



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 9, 2014

22nd 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 **"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Wait for the Lord.

P: God is as near to us as our very breath.

L: Wait for God's wisdom.

P: Wisdom is planted in our very souls.

L: Prepare for the coming of Christ.

P: Christ lives in our very lives.

L: Wait, prepare, be ready to celebrate.

P: God is here, Christ has come. Love is present here and now.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Christ, who is our Love and Life, wait with us now. Prepare us to receive your presence. Strengthen us to wait with perseverance and patience for the celebration of your place in our lives and your presence in our world. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 717 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

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 8:15 - "Be Thou My Vision" -

10:45 - "Good News" -

RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "I Need Thee Every Hour"

* 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

Holy God, we are in awe of you. In marvelous ways, you have brought us out of trouble into safety, out of bondage into freedom. With our whole heart, we want to serve you faithfully, following Christ your Son. When we stumble and stray from your way, you call us back and forgive us. Help us to set all our hope on you, for your love never fails! It is by your generosity that we present these gifts and offerings. Use them to help others in our community and across the world to know your great love. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 328 (twice) "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

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) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SERMON

HYMN OF PARTING No. 662 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*MUSIC OF PARTING "How Firm a Foundation"

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, November 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

“Coffee Hour” after each service

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

4:00 T Bells

4:45 SonShiners

Monday, November 10

10:00 UM Women

7:00 Dartball – A

Tuesday, November 11 - Veteran’s Day

9:00 Men’s Work Team

6:15 TOPS

6:30 Witness

7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 Women’s Bible Study

10:00 -12:00 Staff Meeting – Office Closed

6:30 Good Grief

7:00 Yoga

7:00 SPRC

Thursday, November 13

6:15 C Bells

7:00 Disciple

7:15 Choir

Friday, November 14

9:30 Food Bank Truck (help needed)

Gym Closed

Saturday, November 15

10:00 Food Bank (help needed)

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next 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

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.

UNICEF: 10/26 - \$175.00 11/2 - \$175.33

THE UPPER ROOM: The November/December Upper Room devotionals are in the Narthex. The start of the church year – Advent - devotions begin with this issue. Start a New Year resolution early and use this great booklet to help spend a daily few minutes with God. Pick one up today.

OUR DAILY BREAD: The December/January/February issue of “Our Daily Bread” is on the Narthex table. Please take one for yourself and share one with someone else.

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!

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.

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

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Our class will resume on Wednesday, November 12th at 10:00 AM. We will continue our study on the Women of the New Testament. Please bring to class your copy of the “Women Named in the New Testament.”

Any woman wanting to learn more about the Bible is welcome to attend our monthly class on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.



Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11th.

Please remember to honor all of our veterans and thank them for the sacrifices they made that have allowed us to have the freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America.

God bless our veterans!



CONNECTIONAL APPORTIONMENT

Enclosed you will find a Special Offering Envelope to use for giving to our Connectional Apportionment for 2014. In order to get closer to our apportioned goal, the Finance Committee has suggested collecting this additional offering the second Sunday of each month. What is Connectional Apportionment...and how are these monies used? Some of you may remember when it was called "Mission Share". One of the unique and defining factors of the UM Church is that we are connectional! It shares its resources across all levels of the denomination to improve the lives of many through mission and justice. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) are often on the front lines when disaster strikes in faraway places. Each local church – no matter its size – is engaged in ministry locally, regionally and globally. I have researched how the monies are used, and this is what I found.

Ministerial Support – Provides churches with interim pastors when needed, Nurtures ministering teams, Gives scholarships for those entering ministry, Coordinates, promotes and provides staffing camps, Provides salary and personal expenses for District Superintendent (salary, utilities, pension, medical expenses, travel), Covers moving expenses for all clergy

General & Jurisdictional Apportionments – Provides World Service Funding for human need, Supports ministerial education funds and Black College Fund, Supports Africa UM University Fund

General & Administrative – Provides gifts for Episcopal family and administrative expenses (mortgage), Covers operating costs at the Conference Center, Covers personal expenses for Conference Center Staff

