

### Receiving God's Grace

**Song of Response**     *You are salt for the earth*     H 226

### Confession and Assurance

#### Sharing and Prayer

Please respond when prompted by the Worship Leader, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

### Sent in the Power of the Holy Spirit

#### Sending Words

**Sending Song**     *Peace before us*     SS 16

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Worship Leader *Jason Reel Haas*, Song Leader *April McClure Stewart*, Musicians *Jolene Miller, Marge Ulrich*, Video Projection *Ali Kennell*, Nursery *Susan Graber*  
Message *Mary Kennell*

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