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**September 4, 2016**

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

**Holy Communion**

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

**10:45 – Laurie Saporito**

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**Memory Verse for September**

***Phillipians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”***

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**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*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 “When You Eat This Bread”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 771 Psalm 36:5-10**

**L:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**P:** Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; O Lord, humans and animals you save!

**L:** O God, how precious is your steadfast love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**P:** They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**L:** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**P:** O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**\*HYMN No. 2140 “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”**

**WORD OF GOD James 3:7-12**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be sent to the Connellsville Area Community Ministries. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 8:15 “Come Share the Lord” - Connie Bickerstaff**

**10:45 “Come Share the Lord” - Chancel Choir**

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

**OFFERTORY “Scriptural Reflection: Matthew 11:28”**

**\*DOXOLOGY No.95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below:  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**HYMN No. 382      “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER      *The Altar is open during this time.***

**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                      Matthew 12:33-37**

**SERMON                      “Power of the Tongue”**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT**

All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

**\*HYMN No. 399      “Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING      “A Festal Postlude”**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit*

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

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*We express our Christian sympathy to Becky Rudy and her family with the death of her mother, Lois “Boots” Martin. Mrs. Martin passed away on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. May God’s comfort and strength be with them.*

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 15      Sunday 8:15 – 80      10:45 – 94**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Ed & Helen Wertz                      10:45 – Lois Kuhn & Lee Stewart

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin                      10:45 – Tom Lehner

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser                      10:45 – Josh Burger, Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. Our attendants today will be Paul & Eileen Reynolds.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this morning are presented in memory of Glen and Cathy Kelley from Tom, Connie, Kelly, and Shaun Phillips.

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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday & 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday**

**Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

#### Today, Sunday, September 4

##### Communion

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 Music Groups Meeting  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

#### Thursday, September 8

6:15 C Bells  
7:15 Choir

#### Friday, September 9

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed  
Gym Closed

#### Monday, September 5

##### Labor Day Holiday

Office Closed

#### Saturday, September 10

9:00 Food Bank– help needed  
6:00 Alternative Worship

#### Tuesday, September 6

6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Nurture  
7:00 Outreach  
7:30 NA

#### Next Sunday, September 11

##### Sunday School Kick-off/Pancake Breakfast

##### Patriots Day

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
**8:45 – 10:15 Pancake Breakfast**  
**9:30 Sunday School Kick-off**  
10:45 Worship  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

#### Wednesday, September 7

11:00 Staff Meeting – Office closed

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**MEN'S WORK TEAM:** The Men's Work Team will be at the church on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. They arrive around 9:00 for coffee, do some jobs around the building, and have lunch before they leave. It's a great group of guys who have saved the church thousands of dollars through the years by doing some of the work and repairs to the building. Please come and help if you can.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children's collection will be sent to the Connellsville Area Community Ministries ([www.connmin.org](http://www.connmin.org)) to be used to assist with the Connellsville area flooding victims. Following is an excerpt from an article provided by the Volunteers In Mission (VIM.):

(<http://www.wpaumc.org/newsdetail/united-methodists-respond-to-connellsville-flooding-5804975#sthash.TV67kfPA.dpuf>)

**State of Emergency in Connellsville District:** Many of you are already aware of a storm on Sunday that brought flash flooding and damages in Connellsville and Bullskin Township in Fayette County on August 28<sup>th</sup>. A state of Emergency was declared, schools closed, and boil water warnings were issued for many in the vicinity. Cleanup of major debris and mud continues in some areas and some roads remain closed.

Local officials and response organizations met to coordinate efforts to help with feeding, sheltering, cleanup and recovery in the areas affected. Several WPAUMC leaders including Rev. Calvin Cook (WPA Disaster Response Coordinator), Rev. Bill Blair (Connellsville District Superintendent), Rev. Bev Spore (Connellsville District Disaster Response Coordinator) and Chip Rowan (Connellsville Area Community Ministries) were part of those meetings.

Initial assessments and damage reporting process was started by the Red Cross, emergency personnel, and others. It is anticipated that many families will be in need of assistance to return their homes to livable conditions due to lack of flood insurance. Wesley UMC in Connellsville will be the hub of the WPA Disaster Response.



Existing Early Response Teams are on alert and will begin their work in the next few days. Additional volunteers will be needed in the coming days and weeks.

Please pray for the safety and peace of those who are devastated by this unexpected and traumatic event in their lives. Pray for the first responders working long hours and those guiding the response.

The last two weeks our Children's Collection raised \$344.00 in donations to be sent to the Eastbrook Mission Barn to help with Cleaning Buckets. Cleaning buckets are available to residents through Connellsville Area Community Ministries (CACM) or the Salvation Army. The Eastbrook Mission Barn will replenish Cleaning Buckets as needed.

Please do not send any other physical donations of household items directly to Connellsville. Connellsville Area Community Ministries already has an abundance of items ready to offer and does not need any more at this time. When and if this situation changes, we will share specific calls for donations.

"Eastbrook Mission Barn" 8/21 - \$119.00 8/28 - \$225.00

If you have a suggestion for a mission we can support through our Children's Collections, please contact the church office.

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**MUSIC NOTES:** Today there will be a brief meeting after the second service for anyone who would like to find out more information about SonShiners, TAFC, Temple Bells or Chimes. This will be to coordinate schedules. Rehearsals resume on September 11.

