



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**August 26, 2018**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm 118:6**

**“The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”**

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*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.*

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Krista Brown**

**10:45 – Tracy Hawley**

**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**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION – “Better Is One Day”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 804 Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12**

**L:** <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**P:** <sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**L:** <sup>3</sup> O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God, at your altars even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.

**P:** <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

**L:** <sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**P:** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. (*over*)

**L:** <sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a sun and shield, and bestows favor and honor.

**P:** No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you!

**\*HYMN No. 600 “Wonderful Words of Life”**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for our Connectional Apportionments. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**WORD OF GOD                    Ephesians 6:10-20**

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

**OFFERTORY – “On Hallowed Ground”**

**\*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**

**\*HYMN No. 2025    “As the Deer”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**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    John 6:56-69**

**SERMON                    “Choose this Day”**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 670    “Go Forth for God”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC OF PARTING        “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

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**ATTENDENCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday: 18                    Sunday: 8:15 – 72                    10:45 - 46**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group                    10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley**

**SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John and Bernie Johnston  
10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger**

**NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week are presented in memory of Sandy Kucherer and Tim Valeri by Neil Kucherer and Rebecca Valeri.**

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Regular Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on 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)**

*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

Pastor Bruce will be away from August 25<sup>th</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The church office will be closed Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> thru Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information for the September 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin into the office by Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Today, Sunday, August 26**

8:00 Prayer  
8:15 Worship Service  
10:45 Worship Service

**Monday, August 27**

Hempfield & Yough - first day of school  
6:30 Grief Support

**Tuesday, August 28**

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, August 29**

6:00 Youth "Meet & Greet" with the Slavins  
7:00 SPRC Meeting

**Thursday, August 30**

6:30 NA

**Friday, August 31**

**Office closed**

**Saturday, September 1**

6:00 Contemporary Worship

**Next Sunday, September 2**

**Communion**

8:00 Prayer  
8:15 Worship Service  
10:45 Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/26/2018

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** Our Church Council elected to direct the Children's Offering on the last Sunday of each month to help pay our Connectional Apportionments. Please give as you are able.

*Shop with a Cop* program: 8/19/18 - \$116.00

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**THE UPPER ROOM** for September/October is now available in the narthex. This daily devotional with passages selected from the Bible encourage you to spend time with God each day. Praying and reading the Bible will help you recognize how His Word applies to everyday life. Pick one up today.

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***The start of our 2018/2019 Sunday School year will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>.***



Please join us from 9:00 AM through 10:30 AM for a celebration Pancake Breakfast. After we have had our breakfast we will go to our Sunday School classes and begin a year of fun & learning about Bible stories and God's will in our lives.

We hope you have enjoyed your summer and will join us for Sunday School fun!

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### **Stitch in Faith & Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministries**

Prayers, fabric, threads, yarns and compassion are our specialty! God has given us the gift of serving Him by creating prayer quilts, shawls, pocket shawls and etc.!

Sunday, September 9, 2018 is our next dedication at both Sunday Services.

After the dedication, the items will be on a ladder type shelving unit in the narthex and in the "Little Parlor" next to Pastor Bruce's office. Irwin FUMC folks, please take a Prayer Quilt/Shawl or Blanket to those in need for a little love, hug, warmth and a reminder that prayers are being offered for them. Additionally, inform Pastor Bruce/Prayer Warrior of person(s) who needs our prayers.

### **Our Meetings are as Follows:**

Quilting ministry meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 in the meeting room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor next to the spiral stairs.

Knitting/Crocheting ministry meets every Sunday during the Sunday School hour in the "Little Parlor".



Hearts to God



Hands to Work

If anyone would like to join in these ministries just come- no experience is necessary. Direct questions to our Facilitators: Mary Reed (Quilting Instructor) or Cindi Painter. Thank You!

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**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF FUMC?** If you have been attending our church and participating in the activities here, we would love to have you become an official member of the FUMC family! **Please contact Pastor Bruce to let him know that you are interested in being a part of his next New Member Class which will begin on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM.**

Do you think you joined but aren't sure? If you have attended some of the prior membership classes but didn't officially join on "Reception of Members Sunday," then chances are you are not an official member. You can check with the office to be sure.

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### *Coming in September ...*

In addition to our year-round activities such as our regular Saturday and Sunday Worship services, Food Bank, Grief Support, Depression & Anxiety Support, Healing Service and NA, September will be a busy month with returning activities and a few new ones!

