



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 27, 2015

18th Sunday after Pentecost/Prayer Shawl Dedication

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side: when the weather patterns changed and tornados, hurricanes, and wildfires came out of nowhere ...

P: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side: when the flood waters came into our homes and flooded our fields ...

L: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side: when life happened, and things did not go as we planned ...

P: Where would we be? How would we make it through?

L: Let us worship the One who is always on our side.

***UNISON PRAYER**

God, when we hear the daily news, it is easy to think that life is a valley of sorrows filled with tears. Remind us through the stories of survivors, that you are with us always and that your love for us never fails. We celebrate the times when heaven and earth meet – the times you break into our lives in ways that make us exclaim: If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side ... ! Thank you for a love that transcends calamity – a love that lifts up those who suffer, a love that frees the lips to rejoice. Amen

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

DEDICATION HYMN No. 143

“On Eagles Wings”

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 110**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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 10:45 “A Song of Peace” – Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Lily of the Valley"

*** 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**

O Lord, our redeemer, you give new life through your word and Spirit. We are grateful that you continually teach us the best way to live. Your wisdom is more precious than riches and sweeter than honey. Order our heart's desires according to your will. May these offerings uphold our church's ministries that help people to know and follow Christ, your Son. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 396 "O, Jesus, I Have Promised"

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) Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2149 "Living for Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Psalm 19"**

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

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Waskowitz. Mrs. Waskowitz passed away on Friday, September 18th. May God's comfort be with them.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, 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

Monday, September 28

6:30 Grief Support
7:00 Dartball

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 Men’s Work Team
6:15 TOPS
7:00 Outreach
7:00 District Meeting
7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 3

8:00 Gym in use
10:30 Norwin Homecoming Parade
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, October 4

19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
10:45 Worship
12:15 SonShiners
2:30 District Youth at Jumonville

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.

WCCEA – 9/13 - \$254.06 9/20 - \$166.50

News from the “Comfort Room”: Today at both services there will be a Dedication for the “Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry.” 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.

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.

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

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:

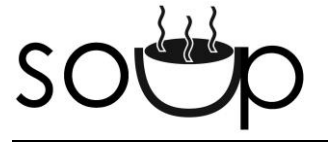
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Any questions, please call Pastor David Lake at 724-771-0868 or Jean Halza, SPRC Chairperson at 412-720-8920.

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 signup sheet in the narthex for all the soup makers – we need you to make this event a success.



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.

PLEASE COME! ALL ARE WELCOME! On Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00, Rev. Amy Wagner will join us to walk us through a time of brainstorming new/old ministeries with the new information we received from the meeting with John Wilson. 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!



Join us on a hayride!

Wednesday, October 7th. See Eric Platt, Pastor Lake, or a member of the Nurture Committee for details.

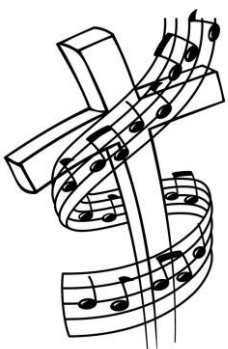
RADA Cutlery is back!!! New Catalogs and order forms are on a table in the narthex. Completed order forms and checks (payable to First UM) can be placed in the office door slot. Please return your catalog to the table so we can recycle them! The last day to place an order is Sunday, November 1st. Pass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



On Sunday, October 11th, Musician Dedication Sunday, there will be a hymn sing, featuring as many of your favorite hymns as we can squeeze in. It may be from **either hymnal** in our pews. Please indicate your favorite hymn(s) on green insert form and place in the offering plate. You may also leave it in the office or bring it up to the organ.