



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**August 17, 2014**

**10th 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** “Deep River”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** When hatred and division separate us,

**P:** God binds us together in unity.

**L:** When past quarrels estrange us from one another,

**P:** God binds us together in unity.

**L:** When we feel excluded and left out,

**P:** Gods binds us together in unity.

**L:** When we forsake others, claiming God is on our side,

**P:** God binds us together in unity.

**L:** Bind us together, Holy One.

**P:** Bind us together in unity.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy bond of Love, part the veil that keeps us feeling isolated and afraid. Bind us together in unity. When our families hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and work for the healing of all. When we feel abandoned by those we love, grant us the ability to forgive and to seek peace and reconciliation with those who have wronged us. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, teach us to trust once more, that we may find solace and grace through your loving Spirit. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 370 “Victory in Jesus”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS – BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to Jummonville Camp for the “Shine On.” Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC – “Holy Ground”**

**SCRIPTURE READING                      Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

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

**OFFERTORY      “I Surrender All”**

**\*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**

**Giver of all good gifts, the Scriptures are full of stories where you have been at work in the lives of your children, caring for us and providing for us, even when we deserved it the least. Through your grace, Joseph was able to provide for his family, even for those who sold him into slavery out of jealousy. Help us to trust more in your providence, to be less anxious that we might not have enough, offering our gifts with open hands and trusting hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 549                      “Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

*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)                      Matthew 15:10-28**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 402                      “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

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

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, August 17**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Adult Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:00 Choir  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

**Monday, August 18**

5:00 Church Picnic at Oak Hollow Park  
Pine Pavilion

**Tuesday, August 19**

**Norwin Schools begin classes**

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

**Wednesday, August 20**

7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, August 21**

**Penn Trafford Schools begin classes**

**Friday, August 22**

**Newsletter Deadline**

**Next Sunday, August 24**

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

**Baptism Sunday**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Adult Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:00 Choir  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
2:00-4:00 Sunday School Teachers  
preparing their rooms

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\* During the month of August the church office will be closing at 1:00 PM. \*\*\***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION** this morning will be given to Jummonville Camp for the "Shine On" project. So many people treasure the sight of the Great Cross; seeming in the beautiful sunshine, and shining with hope even in the darkest an inspiration for all to see. It is truly an experience of God's love, presence. In order to maintain it's function and beauty, it needs to be about every 10-15 years. It has now been 15 years and the Great Cross Jumonville is in need of re-painting. The cost of repainting the cross is your special moments with God and with friends on the mountaintop, to this effort to keep the Cross beautiful and protected for years to come.



to touch the clouds nights. It has been strength, and painted and repaired of Christ at \$50,000. Remember and consider giving

If your life has been touched and enriched by the Cross of Christ at Jumonville, we would love to have your support. Every gift counts and every gift is appreciated. Thanks for your consideration!

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**CHURCH PICNIC:** Please join us at the church picnic tomorrow evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. 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. 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.

**Everyone should bring their own serving utensils for the food they bring to share.**

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**DARTBALL:** The 2014-2015 Dartball season will be starting in September. Our team is currently looking for additional members. Participant must be at least 12 years old. The games are held on Monday evenings at various churches in this area.

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**THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR** runs August 15-23 from 12 noon to 8 pm daily. The Hospitality Center offers water, diaper changing and feeding areas for babies and also has Bibles available to distribute. Volunteers are needed in the Hospitality Center sponsored by the Greensburg District. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours or your church would like to take a whole day, please contact Rev. Beverly Gross at [bevrev@stargate.net](mailto:bevrev@stargate.net) or by calling 724-423-3457 or her cell at 412-953-4041 or any additional questions.

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**-----Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip-----**

**EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT.....THERE ARE EXTRA T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.....THEY ARE ALL ( X-TRA LARGE ) ADULT SIZE AND CAN BE BOUGHT BY ANY ONE WISHING TO SHARE THE MESSAGE THAT "THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING"** You may purchase one or all, on a first come first serve basis. Envelopes are provided to pay.

If you pre-ordered a T-shirts they are also available for pick-up . They will be in the church office with a envelope attached to remit your cash or check.

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**COME AND MEET REV. PAT NELSON,** Greensburg District Superintendent, at one of the locations listed below. All clergy and laity are encouraged to attend any one of these **informal** gatherings. All of the sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – McKeesport: First, 1406 Cornell Street, McKeesport PA, 7:00-9:00

*Any questions, please call the district office at 724-863-5673*

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**Sunday School News!**

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF:** All youth (Toddler through High school) are invited to the Kick-Off Celebration for the 2014-2015 Sunday School year on Sunday, September 7th, 9:30 - 10:30 am. Come join us in growing in the knowledge of our amazing God!

**ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!** We will be preparing our Sunday school rooms for the new school year on Sunday, August 24th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm (meeting time for youth group). Cleaning supplies and school materials will be available.

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S "DAY APART":** Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at Camp Allegheny. Presented by Greensburg District United Methodist Women. Please join us for a day of spiritual renewal, rekindling friendships, a delicious luncheon, and to share the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our speaker will be Luella Krieger and her program will be "Mrs. Noah". Pastor Steve Morris will be the soloist. Registration/Sign-In will be at 9:00 AM and the program will begin at 9:45 AM. The cost is \$12.00 per person (includes breakfast rolls/breads and coffee/tea, as well as beverage, soup, chicken salad on Croissant, and salad bar luncheon.) Please make checks payable to "Greensburg District United Methodist Women."

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**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**, the First United Methodist Church of Irwin will begin a new adventure in worship. This is our Launch Date for our new Alternative Worship Service. This will be a service that differs from the two Sunday morning service.



**We need you help:**... attending ... .. talking about it with others... asking questions.



*Remember ... we will still have our regular Sunday morning worship services at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM for those who prefer a more traditional worship service.*