



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**August 23, 2020**

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

**August Memory Verse: John 14:12a**

*“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who believes in me will do the works I have been doing ...”*

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

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**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**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP      No. 738      Psalm 1**

**L:** <sup>1</sup>Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

**P:** ... or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers,

**L:** <sup>2</sup>... but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**P:** ... and on God’s law they meditate day and night.

**L:** <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

**P:** In all that they do, they prosper.

**L:** <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

**P:** <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**L:** <sup>6</sup>... for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**P:** ... but the way of the wicked will perish.

**\*HYMN No. 140      “Great is Thy Faithfulness”, v.1-2**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Chorus**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Chorus**

## **WORD OF GOD Romans 12:1-8**

### *The New Life in Christ*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## **PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY “Fill Me Now”**

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

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

**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

### **HYMN No. 368 “My Hope is Built”, v.1-2**

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

#### **Chorus**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

#### **Chorus**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”**

**For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

## **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 Matthew 16:13-20**

### *Peter’s Declaration about Jesus*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**L:** The Word of God for the children of God.

**P:** Thanks be to God

**SERMON “But Who Do You say I am?”**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Olivia Elaine Falo daughter of Jennifer and Donald Falo III

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (UMH page 39)**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 670 “Go Forth for God”, v. 1-2**

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
  
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC OF PARTING “Praise Him Praise Him”**

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**ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:** As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many our services, Bible study, and Youth Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron if you have questions.

**For computer or smartphone:**

Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting

When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)

You will enter the “meeting space”. If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box, it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

**For landline or cell phone (Audio only):**

Dial 1-646-558-8656.

Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

Due to the COVID 19 virus our worship services will continue to be conducted outside the church building.

**Sunday, August 23**

**Baptism – 10:45 AM**

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

**Friday, August 28**

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

(See bulletin announcement)

**Saturday, August 29**

Gym in use

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 750 261 324

Password 520327)

**Tuesday, August 25**

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, August 26**

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom

(Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)

1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom

(Meeting ID# 864 0592 5934, Password 011752)

**Next Sunday, August 30**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

**Thursday, August 27**

6:30 PM NA

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/23/2020**

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Our friends, Bryan and Kela Campbell, are saying good-bye to us today and moving to Tennessee. They have been an active part of the FUMC family for the last 30 years and we want to thank them for all that they have done to make our church a better place.

We wish you the best of luck in your retirement and new home and may God bless you always.

Please come and see us whenever you are in this area.

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**TODAY’S BAPTISM:** Today we are pleased to be a part of the Baptism of Olivia Elaine Faló. Olivia was born on November 27, 2018. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Donald Faló III. Olivia is the sister of 4 year old Trinity Renee, and fur siblings, Coco, Enzo, and Loki. Robert and Stephanie Doration are Olivia’s Godparents. May God bless Olivia in her Christian walk.

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**BROWN BAG MEAL:** The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to FUMC” and put “Community Dinner” in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.

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**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** will be August 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to bring their backpacks to one of the services to have it blessed. This year especially will be challenging and our students, teachers, support staff, and parents will need all the help they can get. However, this is not just for those who are going to school. Everyone is welcome to bring their backpack, briefcase, tote bag, or whatever you carry to work, and have it blessed also.

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**IT’S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME FOR OUR AREA STUDENTS!**

Here are the tentative ‘student start’ dates for our local school districts:

Hempfield – August 27<sup>th</sup>

Jeannette – August 27<sup>th</sup>

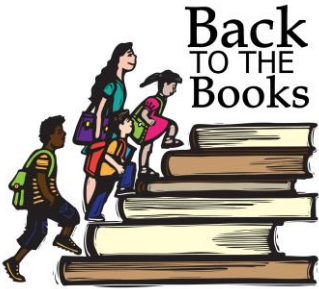
Penn Trafford – August 27<sup>th</sup>

Norwin – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Yough – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Greensburg Salem - September 8<sup>th</sup>

(Please check with your school district to be sure of your start date.)



While some students may have opted to do virtual learning from home due to the Covid 19 pandemic, many students will still be going to school on buses. Please be careful driving and watch for eager students who may not be as cautious as they should be while walking to and from the bus stop.

**May God bless all of our students, teachers, support staff, and parents!**

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**“WENDELL’S VISION”:** This ministry’s purpose is to assist or complete tasks/projects for those who otherwise could not do them for themselves as members of Irwin First United Methodist Church and surrounding community. The needs may vary greatly from the simple to the very complex. We will consider any or all of the requests using the same criteria, without reservation. The goal of Wendell’s Vision is to bring glory to God by helping others with our gifts & service!!

