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September 21, 2014

15th 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 “How He Loves with O, How I Love Jesus”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God’s holy name.

P: Sing praises to our God. Tell of God’s wonderful works.

L: The Lord brings quail to eat in the evening and the bread of heaven in the morning.

P: God causes water to flow from solid rock, turning dry desert into a river.

L: Shout to the Lord. Proclaim the miracles that bless the people with life.

P: Give thanks to our God. Let everything that draws breath praise God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Caretaker God, as we wander in the wilderness of our lives, lead us with your cloud by day and with your pillar of fire by night, that we may never lose our way. Bless us with your presence, Holy One, that we may know the strength of your hand and the tender mercy of your love. Feed us with your bread from heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and shout your praises. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 98** “To God Be the Glory”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

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

ANTHEM 10:45 “Lead On, O King Eternal” – Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Holy Spirit, Light Our Darkness”

***DOXOLOGY No. #95**

“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**

Generous God, you provide for all our needs, if we but put our trust in you. When the Israelites were hungry in the wilderness and began to complain, you gave them bread in the form of manna to eat in the morning, and quail to satisfy their hunger in the evening. You gave just enough, to be consumed with gratitude and trust. Generous God, help us to give with generosity this morning, with gratitude for all we have received from your goodness, and with trust in your faithfulness. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 428 “For the Healing of the Nations”

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 20:1-16**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 436 “The Voice of God Is Calling”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, September 21
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 New Members Class
- 10:45 Worship
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
- 3:45 TAFC
- 4:00 T Bells
- 4:45 SonShiners
- 5:30 T Chimes

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

Gym in use

Saturday, September 27

- Gym in use
- 6:00 Alternative Worship Service

Monday, September 22

7:00 Dartball - Away

Tuesday, September 23

- 9:00 Men’s Work Team
- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:30 NA
- 7:00 Membership Care Committee

Wednesday, September 24

- 6:30 Good Grief
- 7:00 Women’s Book Study
- 7:00 Yoga

Next Sunday, September 28

16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 New Members Class
- 10:45 Worship
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
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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.

"Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid": 9/14 - \$207.62

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Pastor David will be holding New Member Orientation sessions today, Sunday, September 21st and also on Sundays September 28th and October 5th at 9:30 AM (during Sunday School.) Reception of new members will be on Sunday, October 5th. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church should contact Pastor David for more details. If you are interested in transferring your membership from another church please let our church office staff know so we can start that process.

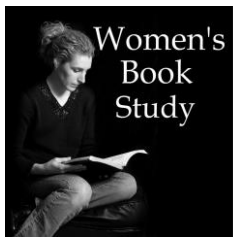


NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the October Newsletter are due in the office by Monday, September 22nd. Any article received after that date will be published in the November Newsletter. You can mail your articles or drop them off at the church office or email your articles to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net



Member Care Committee

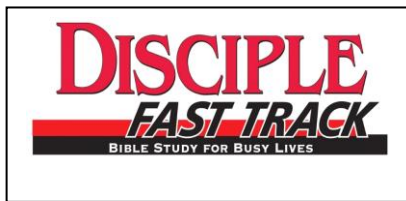
meeting or contact Pastor David.



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Ladies - we are looking forward to starting a new Beth Moore study on September 24th at 7 PM upstairs in the Youth Room. All ladies are invited, whether you have joined us before or not!! And bring a friend! The study is called "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." The group meets approximately every other week.

Hope to see many of you ladies upstairs on September 24th!

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY



A 24- week study of the Bible with daily preparation and weekly group sessions with the goal of developing biblically nourished persons committed to live as Disciples of Christ. We will begin on **Thursday, September 25th** at 7:00 pm for our Orientation. We will then meet weekly for our 1 ½ hour sessions beginning

on Thursday, October 2nd and running for 24 weeks.

If you are interested in participating, please go to the Cokesbury website at <https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=1276488> to order your Disciple 1 Fast Track material. The cost for the manual and study guide is \$39.99. If you do not have internet access, please contact Pastor David.



'Tis the season to prepare for the reason. And, in anticipation of Advent, you are invited to join us in creating a devotional booklet for the congregation to use each day during Advent. On the table in the narthex is a display containing sheets with complete details, suggestions and contact information. Please take a sheet home and think about what you can contribute. Sharing your article will be a Christmas gift to us all.

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 beginning October 1st through November 30th. We will collect shoes for 8 weeks and then arrange for them to be transported to Penn Zion. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE SOUP LUNCHEON: Sunday, October 19th, following the second service. Soup Makers and Cake Bakers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex!



RADA Cutlery Catalogs are in! 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 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.

UMCMarket.net If you are doing any shopping online, remember to use the UMCMarket.net website to get free money for our church! This online service, launched last year, allows United Methodists to shop online retailers such as Amazon with a percentage of the sale donated to a local church or UM ministry of your choice. Follow the directions on the site to get started.

Earn an extra \$5 for every new member in September!

For every new member that signs up and makes their first purchase, UMCMarket will donate an extra \$5 to your ministry!
