



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry

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**October 11, 2015**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Music Sunday**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko**

**10:45 – Tracy Hawley**

**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 “He Keeps Me Singing”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** Come! Dance! Sing! Celebrate the goodness of the Lord!

**P:** God continues to give us such great gifts of love.

**L:** We are made strong in the Lord.

**P:** We are made rich in the Lord.

**L:** God’s blessings are lavished on us every minute of every day!

**P:** Come, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**\*OPENING PRAYER Pg. 69 "For True Singing" (unison)**

**Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 77, 1 and 4 “How Great Thou Art”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

***Refrain***

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art.**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation**

**and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

*Refrain*

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for the "Irwin Fire Department." Please see the announcement for more details.)*

### **ANTHEM "One-De'ful God" –SonShiners**

#### **RESPONSIVE READING, No. 821 Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a Joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

<sup>2</sup>**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into God's presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever;**

**God's faithfulness to all generations.**

### **PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth" Cathedral Bells**

#### **\*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**

(O Lord, our Savior, you listen to each prayer and respond to every cry. You are present by your Spirit to bring courage, comfort, and deliverance. We are mindful of the children in our communities and among the nations who need advocates and tangible assistance. Open our eyes to see how our church may demonstrate your love and kindness to the weakest among us. We pray through Christ, your Son, who held children gently in his arms and blessed them. Amen.)

#### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 378, v. 1 & 2 "Amazing Grace"**

*The Altar is open during the hymn.*

**1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;**

**how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

### **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**

**\*SCRIPTURE**

**Colossians 3: 12 – 17**

**MESSAGE** “All God’s People, Singing the Song and Living the Life”

**ANTHEM “Why We Praise” Chancel Choir**

**JOHN WESEY’S DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING, p. vii**

**Sing the Song**

**HYMN NO. 657** “This Is the Day”

**HYMN NO. 57, v. 1** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**HYMN NO. 156, v. 1** “I Love to Tell the Story”

**Accept the Promise**

**HYMN NO. 2164** “Sanctuary”

**HYMN NO. 369, v. 1** “Blessed Assurance”

**HYMN NO. 707, v. 1** “Hymn of Promise”

**HYMN NO. 526 v. 1** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**HYMN NO. 534 v. 1** “Be Still, My Soul”

**HYMN NO. 504, v. 1** “The Old Rugged Cross”

**HYMN NO. 314 v. 1** “In the Garden”

**Feel the Peace**

**HYMN NO. 474, v. 1** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**HYMN NO. 344, v. 1** “Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**HYMN NO. 377, v.1** “It Is Well with My Soul”

**HYMN NO. 171** “Jesus, There's Something about that Name”

**Live a Joy-filled Life**

**HYMN NO. 89, v. 1** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**HYMN NO. 261, v. 1** “Lord of the Dance”

**HYMN NO. 2150, v. 1 & 4** “Lord, Be Glorified”

**Tell Others**

**HYMN NO. 251 v. 1** “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**HYMN NO. 733, v. 1** “Marching to Zion”

**DEDICATION OF MUSICIANS**

**RECOGNITION OF PERSONS LEADING OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES**

**Pastor:** Dear friends, all of us here are involved in the ministry of music. We are directed numerous times in the Bible to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord”. Some of us need more encouragement than others. That is why we are grateful to those who have responded to the call of God to lead the ministry of music in our church. To direct, to sing, to play instruments, and to dance are ministries of Christ among us. Those called to these ministries need our loyal support and our prayers.

We recognize today our Minister of Music, Dianne Runser; the members of the Chancel Choir, the SonShiners, and the Cathedral Bells.

Making music to the praise of God in the congregation is a ministry that requires devotion and discipline. Do you accept responsibility for this ministry?

**Musicians:** I do.

**Pastor:** Will you be faithful to the disciplines of music?

**Musicians:** I will.

**Pastor to congregation:** As members of this congregation, do you promise to ever keep in mind John Wesley's directions for singing and to remember that making a joyful noise to the Lord is an act of devotion in which we all can share.

**Congregation:** We do.

**Prayer of Dedication (All):**

We gather today, Lord, to begin another year of serving you. We come with varying gifts, believing that you have created us and called us to the same ministry as David and the Levites, using the gifts of which your servant Paul writes to lead your people in praise and to build up one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

We lay our gifts at your feet and pray that you will use us. As we sing, remind us of your love for all your children. Remind us that you have called us to this ministry when we face difficult times: times of fatigue and times of disappointment, times of grief and times of frustration, times of confusion and times of hard work, times when things go badly and especially when things go well.

