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November 16, 2014
23rd 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

8:15 – “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

10:45 – “We Gather Together- Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 25)**

L: God has richly blessed you ... use your gifts to build God’s kingdom.

P: But we’re afraid.

L: God has richly blessed you ... find your courage and don’t look back.

P: But our gifts seem so small.

L: God has richly blessed you ... you possess everything you need.

P: But what if we fail?

L: God has richly blessed you ... trust the gifts you have been given.

P: We will use our gifts. Thanks be to God!

***PRAISE SENTENCES (Judges 4, 1 Thessalonians 5, Matthew 25)**

L: Praise God who shines light in our darkness.

P: Praise God who brings victory out of defeat.

L: Praise God who turns mourning into dancing.

P: Praise God who bestows gifts beyond price.

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***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 108**

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the Veterans Association programs. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM “Faithful to Your Name”

SCRIPTURE READING Judges 4:1-7

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 “At the Name of Jesus”
10:45 “Be Thou My Vision” – Chancel Choir

*** DOXOLOGY (tune – “Lord of the Dance”)**
“For the gift of creation, for the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.” Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**
Great God, you are enthroned in the heavens! You are full of majesty, yet you have reached out to us in kindness. We look to you in expectation, knowing that you provide for our needs. How could we recount each time when you have helped us? You sustain our life. Give us eyes of faith to see your Holy Spirit at work in our midst. Help us to see where you are calling us to reach out in your name. Use this offering to bless people through the ministry and mission of our church. May our neighbors come to recognize your love in tangible ways. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 87 “What Gift Can We Bring”
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) Matthew 25:14-30**

SERMON

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

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Postlude on ‘Higher Ground’”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, November 16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Lay Leadership Meeting
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 T Bells
4:45 SonShiners

Monday, November 17

10:00 Dale Peckman Memorial Service
7:00 Dartball – A

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 Men's Work Team
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, November 19

6:15 C Bells
6:30 Fellowship Night
7:00 Yoga
7:15 Choir

Thursday, November 20

5:00 Irwin Light Up Night & Parade
No Disciple

Saturday, November 22

December/January Newsletter articles due

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, November 23

24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Hanging of the Greens
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 T Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION Today's offering will be sent to the Veteran Association, Pittsburgh Healthcare System's Voluntary Services to benefit disabled veterans in our area.

Veteran Association: 11/9 - \$114.01

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT! Join us on Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30 in the Gym for a Covered Dish Dinner. After we share our blessings and our good food together, we'll be putting together our love gifts for the Food Bank kids. A clipboard is being passed through the pews - please sign up to bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. All children and adults are welcome!



HANGING OF THE GREENS: We will be decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season on Sunday, November 23rd, immediately after the 10:45 AM service (noon?). Lunch will be provided. Many hands are needed to make our church beautiful inside. Lunch will be served for the workers. We hope to be done by 2:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance to the sanctuary to volunteer. Please sign so that we know how much lunch (pizza) to order.

The United Methodist Ministers' Chorus of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be in Sacred Concert at the Greensburg: First United Methodist Church, 15 East Second Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

COME, WORSHIP WITH US AS WE SING PRAISES TO THE LORD

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the December/January newsletter are due to the office *no later than Saturday, November 22nd*. You can email your articles to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or drop them off in the office. All articles received after November 22nd will be published in the February newsletter.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS: November 30th is the first week of Advent. Volunteers are needed to light the candles in our advent wreath at each service. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance to the sanctuary to volunteer.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS: It is that time of the year again. The holidays are quickly approaching and once again, we are faced with a community in need. Many families struggle to put dinner on the table on a daily basis and holiday meals are even tougher to prepare. The Outreach Committee will be addressing this need in our community by creating Thanksgiving food baskets. A poster is in the Narthex with a list of everything needed. Please take a post-it note (or a few) to contribute to the much needed baskets. **All donations are due back to the church by Sunday November 23rd.**

BASKETS Baskets remaining from the Bazaar are reduced and have been moved to the Adult Sunday School room (outside Pastor David's office) for a self-service sale. Envelops are provided for payment which may be placed in the office door mail slot. Proceeds will be divided between the Rick Simms Mission Work Trip, Outreach, and Mission share. **Why not do "double good" and purchase an item for the Love Gifts for the Foodbank families, Operation Reindeer, or Angel Tree by supporting those charities with your gift and the funds from the baskets?** Thank you for helping us help others!

