



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**May 1, 2016**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter      Communion**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 –Barb Worthington      10:45 - Tracy Hawley**

**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 8:15 “Sonata, Op. 49, No.2” (Beethoven) - Philip Osborn**

**10:45 “Wonderful Peace”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**P:** Let all the peoples praise you.

**L:** Let all nations be glad and sing for joy.

**P:** For you judge the peoples with justice and truth.

**L:** Let all the ends of the earth revere you, Holy One.

**P:** For you bless your people with peace and hope.

**L:** Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**P:** Let all the peoples praise you!

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, calling us beyond the narrow confines of our waking perceptions. Open our hearts this day, as you opened the heart of Lydia before us, that we might understand Christ’s teaching, and share his presence with those we meet. Guide our footsteps on our journey, as you guided Paul’s footsteps around the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, that we may go where you send us to share your message of love and peace with a world scarred by hate and violence. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 428      “For the Healing of the Nations”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS** *(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for*

*“Imagine No Malaria” Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 10:45 “Therefore, Let Us Love” - Chancel Choir**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      “Communion”

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)**

**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to bring the peace of Christ. We are grateful that you continually teach us through your Spirit. Help our hearts to be so filled with your peace that our congregation will show forth your goodness to the world around us. Let your loving presence be known through our church’s ministries. Accept these offerings as a sign of our trust in you, for we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 472**              “Near to the Heart of God”

*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 14:23-29**

**MESSAGE**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT** – All are welcome.

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No.127**      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**MUSIC OF PARTING**      “Postlude on 'Irish'”

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

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*We express our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of Joan Ryan.*

*Joan passed away Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*May God comfort and strengthen her family.*

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 23      Sunday 8:15 – 68      10:45 – 86**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Ed & Helen Wertz

10:45 – Lee Stewart & Lois Kuhn

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin      10:45 – Lou Berta

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 - Fritz Runser                      10:45 - Josh Burger, Penny Brant  
**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service.  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers today are presented in memory of William David Bryan from Kyle and Katrina Bryan.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED** for many Sundays throughout the year. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any Sunday, please fill in an "Altar Flower" order form or contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901. Each arrangement is \$25.00 and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service.

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**KEEP OUR CHURCH IN GOOD REPAIR**

Please remember these guidelines when using our church building:

1. Do not use poster putty, Scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, or packing tape to hang things on the walls, doors, or woodwork. They pull the finishes off of the surfaces leaving ugly splotches.
2. Blue, low tack painters tape is permissible for hanging objects on the walls or woodwork.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, May 1**

**Communion Sunday**

**Spud Bar**

8:00 Prayer Time  
 8:15 Worship  
 9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
 9:30 Spud Bar (take-out only)  
 10:45 Worship  
 12:15 SonShiners  
 12:15 Spud Bar (dine-in/take-out)  
 2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
 4:00 Greensburg District Conference at Murrysville First UMC

**Tuesday, May 3**

6:15 TOPS  
 7:00 Nurture  
 7:00 Outreach  
 7:30 NA

**Wednesday, May**

7:00 Women's Book Study  
 7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, May 5**

7:00 Disciple

**Saturday, May 7**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, May 8**

**Mother's Day/Coffee Hour**

8:00 Prayer Time  
 8:15 Worship  
 9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
 10:45 Worship  
 12:15 SonShiners  
 2:00 FISH & CHIPS

**DIRECTORY PICTURES:** If you did not have your picture taken during advent for the new directory, please either give a good print picture to Dianne Runser or Penny Brant, or send a digital photo to [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net) as soon as possible.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** The Children's Collections this week will be given to the Conference to support the final emphasis for the Imagine No Malaria project. Since 2006, Imagine No Malaria has been an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa. Malaria is a treatable, beatable, curable disease that was eliminated in most areas of the world in the 1950s -- but not in Africa. It kills someone every 60 seconds. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria empowers the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy. We fight malaria with a comprehensive plan that includes prevention, treatment, education, and communication. Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. We fight malaria with a comprehensive model.

The extensive network of United Methodist hospitals and churches in Africa has played a major role in reducing the number of deaths from malaria by providing treatment, educating people about prevention and distributing nets.

The bite of a mosquito carrying malaria doesn't have to kill. You can support our efforts to stop it! Learn more at [imagine malaria.org](http://imagine malaria.org).

“CURED” 4/17 - \$133.50 4/24 - \$150.00

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**Outreach Spud Bar:** Hope you are hungry today! The outreach committee will be hosting our annual spud bar - a huge baked potato with all kinds of toppings and some sweet dessert. Take-out will be available after the 8:15am service. Dine-in and take-out will be available after the 10:45am service. The proceeds will be split between our community outreach and the work trip. Hope to see you there.