#### **September 1 & 2 – Holy Communion**

**Sunday, September 2 - SUNDAY MUSIC ACTIVITIES** - Any child or teen (and their parent or guardian) who is interested in singing or ringing handbells or chimes should stay after the 10:45 service on Sunday, September 2, for a brief organizational meeting. Please bring your calendars so that we can confirm rehearsal times.

**Monday, September 3** – Labor Day, Office Closed

**Wednesday, September 5** (& every Wednesday) – Youth Center from 5-8 PM

**Thursday, September 6** – Music groups begin their regular weekly rehearsals

**NEW! Friday, September 7** (& every Friday) – Friday Night Live – Youth grades 9-12

**NEW! Saturday, September 8** (& every Saturday) - Saturdays Jr. High Rocks the House – Youth grades 6-8

**September 8 & 9** - Recognition and Anointing of Our Educators, Blessing of the Backpacks, Prayer Shawl Dedication

**September 9** – Pancake Breakfast & Sunday School Kick-off

**September 10** – UM Women begin their regular monthly meetings, Dartball begins their season

**September 15** – Food Bank

**September 15 & 16** – Stewardship Campaign for 2019 begins

**September 19** – Bible Study begins for the 2018/2019 season

**September 23** – Membership Class, UM Women's "Welcome Home Shelter" Shower

**Sept 27 & 28** – Bob Evans Fundraiser

*There's something for everyone here at FUMC!*

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**Join us  
Wednesday  
August 29,  
2018  
at 6:00 PM**

**YOU BELONG HERE!**  
Come meet the new FUMC Youth Pastor, Ronald Slavin and his wife Robbyn.  
Bring your questions and ideas.

**YOU BELONG HERE!**  
We might be new, but the management is still the same.  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup>Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness. *Come before Him with joyful singing.* <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD Himself is God. It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter

His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; His loving kindness is everlasting and His *faithfulness to all generations.*

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### Every Wednesday Night

(beginning September 5)

5pm to 8pm

Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Fellowship, Games, Music, Worship, Snack Bar

### Friday Night Live

(beginning September 7)

8pm-11pm

Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Hangin' out, music, dancing, Snack bar

### Saturdays Jr. High Rocks the House

(beginning September 8)

7pm-10pm

Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Music, Snack bar, dancing, hangin' out

All events are free. Parent or guardian must sign a liability release form.

Any questions contact Youth Pastor, Ron Slavin at [ronaldslavin@comcast.net](mailto:ronaldslavin@comcast.net)

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#### DAY APART- DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Camp Allegheny, 9:00-9:45 AM Registration, 9:45 AM-2:00 PM Program & Lunch

Cost: \$12/per person (Registration Forms and payment due: Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>)

Speaker: Luella Krieger- Visitors from the Past presents "Mary, Mother of Jesus"

Please join us for a day of spiritual renewal, rekindling friendships, a delicious luncheon, and to share the sacrament of Holy Communion. Two offerings will be requested, one to go toward our 2018 Mission Pledge and the other to go to our speaker's ministry.

Questions? Call Diane at 724.454.1883 or email her at [geebeef4@gmail.com](mailto:geebeef4@gmail.com)

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**DISTRICT HELPSHOP - Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>: New Stanton UMC (612 Center Ave., New Stanton, PA 15672) - Rev. Steve Bane. Cost: \$15/per person**

**9:00 AM-3:30 PM** (Note: participants may register for morning or afternoon or both. Only 1 course may be taken in the morning and 1 session in the afternoon).

**Tentative Schedule:**

9 AM - Gathering/Snacks	12-12:45 PM - Lunch
9:30 AM - Welcome (Sanctuary)	1-3 PM - Afternoon Session
9:45-11:45AM - Morning Session	3:15 PM - Closing Prayer/Dismissal (Sanctuary)

There will be opportunity for the lay people in your congregation to participate in a number of training workshops **to assist in the leadership ministry** of your church. All laity are encouraged to come; clergy are welcome, too. The possible options offered at the October 13th event may include:

1. Church Finances, Connectional Apportionments, Payroll/Clergy Taxes
2. Church Revitalization Overview
3. Mission and Ministry of the Conference
4. Mission Insight
5. Safe Sanctuaries
6. Discipleship
7. Certified Lay Minister
8. Laity in Church (Roles/Opportunities)
9. United Methodist Women
10. Fiji Community of Faith (culture, dance, worship style)
11. Camping Initiative
12. UMCOR Relief Kits
13. Conference Youth Ministry Teams
14. Greensburg District Youth

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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. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *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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