



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**July 6, 2014**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion Sunday**

**WORDS TO PONDER** (*Silent meditation*)

**Genesis 24: 34-39, 42-49, 58-67**

**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**      **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** The Holy One calls us to delight in God’s ways.

**P:** We come with our anxiety, our fears, our sorrows.

**L:** The Holy One offers us an easy yoke.

**P:** We come yearning to lay our burdens down.

**L:** The Holy One promises rest for our souls.

**P:** With joy and gladness, we enter God’s house. We will praise God’s holy name forever and ever.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Holy, generous source of all abundance, when Abraham’s servant came to the spring, thirsty and covered with dust from the trail, Rebekah offered him more than he asked for, giving water to his camels, also. Today, we come to this place, looking for rest, thirsty for the waters of life. Fill our dry, dusty hearts, until they overflow into the world around us like rivers of joy and peace. Amen

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 697**      **“America”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**ANTHEM**      8:15 “Glory, Glory”

10:45 “Glory, Glory” - Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **Romans 7:15-25a**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY      “Am I a Soldier of the Cross?”**

**\*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**

Righteous and Holy God: On our own, we know we lack the strength to be the people of compassion and generosity that will please you. We know we are drawn by our own nature to that which serves our own selves and which meets only the needs of the moment. As we offer our gifts to you this day, we are reminded that only through your presence with us and in us are we able to live generously, act compassionately, and forgive mercifully. Help us keep our human nature contained and our divine nature unleashed! We pray it in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 494                      “Kum Ba Yah”**

*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 11:16-19, 25-30**

**SERMON**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT – (All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 437                      “This Is My Song”**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING      “America the Beautiful”**

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

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, July 6**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Communion**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:45 Worship

12:00 Choir

No FISH & CHIPS

**Friday, July 11**

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

**Saturday, July 12**

9:30 Food Bank – help needed

**Tuesday, July 8**

6:15 TOPS  
6:30 Witness  
7:00 Trustees  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, July 9**

6:30 Good Grief  
7:00 Yoga

**Next Sunday, July 13**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*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.

*Project Happy Feet: 6/22/2014 - \$183.22                      6/29/2014 - 159.50*

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**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 email the church office at [irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net) or sign the poster in the narthex/entrance hall of the church. Please let us know by August 11 so that we can prepare enough food.

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

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**"THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING"** t-shirts are being offered for sale.

This is a great way to show others what Christians can do to take the message of Christ out to the world.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex with a sample shirt.

- Youth sizes = s, m, l @ \$7.00 each.
- Adult sizes = s, m, l, xl @ \$7.00 each.
- Adult sizes = 2xl, 3xl, 4xl @ \$9.00 each.

Today is the last day to place your order. Shirts should be ready for pick-up in about 1 to 2 weeks. Money is due at pick-up. Thanks to Missy in this endeavor.

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**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 17<sup>th</sup>** – Latrobe UMC, 440 Main Street, Latrobe PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

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

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Park UMC, 81 Sandune Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 7:00-9:00 pm

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – McKeesport: First, 1406 Cornell Street, McKeesport PA, 7:00-9:00

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

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**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. If you are able to help in any way please contact Penny at 412-225-1069 or [virgo82562@yahoo.com](mailto:virgo82562@yahoo.com) (or the church's VBS website info, I get those emails forwarded to me).

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. Weird Animals is a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experienced kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Scieny-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real like. 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.

We are still looking for helpers in various stations, crew leaders & assistants. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas concerning VBS, please bring them along with you so we can all discuss them together. I'm very excited about this year's VBS and I hope you are too. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help out in some way, please feel free to contact Penny Brant.

We will be requesting donations of food for snacks and other miscellaneous items to help defer the cost. Watch for the chart in the Narthex with our needs.

**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](mailto:VBS@irwinfirstumc.org) or by visiting our contact from and selecting "Youth Group" as the Category.

We hope to see you there!

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