



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 5, 2015

6th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

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

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “America, the Beautiful”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our God is great and worthy of praise!

P: God’s holy mountain is beautiful. It is the joy of the whole world!

L: In the midst of your temple, O God, we dwell in your faithful love!

P: Your praise and reputation, O God, go far beyond this mountain to the far corners of the earth!

L: Let us walk about this holy mountain, and behold its towers and fortifications. Then let us teach our children about our strong and righteous God.

P: God is the One who will lead us, even to the very end! This is God, our God, forever and always!

***UNISON PRAYER**

We gather in your presence, God of holiness and power, to praise you for your wisdom, justice, and might, on which our world is founded. Your power endures forever, Sovereign God! The magnificent spinning of the planets and the mysterious rise and fall of rulers and nations fill us with awe. We see the manifestation of your power, even in the aching, fragile places of our lives. We have come to meditate on your faithful love – a love that moves in might and in vulnerability. In the name of Jesus, giver of grace, we pray.

Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 697** “America”

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 “Glory”

RESPONSIVE READING No. 782 Psalm 48

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY "A Plea for Peace"**

***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**

O Lord our God, our talents and gifts are so insufficient to our challenges. We rejoice that your grace is sufficient for us and for the body of Christ, the church. You reveal that power is made perfect in weakness. Help us to receive this truth. When we face hardships, persecution and difficulties for your sake, may we trust that you are at work to help us and the world. Use these offerings to strengthen our witness as disciples of Jesus Christ, for we pray in his name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 437 "This Is My Song"

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 6:1-13

SERMON

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

I give myself completely to you, God. Assign me to my place in Your creation. Let me suffer for You. Give me the work You would have me do. Give me many tasks, or have me step aside while You call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to You. And now, Holy God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – you are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for eternity. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT by INTINCTION – All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2149 "Living for Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "God of Our Father"**

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

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Wendy (Balego) Abraham. Wendy passed away on Saturday, June 27th. May God comfort her family.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, Sunday, July 5
6th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

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

Monday, July 6
Office Closed

Tuesday, July 7
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, July 8
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, July 9
7:00 Jonah Bible Study

Friday, July 10
9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
Gym Closed

Saturday, July 11
9:00 Food Bank
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, July 12
7th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 .

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

Telephone: 412.471.0935

The above information was obtained from www.woundedwarriorproject.org

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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.

We are in need of a crew leaders and assistants. If you are able to help in any way please contact Penny at 412-225-1069 or virgo82562@yahoo.com.

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.

I will be having a couple meetings with our volunteers so we can get together and share ideas and thoughts in making this year's VBS a success. We are still looking for helpers in various stations, crew leaders & assistants. Please watch the weekly bulletins for dates and times for the meetings. I will also send out emails to inform you. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas concerning VBS, please bring them along with you so we can all discuss them together. I'm very excited about this year's VBS and I hope you are too. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help out in some way, please feel free to contact Penny Brant.

We will be requesting donations of food for snacks and other miscellaneous items to help defer the cost. Watch for the chart in the Narthex with our needs.

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 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!

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.

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

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 2nd. 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.





CAMP NEWS... I just read about a bargain that I wanted to pass on to you! Camp Allegheny wants to fill each and every bed and not let dollars in any way inhibit attendance. There are a FEW limited spaces available for the week of July 26 - August 1, exclusively just for Greensburg District at 1/2 off! This offer is only for children who have not been to Camp Allegheny before. It is not for returning campers. What a deal

that is! The 1/2 off camps offered are: Pony Camp (ages 8-11), Younger Allegheny Xperience (ages 6-9) and Sr. High Xtreme Xperience (ages 15-17). To take advantage of this offer, you need to first call Terri at Camp Allegheny at 814-754-5122 by 7/13/15. You will still need to register first through our church - call Debbie in our church office. Our church will send off 30% of your total cost to the camp. If you're a new camper, I hope you can take advantage of this deal. Even if it rains at camp...it's still awesome!



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 or fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net
