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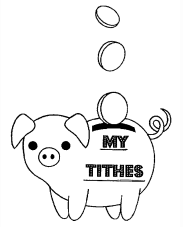
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Eric Bush – Youth Minister

Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry



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**November 20, 2016**

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

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 - Sandy Lehner**

**10:45 - Tracy Hawley**

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**Memory Verse for November**

**James 4:7 “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”**

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**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**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION “We Gather Together” - Cathedral Bells. We welcome all**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 862 Psalm 150**

**(Please ask the congregation to turn to page 862 in their hymnals.)**

**L:** Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**P:** ... praise God in his firmament!

**L:** Praise God for his mighty deeds;

**P:** ... praise God for his exceeding greatness!

**L:** Praise God with trumpet sound;

**P:** ... praise God with lute and harp!

**L:** Praise God with tambourine and dance;

**P:** ... praise God with strings and pipe!

**L:** Praise God with sounding cymbals;

**P:** ... praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

**L:** Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**P:** Praise the Lord!

**\*HYMN No. 694 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

**WORD OF GOD Colossians 1:9-14**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to Baby Allison Frick. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 8:15 "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Connie Bickerstaff**  
**10:45 "Let Us Give Our Thanks Together" - Chancel Choir**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" - Cathedral Bells**

**\*DOXOLOGY "For the Gift of Creation"**  
**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**

**\*HYMN No. 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**  
**For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."**  
**For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."**

**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 Luke 23:33-43**

**SERMON "Thank You!"**

**\*HYMN No. 2008 "Let All Things Now Living"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING "Postlude on "Now Thank We All Our God"**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.*  
*The altar rail is always open.*

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

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 40 Sunday 8:15 – 60 10:45 – 81**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Mike, Cheryl & Jason Kirsch  
10:45 – Ethel Rosenburg & Edith Bush

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Virginia Ives 10:45 – Lou Berta  
**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser 10:45 – Josh Burger & Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. Our attendants today will be Sara Hawley & John Weber.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this morning are presented in honor of Bruce Wiancko's birthday from Nellie and their family.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday & 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday**

**Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

**Today, Sunday, November 20**

**Newsletter Deadline**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

12:15 Hanging of the Greens

**Monday, November 21**

7:00 Dartball - Home

**Tuesday, November 22**

6:15 TOPS

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, November 23**

**Office closes at noon.**

6:15 C Bells

7:15 Choir

**Thursday, November 24**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Office Closed**

**Friday, November 25**

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, November 26**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, November 27**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

*The office will be closed Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** All information for the December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter is **due in the office by today, Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Any information not received by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> will not be published in the December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter.

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to Jason & Nicole Frick for the care of their infant daughter, Allison. Allison Grace Frick was born 11 weeks premature at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh on August 25, 2016. She spent 79 long days in the hospital including 9 weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Allison is the granddaughter of Diane Novak and great-granddaughter of LaVerne Frick. Thankfully Allison was discharged to go home from the hospital on November 11. She is at home on oxygen and monitors and still has a lot of growing and developing to do. She will also need a special vaccination to help prevent illness with a virus called RSV that can cause serious illness in preemies with lung disease. Allison was born weighing only 2 pounds and at her follow up pediatrician appointment she now weighs 6 pounds! The money donated will help Allison and her family with continued medical expenses.

“USO” 11/13 - \$112.85

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**CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND OUR CHURCH IS RINGING IN THE SEASON!!!** Mark your calendars to participate in ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 8 PM in front of the Giant Eagle store in North Huntingdon. Our kettle will be on the Kohl's side of the GE entrance. Sign the paper in the narthex, or the on the clip board as it is passed around, as to what hour of the day you'd like to participate! It's a great way to give of your time so others may receive!

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**OUTREACH SOUP LUNCHEON:** Last Sunday's soup luncheon was a huge success! We raised more than \$550. Think of all the people we can help because of your generosity. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended.

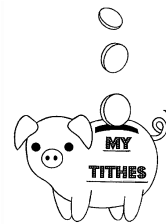
**KITCHEN LEFTOVERS:** There are several items sitting on the counter outside the kitchen. If you are missing a container, it just may be downstairs. Please take a moment to check and take your items home. Thank you!

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**WEEK#3 - STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM - "GIVING FIRST TO GOD"**

Are you giving the first part of your social life to God? Are you in fellowship with other Christians? How can we know of the needs of others if we are not in fellowship? "And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other, selling their possessions and dividing with those in need." (Acts 2:44)

In the past month this church had some great socials planned. The Hayride, the Women's Book Study, Dartball, NA, Pizza Hut and Bob Evans Dining Out, the Spud Bar, the Trunk or Treat, the Craft Sale, the Soup Sale and the Spaghetti Dinner were all happening through your church! I hope you were able to participate in some of them! If not, there's more happening in December! Spend the first part of your social life in fellowship with others! By giving first to their needs, you are giving first to God!



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**FROM THE WITNESS COMMITTEE**

A clip board will be passed during worship for the following opportunities for service:

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Today is Hanging of the Greens immediately after the 10:45 AM service. We welcome all who signed up to help, but we also welcome anyone who wants to help, even if you didn't sign-up. Please come to the front pews before starting the work so that we can get organized.

**AS A PART OF OUR ADVENT CELEBRATIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REFRESHMENTS** after each service on November 27, December 4, 11 and 18. This is in place of our normal once-a-month coffee hours. Please help us to present a warm feeling of hospitality to any visitors we may have during the holiday season. We will need more than one person for refreshments after each service, since you are also responsible for setting up and serving refreshments.

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**HAPPY METHODIST GROUP:** Our Happy Methodist Group will meet at Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg for lunch on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in going is asked to call Shirley McCune at 724-527-2497 or Dot Depp at 724-863-0351.

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**CAMP NEWS...** Looking for the perfect gift to give your child or grandchild this Christmas? Camp Gift Certificates make a great gift and can be purchased through any of the three camps in any amount! With the cost of summer camp increasing, this gift card can be applied to their registration or used at the camp store while they are there. Many new friends and memories are made at camp every year! It's a gift that keeps on giving! Contact Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny or Jumonville by phone or visit their website for information.

Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**STYLUS PENS:** The stylus pens are still available for purchase (\$2). Please see Dianne Runser or the salesperson in the narthex.

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**TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY** - Discover what your gifts are in order to best serve God. Please answer the questions, sign the book, and return it to Pastor Bruce or the church office. The booklets are on the table in the Narthex.

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**"RIGHT NOW MEDIA" BIBLE STUDIES:** Free Bible studies to further you knowledge of God's word. To participate in any of these 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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**EMAIL REMINDERS:** If you would like to receive email reminders of church events, please email the church office ([irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net)) to get your email on the list. Please **DO NOT** hand write or call the office with the email address, as errors may occur. We want to make sure that we have the correct email.

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**STARTING IN JANUARY**

For more information on the following programs, contact Pastor Bruce at 724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

**HEALING SERVICE** – the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. This is a simple service that has prayer, sharing, devotions, anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and communion. Just drop what you are doing and come as you are.

**DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Pastor Bruce has a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and real life experience with these diseases. He will facilitate. All meetings are confidential.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRUCE:** A Bible study will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 PM.

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