



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 20, 2015
17th 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 **“Nothing But the Blood”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Who is wise and understanding among us?

P: Those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread. Those who do not sit in the seat of scoffers.

L: Our delight is in the teachings of the Holy One, meditating day and night on the word of God.

P: As we draw near to God, God draws near to us.

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of wisdom and grace, you call us to be servants to all, and to welcome strangers and children in your name. You call us to be men and women of valor, and to do what is right and worthy, without thought of reward. Help us to delight in your word, and to live in your peace, that we may be known as your people.
Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 103** **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the “Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid” program. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM **8:15 Special Music – Chris Ghrist**

10:45 “Psalm 1” - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING **James 3:13-4:3; 7-8a**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“A Morning Song”**

***DOXOLOGY**

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Mighty God, you faithfully uphold and guide us. Through times of difficulty and uncertainty, you show us steadfast love. Thank you for the kindness we have received through your church. Lead us to grow in gratitude, so that we will gladly share our gifts. Bless these offerings to sustain our mission to those in need in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 462 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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) Psalm 1

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 529 "How Firm a Foundation"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Partita on 'Blessed Name'"**

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

We express our Christian sympathy to:

Alvira Jupin and her family with the death of her husband, Michael Jupin, Sr.

Mr. Jupin passed away on Friday, September 11th.

Kathy Wagner and her family with the death of her father, Richard Wicker.

Mr. Wicker passed away on Saturday, September 12th.

May God comfort and strengthen these families.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, September 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 SonShiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, September 21

7:00 Dartball

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 Men's Work Team

6:15 TOPS

7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 Meeting with John Wilson

(see announcement, "PLEASE COME!...")

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, September 24

6:15 C Bells

7:00 Disciple

7:15 Choir

Saturday, September 26

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, September 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Shawl Dedication

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 SonShiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

The October Outreach Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN’S COLLECTION this week will be given to the “*Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid.*” This organization, based out of Level Green Presbyterian Church, was started to help people who are poor, elderly, or disadvantaged and fall through the cracks of our caring and helping systems in Westmoreland County. While we still have our Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (PDF) to help those in our church, this organization allows Pastor David to refer those who are disadvantaged in our community to a caring organization to help them with their needs.

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DARTBALL: The start of the 2015/2016 Dartball season will be on **Monday, September 21st**. We play on Monday evenings thru the fall and winter months at various churches in the area. All boys and men, 12 years old and up, are welcome to join in a great evening of fun and fellowship (cake, cookies and drinks included.) If you would like to join us, call Alan Painter at 724-446-0224 or speak with any current Dartball member.

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

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



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Thanks to everyone who donated their time to help make the pancake breakfast a success. The Outreach Committee was able to raise money for our various projects thanks to all in attendance!

OUTREACH SOUP LUNCHEON

Fall is upon us and it is time for soup! We will have our first soup luncheon of the season on Sunday, October 11th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all the soup makers – we need you to make this event a success.



COME AND JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION! Our District Celebration of Ministry will be held at 4 p.m. today at the Holiday Park UMC near Murrysville, PA. We will introduce those clergy who were newly appointed to our district this past July 1, and we'll recognize our shared ministry together as laity and clergy on the Greensburg District. Bishop Bickerton will be our keynote speaker during this last year of his term as our Bishop. In addition, we will hear some exciting and memorable reflections of the experiences of those youth and adults who went to Zimbabwe, Africa recently to participate in our District Partnership. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear and support the people who have been engaged in this important ministry, and hear about a number of ways you can become involved, too. Finally, there will be a light supper following the program, so

you can visit friends in a leisurely way. Advance notice of how many you will bring will help with the food preparation; however, RSVPs are not "required."

We look forward to seeing you with us! Thanks so much!

GREETERS - these friendly people stand at the door greeting all who attend our services. They welcome and provide directions to visitors and members alike. Some people like to greet once a month. Some people only wish to greet a few times throughout the year. Whatever your preference, we need your help. Both adults and youth are invited to be greeters.

If you are interested in being a greeter, please contact Burnetta Green at 724-863-0255.

Men's Work Team: The Methodist Men will be starting another year of work on Tuesday, September 22nd. Through the years, the men's work team has saved the church thousands of dollars in maintenance and repairs to our church building and properties.

They meet almost every Tuesday (see "THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH") at 9:00 am over coffee and donuts, do some work throughout the church during the morning, and then enjoy a delicious lunch together.

If you have some time on Tuesday mornings, and are willing to work for food, please come and join us!

CRAFT SHOW: Mark your calendar for our annual craft show on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Crafts and crafters are needed. Call Alice, 724-863-3901, for additional information. She is looking for elevator people for Friday evening to help get the crafters in, and for Saturday as well.

News from the "Comfort Room": On Sunday, September 27, 2015 at the 8:15 & 10:45 services there will be a Dedication for the "Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry." Through the summer months we have been meeting in the Little Parlor off the adult Sunday School Room which has been nicknamed: The Comfort Room. It is here where God leads us to lovingly create useful items with our hands. We meet not only to knit & crochet, but to support each other with love, care & acceptance. Other items are created at home. These items: scarfs, shawls, slippers, baby hats & blankets, quilts & any item God leads us to create are dedicated to this ministry.



Sunday, September 27, 2015 Pastor Dave will be praying over all the items created by the women of the Church at the Communion Rail. At the end of the services, any one in need of any one of these knitted/crocheted/sewn item(s) may take it to your loved one(s) as a love gift from this Ministry of Irwin United Methodist Church. We depend on you to share with this extension of our Love. Please share this Love with those in need of "His Touch."

We invite you to join us at 9:30 am on any Sunday morning in "The Comfort Room."

Please, any one donating an item(s) to be dedicated, please stop by on Sunday morning to pick up a prayer card, fill it out and attach it to your item.

Our Dedication Song, "On Eagles Wings" comes from the Scripture from Isaiah 40:31:

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

See you Sunday!

PLEASE COME! ALL ARE WELCOME! On Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm the Rev. John Wilson will join us for a time of conversation around information on the Census information for the area around our Irwin Community. As we gather information we then can be in conversation as to ministries that can take place from within our church. Then on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00, Rev. Amy Wagner will join us to walk us through a time of brainstorming new/old ministries with the new information we received from the meeting with John. This will be a wonderfully exciting time in the life of Irwin church! Please mark these dates and times on your calendars and come join us!

CLEARANCE FORMS: Many people who applied for the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33) are receiving them in the mail. Please

remember that when you receive your clearances *the office staff needs to see the original and make a copy. We cannot just accept a copy of the form, we need to see the original.*

From the Finance Committee...Do you ever eat at Bob Evans in North Huntingdon? Plan on going "Down on the Farm" for breakfast, lunch or dinner (7 AM - 9 PM) on any of the four Fridays in September and help out your church! Fifteen percent of the total sale of your receipt will go back to First UM. Tell your friends and family so we can have a better profit and enjoy dining out together! Remember...You must have the flyer with you when you pay the cashier. Each Sunday flyers will be printed and available on a table in the narthex. You can also make copies of the flyer which will be in your September newsletter. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Chair of Finance at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

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



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 or any Finance Committee member.
