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July 24, 2016

10th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Krista Brown

10:45 – Nellie Wiancko

Memory Verse for July

*1 John 3:18 – Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and truth.*

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 “Fill Me Now”

***CALL TO WORSHIP “Psalm 23”**

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

L: ... leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

P: ... leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord’s name.

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

P: ... for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: ... you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

P: ... and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

***UNISON PRAYER “Freedom in Christ”**

Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidences of your goodness; and may I, trusting in you, free myself of the terror of death, and feel free to live intensely and happily the life you have given me.

Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2173 (TFWS) “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

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

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" – Missy Andrison

SCRIPTURE READING Job 42:1-6

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "In Quiet Faith"

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

Gracious God, we thank you for the wonderful gift of new life in Christ! You transformed the cross of your beloved Son to bring the end of death forever. We are glad to be part of the body of Christ, the church, where your Spirit helps us to grow more like Christ in faith, hope, and love. Use our gifts and offerings to reach out to people in our community who need your good news. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Altar is open during this time.*

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 John 3:14-21
SERMON "A House Fell on Me!"

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 593** "Here I Am Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** "We Walk By Faith"

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 28 Sunday 8:15 – 59 10:45 – 88

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, July 24th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Tom & Sandy Lehner 10:45 – Edith Bush & Lois Kuhn

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Virginia Ives 10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser 10:45 – Josh Burger, Penny Brant

NURSERY: Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. Our attendants today will be Donna Weber & Dawn Capecci.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this morning are presented by Bruce & Nellie Wiancko in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Bruce will have office hours at the church on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. However, he will be available to our church family whenever a need arises. If you or a family member are in the hospital, or you would like a pastoral visit you may reach him directly at 724-747-6098 (call or text) or at his email address at pastorjudy.irwin@comcast.net or preacherptl@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Wednesday, closed Thursday & Friday
Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Today, Sunday, July 24

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

Monday, July 25

6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 27

5:30 Gym in use

Thursday, July 28

Office Closed

Friday, July 29

Office Closed

Saturday, July 30

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, July 31

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

VACATION TIME: The church office will be closed July 28th & 29th for office staff vacations. The bulletins will be printed early on Wednesday morning. Please have all information and announcements to the office by Tuesday, July 26th so they can be included in the bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: 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.

“Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund” 7/17 - \$112.00

If you have a suggestion for a mission we can support through our Children's Collections, please contact the church office.

Dear Church Family and Church Trustees, Thank you to our church and the Trustees for working swiftly to assist us in a difficult time of need. Our business, Wiggles N Giggles Academy Day Care, was displaced by a fire on June 8th. The Trustees quickly approved the use of the church facilities to allow the business to operate at the church and further outreach to the families whose children had no place to go for care. Since the relocation, the church staff and members have gone above and beyond to make the arrangement work well and to support the day care staff and families affected. Many people are saying it is so nice to hear the children in the church and see many babies in the nursery! Although there is no answer yet as to when commercial property can be secured, it is a wonderful feeling to know that we have been supported so well by our church. We truly cannot say thank you enough! Our church is truly a blessing to many people. Thank you in advance for your continued support and prayers.

In Christian Love, Tiffany, Becky, Mark and Matt Rudy

THANK YOU FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE! Your support is appreciated at the Bob Evans Dining Out Fundraiser! Our church recently received a check from the corporate office of Bob Evans in the amount of \$254.00. This period covered January through June. We are continuing this program July through December, so mark your calendar for the upcoming dates and enjoy eating out! Our next dining out events are: Tuesday, August 16th at Pizza Hut and Saturday, August 20th at Bob Evans

NAME TAGS: The Worship Committee is requesting that everyone wear a name tag for the month of July. This will assist our new pastor in putting names and faces together. Most of the name tags are in the book stand in the narthex. They are in alphabetical order by last names and we have tried to put all members of a family together. If your name does not appear (and if it is not in your house or car somewhere), there are blank tags and markers available for you to make your own. If you can find or create your name tag before July, things will go much more smoothly.

OUR NEW BISHOP - CYNTHIA MOORE-KOIKOI was appointed bishop on Friday, July 15, 2016. Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi “can’t wait to see how God is going to work in and through and among us,” she told Western Pennsylvania delegates and leaders shortly after being assigned to serve in the Pittsburgh Area. She will begin her new assignment on September 1, the same day Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will become bishop of the New York Area.

The second daughter of a United Methodist pastor who served 40 years in ministry in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Bishop Moore-Koikoi said that as a bishop she is committed to work toward a vision of a diverse church that embraces justice and the life-saving love of Christ. She acknowledges that it won’t be easy, but said, “I remind myself that God has got this. God is in control. My role and the church’s role is to experience the reign of God here on earth and point that out to people.”

Acknowledging deep divisions in the denomination around human sexuality issues, she said that after being notified of her assignment, “God said to me: ‘Cynthia, you’ve been talking about this. We have an opportunity to show the world what unity really looks like. You asked for this.’ “I know there are folks in the room who are diametrically opposed to what I believe about this issue,” she added. “But we have an opportunity to show the world what it might look like for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity. And it is going to be that witness that claims souls for Jesus the Christ! “We won’t have to say a word about who God is,” she pointed out. “Seeing us working together...is going to say something about who God is. And there are going to be people who will say, ‘If they can do it, they must have something inside of them that is greater than what is outside in that world. And I want to find out about that!’ “This, I believe, just might be our call,” the Bishop added. “This just might be our call!”