SOLES 4 SOULS IS BACK! Outreach committee is collecting gently used or new shoes and boots for people who do not have proper footwear. This year we are partnering with Penn Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Township as they collect shoes all year long and transport them to a distribution site. They will take our donated shoes and save us the mailing costs! Please drop your shoes in the Narthex through November 30th. We will collect shoes and then arrange for them to be transported to Penn Zion. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause!



Consecration Sunday
November 30, 2014
Don't forget to bring you pledge card!

ACOLYTES: Young people (grades 3 and up) are needed to serve as acolytes for both Sunday services during the Advent season and on Christmas Eve. This is a chance to serve your church and assist in worship. See Dianne Runser to volunteer.



DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - GINGERBREAD HOUSES! Come build a Gingerbread House on Sunday, December 7th, at 2:00 pm downstairs in the gym! Bring your own goodies to decorate with, and a bag to share. ***You'll need to sign up on the clipboard (or call the office) to make sure there will be gingerbread pieces for you to build your house with. You will also need to bring a board or tray to build your house on.*** We will not be sharing a meal this time, but there will be a few snacks to share. Everyone had such a great time last year, please come and join the fun! All are welcome!

Upholding the Church in 2015 – GIFTS

God has given a variety of gifts and talents to each of us...so what should we do with them? “As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...” (1 Peter 4:10) God gave you talents to benefit others, not yourself and God gave other people talents that benefit you! God tests you to see how you are going to use the talents He gave you! You are the manager of those gifts! Like the parable of the ten talents (Luke 19), if you don’t use what God has given you, He will take it away and give it to someone else who will. But if you use your talents wisely, God will give you more!

Today you are being asked to take “seed money” from the altar and to use your talents/gifts to increase its value with a goal of returning it to the church. This money is earmarked for our church’s General Fund. Regardless of your age, if you accept the challenge, you will have (1) month to think of an idea to make your money grow! On Sunday, December 14th a “Gifts from the Talents Sale” will be held outside of the pastor’s office. Pray about how you and your family will participate this day.

LEVEL OF GIVING CHART

Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	Tithe
\$100	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 9	\$ 10
\$200	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 12	\$ 14	\$ 16	\$ 18	\$ 20
\$300	\$ 6	\$ 9	\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ 18	\$ 21	\$ 24	\$ 27	\$ 30
\$400	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 16	\$ 20	\$ 24	\$ 28	\$ 32	\$ 36	\$ 40
\$500	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 50
\$600	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ 24	\$ 30	\$ 36	\$ 42	\$ 48	\$ 54	\$ 60
\$700	\$ 14	\$ 21	\$ 28	\$ 35	\$ 42	\$ 49	\$ 56	\$ 63	\$ 70
\$800	\$ 16	\$ 24	\$ 32	\$ 40	\$ 48	\$ 56	\$ 64	\$ 72	\$ 80
\$900	\$ 18	\$ 27	\$ 36	\$ 45	\$ 54	\$ 63	\$ 72	\$ 81	\$ 90
\$1,000	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 40	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 70	\$ 80	\$ 90	\$ 100
\$1,500	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 60	\$ 75	\$ 90	\$ 105	\$ 120	\$ 135	\$ 150
\$2,000	\$ 40	\$ 60	\$ 80	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$ 140	\$ 160	\$ 180	\$ 200
\$2,500	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 175	\$ 200	\$ 225	\$ 250
\$3,000	\$ 60	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ 150	\$ 180	\$ 210	\$ 240	\$ 270	\$ 300