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**FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE**

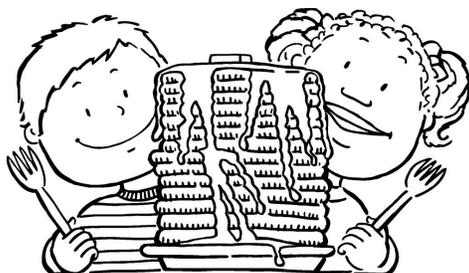
**THE WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** that meets on Wednesday evenings starting in the fall is in need of a leader. This person is responsible for picking out the study, notifying the members of when we will meet and other group needs, lead the group in discussion, and be excited to do so!! Please contact Becky Platt at 412-816-1906 if interested or you have any questions.

**GREAT NEED IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT!!!!**

We are in need of a Junior High teacher for the fall. Please contact Eric or Becky Platt at 412-816-1906 if you are interested or have questions. Sunday School starts on September 11<sup>th</sup> and the times are 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Please give this prayerful consideration and if you are not interested please still pray for the right person to step forward and take this class on.



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Pancake Breakfast

Come hungry to church on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our annual pancake breakfast to help kick off the start of Sunday School. We will start serving around 8:45 - plenty of time to enjoy a great meal and still make it to Sunday School on time. And we will keep flipping pancakes until around 10:15 so you can have a meal before the second service. Hope to see you all there!

**Come join the fun!**

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If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by Pastor Bruce and/or our Visitation Team please contact Pastor Bruce or the church office.

Contact Pastor Bruce to see how you can help on our Visitation Team.



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**“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES:** To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

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**THE UPPER ROOM:** The September/October issue of *The Upper Room* is now available. This daily devotional consists of inspirational short stories written by Christians from around the world, scripture readings, and prayers. It’s a wonderful way to begin (or end) your day. *The Upper Room* can be found on the table in the Narthex. A 50¢ donation will help defray the cost.

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**WORSHIP HOSTS** are the people who assist the minister in leading the service. Not everyone can talk in front of people, but if you are a person who is comfortable leading a group then we need you! This is also a great opportunity for students, and anyone else who needs experience in public speaking, to practice among friends. Normally, a Worship Host serves for a month at a time. However, there are times when we need someone to fill in for a week now and then. The Worship Hosts are emailed (or they can pick up a paper copy) a special copy of the bulletin on Fridays. This gives them time to read over the order of worship, the scriptures, and the announcements. Their ‘parts’ in the service are highlighted to make things a little easier for them. If you would like to help our church by becoming a Worship Host, please contact Tracy Hawley (724-863-8915) or the church office (724-863-6858.)

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**The Finance Committee is once again selling RADA Cutlery!** Catalogs and order forms are on a table in the narthex. When ordering, please place your check (payable to First United Methodist Church) and your order form in the door slot of the office door. Please return your catalog to the table, so they can be used by others. All orders are due by Sunday, October 30th. Pick up a catalog and check out some of the new items listed this year! Do your Christmas shopping early for family, friends, neighbors, teachers or coaches! Any questions, contact Laurie Saporito at [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com) or 724-864-5649. Proceeds from this sale will go to our General Church Fund. Thank you for your support!

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**Volunteers In Mission (VIM):** United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) is a grassroots movement within The United Methodist Church designed to provide an official channel whereby Christians, both lay and clergy, can offer their skills and talents for Christian service locally, regionally, and around the world for short term outreach projects or purposes.

The UMVIM network offers guidance, organization, training, and support for more than 125,000 volunteers serving others by

- ministries with the poor
- supporting Bible study, Bible School for children,
- building churches
- assisting in disaster response
- community health and medical missions
- community or school repairs
- education and leadership development
- ministries of witness and evangelism

Most volunteers serve at their own expense although many engage in fundraising efforts supported by local congregations. Volunteers serve with a team (typically 5-16 persons) or as an individual. Volunteers need to be in relatively good health, complete an application form, be willing to pay his/her own way or help to raise team funds, and agree to attend team sessions conducted by the team leader prior to departure.

The UMVIM movement began in 1976 and is organized by jurisdiction. Global Ministries networks with the jurisdictional UMVIM offices, which in turn coordinate with annual conference offices. Check out opportunities where you could volunteer to serve!

If you're interested in getting trained to be a VIM volunteer, early Response Team trainings will be held this fall at the following dates and locations. Cost is \$20. Clearances must be submitted on the day of training. Delay clearances will delay badging. Register online for one of these dates and locations.

September 9th 9am - 5pm at Wesley UMC in Connellsville, PA

September 17 9am - 5pm at First UMC in Kane, PA

October 8 9am - 5pm at Zion UMC in Elton/Johnstown area

Watch for future training opportunities at [www.wpaumc.org/vimtraining](http://www.wpaumc.org/vimtraining)

Stay informed More updates will be coming in the days and weeks to come via Mission News, E-news, and the WPAUMC website at [www.wpaumc.org](http://www.wpaumc.org)

In Mission Together, *Stephanie Gottschalk*

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**EMAIL REMINDERS:** If you would like to receive email reminders of church events, please email the church office ([irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net)) to get your email on the list. Please DO NOT hand write or call the office with the email address, as errors may occur. We want to make sure that we have the correct email.

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