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**August 16, 2015**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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**      **“Be Thou My Vision”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** As we gather to sing and praise,

**P:** ...we give thanks to God.

**L:** As we prepare to discern and understand,

**P:** ...we give thanks to God.

**L:** As we open ourselves to wisdom and truth,

**P:** we give thanks to God.

**L:** Let us sing songs of thanksgiving and joy!

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Wisdom from on high, pour your Spirit upon us, that we may receive your wisdom and discern your guiding truth. Open our hearts and minds to love your teachings. Transform our lives to walk in your ways, that we may live our gratitude in all that we do, every hour of the day. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 539**      **“O Spirit of the Living God”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS - BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place.*

*Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      **“In Heaven's Eyes”**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 832**      **Psalm 111**

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

**OFFERTORY**      **“There's Not a Friend”**

**\*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**

**Gracious God, we give you joyful thanks and praise. You faithfully provide for our needs, always remembering your covenant. By sending your Son Jesus to be our Savior, you have given us new life. Let our gratitude overflow in gifts and offerings that uplift the ministries of this church so that people will be blessed indeed. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 451 “Be Thou My Vision”**

*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) Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 395 “Take Time to Be Holy”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Trumpet Tune”**

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

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Alternative Worship – 25      Sunday 8:15 – 52      10:45 – 64**

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, August 16  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
“Blessing of the Backpacks”**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
10:45 Worship

**Monday, August 17**

7:00 Trustees

**Tuesday, August 18**

6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Church Council  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, August 19**

7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, August 20**

Irwin Jazz Night

**Saturday, August 22**

**Newsletter Deadline**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, August 16**

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

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
10:45 Worship  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

**The Trustee meeting has been  
rescheduled to  
Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.  
  
The Church Council will meet on  
Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children's collection will be for *8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place*. Christ, Coffee, and Conversation ... *8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place* is a Christian community that confronts ignorance which perpetuates racism by living and ministering together in the name of Jesus Christ. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation and we will work to show that as Jesus, God is for us and not against us. Therefore we must be for each other. *8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place* is a Ministry Supported by churches in the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as local congregations, individuals, and local businesses. For more information you can visit their website at



<http://www.eighthaveplace.com>

*Project Happy Feet* – 8/2 - \$231.95      8/9 - \$230.00

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the September Newsletter are due to the office by Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please drop a written copy of your article off in the office or email it to [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) Articles not received by the due date will be published in the October Newsletter.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING/ YOUTH MINISTER

There is an Administrative Council meeting planned for Tuesday, 8/18 at 7:00 pm in the parlor. One item on the agenda will be a discussion on the search for a new youth director. As always, the congregation is invited to attend the Council meeting. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to attend the meeting or contact Jean Halza, SPRC Chairperson, at 724-863-2742. SPRC has already met with the youth and their families for their input concerning this process. **Youth group will continue to meet during the transition, per a plan by the youth and their families, at the same time and day (Sundays 2:00-4:00 pm) excluding 8/16 and Labor Day weekend (9/6/15).**

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**PARENTS:** There is a plastic container in the entrance hall which has bags, dolls and activities for young children. Please feel free to take a bag, fill it with age appropriate activities and use it to help keep your young child occupied during the service. After the service, you should return the bag and the toys to the container. We hope that this will make your life easier, since that it less you have to bring from home.

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**GREENSBURG DISTRICT UMW "DAY APART" AT JUMONVILLE:** Please join us for a day of spiritual renewal, rekindling friendships, a delicious luncheon, and to share the sacrament of Holy Communion. The speaker for the event will be Luella Krieger presenting "The Woman at the Well".

Registration begins at 9 am and the event concludes at 2 pm. The cost is \$11 per person which includes breakfast rolls/breads and coffee/tea as well as beverage, soup, sandwich and salad bar luncheon. Please make checks payable to Greensburg District United Methodist Women.

