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**August 14, 2016**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Kyle Bryan**

**10:45 – Tracy Hawley**

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**Memory Verse for July**

***1 John 4:4 – “Greater is He who is in me than he who is in this world.”***

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**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 “You Never Let Go”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

**P:** **But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.**

**L:** What happened in that place of promise?

**P:** **People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.**

**L:** Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

**P:** **Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. AMEN.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 529 “How Firm a Foundation”**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be sent to the Faith in Action. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM “I Lift My Hands” – Connie Bickerstaff**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 801 Psalm 80**

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

**OFFERTORY “Say a Prayer for Me” - Heather Runser**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Shepherd of Israel, you faithfully lead your people throughout the world. We praise you for your tireless acts of salvation, even when we have turned away from your crook. By your grace, O God, nurture and strengthen your flock wherever they gather. Make us bold witnesses of Christ, your Son, whose light and truth reflect your love. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to your service, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 507** "Through It All" (twice)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER** *The Altar is open during this time.*

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** Isaiah 5: 1-7

**SERMON** - guest speaker Heather D. Runser

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 577** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING** "Lauda Anima"

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

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit*

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 14 Sunday 8:15 – 60 10:45 – 63**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Bob & Alice Hubert

10:45 – Sara & Wendell Campbell, Haruni & Sarina Tanaka

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Men's Group 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. Our attendants today will be Paul & Eileen Reynolds.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this morning are presented in honor of Megan Runser Shuey's birthday by her Mom & Dad.

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers for Sunday services, please fill out an 'Altar Flower' order form found in the Narthex or contact Alice Hubert (724-863-3901.) The flowers are \$25.00 per arrangement.

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**WORSHIP HOSTS** are the people who assist the minister in leading the service. Not everyone can talk in front of people, but if you are a person who is comfortable leading a group then we need you! This is also a great opportunity for students, and anyone else who needs experience in public speaking, to practice among friends. Normally, a Worship Host serves for a month at a time. However, there are times when we need someone to fill in for a week now and then. The Worship Hosts are emailed (or they can pick up a paper copy) a special copy of the bulletin on Fridays. This gives them time to read over the order of worship, the scriptures, and the announcements. Their ‘parts’ in the service are highlighted to make things a little easier for them. If you would like to help our church by becoming a Worship Host, please contact Tracy Hawley (724-863-8915) or the church office (724-863-6858.)

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The deadline for the September Newsletter is Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email your information to [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) or provide a paper copy to the office. Any information not received by August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be published in the October Newsletter.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday & 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday**  
**Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
 724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

**Today, Sunday, August 14**

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

**Thursday, August 18**

Irwin Jazz Night

**Saturday, August 20**

9:00 District Meeting  
 6:00 Alternative Worship

**Monday, August 15**

4:00 Church Picnic at Oak Hollow Park

**Next Sunday, August 21**

**Blessing of the Back Packs**

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

**Tuesday, August 16**

6:15 TOPS  
 7:30 NA

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** The Children’s Collection this week will be given to Faith in Action (FIA). FIA extends the length of time older adults can live safely and securely in their own homes, by matching participants with trained and compassionate volunteers. Volunteers provide a variety of free, non-medical services to participants: appointment escort/transportation, minor home repairs, errands/shopping, home visits, home safety checks, caregiver relief, and telephone reassurance. Since inception in 2007, FIA has saved participants, families and government resources an estimated \$22 million.

<http://www.unitedway4u.org/faith-action>

“Faith in Action” 8/4 - \$194.00

If you have a suggestion for a mission we can support through our Children’s Collections, please contact the church office.

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**CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION!** Please use caution when turning breakers on and off in the circuit boxes. **DO NOT TOUCH BREAKERS UNDER PLASTIC COVERS OR TAPE.** Breakers covered with plastic covers or tape **MUST** be kept in the position they are in.

This week our food bank lost several hundred dollars worth of meat and perishable items because the wrong breaker was turned off and the freezer defrosted. Please ask for instructions on which circuit breakers to use when you are reserving the building.

Some tips to remember:



**FAITH**  
 IN ACTION

Electric:

1. Youth should never be permitted to touch the circuit boxes.
2. The humidity greatly affects the light switches in our building. If a light doesn't come on the first time don't assume it is the circuit breaker. Flick the switch several times and it will usually come on.

Elevators:

1. Please do not turn the keys at the elevator doors or inside the elevator. The keys must stay in the horizontal position for the elevator to run. Remember – it may take several minutes for the elevator to get to your floor.
2. Always make sure the sliding doors on the elevator are shut tight. If the elevator won't move, open and close the doors again.

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**THE GLASS PARKING LOT DOORS:** We are having trouble with the glass doors at the parking lot. If the panic bar (which is normally down) is in the raised position, the door is locked and the security codes will not work. The door must be opened with a key. All staff members have a key to the building. A repairman has been called and we hope this situation will be resolved quickly.

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Our church picnic is tomorrow, Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 for hot sandwiches, water to drink, and table service items will be provided.



Please bring:

- ... a cold dish (like a salad or dessert) to share with others
- ... serving utensils for your dish-to-share
- ... drinks if you want something other than water
- ... if you have game equipment (balls, bats, etc.) please feel free to bring it.

... 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.

Didn't RSVP? You're welcome to come anyway because there's always more than enough food, fellowship, and fun to go around!

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**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**



**Next Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** - bring your back to school back pack to church. Pastor Bruce bless the back packs and ask God's guidance for a great school year.



**The first day of school:**

Norwin - Monday, August 22

Greensburg Salem - Wednesday, August 24

Jeannette - Thursday, August 25

Hempfield - Thursday, August 25

Yough - Monday, August 29

Penn Trafford - Monday, August 29

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**“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES:** Pastor Bruce is offering all the members of our congregation an opportunity to further their Bible knowledge by participating in one of the online Bible studies offered through “RightNow Media.” To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

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**MEMBERSHIP AUDIT:** We are in the process of doing an audit of our membership rolls. The first part of the process is to compile a list of the members and a current address for everyone. On the table in the Narthex is a list with the names of members who we do not have a current address for. If you know any of these people, and can provide us with their address, please write the information in the space by their name then drop the form off in the door slot at the church office.

*Help us reconnect with these members.*



PS: Special thanks to all those who have provided addresses so far.

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# VISITATION TEAM



*"Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ... And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:34-36, 40*

Pastor Bruce is calling upon our congregation to pray for God's guidance in becoming a member of our Visitation Team. So many times when our active members and friends become home-bound or for other reasons they cannot attend regular services, they are simply forgotten by the church they love so dearly. Sometimes a person visits our church and they are forgotten when they leave the building. Sometimes people just need a visit from the pastor or a visitation team. Please consider becoming a member of a team who will visit them, take Communion to them, share the latest happenings of our church, and generally make them feel connected to our congregation.

Pastor Bruce will meet with those interested in being part of this much needed ministry, explain his plan, give advice on visiting, and then commission the team during our worship services. If you have some time to spare and would like to share that time with others, please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098 (call or text) or [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)) or the church office (724-863-6858 or [irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net))

Also, if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by Pastor Bruce and/or our Visitation Team please contact Pastor Bruce or the church office.

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*We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Dennis Hearn who passed away on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. May God comfort and strengthen them.*