



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 26, 2015

9th 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 “What a Friend”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, sisters and brothers, rejoice in God’s glory.

P: We give praise for God’s endless love!

L: Come, sisters and brothers, sing of God’s riches.

P: We are blessed with the gift of God’s love.

L: Come, sisters and brothers, celebrate the Spirit’s calling.

P: We give thanks for the Spirit within!

***UNISON PRAYER**

Come and dwell in us, Christ Jesus. Plant a seed of love in our hearts and in our lives, that the strong root of love may grow within us. Transform each one of us, transform this church, and transform the world, in faith and love, we pray. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 98** “To God Be the Glory”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the Outreach Summer Picnic Baskets. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM “Praise His Name” -

RESPONSIVE READING No. 746 **Psalm 14**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***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**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 175 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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 6:1-21

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 393**

“Spirit of the Living God”

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING**

“Recessional”

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, July 26
9th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Monday, July 27

6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, July 28

6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 Yoga

Friday, July 31

Gym in use.

Saturday, August 1

Gym in use
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, August 2

10th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

Rev. Frank Sherman will lead the service

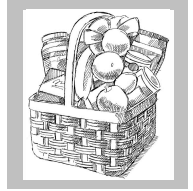
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN’S COLLECTION this week will be given to the Outreach Committee to be used for the Summer Picnic Baskets. Please see the announcement below for more details.

Backpack Programs 7/19 - \$264.70 VBS Offerings - \$373.98
Combined Total - \$639.68

SUMMER PICNIC BASKETS: Once again, the Outreach Committee will be preparing summer food baskets for families from Sheridan Terrace Elementary School. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and help us by donating some food items. All donations are due back to church by Sunday, August 2nd. We will also gladly accept any “garden overflows.” If you have just too much fresh produce in early August, we will share it with these families.





Do you know someone who is responsible, friendly, and would like to make a little money by helping out our church? FUMC-Irwin has a job opening for an individual to work a few hours (roughly 5:30-9:00) on weekday evenings for two to three evenings per week based on a mutually agreeable schedule. The job description is security, open/lockup, meeting setup/cleanup, emergencies, assistance to people in meetings, some cleaning and maintenance.

If you or a friend is interested, please call the church office at 724-863-6858 or Jean Halza at 412-720-8920. Resumes may be mailed to FUMC-Irwin 310 Oak St. Irwin, PA 15642 or emailed to fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net or fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net

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 can provide a ride for someone _____

Phone Number _____

WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE A WONDERFUL NEW MINISTRY IN OUR AREA! Saturday, August 1st from 12 noon to 7pm. Working with the Keystone State Park we have organized an outdoor Gospel Concert for the first Saturday in August. (See flier on the bulletin board) Thanks! Jesus Is Lord! Pastor John Emigh (724-456-5399)

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.

DISTRICT DAY AT KENNYWOOD: Hi everyone - We have planned a District Day at Kennywood for Saturday, September 5. This invitation is open to all the people of the district (both clergy families and congregations)! Once we know that we have 100 people who are planning to come, you can purchase the purchase tickets to Kennywood through the district office for \$28.00 per person. If we don't have enough for a pavilion, then you can purchase your discounted tickets from the conference website (also at \$28.00 per person but with a \$1.25 processing fee). There is no processing fee for tickets purchased through the district office. Please email Holly at the district office by July 26 if you and/or your congregations would have an interest in participating (and give a potential number of tickets you might need).

Sent with a prayer, Rev. Patricia M. Nelson, Greensburg District Superintendent

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. We strive to create short-term respite communities in which entire families can enjoy one another without concern for whether or not their children’s behavior will be appropriate or be made to feel out of place. We offer two refreshing solutions for the family: a week long camp that incorporates the arts and a weekend family retreat. Additionally, the Autism Initiative offers the spiritual resources of the Christian faith community, working with knowledgeable professionals in the field of Autism and special needs, to enhance the respite experience and offer the expertise necessary to plant a seed of understanding within the local faith community for special needs ministries. 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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