Registration forms and payment due by August 30, 2015. Please note that payments must be received along with the registrations to reserve your place at this event. Questions? Please call Pat Wolfgang at 724-468-4800 or email her at [gwolfgang723@comcast.net](mailto:gwolfgang723@comcast.net).

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**WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR:** Once again, the Greensburg District Churches will be hosting the "hospitality booth" at the Westmoreland County Fair. The county fair will run from August 21-29. We will not host the hospitality booth on Sunday, August 23 and Saturday, August 29 as something else is taking place in the booth those days. Please contact Beverly Gross on her cell phone (412-953-4041) to reserve a time. After all the spaces have been filled, passes will be sent for each person for each two hours.

Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry in the Greensburg District.

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**Women's Book Study:** Our Fall study will be a DVD study from Priscilla Shirer titled "Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath". This study consists of 5 video sessions which talk about the busyness of life, to-do lists, and how to take a breath and build time into our lives for God. We'll be using the member book which includes questions, the viewer guide, and a little home-study for us as well.

All ladies are welcome to join in! There is no reason not too! We start with the video and then gather around a table to discuss what we've seen, and also to talk about how to apply it our lives.

The first session will be on September 30th at 7:00 pm and the remaining sessions will be every other week. If you would like me to order your book for you, please let me know by August 25th. Cost of the book will be \$10 and payment is due when the book is delivered.

Any questions please call Barb Baston at 724-863-3690.

Hope to see you there!

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### Blessing of the Backpacks

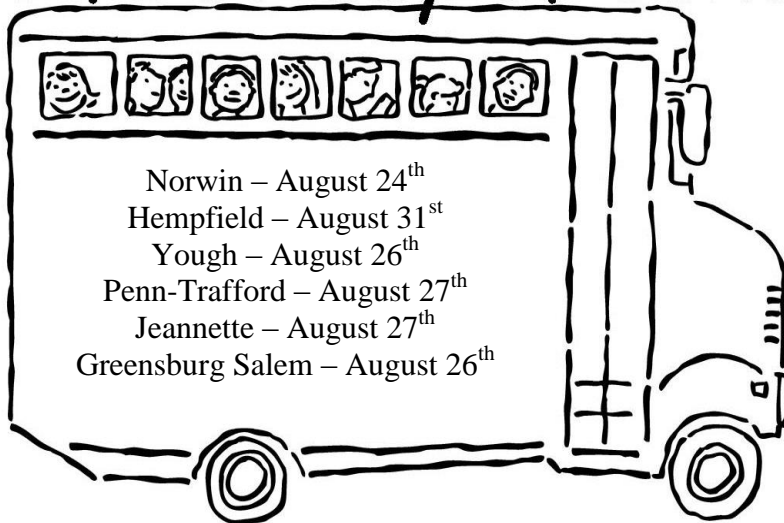


*May God bless all of our students with a wonderful school year.  
Have fun & be safe.*

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# Coming soon!

## The first day of school!



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**CHURCH PICNIC:** Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 24, 2015 at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Please note that this is a MONDAY EVENING. Anyone wishing to help set up should come by 4:00 P.M. The picnic will start at 5:00 PM. Dinner is planned for 6:00 PM. Various meats will be provided for hot sandwiches. Table service items are provided. *Please bring a cold dish (like a salad or dessert) to share with others, and serving utensils for the dish you are bringing.* This way, no one has to rush home from work to prepare something hot. Drinks will be provided. A donation container will be provided if you wish to help defray the costs of the picnic. Before and after dinner, gather for games and fellowship. If you have game equipment (balls, bats, etc.) please feel free to bring it. Also, bring lawn chairs if the picnic benches are too hard for you.



A short vesper service will end the evening as we experience the beauty of God’s world at sunset.

All are invited. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements. Please let us know how many are coming. You may email the church office at [irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net) or sign the form below, Please let us know by August 17 so that we can prepare enough food.

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I will be attending the All-Church picnic:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children attending \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to bring the following dish to share \_\_\_\_\_

I need a ride \_\_\_\_\_

I can provide a ride for someone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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