



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 31, 2014

12th 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 “Simple Gifts”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Give thanks to the Lord. Call on God’s holy name.

P: Sing praises to our God. Tell of God’s wonderful works.

L: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Let the faithful glory in the Lord’s awesome power.

P: Shout to our God. Proclaim God’s miracles and the judgments of God’s mouth.

L: Give thanks to the Lord. Rejoice that the Lord has given us a land flowing with milk and honey.

P: Let everything that draws breath praise the living God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Great I Am, you excite our curiosity, inviting us to turn aside from the ruts we travel in to find holy ground; you appear to us in a flame of fire, teasing open our imagination and revealing windows into our world we could not conceive of on our own. Surprise us once more, Living Flame. Reveal the wonder of your world as it may be – a world where love is genuine, a world where evil is hated and the saints are honored, a world where mutual affection abides, a world where hospitality is shown to strangers, a world where enemies are loved and cared for, a world where all may be one. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 128**

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”**

RESPONSIVE READING No. 828

Psalm 105

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***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
JOYS AND CONCERNS**

PRAYER HYMN No. 534 “Be Still, My Soul”

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) Matthew 16:21-28**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 419 “I Am Thine, O Lord”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, August 31
12th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Choir
No FISH & CHIPS

**Monday, September 1
Labor Day – Office Closed**

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, September 4

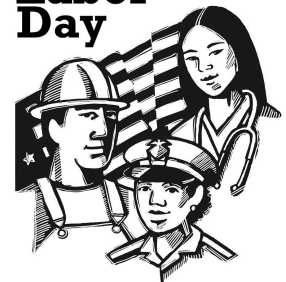
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7:00 Nurture
7:15 Choir

**Monday, September 6
6:00 Alternative Worship Service**

**Next 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
3:45 TAFC
4:00 T Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 T Chimes
6:00 FISH & CHIPS at Greensburg FUMC

**Labor
Day**



Monday, September 1st

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

1275 K Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005

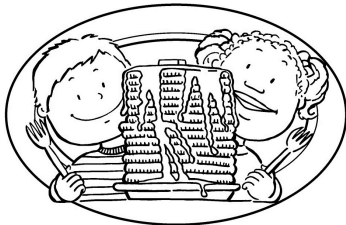
phone: 202-407-8580 fax: 202-289-6801

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.

Jumonville: 8/17/2014 - \$174.08 8/24/2014 - \$353.25

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 next Sunday, September 7th from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Come join us in growing in the knowledge of our amazing God!



Pancake Breakfast

To help kick-off the new Sunday School year, the Outreach Committee will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 7th from 8:45am-10:30am. Free will donations accepted.

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

Saturday, September 6th at 6:00 pm, the First United Methodist Church of Irwin will begin a new adventure in worship. This is our Launch Date for our new Alternative Worship Service. This will be a service that differs from the two Sunday morning service.



We need your help:... attending ... talking about it with others... asking questions.



Remember ... we will still have our regular Sunday morning worship services at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM for those who prefer a more traditional worship service.

SUNDAY MUSIC ACTIVITIES: SonShiners and Temple Bells will meet for the first time this season on Sunday, 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.



(Look for details in the upcoming newsletter.)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S “DAY APART”: Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at Camp Allegheny. Presented by Greensburg District United Methodist Women. Please join us for a day of spiritual renewal, rekindling friendships, a delicious luncheon, and to share the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our speaker will be Luella Krieger and her program will be “Mrs. Noah”. Pastor Steve Morris will be the soloist. Registration/Sign-In will be at 9:00 AM and the program will begin at 9:45 AM. The cost is \$12.00 per person (includes breakfast rolls/breads and coffee/tea, as well as beverage, soup, chicken salad on Croissant, and salad bar luncheon.) Please make checks payable to “Greensburg District United Methodist Women.”

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.

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

Parents/caregivers are welcome to stay if they wish. Toddlers do not have to be potty-trained.

Early Elementary*

using "Group" curriculum – interactive Bible stories

Late Elementary*

"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)

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

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.

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!***