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July 5, 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July Memory Verse: Romans 6:23

***“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

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

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Meditation on Materna”

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:8-14**

L: ⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: ⁹**The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all his creation.**

L: ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

P: **and your faithful ones shall bless you!**

L: ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

P: **and tell of your power,**

L: ¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

P: **and the glorious splendor of your kingdom,**

L: ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

P: **and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

L: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling,

P: **and and raises up all who are bowed down.**

***HYMN No. 696 “America, the Beautiful”**

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

WORD OF GOD Romans 7:15-25a New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Inner Conflict

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

***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

HYMN No. 428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."
For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."**

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 11:25-30 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Jesus Thanks His Father

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: The Word of God for the children of God.

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Heal Our Land”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the minister.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***BENEDICTION**

MUSIC OF PARTING “This Is My Song”

* Please stand if you are able

“America The Beautiful”

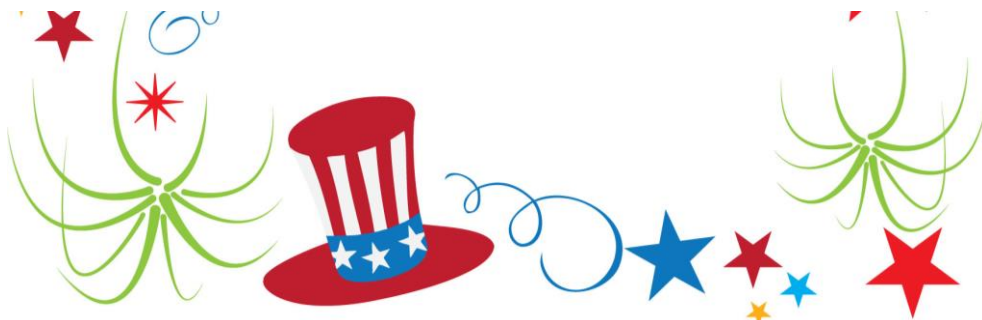
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THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.
724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com*

Today, Sunday, July 5 Communion

8:15 AM Inside Worship Service
Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
10:45 AM Inside Worship Service
Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
Facebook
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454
Password 104289)

**Monday, July 6
Office Closed**

Tuesday, July 7
7:30 NA

Wednesday, July 8
10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom
(Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom
(Meeting ID#161 160 578, Password 011752)
.. Youth Center is open
Holy Roar Small Group Study will not meet this week

Thursday, July 9
6:30 PM NA
7:00 Bible Study with Missy Andrison on Zoom
(Meeting ID# 823 2302 0270 Password 004583)

Friday, July 10
9:00 Food Bank Truck

Saturday, July 11
8:30 Food Bank
6:00 PM Inside Saturday Worship
Facebook
Zoom (Meeting ID# 750 261 324
Password 520327)

Next Sunday, July 12
8:15 AM Inside Worship Service
Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
10:45 AM Inside Worship Service
Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
Facebook
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454
Password 104289)



ANNOUNCEMENTS – 7/5/2020

THE UPPER ROOM: The July-August issue of the Upper Room is now available in the church. Both regular and large print is available. This daily devotional is filled with inspirational stories from Christians all around the world. Take it with you wherever you go this summer.

THE NEW ISSUE OF THE DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL: The new issue of the Daily Bread (June, July & August) is available for you to take home as you leave the service. Do not leave these laying around inside or outside the Church. Our Church is enforcing COVID restrictions set forth by the UMC Conference, CDC guidelines and our Safety Committee's instructions - this is for everyone's protection. We have received approximately 200 devotionals, so please, please take some to your friends and relatives! Thank You and may God Bless You!

**STITCH IN FAITH AND
HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRIES:**

Just to let you know there are several dedicated Prayer Quilts and Prayer Shawls available for anyone to take to a person in need. You can find them on the ladder-like shelf in the narthex. Due to the COVID 19, we have placed each one in a plastic bag for your safety. Please do not remove them from the plastic bag until you get home. Thank You!

CHURCH PICNIC CANCELLED! Due to the uncertain times with the COVID 19 virus, the N.O.W. Committee has made the decision to cancel the picnic scheduled for Monday August 24th. We hope that next year things will be better and we can once again enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship at our church picnic.

“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES This is a good way to increase your knowledge of the Bible and grow closer to our Lord. To participate in any of these Bible 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.

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many our services, Bible study, and Youth Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron if you have questions.