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### **General Conference Questions - Do you know ...**

(Please see the answer further on in the bulletin.)

1. The United Methodist Church gathers for a General Conference every \_\_\_\_ years.  
a. 25                      b. 16                      c. 8                      d. 4
2. General Conference is the only body that can \_\_\_\_\_. (Select all that apply.)  
a. set official policy                      b. speak for the denomination  
c. appoint pastors                      d. offer discounts on clerical garb.
3. Where do delegates come from who attend General Conference? (Select all that apply.)  
a USA                      b. Europe                      c. Africa                      d. Philippines
4. The 2020 General Conference is taking place in what city?  
a. Rio de Janeiro                      b. Minneapolis                      c. Paris                      d. Munich
5. The total number of delegates sent to General Conference must fall between \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ .  
a. 1 & 100                      b. 50 & 500                      c. 600 & 1000                      d. 2000 & 2500
6. What city will host the first General Conference held outside the USA in 2024?  
a. Mexico City                      b. Manila                      c. Johannesburg                      d. Heidelberg
7. Where are General Conference delegates elected?  
a. in designated church polling places                      b. at annual conference meetings  
c. at the previous General Conference                      d. by letter campaigns
8. Who can propose petitions and resolutions to be voted on at General Conference? (Select all that apply.)  
a. individuals                      b. church agencies  
c. annual conferences                      d. other groups within the denomination
9. True or False: Bishops can vote at General Conference.
10. What happens as a result of voting at General Conference? (Select all that apply.)  
a. a revision of the Book of Discipline, the denomination's book of law  
• b. a revision of the Book of Resolutions, the denomination's statements on current social issues.  
c. the general church budget is set for the next four years.  
d. the mission direction for the church is set for the next four years

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**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Two attendants are needed each Sunday to look after the children, ages 0 – 5 years (some a little older), so that their parents may enjoy the 10:45 AM worship service. It is not necessary for you to be in the nursery every week. You can either be added to the roster as part of the rotation or tell Kim when you are available. If you are interested in helping in the nursery please contact Kim Platt at 724-863-6838.



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 We would like to take this time to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts, and caring thoughts we received for Administrative Assistant's Day. We greatly appreciate your kindnesses. God bless,  
 Debbie & Jeanne  
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## Ladies Spring Tea Party

The women of the church are invited to a *Ladies Spring Tea* sponsored by the United Methodist Women. This will take place at our church on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. A light lunch will be served.

The speaker for this event will be Ellen Marsili. Ellen will be talking about Herbal Tea Blends.

This is a thank you from the United Methodist Women. We hope you can attend and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship. There will be a sign up for the tea after the Saturday services on April 30th, May 7th and May 14th. Sunday tea sign up will be after both services on May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th.

This will be for ladies of the church 18yrs and older.

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Tea Party



**CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE:** Like us on Facebook! If you share something posted on the church Facebook page, it will be broadcast to all your friends, and all their friends, and all their... You get the idea. Spread the good news of God's work in our community and in our church!

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**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?** If not, make sure you take a brochure home with you today and decide which camp you'd like to attend this year! Last year we had 15 campers from this church, so hoping more will experience the excitement! Once you go, you will be hooked on camping! It's the best week of the summer! Try something new this year and meet new friends!

There are monies available for anyone that wants to attend! Questions...Contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [orcts72@hotmail.com](mailto:orcts72@hotmail.com)

Do you know of any college students looking for summer work? Camp Allegheny still needs a few male counselors and a marketing intern. Apply at [campallegheny.org](http://campallegheny.org). Jumonville also needs summer staff. Contact [jumonville.org](http://jumonville.org) for information. It can be a rewarding summer filled with excitement...and make some money while you're having fun!

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### "Do you know" Answers

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-quiz>

1. General Conference convenes every 4 years.
2. General Conference is the only body that sets official policy and speaks for the denomination.
3. Delegates for General Conference come from the USA, Europe, Africa and the Philippines.
4. The 2020 General Conference will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
5. The number of delegates must be no fewer than 600 and no more than 1000.
6. The 2024 General Conference will take place in Manila.
7. Delegates are selected at annual conference meetings.
8. All of the selections worked for this one. Individuals, agencies, annual conferences and other groups can propose petitions and resolutions.
9. Bishops cannot vote at General Conference.
10. Voting at General Conference can revise the Book of Discipline or the Book of Resolutions, set the church budget and mission direction.



- U - Ultimate understanding of the basics about General Conference
- M - Middle of the road grasp of the basics of General Conference
- C - Could use more study on the subject

**General Conference meets from May 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> in Portland, Oregon.**

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*Tea Party*