Please ask the ushers for an information form to join our team or to request help with a project. Forms are also available on our FUMC website. Click on Groups then Outreach.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** Pastor Bruce will continue his Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 PM on Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact him so he can see that you are mailed a copy to use to follow along. Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098 and emails at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

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**“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES** This is a good way to increase your knowledge of the Bible and grow closer to our Lord. To participate in any of these Bible 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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**BLESSING BOX:** Donations of new personal hygiene products are accepted on an ongoing basis as there is a continuous need to refill the Blessing Box for the needy in our community.

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**OUR EMAIL LIST:** If you would like to be on our email list to get the weekly bulletin and announcements, please email the office at [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) and we will be sure to put you on the list.

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**MEDIA TEAM:** Volunteers are needed join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).

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**THE ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY** has been improved and you will need an access code to continue to use the online directory. If you have saved your old code, you may be able to re-enter it. Access codes will be emailed to everyone who has listed an email address. If you do not receive this email this week, please contact Dianne at [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net).

The online directory is available to everyone who is listed in the directory. No one outside the church has access to your information. If you are a new member, and are not listed in the directory, or if you have any updates to your information (address, phone, email or digital photo), please email Dianne (see above) with the information.

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**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

To Our Church Family,

As you know, since the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have been blest to be able to watch our church services by streaming online through Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube, as well as with the Drive-In services from our parking lot. Initially, in order to provide these church services, a few members had graciously donated the use of their personal equipment to get started. Since this temporary problem continues, and no one knows when we will be able to worship inside, we need to obtain our own streaming and broadcasting equipment. (Costing \$7,000)

Additionally, there has been another financial stress on our budget. It is that of an aging boiler and heating system. With the yearly inspection, it was discovered our boiler required some much-needed repairs. (Costing \$8,000)

The Church Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees have approved the funds to provide for the above mentioned, non-budgeted expenses. However, in doing so it has put a strain on our already tight budget.

We humbly come to you for an additional gifting request above your regular giving. We appreciate your continued financial support through this unprecedented time. We would appreciate any and all designated donations for these two causes.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Alan Painter  
Finance Committee Co-Chair

2 Corinthians 9:7 *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PRECAUTIONS WHEN VISITING FUMC:**

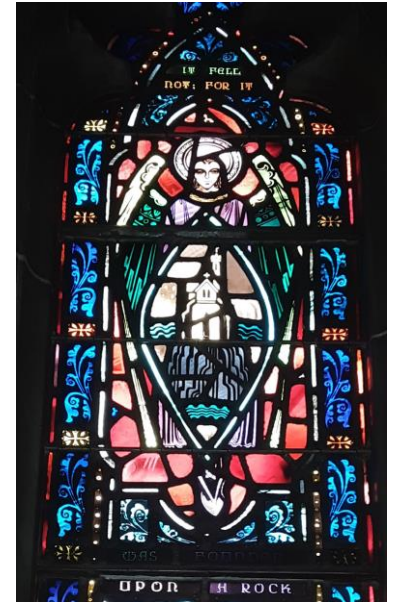
1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. “Social Distancing” of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.
7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines, we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but, we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

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The first stained glass window on the right side of the church as you enter from the narthex.

Matthew 7:25, <sup>25</sup> ...it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock.



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**THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN** has its own phone number! If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

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**\*\*\*\*\* IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES \*\*\*\*\***

- Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon      Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin
- Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon      James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg
- Bettie H. ~ Nature Park Commons, Greensburg
- Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City)      LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS \*\*\*\*\***

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Casey Y., Megan Y., Cheryl M., Tim N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Rhonda R., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Bill G., Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Marion H., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Kim R., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)

**\*\*\*\*\* THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST \*\*\*\*\***

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.  
Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy, George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Paul K., Don, Yvonne I. and family, Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Bill L., Polly O., Lilliana, Audrey, Marilyn and Jim M, Heather and Matt, Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, Marie & Wayne, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Alice H., Debi R., Demi P., Tony and Alys P., Gracie and Kelsey, Larry Shank, Debra C., Pastor Ron & Robbyn, The Jim F. Family, Jackie E., Sue K., Lois F., Paul & Iva Lou B.

**\*\*\*\*\* SERVICE PERSONNEL \*\*\*\*\***

- Brandon D. – Korea      Colby S. – Iraq      Sara D.
- Angelo W. – Oklahoma City      Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI      Jeremy L.
- David J. – Afghanistan      Amanda M. – Texas      Carl B.
- James G. – Texas      Emery M. – Japan      Mark Russak      Edward J. III

# Drive-In Church

**First United Methodist Church**

**will still hold “drive-in” services every Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM.**

Please arrive and remain in your vehicle and follow  
the usher’s instructions for parking.

If you have questions call Pastor Bruce, Pastor Ron, or the church office.



## **Brown Bag Community Dinner!**

**Every  
Friday**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

(or while supplies last)

**Call Pastor Ron (724-691-7113) for more information.**  
Pull around to the back of the church and a volunteer will hand you your bag.



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