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**June 29, 2014**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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**      “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Come, everyone, come and worship!

**P:** God welcomes us all.

**L:** Come, all whose hearts are heavy.

**P:** God welcomes us all.

**L:** Come, all who doubt.

**P:** God welcomes us all.

**L:** Come, all who trust in God.

**P:** God welcomes us all.

**L:** Come, everyone, come and worship!

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of love, we come to you as we are. In the midst of our doubts, our confusion, our failures, we come with our hopes and our dreams, trusting that you will provide all that we need out of your abundant love. Open our hearts to the richness of your grace, open our lives to the balm of your mercy, that we might grow into your community of life and love. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 154**      “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”  
*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**ANTHEM**      8:15 “He Is There”  
                  10:45 “He Is There” – Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE READING No 746**      Psalm 13

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

**OFFERTORY**      “Sanctuary Prayer”

**\*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**

**God of grace who renews your people every day in every breath, help us find the balance in life that keeps us aligned with your will. Help us not neglect rest for the sake of work, or neglect feeding our souls for the sake of feeding our bodies, or neglect to be present with the poor and powerless for the sake of keeping company with those who are well off in terms of power and wealth. As we offer our tithes and offerings this morning, open our ears and hearts to hear the promise Christ made to us: even the smallest act of compassion for the least of your children will not escape your notice, and that the rewards for us will be heavenly! In Christ, our rock and our redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 396**                      “O Jesus, I Have Promised”  
*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**                      **Romans 6:12-23**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 672**      “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING**      “Spirit of the Living God”

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The Children’s Collection this week will be given to *Project Happy Feet*, the Greensburg District program, in cooperation with *Payless Shoe Source*, which provides needy children in our area with shoes.

*Project Happy Feet: 6/22/2014      \$183.22*

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**CHURCH PICNIC:** Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 18, 2014, at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Please note that this is a **MONDAY EVENING**. The picnic will start at 5:00 PM. Dinner is planned for 6:00 PM. Various meats will be provided for hot sandwiches. Table service items are provided. Please bring a cold dish (like a salad or dessert) to share with others. This way, no one has to rush home from work to prepare something hot. Drinks will be provided. A donation container will be provided if you wish to help defray the costs of the picnic. Before and after dinner, gather for games and fellowship. If you have game equipment (balls, bats, etc.) please feel free to bring it. Also, bring lawn chairs if the picnic benches are too hard for you.

A short vesper service will end the evening as we experience the beauty of God’s world at sunset.

All are invited. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements. Please let us know how many are coming. You may email the church office at [irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net) or sign the poster in the narthex/entrance hall of the church. Please let us know by August 11 so that we can prepare enough food.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, June 29**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Adult Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship
- 12:00 VBS meeting
- 1:15 FISH & CHIPS leaving for  
Caddie Shak

**Tuesday, July 1**

- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:30 NA

**Wednesday, July 2**

- 7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, July 3**

Office closes at Noon

**Friday, July 4**

**Independence Day Holiday**

Office Closed

**Next Sunday, July 6**

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

**Communion**

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Adult Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship
- No FISH & CHIPS

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*July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day*  
*Praise God for our freedoms!*

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## The United States of America Flag and Pledge



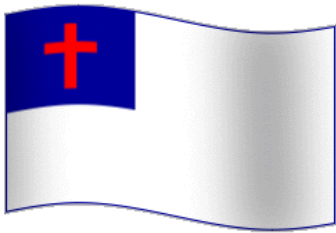
***"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."***

Consists of thirteen equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton (referred to specifically as the "union") bearing fifty small, white, five-pointed stars arranged in nine offset horizontal rows of six stars (top and bottom) alternating with rows of five stars. The 50 stars on the flag represent the 50 states of the United States of America and the 13 stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain and became the first states in the Union.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_the_United_States)  
<http://publications.usa.gov/epublications/ourflag/titlepage.htm>  
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## The Christian Flag and Pledge



***"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love."***

The Christian Flag is a flag designed in the early 20th century to represent all of Christianity and Christendom, and has been most popular among Christian churches in North America, Africa and Latin America. The flag has a white field, with a red Latin cross inside a blue canton. The shade of red on the cross symbolizes the blood Jesus shed on Calvary. The blue represents the waters of baptism as well as the faithfulness of Jesus. The white represents Jesus' purity. In conventional vexillology,

a white flag is linked to surrender, a reference to the Biblical description of Jesus' non-violence and surrender to God.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian\\_Flag](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Flag)  
<https://www.google.com/>

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS**  
this year is Group's *"Weird Animals!*  
*Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind."* It  
will run from July 14-18 from 6:30pm -  
8:30pm. **There will be a VBS meeting  
today following the worship service.**

God filled the world with a lot of crazy  
creatures...including you! When kids  
feel weird, different, or even lost in a  
crowd—nothing compares to the  
extraordinary love of Jesus.

At Weird Animals VBS kids will  
discover that Jesus' love is one-of-a-

kind. Weird Animals is a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experienced kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats are just a few of the activities

that help faith flow into real life. Plus we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

VBS is a great way to bring children closer to God and learn more about their faith.

We are still looking for helpers in various stations, crew leaders & assistants. 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.

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