



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**July 12, 2015**

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

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Barb Worthington**

**10:45 – Nellie Wiancko**

**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**

**PRELUDE** “Prelude of Worship”

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION: #382** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** In Jesus Christ, the Child of God, we hear, and see, the Word of peace, which is for all people:

**P:** we gather to tell the world that peace is God's will for us.

**L:** In Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all creation, we hear, and see, the healing of the broken, which is for all people:

**P:** we gather to proclaim the good news of God's faithfulness and justice.

**L:** In Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Brother, we hear, and see, the inheritance of God, which is for all people:

**P:** we gather to share with our sisters and brothers this glorious grace we have received.

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**In the chorus of the cardinal and turtledove, all creation sings your praise: Giver of Grace. Steadfast love whispers to us on the breezes of summer, while faithfulness runs barefoot in the backyards of our hearts, calling to us to come play forever in your fields of peace.**

**Justice calls to our souls, Plumb Line of Peace, daring us to reach out to the broken, the hungry, the needy, the hopeless: to share with them the rich inheritance of acceptance and healing which has been given to us.**

**The evensong of the frogs in summer's gentle mist lullabies us in the gentleness of your steadfast love, Spirit of God: cradling us in your grace and healing us with your peace.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our praise to you as we pray as Jesus has taught us, saying, (*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**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. #369** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project®. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM “Here I Stand”**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19**  
**RESPONSIVE READING: No. 755 “Psalm 24”**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace”**

**\*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**

**In this company of seekers, we find our inheritance – the deep richness of God’s grace. With this company of seekers, we offer our gifts, so that others might be able to set their hopes on Christ, with whom we are all blessed by God. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN #377 “It is Well with My Soul”**  
*The Altar is open during the hymn.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE Mark 6:14-29**  
**SERMON “Tough Questions .... ”**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING #370 “Victory in Jesus”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**L:** We are sent by God, to be God’s people in the world.  
We are called by Christ, adopted into God’s gracious family.  
We are chosen by the Spirit to care for and serve creation.

**P: Let us go to join hands with our sisters and brothers everywhere and in every moment**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “All Hail the Power”**

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

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Altar flowers are needed for August 2, 9, 23, 30. If you would like to sponsor flowers please fill out an “Altar Flower Order Form” and place it in the offering plate with your payment. Each arrangement is \$24.00 and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service.

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

### Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 10, 6:30 – 8:30, Vacation Bible School

#### Today, Sunday, July 12

##### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Monday, July 13

6:00 CSA  
No Grief Support meeting this week  
6:30 VBS

#### Tuesday, July 14

6:30 VBS  
No Witness meeting  
No Trustees meeting  
7:30 NA

#### Wednesday, July 15

6:30 VBS  
No Yoga

#### Thursday, July 16

Irwin Jazz Night  
6:30 VBS  
7:00 Jonah Bible Study

#### Friday, July 17

6:30 VBS

#### Saturday, July 18

6:00 Alternative Worship

#### Next Sunday, July 19

##### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Baptism

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** The Children's Collections this week will be sent to Wounded Warrior Project®. Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001 and their families. On that date, America watched in horror as approximately 3,000 people died including hundreds of firefighters and rescue workers. Many warriors note a sense of duty to volunteer for the military following these tragic events.

Sept. 11 also served as a stimulus for Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn. Operation Iraqi Freedom refers to military operations in Iraq that began March 19, 2003 and officially ended August 31, 2010. Operation Enduring Freedom refers to combat operations in Afghanistan and other regions in support of the Global War on Terror. Operation New Dawn refers to the conclusion of operations in Iraq beginning September 1, 2010 and ending December 15, 2011.

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) began when several veterans and friends, moved by stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq, took action to help others in need. What started as a program to provide comfort items to wounded service members has grown into a complete rehabilitative effort to assist warriors as they transition back to civilian life.

With advancements in battlefield medicine and body armor, an unprecedented percentage of service members are surviving severe wounds or injuries. For every US soldier killed in World Wars I and II, there were 1.7 soldiers wounded. In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, for every US soldier killed, seven are wounded. Combined, over 48,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in the recent military conflicts.

In addition to the physical wounds, it is estimated as many as 400,000 service members live with the invisible wounds of war including combat-related stress, major depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Another 320,000 are believed to have experienced a traumatic brain injury while on deployment.

The Wounded Warrior Project mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors and their vision is to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history. Their purpose is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured

service members aid and assist each other and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

For WWP, there is a distinct difference between members and alumni; the term alumni indicates a mutual shared experience and denotes your place in an organization was earned. There are no dues here - those were paid by wearing the uniform and on the battlefield.

