



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 24, 2014

11th Sunday after Pentecost – Baptism Sunday

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 “We Fall Down”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: If it had not been for God, where would we be?

P: If it were not for God in our lives, what kind of people would we be now?

L: Thank God that we are not left to our own devices.

P: Thank God that we do not walk alone!

L: We are not alone.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: Come! Let us worship the God who is our Sustainer,

P: our redeemer, our Creator, and our Friend!

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of our yesterdays and our tomorrows, nothing is permanent but your love; nothing is certain except your presence. When the winds of life change, and the mountaintop experience gives way to the stark reality of the valley, remind us that you are with us still. If we should be tempted or pressured to compromise our beliefs, help us to hold fast to your teachings – like the midwives in Moses’ day – even if it might cost us our livelihood or life itself. Make us so certain of who you are, and of your good work in our lives, that we may live before others as those who truly belong to Christ. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (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.

BAPTISM SONG “Welcome the Child”

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 555** **“Forward Through the Ages”**
Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(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 **“Give Me Jesus”**

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 12:1-8**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Meditation”**

***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**

Almighty and merciful God, as we give our tithes and offerings this morning, we are reminded that it is here that the relationships of our hearts and our connection to the material world intersect. You have called us into the world, into its need, its suffering, its injustice, and its pain; not to be claimed by the world, but as those claimed by you to be agents of change and transformation and healing in the world. So use not only these gifts, these dollars we offer, but use us. Use our hands, use our feet, use our voices, and use our hearts to shape the world for which you long. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 175 **“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”**
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 16:13-20**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 413** **“A Charge to Keep I Have”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING** **“Recessionale”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, August 24
11th 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

Monday, August 25

Hempfield Schools begin classes

Tuesday, August 26

Yough Schools begin classes

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Church Council
7:30 NA

Wednesday, August 27

6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Yoga

Next Sunday, August 31

12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Choir
No FISH & CHIPS

Monday, September 1

Labor Day – Office Closed

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 to touch the clouds in the beautiful sunshine, and shining with hope even in the darkest nights. It has been an inspiration for all to see. It is truly an experience of God's love, strength, and presence. In order to maintain it's function and beauty, it needs to be painted and repaired about every 10-15 years. It has now been 15 years and the Great Cross of Christ at Jumonville is in need of re-painting. The cost of repainting the cross is \$50,000. Remember your special moments with God and with friends on the mountaintop, and consider giving to this effort to keep the Cross beautiful and protected for years to come.



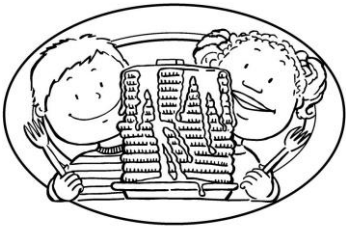
If your life has been touched and enriched by the Cross of Christ at Jumonville, we would love to have your support. Every gift counts and every gift is appreciated. Thanks for your consideration!

Jumonville: 8/17/2014 - \$174.08

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 today from 2:00 - 4:00 pm (meeting time for youth group) for the new school year. Cleaning supplies and school materials will be available.



Pancake Breakfast

To help kick-off the new Sunday School year, the Outreach Committee will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 7th from 8:45am-10:30am. Free will donations accepted.

Come to breakfast before heading to Sunday School class!

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.”

THE UPPER ROOM daily devotion for September/October is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up this morning.



Coming in September!
(Look for details in the upcoming newsletter.)

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our church picnic a success. The 60 people who attended had plenty of great food, fellowship and fun. Thanks to Zaq and Heather for assisting the pastor in the worship service.

Saturday, September 6th 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 your 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.
