

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 7, 2014

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Sunday

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 “Land of Rest”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Sing a new song to God.

P: Sing of light and hope.

L: Praise with dancing and joy.

P: Praise with lives of love.

L: Rejoice with strings and drums.

P: Rejoice with justice and peace.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One of ancient times, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. Cover us with your love, that we may put on the protection of your steadfast faithfulness. Guide us with your love, that we may seek reconciliation with true repentance and genuine forgiveness. Strengthen us with your love, that we may pursue justice and live compassionate lives. With gratitude, in remembrance of your mighty gifts, we pray. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 155**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to the “ALS Bucket Challenge.” Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 –

10:45 – “El Shaddai “- Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 861

Psalm 148

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “In Verdant Pastures”

***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**

God of abundance, we bring these gifts to you, acknowledging you as the source of all blessing in our lives. We have spent and overspent our resources on things that attracted our attention but didn’t begin to satisfy the needs within us. Help us to live wisely and to give generously from deep gratitude for your love. May our lives reflect the words of your apostle, “Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another...” We ask this in the holy name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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) Romans 13:8-14**

SERMON

SERMON SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT – (All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 671 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Postlude on ‘Evangel’”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, September 7

13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
8:45 Pancake Breakfast
9:30 Sunday School Kick-off
10:45 Worship
2:00 Greensburg District Youth
3:45 TAFC
4:00 T Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 T Chimes
6:00 FISH & CHIPS at Greensburg FUMC

Monday, September 8

10:00 UM Women

Tuesday, September 9

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

Wednesday, September 10

10:00 Women's Bible Study
6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, September 11

6:15 C Bells
7:15 Choir

Friday, September 12

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

Saturday, September 13

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

Next Sunday, September 14

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION this morning will be given to the "ALS Bucket Challenge" to be used for research in the fight against ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

ALS was first found in 1869 by French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot, but it wasn't until 1939 that Lou Gehrig brought national and international attention to the disease. Ending the career of one of the most beloved baseball players of all time, the disease is still most closely associated with his name. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

ALS Association National Headquarters

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OUR MISSION: Leading the fight to treat and cure ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy while also empowering people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.

"ALS Bucket Challenge": 8/31/2014 - \$359.00

Today, Sunday, September 7th

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF: All youth (Toddler through High school) are invited to the Kick-Off Celebration for the 2014-2015 Sunday School year today, September 7th from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Come join us in growing in the knowledge of our amazing God!

To help kick-off the new Sunday School year, the Outreach Committee will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, today from 8:45am-10:30am. Free will donations accepted.

*Come to breakfast before heading to
Sunday School class!*

Sunday School News

Join us for our Back to Sunday School Celebration for youth, toddler through high school. The celebration is Sun. September 7th from 9:30-10:30am. This year's teachers are:

Gym Balcony Level

Toddler

Donna & Dawn Weber with Doreen Baldrige & Hunter McGowan
Parents/caregivers are welcome to stay if they wish. Toddlers do not have to be potty-trained.

Early Elementary*

Becky Platt using "Group" curriculum – interactive Bible stories

Late Elementary*

Amy Bergman – "Group" curriculum & learning to use the Bible.

*Elementary classes begin with an opening in the center room then move to the grade level classrooms.

2nd Floor – Youth Room level

Middle School (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)

Jean Halza – Intro is Bible basics with application to life situations, ie. decision-making, 10

Commandments, today's songs compared to the Bible, etc. followed by Cokesbury course material.

High School

Eric Platt with Zaq Phillips

Using provided NIV Student Bible, read, interrupt, & discuss the dynamic book of Acts.

Classes are also available for adults.

The BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) Class meets weekly, year round.

The Harvester Class will resume weekly classes on Sept 7th.

Hands to Work, Hearts to God is a member led class that meets year round. They create crocheted and knitted prayer shawls and baby items for those in need.

See the sign in the entrance for class listings & locations or call the church office at 724-863-6858.

***Come grow in the knowledge of God's love for you!
Visitors & friends are always welcome. Love to see you!***

*Alternative
Worship
Service*



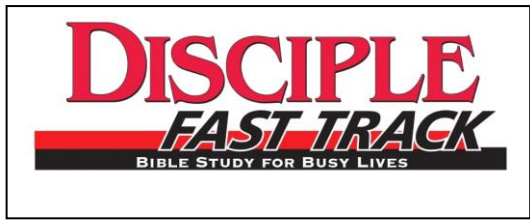
SUNDAY MUSIC ACTIVITIES: SonShiners and Temple Bells will meet for the first time this season today, September 7th at normal rehearsal times (4:00-4:45 for bells in the sanctuary and 4:45-5:30 for SonShiners in the choir room). We will take sign-ups for the various activities, complete registration forms, discuss plans for all groups, assign robes (SonShiners) and get shirt sizes (Temple Bells). Any teen interested in singing should meet in the sanctuary at 3:45 for an informational meeting. Anyone interested in Temple Chimes (a beginning group) will meet briefly in the choir room at 5:30.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Our class will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00 AM. Our study will be on the Women of the New Testament. Any woman wanting to learn more about the Bible is welcome to attend our monthly class on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.

'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.

THE UPPER ROOM daily devotion for September/October is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up this morning.

FREE! There are a sofa and a love seat in the gym that need a home! If you know someone who would be interested in having them they are free for the taking. The trustees would like them out of the gym ASAP.



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.

Men's Work Team: The Methodist Men will be starting another year of work on Tuesday, September 9th. They have been together for 50 years. Al Bertolina and Bill Fishel remember many of those years. 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. We would like to invite the retired baby boomers to join us in using the hammers, saws, and paint brushes, and also to help put on some more of our famous chicken dinners. We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am over coffee and donuts, do our 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!*

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. Please contact Barb Baston as soon as possible if you plan to attend - books will need to be ordered soon. Hope to see many of you ladies upstairs on September 24th!