Help us to see ourselves as part of your kingdom and to know that you love us solely because you created us. Help us to love you solely because you are our eternal King. These things we pray in the name of him who loved you and who loved us, and who gave himself for us, your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pastor:** May the faith expressed by your music live in our heart, and what you believe in your heart, practice in your life. May God give you grace to offer your music and your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come.

**Pastor to congregation:** Dear friends, I commend to you these persons. To them has been given the gift to lead in the ministry of music in our church. Will you sustain them with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to offer praise to God?

**Congregation:** We will.

**All:** O Lord, our God, bless these ministries of music and those who offer them in Your service. Give to these persons love for You and Your people, fullness of heart as they praise You, and diligence that their music may be a worthy offering to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **RESPONSE ANTHEM – “So I Sing” Combined Choirs**

### **\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 593, v.1 “Here I Am, Lord”**

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

### **\*BENEDICTION (unison)**

**“To all upon my way, day after day, let me be joy, be hope! Let my life sing!**

### **\*MUSIC OF PARTING “How Can I Keep from Singing?”**

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

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## **ROSTER OF CHURCH MUSICIANS**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC - Dianne S. Runser**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** – Deb Andrison, Michaela Andrison, Connie Bickerstaff, Wendell Campbell, Chris Ghrist, Phil Paden, Becky Platt, Fritz Runser, Bobbi Schaefer, Kelly Smith, Nellie Wiancko, Debbie Yarlett, Terry Yarlett.

**SONSHINERS AND TEMPLE CHIMES** –Hannah Platt, Sophia Platt.

**CATHEDRAL BELLS** – Deb Andrison, Katrina Bryan, Kyle Bryan, Bernie Johnston, Nellie Wiancko, Debbie Yarlett.

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**OUR HAPPY METHODIST GROUP** will meet on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon here at the church. Everyone is welcome to join the group for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Shirley McCune (724-527-2497) for the cost of the lunch and additional information.

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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, October 11**

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

**Music Sunday/Soup Luncheon**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 SonShiners

**Monday, October 12**

**Columbus Day**

10:00 UM Women  
6:00 CSA  
6:30 Grief Support  
7:00 Dartball - A

**Tuesday, October 13**

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

**Wednesday, October 14**

5:30 Gym in use  
7:00 Women's Book Study  
7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, October 15**

6:15 C Bells  
7:00 Disciple  
7:15 Choir

**Friday, October 16**

6:30 Wedding Rehearsal  
David McDowell/Maryann Evans

**Saturday, October 17**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, October 18**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Laity Sunday/Coffee Hour**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 SonShiners  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

*All Saint's Sunday is November 1<sup>st</sup>. To be included in the All Saint's Booklet, anyone wishing to make a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone should have their donation and information to the office by Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

This week our children's collection will be sent to the Irwin Volunteer Fire Department to help with their annual fund drive. The money donated will help pay for vehicle costs, equipment, and other operating expenses.

World Communion Scholarships – 10/4 - \$277.50

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**YOUTH MINISTER JOB OPENING:** Are you a motivated, grace-filled Christian looking for part-time work? Join our team at Irwin First United Methodist Church! This position is roughly 20 hours/week and includes planning/coordinating/promoting activities with our youth and their friends to increase their faith. Activities include weekly youth group meetings, periodic youth events (fellowship, service projects, retreats), and some

assistance with high school Sunday School. Personal commitment to Christ; working with youth using creativity, understanding, & kindness; Biblical worldview; and strong organizational/communication/team-building skills are necessary. Music/guitar skills, preaching capabilities, and computer/multi-media skills are a plus. Future potential growth into additional areas of ministry are available if mutually agreeable! Please send resume & cover letter to:

Irwin First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, Pa 15642

or [fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net)

Any questions, please call Pastor David Lake at 724-771-0868 or Jean Halza, SPRC Chairperson at 412-720-8920.

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**Rock Solid ... a Marriage Enrichment Retreat: November 20-21, 2015:** Remember the day you said "I do!" ...and then discovered that you do things differently than I do? Join us for a weekend you just won't forget. You've already made your commitment to each other. Now make your commitment come alive with new understandings of each others strengths and differences. Enjoy two days and one night with your spouse in the *luxurious Inn at Jumonville*; remove yourself from everyday concerns and concentrate exclusively on each other. Pamper yourself with some quality time together in very comfortable and cozy accommodations.



