



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 30, 2015

14th 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 “Prelude of Praise”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go!

P: Who is it that calls to us?

L: It is God who calls and beckons to us all.

P: What will we find?

L: We will hear the song of love, and see beauty blooming all around.

P: Let us delight in God’s gifts!

L: Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go!

P: We go to praise our God!

***UNISON PRAYER**

Creating God, you invite us into a world of delight. Instead of rigid obedience to rules and regulations, you desire the willing gift of our hearts. As we bring our hearts to you in worship, may the words we speak reveal your grace, and may our actions embody your love. Renew and create us anew for your work in the world. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 152 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the Shop with a Cop program. Please see the announcement for more details.)

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Way” by Florine Mance - Connie Bickerstaff

The special music this morning was written by Florine Mance (1916-2001), the mother of church member, Ruth Mance. Florine taught Sunday school here for 70 years, beginning as a teenager. She would have been 99 this past May. Thank you, Ruth, for sharing her music.

RESPONSIVE READING No. 795 Psalm 45

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “There Is No Name So Sweet”

***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**

Generous and Holy God, every good and perfect gift that touches our lives does indeed come from above, provided through your gracious and boundless love. We bring these gifts, such a small portion of what we have received by your hand, and doing so join them with others that we might be found to be doers of the word and not listeners only. We pray this is the name of Jesus the Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 463 “Lord, Speak to Me”
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) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “The Lord God Has Spoken It”**

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

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of:

James G. Payne who passed away on Saturday, August 22nd
Matthew Gunkle, who passed away on Sunday, August 23rd.

May God comfort and bless these families.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Alternative Worship – 22 Sunday 8:15 – 48 10:45 – 70



HELPING OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Some of our members are homebound. They are healthy enough to get out and about but are no longer able to drive. From time to time the office gets a request from the families of these individuals for help in bringing them to church. If you are able and willing to occasionally provide a ride for one of our homebound members, please let Pastor David or the church office know. It would mean a lot to these individuals to be able to continue to worship and fellowship with their FUMC family.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, August 30
14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday, September 2

7:00 Yoga
Thursday, September 3
6:15 C Bells
7:15 Choir

Monday, August 31

First Day of School - Hempfield

Saturday, September 5

6:00 Alternative Worship

Tuesday, September 1

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Outreach
7:00 Nurture
7:30 NA

Next Sunday, September 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
10:45 Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: This week our children's collection will be for the *Shop with a Cop* program. Our area *Shop with a Cop* program is coordinated every year by Trooper Steven Limani, community service officer with the Pennsylvania State Police at Greensburg. *Shop with a Cop* pairs children with police officers for a shopping spree, with each child being given a designated amount of money to purchase Christmas gifts. Children who take part in the program are recommended, usually by police officers, because they have been involved in difficult or tragic circumstances. This program gives the kids a chance to see the police officers in a different light ... in a more positive way.

The program is made possible through fundraising efforts, donations and community contributions. 100% of all contributions to *Shop with a Cop* are used to purchase gifts for the children.

You can read about the 2014 *Shop with a Cop* program in the following articles from the Tribune Review":

<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourscottsdale/7367796-74/police-mart-pleasant#ixzz3iha8OzMF>

<http://triblive.com/news/westmoreland/7366111-74/police-shop-state#ixzz3ihVP9Adz>

8th Avenue Place – 8/16 - \$ 230.00 8/23 - \$119.00

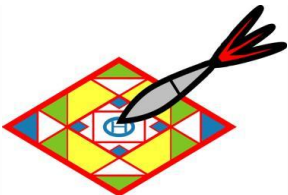
Women's Book Study: Our Fall study will be a DVD study from Priscilla Shirer titled "Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath". This study consists of 5 video sessions which talk about the busyness of life, to-do lists, and how to take a breath and build time into our lives for God. We'll be using the member book which includes questions, the viewer guide, and a little home-study for us as well.

All ladies are welcome to join in! There is no reason not too! We start with the video and then gather around a table to discuss what we've seen, and also to talk about how to apply it our lives.

The first session will be on September 30th at 7:00 pm and the remaining sessions will be every other week. If you would like me to order your book for you, please let me know by August 25th. Cost of the book will be \$10 and payment is due when the book is delivered.

Any questions please call Barb Baston at 724-863-3690.

Hope to see you there!



DARTBALL: The start of the 2015/2016 Dartball season will be on Monday, September 14th. We play on Monday evenings thru the fall and winter months at various churches in the area. All boys and men, 12 years old and up, are welcome to join in a great evening of fun and fellowship (cake, cookies and drinks included.) If you would like to join us, call Alan Painter at 724-446-0224 or speak with any current Dartball member.

CLEARANCE FORMS: Many people who applied for the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33) are receiving them in the mail. Please remember that when you receive your clearances *the office staff needs to see the original and make a copy. We cannot just accept a copy of the form, we need to see the original.*

PARENTS: There is a plastic container in the entrance hall which has bags, dolls and activities for young children. Please feel free to take a bag, fill it with age appropriate activities and use it to help keep your young child occupied during the service. After the service, you should return the bag and the toys to the container. We hope that this will make your life easier, since that it less you have to bring from home.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT UMW "DAY APART" AT JUMONVILLE: Please join us, *Wednesday, September 9th*, for a day of spiritual renewal, rekindling friendships, a delicious luncheon, and to share the sacrament of Holy Communion. The speaker for the event will be Luella Krieger presenting "The Woman at the Well".

Registration begins at 9 am and the event concludes at 2 pm. The cost is \$11 per person which includes breakfast rolls/breads and coffee/tea as well as beverage, soup, sandwich and salad bar luncheon. Please make checks payable to Greensburg District United Methodist Women.

Registration forms and payment due by August 30, 2015. Please note that payments must be received along with the registrations to reserve your place at this event. Questions? Please call Pat Wolfgang at 724-468-4800 or email her at gwolfgang723@comcast.net.

*Time's a comin' again!
Mark your calendar for our annual*

Craft Show

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

at

First United Methodist Church
3rd & Oak Streets, Irwin

Crafts and crafters needed. Call Alice 724-863-3901

I'll be looking for elevator people for Friday evening to help get the crafters in as well as on Saturday.



The kick-off for our Sunday School year will be on Sunday, September 13th. There are classes for all ages, from toddler through adult. Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning. No pre-registration is required. Just come and share in the fun and Bible learning.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come hungry to church on September 13th. We will be having breakfast to help kick off the start of Sunday School. We around 8:45 – plenty of time to enjoy a great meal and still School on time. And we will keep flipping pancakes until you can have a meal before the second service. Hope to see



our annual pancake will start serving make it to Sunday around 10:15 so you all there!

From the Finance Committee...Do you ever eat at Bob Evans in North Huntingdon? Plan on going "Down on the Farm" for breakfast, lunch or dinner (7 AM - 9 PM) on any of the four Fridays in September and help out your church! Fifteen percent of the total sale of your receipt will go back to First UM. Tell your friends and family so we can have a better profit and enjoy dining out together! Remember...You must have the flyer with you when you pay the cashier. Each Sunday flyers will be printed and available on a table in the narthex. You can also make copies of the flyer which will be in your September newsletter.

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Chair of Finance at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

RADA Cutlery is back!!! New Catalogs and order forms are on a table in the narthex. Completed order forms and checks (payable to First UM) can be placed in the office door slot. Please return your catalog to the table so we can recycle them! The last day to place an order is Sunday, November 1st. Pass a catalog to a co-worker, neighbor or relative...or get your Christmas shopping done early!

All proceeds will go to the church general fund. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com