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**July 12, 2020**

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

**July Memory Verse: Romans 6:23**

***“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

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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      Psalm 119:105-119**

**L:** <sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**P:** <sup>106</sup>**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

**L:** <sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**P:** <sup>108</sup>**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

**L:** <sup>109</sup>I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**P:** <sup>110</sup>**The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

**L:** <sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**P:** <sup>112</sup>**I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

**L:** <sup>113</sup>I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.

**P:** <sup>114</sup>**You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.**

**L:** <sup>115</sup>Go away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.

**P:** <sup>116</sup>**Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope.**

**L:** <sup>117</sup>Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually.

**P:** <sup>118</sup>**You spurn all who go astray from your statutes; for their cunning is in vain.**

**L:** <sup>119</sup>**All the wicked of the earth you count as dross; therefore I love your decrees.**

**\*HYMN No. 732      “Come, We That Love the Lord”**

1. Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne

## **WORD OF GOD    Romans 8:1-11 (NRSV)**

### *Life in the Spirit*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

### **OFFERTORY    "Holy Ground"**

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

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

**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**HYMN No. 601    "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"**

### *Chorus*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid,  
and I think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear  
as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

### *Chorus*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

## **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 13: 1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)**

*The Parable of the Sower*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!”

*The Parable of the Sower Explained*

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

**P:** Thanks be to God

**SERMON “Which One are We?”**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 707 “Hymn of Promise”**

1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC OF PARTING “Jesus Calls Us”**

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**“Come, We That Love the Lord”**

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**“Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

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**WE'RE TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AGAIN AT FUMC!** With COVID 19 cases rising in our area, the decision has been made to stop in-church services at this time. The services will be conducted in the following ways:

Starting Saturday, July 11th - Saturday services can be viewed on YouTube, Zoom, or Facebook

Starting Sunday, July 12th - 8:15 AM Drive-in service only

- 10:45 AM - Drive-in service plus, YouTube, Zoom, or Facebook

This schedule will continue until further notice. Please see "This Week At Our Church" for the Member IDs and Passwords for the Zoom services and meetings.

The following guidelines for using the church have been put in place:

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. "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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### **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)

#### **Today, Sunday, July 12**

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)

#### **Tuesday, July 14**

7:00 Trustees

7:00 Wendell's Vision Meeting in the church &

on Zoom (Meeting ID# 824 4650 7214,

Password: 476023)

7:30 NA

#### **Wednesday, July 15**

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom

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

1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom

(Meeting ID#161 160 578, Password 011752)

6:00 Youth Bowling at Greensburg Main Lanes

7:00 *Holy Roar* Small Group Study week

#### **Thursday, July 16**

6:30 PM NA

7:00 Bible Study with Missy Andrisson on Zoom

(Meeting ID# 823 2302 0270 Password 004583)

#### **Saturday, July 18**

Gym in use

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 750 261 324

Password 520327)

#### **Next Sunday, July 19**

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)

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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 in “This Week At Our Church”)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 7/12/2020**

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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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**YOUTH GROUP NEWS:** The Youth Group will not be meeting in the church until September. On Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the youth will go bowling at Greensburg Main Bowling Lanes. At this time there will be 15 kids participating and will enjoy pizza, soda, and unlimited bowling from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Ron (724-691-7113) for more information.

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**THE COMMUNITY DINNER** scheduled for Friday, July 31st has been changed to a 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.

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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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**THANK YOU SO MUCH** Outreach Committee for the beautiful greeting card and gift card. It is much appreciated. Also, thank you for all the work you do.

God bless you.  
Joyce Blissman

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**CHURCH PICNIC CANCELLED!** Due to the uncertain times with the COVID 19 virus, the N.O.W. Committee has made the decision to cancel the picnic scheduled for Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope that next year things will be better and we can once again enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship at our church picnic.

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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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**“WENDELL'S VISION”** The June newsletter article from The Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip asks you, the readers, to consider being a part of a special task force to do work in our community in lieu of the annual trip to Philippi, WV. Since that time, we are happy to report that we have had several folks respond to the request. But, since the writing of that article, we have suffered a terrible loss to our Work Trip family. On May 29th we lost a life-time member of the group in Wendell Campbell. RIP!!! In thinking about a conversation that Wendell and I had many years ago about just such a task force that never materialized ... Wendell's Vision was born. This ministry will gather names of folks willing to give their time to helping members of this congregation as well as people in the community. Patty and I have decided to coordinate this ministry and wish to invite you to be a part. You only need to be able to assist others on a voluntary basis using your skills and abilities. If you would like your name(s) to be added to the growing list, please email the information to [namretsojp@gmail.com](mailto:namretsojp@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at 724-863-2796. Out of tragedy like the pandemic we are living through now, can come new opportunities ... *Wendell's Vision* can be another wonderfully supported mission for us to undertake and oversee. When a door closes ... a window opens!! Help us, help others!

Join the "Vision" and together we can make a difference. Be open to His calling!! Pray about it!! By the way, your skill and ability may be to move something from point A to point B and that is just awesome too. You may be a retired professional, skilled craftsman, school teacher, seamstress or stay at home mom ... no matter there is a place you can help in God's plan for this ministry. We look forward to hearing from you and are expecting you to support *Wendell's Vision*.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

**First United Methodist Church**  
Irwin, Pa  
*God Loves you and so do We!*

**WENDELL'S VISION**  
Information Meeting  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2020  
Time: 7:00 Pm  
In the Sanctuary

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6**  
Concerning Spiritual Gifts

**4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.**





# 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.



**Youth Group is Throwing an Unlimited bowling Party.**

**Pizza & Soda**

**Please RSVP**

**Pastor Ron or Robbyn**



**Main Bowling Center  
513 S. Main Street  
Greensburg, PA, 1560  
6:00 pm to 8:00pm  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July**



# Brown Bag Community Dinner!

Every

Friday

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
(or while supplies last)

God loves you & so do we!

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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Gym  
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Wednesday, September 25  
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