



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**September 28, 2014**

**16th 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**

**“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Give ear to God’s teaching. Incline your ears to parables and dark sayings of old.

**P:** We gather to hear the stories of our ancestors, ancient stories of God’s mighty deeds of power.

**L:** Do not hide them from your children. Tell the coming generations of God’s glorious deeds.

**P:** We gather to sing God’s praises and proclaim the wonders of our God.

**L:** Come to the fount of living water. Drink deeply from the waters of life.

**P:** We gather to drink abundantly from the wellspring of our salvation. We gather as people reborn.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy Mystery, grant us the courage to dive deep into the teachings of our ancestors, that we might fathom the depths of dark sayings of old. For we see in the stories of our ancestors the truth we would deny in our own story. We see your presence amidst their hopes and fears. We see the courage it takes to truly lead. We see the humility it takes to follow in faith. We see life finding a way when all hope seems lost. The whispered truths of the dark sayings of old haunt our waking dreams, telling us what our lives would become if we but had the faith to believe. We believe, Great Spirit. Help our unbelief. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 166**

**“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to the “Irwin Volunteer Fire Department.” Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 10:45 Jesus Is the Answer/Seek Ye First” - Chancel Choir**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

**AFFIRMATION No. 886**

**“The World Methodist Social Affirmation”**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY “Jesus Is All the World to Me”**

**\*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**

**God of glory and majesty, help us to see our place in your creation with humility and grace. Help us to receive your grace and love with gratitude, and let it flow through our being to everyone we meet. Holy God, may the tithes and offerings we bring to your altar this day not be a testimony to our worthiness, but to our readiness – readiness to be emptied of pride, that we might be instruments of your peace, love, and compassion in our hurting world. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 467 “Trust and Obey”**

*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)      Philippians 2:1-13**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 561      “Jesus, United by Thy Grace”**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING      “Recessional in a Gregorian Mode”**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

### Today, Sunday, September 28

#### 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, September 29

Dartball - BYE

### Tuesday, September 30

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

### Wednesday, October 1

7:00 Yoga

### Thursday, October 2

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

### Saturday, October 4

10:00 Norwin Homecoming Parade  
6:00 Alternative Worship Service

### Next Sunday, October 5

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### World Communion/Reception of New Members

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
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10:45 Worship  
3:45 TAFC  
4:00 T Bells  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION** this week will be given to the Irwin Volunteer Fire Department to help with their annual fund drive. The Irwin VFD comes to our aid in the event of an emergency. The money donated will help pay for vehicle costs, equipment, and other operating expenses.

*"Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid"*

9/14 - \$207.62      9/21 - \$109.50

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'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.

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**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!

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

## Soup Luncheon!



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**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!

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**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.

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