For computer or smartphone:

- Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting
- When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.
(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)
- You will enter the “meeting space”. If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box,
it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

- Dial 1-646-558-8656.
- Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.
(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)

“WENDELL'S VISION”

The June newsletter article from The Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip asks you, the readers, to consider being a part of a special task force to do work in our community in lieu of the annual trip to Philippi, WV. Since that time, we are happy to report that we have had several folks respond to the request. But, since the writing of that article, we have suffered a terrible loss to our Work Trip family. On May 29th we lost a life-time member of the group in Wendell Campbell. RIP!!! In thinking about a conversation that Wendell and I had many years ago about just such a task force that never materialized ... Wendell's Vision was born. This ministry will gather names of folks willing to give their time to helping members of this congregation as well as people in the community. Patty and I have decided to coordinate this ministry and wish to invite you to be a part. You only

need to be able to assist others on a voluntary basis using your skills and abilities. If you would like your name(s) to be added to the growing list, please email the information to namretsojp@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 724-863-2796. Out of tragedy like the pandemic we are living through now, can come new opportunities ... *Wendell's Vision* can be another wonderfully supported mission for us to undertake and oversee. When a door closes ... a window opens!! Help us, help others!

Join the "Vision" and together we can make a difference. Be open to His calling!! Pray about it!!

By the way, your skill and ability may be to move something from point A to point B and that is just awesome too. You may be a retired professional, skilled craftsman, school teacher, seamstress or stay at home mom ... no matter there is a place you can help in God's plan for this ministry. We look forward to hearing from you and are expecting you to support *Wendell's Vision*.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

OUR "NEW" NORMAL! We are now able to hold our worship services inside the church. Our Safety Team has mapped out the Sanctuary and developed a plan for us to return to inside worship services. We will follow CDC guidelines and use these safety precautions:

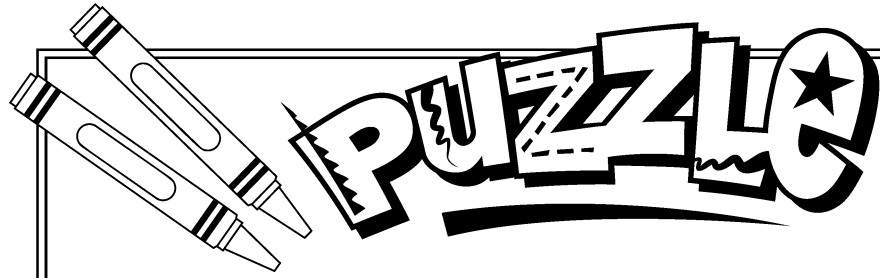
1. All public areas will be sanitized before, between, and after services.
2. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times. Gloves are optional.
3. Everyone must bring their own Bible. The pew Bibles and Hymnals have been removed and will not be available for use.
4. Your temperature will be taken upon entering the building. If your temperature is 100.4° or higher you will be asked to go back to your car and tune to the service on 87.9 FM or return home. (A temperature over 100.4° is one of the symptoms of COVID 19)
5. Attendance and phone numbers will be taken at each service.
6. The ushers will escort everyone to their seat.
7. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
8. Please do not congregate in groups. "Social Distancing" of 6 feet must be adhered to.
9. On Communion Sundays (usually the first Sunday of the month) the Communion will be served in the pews. A pre-packaged Communion serving will be in the pew when you arrive. Please follow the Pastor's directions for use.
10. Exiting the Sanctuary will be one row at a time at the direction of the ushers. Again, please do not congregate in groups upon exiting.
11. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building. Stay in your car and tune to 87.9 FM or stay at home and worship with us on Facebook, ZOOM, or YouTube.

The Media Team will continue to broadcast our services using 87.9 FM, ZOOM, Facebook, and YouTube. Anyone who does not feel comfortable worshipping inside the church building, is always welcome to stay in their car or at home and use one of these platforms to participate in our services.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines, we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but, we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.



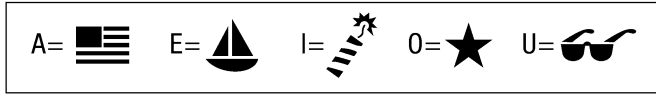
Musicians, it's time for you to use your skills in service to God! The Saturday night service is in need of musicians, specifically guitar players and drummers (Cajon). You do not have to play every week, we will work with your schedule! If you're interested/want more information, please contact Laura Willby at laurawillby1@windstream.net or call the church office.



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



I k _ _ p my _ y _ s
 I w _ y s _ n th _ L _ RD.
 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ Im 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

Drive-In Church

First United Methodist Church
will still hold "drive-in" services every Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM.

Please arrive and remain in your vehicle and follow
the usher's instructions for parking.

If you have questions call Pastor Bruce, Pastor Ron, or the church office.

