



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 23, 2015

13th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Everlasting God”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

P: To you our hearts sing for joy.

L: Happy are those who live and pray in your house.

P: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

L: It is better to be a doorkeeper in your house than to live in the tents of wickness.

P: We will dwell in God’s courts forever.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Eternal God, there is none like you in heaven or on earth. If you will walk with us in faithful love, we will walk in your paths all the days of our lives. As you filled Solomon’s temple with your glory and power, so now fill our lives with your presence, that we may find the strength to live righteously and resist the forces of evil. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 526** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for 8th Avenue Place.

Please see the announcement for more details.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

RESPONSIVE READING No. 804 Psalm 84

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 885 “A Modern Affirmation”

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Meditation on “Arlington””

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**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**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

O God, our King, you are the hope of the world! You bring peace and gladness even when we struggle. We dedicate our offerings to strengthen the church’s witness in the world. May our wider community experience a taste of the goodness of your coming kingdom. Through these gifts, may your love be made known to those who struggle. We pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 397 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

The Altar is open during the hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV) John 6:56-69

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 369 “Blessed Assurance”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Song of the Redeemed”**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, August 23
13th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Thursday, August 27

First Day of School –
Penn Trafford & Jeannette
8:30 District Meeting – Kiwanis Room

Monday, August 24

First Day of School - Norwin
5:00 til Dusk - Church picnic at
Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion
6:30 Grief Support

Friday, August 28

Gym in use

Saturday, August 29

Gym in use
6:00 Alternative Worship

Tuesday, August 25

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Finance
7:30 NA

Next Sunday, August 30

14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Wednesday, August 26

First Day of School –
Yough & Greensburg
7:00 Yoga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: This week our children's collection will be for *8th Avenue Place*. Christ, Coffee, and Conversation ... *8th Avenue Place* is a Christian community that confronts ignorance which perpetuates racism by living and ministering together in the name of Jesus Christ. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation and we will work to show that as Jesus, God is for us and not against us. Therefore we must be for each other. *8th Avenue Place* is a Ministry Supported by churches in the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as local congregations, individuals, and local businesses. For more information you can visit their website at



<http://www.eighthaveplace.com>

8th Avenue Place – 8/16 - \$ 230.00

CHURCH PICNIC: The all-church picnic is tomorrow at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Anyone wishing to help set up should come by 4:00 P.M. The picnic will start at 5:00 PM. Dinner is planned for 6:00 PM. Various meats will be provided for hot sandwiches. Table service items are provided. Please bring a cold dish (like a salad or dessert) to share with others, *and serving utensils for the dish you are bringing*. This way, no one has to rush home from work to prepare something hot. Drinks will be provided. A donation container will be provided if you wish to help defray the costs of the picnic. Before and after dinner, gather for games and fellowship. If you have game equipment (balls, bats, etc.) please feel free to bring it. Also, bring lawn chairs if the picnic benches are too hard for you.



A short vesper service will end the evening as we experience the beauty of God's world at sunset. All are invited. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements. If you were not able to let us know you were coming, come anyway. We'd love to see you!

WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR: Once again, the Greensburg District Churches will be hosting the "hospitality booth" at the Westmoreland County Fair. The county fair will run from August 21-29. We will not host the hospitality booth on Sunday, August 23 and Saturday, August 29 as something else is taking place in the booth those days. Please contact Beverly Gross on her cell phone (412-953-4041) to reserve a time. After all the spaces have been filled, passes will be sent for each person for each two hours.

Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry in the Greensburg District.

Women's Book Study: Our Fall study will be a DVD study from Priscilla Shirer titled "Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath". This study consists of 5 video sessions which talk about the busyness of life, to-do lists, and how to take a breath and build time into our lives for God. We'll be using the member book which includes questions, the viewer guide, and a little home-study for us as well.

All ladies are welcome to join in! There is no reason not too! We start with the video and then gather around a table to discuss what we've seen, and also to talk about how to apply it our lives.

The first session will be on September 30th at 7:00 pm and the remaining sessions will be every other week. If you would like me to order your book for you, please let me know by August 25th. Cost of the book will be \$10 and payment is due when the book is delivered.

Any questions please call Barb Baston at 724-863-3690.

Hope to see you there!

DARTBALL: The start of the 2015/2016 Dartball season will be on Monday, September 14th. We play on Monday evenings thru the fall and winter months at various churches in the area. All boys and men, 12 years old and up, are welcome to join in a great evening of fun and fellowship (cake, cookies and drinks included.) If you would like to join us, call Alan Painter at 724-446-0224 or speak with any current Dartball member.



PARENTS: There is a plastic container in the entrance hall which has bags, dolls and activities for young children. Please feel free to take a bag, fill it with age appropriate activities and use it to help keep your young child occupied during the service. After the service, you should return the bag and the toys to the container. We hope that this will make your life easier, since that it less you have to bring from home.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT UMW "DAY APART" AT JUMONVILLE: Please join us, *Wednesday, September 9th*, for a day of spiritual renewal, rekindling friendships, a delicious luncheon, and to share the sacrament of Holy Communion. The speaker for the event will be Luella Krieger presenting "The Woman at the Well".

Registration begins at 9 am and the event concludes at 2 pm. The cost is \$11 per person which includes breakfast rolls/breads and coffee/tea as well as beverage, soup, sandwich and salad bar luncheon. Please make checks payable to Greensburg District United Methodist Women.

Registration forms and payment due by August 30, 2015. Please note that payments must be received along with the registrations to reserve your place at this event. Questions? Please call Pat Wolfgang at 724-468-4800 or email her at gwolfgang723@comcast.net.

*Time's a comin' again!
Mark your calendar for our annual*

Craft Show

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

at

First United Methodist Church
3rd & Oak Streets, Irwin

Crafts and crafters needed. Call Alice 724-863-3901

I'll be looking for elevator people for Friday evening to help get the crafters in as well as on Saturday.



The kick-off for our Sunday School year will be on Sunday, September 13th. There are classes for all ages, from toddler through adult. Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning. No pre-registration is required. Just come and share in the fun and Bible learning.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come hungry to church on September 13th. We will be having our annual pancake breakfast to help kick off the start of Sunday School. We will start serving around 8:45 – plenty of time to enjoy a great meal and still make it to Sunday School on time. And we will keep flipping pancakes until around 10:15 so you can have a meal before the second service. Hope to see you all there!