On Wednesday night, July 13, she became just the second African-American woman to be elected a Bishop in the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ), receiving 64 percent of the vote on the 11th ballot. Another African-American woman, LaTrelle Miller Easterling of the New England Conference, was elected the following morning after several other candidates withdrew from the process.

Moore-Koikoi is familiar with church life and ministry in rural, urban and suburban settings. Growing up in a preacher’s family, she said, “you experience about every kind of church you can serve. When she was in elementary school, her father served in a rural church “on the top of a very, very long hill, and in the back yard was a cemetery. Beside the church property was a farm with cows that would frequently get out and we would have to call up the farmer and ask them to come and round up their herd. “ Later, her father served a church in suburban Silver Spring, MD, where she went to junior high and high school.

Bishop Moore-Koikoi earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Loyola College in Maryland in 1988, and a Masters of Arts and advanced certification in school psychology from the University of Maryland in 1992. She worked as a school psychologist for Anne Arundel County Public Schools for 17 years before answering her call to the ordained ministry. Attending Wesley Seminary, she was appointed as a student pastor to “a small congregation with a proud EUB heritage in a section of East Baltimore that was experiencing change.” The first wave was African-American, then Hispanic, she said, and the congregation had to learn how to navigate that change. Later she was appointed associate pastor at Calvary UMC, an affluent congregation in Annapolis. Ordained an elder in 2010, she served on the Conference staff working with churches on discipleship. She later served as district superintendent for the Greater Washington Area, and most recently as superintendent of the Baltimore Metropolitan District. In that role, she played a pivotal spiritual role in the city following the unrest in 2015 after the death of Freddie Gray in police custody. She helped to organize United Methodist Churches to open and minister to children and families whose schools were closed, and to meet people’s needs. She became the face of the United Methodist Church and church volunteers in red T-shirts were visible praying for and ministering to the neighborhoods. Read her commentary *Is Baltimore rising a year after Freddie Gray's death?*

Bishop Moore Koikoi answered her call to ministry while a member of Sharp Street Memorial UMC in Baltimore, her great-grandfather’s church and the church which sent her father into ministry. Her husband of three years, the Rev. Raphael Koikoi, currently serves as pastor there. “We are in an area where people struggle daily...to feed their children,” Pastor Koikoi told the Western Pennsylvania group. “We are in one of the five zipcodes where we fund the prison system. In other words, the majority of people who are in prison in Maryland come from one of those five zipcodes. My heart is with youth ministry; my heart is with the marginalized, the disenfranchised.”

The new Bishop too said she loves working with youth and doing mission work. “I love painting stuff, building stuff. I love doing that with youth because they have that work play balance. They know how to do the fellowship stuff while they

do the building stuff. Sometimes the adults get too focused on finishing that project that we forget that its important to just stop and be with each other. So youth help us get that right,” she said. “I also feel increasingly called to do the kind of mission work where we are dismantling systems; where we are speaking truth to power; where we are showing the world the true power of God. God’s power includes making sure that everyone is fed, but God’s power also includes speaking truth to powerful people. She told the Western Pennsylvania delegates and leaders: “What you see is what you get. Know that you can trust me—what you see is what you get. And that’s what I require of you also -- that you be honest and open.

As she told her husband when they were contemplating marriage, she said: “If you have a problem, if there is some issue, you need to tell me about it rather than having me find out about it. And I can work through anything! I can work through anything as long as you tell me about it and we can work together. That’s who I am.” Standing at the podium of the NEJ Conference after her election, she said the being elected Bishop is a sacred trust. “I’m going to need your prayers so that I can fulfill that trust,” she said. “...God spoke through you tonight, and that’s going to continue.” The newly elected Bishop said she once sang in a group called Tapestry. “Sometimes, God took all of the single chords and wove them together into something spectacular,” she said. “We need to show the world that God is more than just a good and beautiful God; God is a spectacular God.” In overseeing the work of the church, working prophetically, evangelically and apostolically with all, she noted, bishops must leave space for the transforming movement of the Holy Spirit, especially at this time, when the denomination is divided and many people may be wondering about what the future might hold. “That’s spiritual work — remembering who God is and who God has called us to be,” she said. “We got God, so we got this.”

See more at: <http://www.wpaumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-moore-koikoi-god-is-in-control-5374553#sthash.VXFAHHxa.dpuf>



Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 15, 2016 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 7 so that we can prepare enough food.

Please fill out the Picnic RSVP insert found in the bulletin or on the table in the Narthex if you are going to the picnic.

THE CURRENT ISSUE OF "OUR DAILY BREAD" is in the small plastic rack on the narthex table. This pocket sized devotional is free. If you are lead to donate to this ministry, please mark a pew envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES: Pastor Bruce is offering all the members of our congregation an opportunity to further their Bible knowledge by participating in one of the online Bible studies offered through “RightNow Media.” To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to

log onto the account.