The total cost of the retreat is \$199/couple. This includes one night deluxe lodging in the *Inn at Jumonville*, three meals (Saturday breakfast through Saturday dinner), and seminar expenses. For an additional \$50/ couple you may have an extra night's lodging in the Inn and breakfast on Sunday morning. That makes your total weekend just \$249. The registration deposit is \$50.00 per couple and is non-returnable unless cancellation is made 18 days before the event. The balance is due on arrival. Financial aid may be available through the Jumonville office or via the Jumonville website.

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**RADA Cutlery is back!!!** New Catalogs and order forms are on a table in the narthex. Completed order forms and checks (payable to First UM) can be placed in the office door slot. Please return your catalog to the table so we can recycle them! The last day to place an order is Sunday, November 1st. Pass a catalog to a co-worker, neighbor or relative...or get your Christmas shopping done early!

All proceeds will go to the church general fund. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**Coming soon...**a time to share your talents! Once again, during our stewardship campaign we will be encouraging members to take "seed money" from the chancel rail and use your gifts and talents to make that money grow! On Sunday, November 8th, our campaign focus is "Love your Church".



What a great way to give back to your church by using the gifts that God has given you! If you plan on making something and selling it, there will be tables set up off the narthex on December 8th. I'd love to hear from some of you that really multiplied your money last year...how did you do it? E-mail me so I can tell others! Start thinking about the gifts you've been given, and how you can use them!

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com) or any Finance Committee member.

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**COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES:** It is that time of year again and Outreach needs info for college student care packages. Please send name, college they attend, and their address to Connie Phillips at [cmptcp@comcast.net](mailto:cmptcp@comcast.net) or text or call at 724-493-8387. If your child graduated last year and their name was not on the list please let Connie know. Also, if your child was on list last year please give contact info again just to make sure it is up to date. Please contact with any new students who started college this year.



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**Craft Show**



Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

at



First United Methodist Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> & Oak Streets, Irwin



Crafts, Decorations, Gifts & More  
Homemade Baked Goods

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early!

Call 724-863-3901 or 724-863-6858 for more details



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**Come and join the fun at the Adamsburg Craft Fair** (to benefit the Adamsburg and Community Volunteer Fire Department) on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM -3:00 PM at the Adamsburg fire hall. Lots of vendors with early Christmas gift ideas, as well as, baked goods and a Chinese auction.

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**Quilters' Weekend: October 23-25, 2015:** Whether you've forever or just want to learn some beginner basics... Join us weekend of sewing, sharing, & devotions as we 'quilt at the quilters and those who want to learn some basics of the craft attend our quilters' weekend at the Cross. The retreat will scriptures and worship times with planned fellowship as we interest of quilting. Come to laugh and learn from each other beauty of the Cross and the Laurel Highlands in the fall. advanced quilters may want to bring along their current special techniques or hints? We'll be ready to listen & learn. Need to know the easiest way to "pop a knot" or the best end of the thread to knot? Helping hands will be right there.



been quilting for an autumn cross'. Expert are welcome to 'stitch in' selected share our common as we enjoy the Intermediate and projects. Have

The cost for the weekend is: Double Occupancy: \$200.00 / Single Occupancy: \$229.50. Lodging will be at the Inn at Jumonville, and the price includes registration, lodging, linens & towels, meals, and project materials. Check in is at 6:00 p.m. Friday and will conclude after lunch on Sunday.

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**NURSERY COORDINATORS:** Our current Nursery Coordinators, Ed & Theresa Lorenc, are retiring at the end of this year. They have done a great job in scheduling Nursery attendants over the last few years. Without their help, there would have been many Sundays that the Nursery would not have provided child care for our young families.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for a job well done!  
If you are interested in being the Nursery coordinator, or helping in any way, please let Eric Platt (Nurture chairman) or Pastor David know. Ed & Theresa are willing to help anyone who is interested during the transition.

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**COLD & FLU SEASON IS UPON US! In an effort to stop the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the following**

[http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everyday\\_preventive.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everyday_preventive.pdf)

1. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
2. If you get sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.
3. While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.



**spread of germs, the guidelines:**

stay home for at least

4. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. *(Please place used tissues in one of the trash containers available throughout our church. Please do not put used tissues in the pew hymnal racks, under the pew cushions, or in the sofa and chair cushions.)*
5. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. *(Hand sanitizers are located on each floor of our church.)*
6. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
7. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
8. If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures

**We ask that you be considerate of others during the cold & flu season!**

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**OUTREACH SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Outreach Committee will be having the first soup luncheon of the season on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. After the first service, we will have sandwiches and limited soups available for dine-in or take-out. All soups will be ready to try after the second service. We will be collecting a free will offering for dine-in, take-out is \$5/soup. And, we still have room for more soup makers – sign up in the Narthex! Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn (724-744-7278 or [annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com))



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