



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 9, 2015
11th 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 Is Lord”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

P: Here, we find refuge and strength. Here, we find forgiveness and joy.

L: Come! Let us worship the One who hears our cries and is attentive to our pleas.

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***UNISON PRAYER**

Bread of life, we come eager to be refreshed in body and in spirit, for we are hungry for the bread that comes down from heaven. By the presence of your Holy Spirit, build up our community of faith, that we may abide as beloved children and live in love as imitators of God. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 577** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for Project Happy Feet. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM

RESPONSIVE READING No. 848 Psalm 30

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:25-5:2

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Deep River”

***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**

Holy God, thank you for making each of us a beloved child in your great family. You guide us by your Spirit to the way of life. Through your grace, we have enough to share with our neighbors who are in need. May these offerings bring your kindness to strangers. We pray through Christ, who loved us and gave himself as a fragrant offering and sacrifice while we were yet strangers. Amen.

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) John 6:35, 41-51

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 368**

“My Hope Is Built”

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING**

“We Walk By Faith”

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, August 9

11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, August 10

6:00 CSA

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 SPRC

Tuesday, August 11

6:15 TOPS

6:30 Witness

7:30 NA

Thursday, August 13

Irwin Jazz Night

9:00 District Meeting - Sanctuary

Friday, August 14

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

Gym Closed

Saturday, August 15

9:00 Food Bank– help needed

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, August 16

12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

10:45 Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION this week will be given to *Project Happy Feet*, the Greensburg District program, in cooperation with *Payless Shoe Source*, which provides needy children in our area with shoes.
Project Happy Feet - \$231.95

CAMP NEWS...Attention all singles! There is a Christian Singles Fellowship Retreat at Jumonville during Labor Day Week-End! It starts Friday, September 4th and ends with a brunch and closing on Monday, September 7th. If you register before August 17th, there is a \$25 early bird discount! This retreat is an outreach ministry of the Western PA Conference of the UM Church. It provides opportunities for singles to share the love of Christ through education, nurturing, fellowship and spiritual growth. Events are open to those who are divorced, separated, widowed or have always been single. All denominations are welcome. If you'd like to attend, please pick up a registration form in the church office, fill it out and return it to Debbie. She will send a church check for 30% of the total cost of this retreat, and this will hold your spot. Any questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

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).**

WorshipFest 2015 will be held on Saturday, October 17th at the Greensburg: First UMC beginning at 9 am and concluding at 4 pm. Come and join us for a spirit filled worship encounter. Brochures are available on the office half door. To register, or for more information, contact the Greensburg District Office at wpaumc.org/register or greensburgfirst.org or the District office at 724-863-5673.

AUTISM INCLUSION SEMINAR: The Autism Initiative is dedicated to helping families living with special needs find the "down time" the rest of the world takes for granted. For more information or to pre-register (requested) email Rev. Dr. Ed Saxman at autisminitiative@oaklandum.com Learn more about Autism Initiative at: autisminitiative.com

Thursday, October 1, 2015, 6:45 - 9:15 pm, Free
Christ UM Church, 1135 Buffalo Street, Franklin, PA 16323
Friday, October 2, 2015, 6:45 - 9:15 pm, Free
Bridgeville UMC, 244 Station Street, Bridgeville, PA 15017
Saturday, October 3, 2015, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, \$30.00
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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.

Hello Ladies! There is a great comedian coming to Community United Methodist Church -- Harrison City on Saturday August 15, just for us girls! Amy Barnes is hysterical. Take a look at this preview video ... "Stuff It Is Still Totally Legal To Do To Your Kids." There's going to be a brunch too! The fun all begins at 10:00am and we will be done by noon. Cost is only \$15. Sign up by emailing Elizabeth Somes at Esomes@CommunityUMChurch.com. RSVP by Wednesday, August 12 and invite a friend!

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.

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. 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 or sign the form below, Please let us know by August 17 so that we can prepare enough food.

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 _____

Coming soon!

The first day of school!

