



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 13, 2014

5th 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 **“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place.

P: Let our souls drink your goodness.

L: Let our hearts overflow.

P: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 98**

“To God Be The Glory”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM 8:15 “A Closer Walk”

10:45 “A Closer Walk” –Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No 789

Psalm 65

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Little Offertory In D”

***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**

Giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us with so much. Yet all of that pales by comparison with the knowledge that you claim us as children, as heirs, our divine birthright. Too often, we have overlooked or ignored that gift. As we present our tithes and offerings to you this morning, help us to freely let go of all we possess and that possesses us, and hold fast to the birthright that is our greatest gift. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

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 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 601 "Thy Word is a Lamp"**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING "More Than Conquerors"**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, July 13

5th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Choir
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Thursday, July 17

Irwin Jazz Night

6:30 VBS

Friday, July 18

6:30 VBS

Monday, July 14

6:30 Vacation Bible School

Next Sunday, July 20

6th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Choir
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

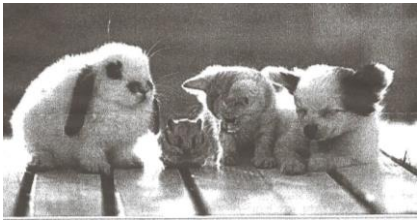
Tuesday, July 15

6:15 TOPS
6:30 VBS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, July 16

12:00 Happy Methodist Group at Lakeview
6:30 VBS
7:00 Yoga

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION this week will be given to the Clergy Spouse Association, for its mission project, "All God's Creatures," for the

Animal Rescue League & Wildlife Center of Western Pennsylvania.

Donations have been trickling in since annual conference but they want to deliver all the donations, gift cards & monetary gifts to the shelter at the end of July.

God made us stewards of all living creatures. Please help those who do the work of being good stewards.

All God's Creatures: 7/6/2014 - \$152.80



CHURCH PICNIC: Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 18, 2014, at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. Please note that this is a MONDAY EVENING. 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 fill out the insert sheet found in the bulletin, sign the poster in the narthex/entrance hall of the church, or email the church office at irwinfirstumc@comcast.net. Please let us know by August 11 so that we can prepare enough food.

THE HAPPY METHODIST GROUP will have their luncheon meeting at Lakeview Lounge on Route 30 in Greensburg on Wednesday, July 16th.

COME AND MEET REV. PAT NELSON, Greensburg District Superintendent, at one of the locations listed below. All clergy and laity are encouraged to attend any one of these **informal** gatherings. All of the sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m.

July 17th – Latrobe UMC, 440 Main Street, Latrobe PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

July 23rd – New Stanton UMC, 612 S. Center Avenue, New Stanton PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

August 11th – Holiday Park UMC, 81 Sandune Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

August 19th – McKeesport: First, 1406 Cornell Street, McKeesport PA, 7:00-9:00

Any questions, please call the district office at 724-863-5673

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS this year is Group's "*Weird Animals! Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind.*" It will run from July 14-18 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.



We are still in need of a crew leader and a couple assistants.

Also, there is a chart in the Narthex with a list of items for snacks for each day and a few other miscellaneous items to help make this a fun filled week for our volunteers and children. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

At Weird Animals VBS kids will discover that Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind. Plus we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life. VBS is a great way to bring children closer to God and learn more about their faith.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Vacation Bible School.

If you have any questions, or to sign up, you may contact Penny Brant at VBS@irwinfirstumc.org or by visiting our contact from and selecting "VBS" as the Category.

We hope to see you there!

Camp News! Jumonville still has a few spots open at a few of their camps! If you think you'd like to attend, please fill out your registration and turn it in to the church office this week. There is still funding available for anyone! The camps available are:

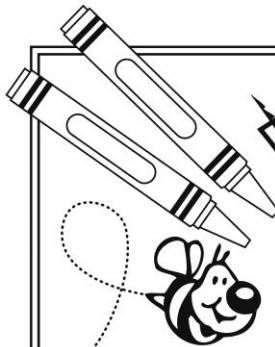
Family Week - July 19-26 (All Ages)

Dance II Camp - August 3-5 (10-12 Year Olds)

Mommy/Daddy/Grandparent & Me Camp - August 3-6 (Ages 5-9 with an Adult)

Summer's Last Blast Camp - August 3-6 (10-14 Year Olds)

If you've already attended camp, I'm sure you have some stories to tell! Share your experience with our church members...we'd love to hear from you! A short newsletter article can be submitted (and you don't need to tell EVERYTHING - some campers just need to experience some things for themselves!)



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **POOR IN SPIRIT** _____ **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled."
2. "Happy are those who _____ **pure in heart**, for they will see God."
3. "Happy are the _____ **peacemakers**, for they will be called the children of God."
4. "Happy are those who _____ **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
5. "Happy are the _____ **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
6. "Happy are the _____ **merciful**, for they will be shown mercy."
7. "Happy are the _____ **meek**, for they will inherit the earth."
8. "Happy are those who are _____ **mourn**, for they will be comforted."