Conference Benevolences – Gives scholarships for Laity/Training, Provides leadership ministries with UM Men, UM Women and Young Adult Funding, Provides UM Witness in PA through Church and Society, Contributes to Disability Awareness, Gives local church grants, Contributes to Global Health Issues, Contributes to Disaster Relief through UMCOR, Contributes to Native American Ministries, Provides funds for Conference publications/software and hardware upgrades, Includes Evangelism Ministry, Pays for local church seminars

Conference Sessions – Provides funding for Annual Meeting

Council on Finance & Administration – Provides conference wide property and liability insurance

Board of Trustees – Provides medical insurance for pastors on disability, pays 50% of medical insurance for student pastors, Pays property taxes, maintenance, insurance and repairs for conference owned properties and abandoned churches, Helps with the startup of new UM churches

We are encouraged to make payments to Apportionments. It is important to pay this obligation of Connectionism as it is to pay the local church bills, tithes, utilities, salaries and other financial obligations. Without everyone doing their part, the vital ministry provided by this budget and the lives it touches cannot happen. Look for the Special Offering Envelope enclosed in the bulletin the second Sunday of each month. Please pray about any additional offering you can give to First United Methodist Church of Irwin Connectional Apportionment for 2014 and 2015.

RADA Cutlery: The Finance Committee is selling cutlery. If you ordered from RADA last year, you might want to check out their new catalog located on the table in the narthex. To place an order attach your cash or check (payable to First United Methodist) to the order form and deposit it in the slot of the office door. The catalogs will be recycled, so please return them to the table in the narthex. Additional order forms will be printed as needed.



All orders must be in by today Sunday, November 9th. Do your Christmas shopping early or circulate them in your office or among your team! These make great gifts for newlyweds, teachers, coaches, neighbors, co-workers or for grab bags! Proceeds from this sale will go to our General Fund.

"Upholding the Church in 2015" – PRESENCE

Your presence is important here and God's presence is important in your life! "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) How many times have you prayed for God to "show up" – that he would reveal His presence to you? God can break through the most desperate situations in your life! He can intervene in the lives of your friends and family members – even those who are missing from Him. He



can turn their whole world around! Sometimes He is working and waiting for the right time to show up, to leave no doubt that He's the One who makes all the difference. Who in your circle of friends or in your family needs God to "show up"? Pray that He will make His presence real in your lives!

Enclosed is a postcard that we are encouraging you to send to someone that either has been absent from church or someone new that you would like to invite to our church. Tell them their presence is missed here! Tell them our church is here for them to experience God's presence! Tell them to try out our new Saturday night service! Please...if you're not going to mail out your postcard, kindly drop it in the basket in the narthex as others may want to send out more than one. (Be careful what you write...the postman may just be that person that needs to feel God's presence!)

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!



More Camping News!!! If you didn't get to go camping this summer, and you'd still like to go, there are 4 camps coming up that you can consider at Jumonville!

- Rock Solid...A Time for Married Couples – (Friday, November 14 – Saturday, November 15) Discover that you do things differently than your spouse! You've made your commitment to each other, now make the commitment come alive with new understandings of each other's strengths and differences! Enjoy 2 days and one night with your spouse in the cozy Jumonville Inn, and concentrate on each other! Cost is \$199 Couple (extra overnight and breakfast for \$50.00 more)

For information or to register for any of the week-ends, please contact the Jumonville office at 724-439-4912 or www.jumonville.org. If you have additional questions, please contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com. **Campership funding is available in the church office for anyone wishing to go!!!**



The Witness Committee would like to invite everyone to join them on Sunday, November 23rd at noon to decorate our church for the Christmas season.
Mark you calendar and plan to attend!

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



**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

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!

Save the Date! Gingerbread House Building will be on Sunday afternoon December 7th - time TBA. If you can help out with baking gingerbread, making icing, or in any other way, please leave a message with the church office. We had such a great time last year! All are welcome. A sign up sheet will be passed in the pews beginning November 16th. Please be sure to sign up to reserve your gingerbread house pieces. See you there!

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.