The Alumni program provides long-term support through a wide range of complimentary programs designed to give ongoing support. WWP Alumni enjoy getting together while attending exclusive WWP events, college and professional sporting events, dinners, and many other activities. Over the years, our Alumni program has grown substantially.

As our Alumni program expanded, WWP responded with innovative programs to meet the needs of warriors and their families. Our programs are uniquely structured to nurture the mind and body, and encourage economic empowerment and engagement.

For additional information you can visit the WWP website at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) .

**Wounded Warrior Project**, 301 Grant Street, Suite 900, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

**Telephone:** 412.471.0935

The above information was obtained from [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

Wounded Warrior Project® - \$228.50

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**SUMMER PICNIC BASKETS:** Once again, the Outreach Committee will be preparing summer food baskets for families from Sheridan Terrace Elementary School. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and help us by donating some food items. All donations are due back to church by Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also gladly accept any “garden overflows.” If you have just too much fresh produce in early August, we will share it with these families. Thanks in advance.



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Do you know someone who is responsible, friendly, and would like to make a little money by helping out our church? FUMC-Irwin has a job opening for an individual to work a few hours (roughly 5:30-9:00) on weekday evenings for two to three evenings per week based on a mutually agreeable schedule. The job description is security, open/lockup, meeting setup/cleanup, emergencies, assistance to people in meetings, some cleaning and maintenance.

If you or a friend is interested, please call the church office at 724-863-6858 or Jean Halza at 412-720-8920. Resumes may be mailed to FUMC-Irwin 310 Oak St. Irwin, PA 15642 or emailed to [fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net) or [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net)

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**WorshipFest 2015** will be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Greensburg: First UMC beginning at 9 am and concluding at 4 pm. Come and join us for a spirit filled worship encounter. Brochures are available on the office half door. To register, or for more information, contact the Greensburg District Office at [wpaumc.org/register](http://wpaumc.org/register) or [greensburgfirst.org](http://greensburgfirst.org) or the District office at 724-863-5673.

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**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.

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**WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE A WONDERFUL NEW MINISTRY IN OUR AREA!** Working with the Keystone State Park we have organized an outdoor Gospel Concert for the first Saturday in August. (See flier on the bulletin board) These are professional singing groups who will be coming in throughout the day. A free will offering will be taken to offset the costs.

The Date is Saturday August 1st from 12 noon to 7pm. Concessions available on site. Bring your own lawn chair.

By the grace of God, we hope this will become an annual event. Please spread the word and pray that lives will be touched and changed.

Thanks! Jesus Is Lord! Pastor John Emigh (724-456-5399)

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### **DISTRICT DAY AT KENNYWOOD**

Hi everyone - We have a planned a District Day at Kennywood for Saturday, September 5. This invitation is open to all the people of the district (both clergy families and congregations)!

We are hoping to reserve a pavilion for the district to enjoy and be able to eat together during our stay there. However, a minimum requirement of 100 people is necessary for us to reserve the pavilion for our use and convenience. If we don't have enough to reserve a pavilion, we will still have the District Day at Kennywood; we will simply be "on our own" for meals.

Once we know that we have 100 people who are planning to come, you can purchase the purchase tickets to Kennywood through the district office for \$28.00 per person. If we don't have enough for a pavilion, then you can purchase your discounted tickets from the conference website (also at \$28.00 per person but with a \$1.25 processing fee). There is no processing fee for tickets purchased through the district office.

Of course, your arrival and departure times are totally at your convenience. Some will come and stay all day; some will come for only a couple of hours and leave. That's totally up to you.

Please email Holly at the district office by July 26 if you and/or your congregations would have an interest in participating (and give a potential number of tickets you might need). We will let you know after July 26 if there we have enough people for a pavilion. Because the pavilions are reserved on a "first-come" basis, it's important that we hear back from you as soon as possible.

We hope to see you at Kennywood on Sept. 5. Hopefully, the weather will be perfect and we have a great time together with friends and colleagues on the district!

Sent with a prayer, Rev. Patricia M. Nelson, Greensburg District Superintendent



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** VBS this year is Group's  
*"Everest-Conquering challenges with God's mighty power".*  
It will run from July 13-17 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

At Everest VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! Everest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings. VBS is a great way to bring children closer to God and learn more about their faith.

**Thank you all for your continued support of our Vacation Bible School.**

If you have any questions, or to sign up, you may contact Penny Brant at [VBS@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:VBS@irwinfirstumc.org) or by visiting our web page under contact us and choosing "VBS questions" as the category. I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

**We hope to see you there!**