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**TRINITY
Sunday**

May 22, 2016

1st Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 –Barb Worthington | 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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 “To God Be the Glory”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: To you, O people, Wisdom calls.

P: She calls out to each of us, beckoning us: to experience peace in Christ, to discover the truth of life, to know true love as it is poured into our hearts.

L: Wisdom calls.

P: As we gather this day, let us answer her call as we celebrate faith in the One who leads us into life.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Lord, you reveal wisdom and spiritual insight through your presence in creation. When we look at the heavens, we see your vastness. When we look at seas teeming with fish and verdant fields painted like a canvas, we see your creativity and your bounty. For all of this and so much more, we praise your name. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS *(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for*

“Peace with Justice.” Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM

8:15 "Holy, Holy, God Almighty" - Deb Andrison, Missy Andrison, Chris Ghrist

10:15 "Holy, Holy, God Almighty" - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 743 Psalm 8

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Holy, Holy, Holy”

***DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Sovereign God, your splendor shines throughout the universe! Your glory is higher than the heavens and fills the world you created in great beauty and variety. We rejoice that you do not stay far away in heaven, but became one of us in your Son, our Savior. Even he had no place to rest his head. Let our offerings extend your love through the church’s ministries to people who are homeless or refugees. We ask this for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 368

“My Hope Is Built”

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 16:12-15

MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 64**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

MUSIC OF PARTING

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 20 Sunday 8:15 – 74 10:45 – 79

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, May 22nd

GREETERS: 8:15 – David & Debbie Marino

10:45 – Phyllis Brickel & Gayleen Fisher

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin 10:45 – Lou Berta

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. The attendants today will be Paul & Eileen Reynolds

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers today are presented in honor of the women of the Church by the United Methodist Women.

One of the flower arrangements last week was presented in memory of Emma Jean Ursiny from her family. This information was inadvertently omitted from the bulletin announcement.

My sincere apologies to the Ursiny family. Jeanne

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

No more choir or bell rehearsals, Thursday or Sunday, until September.

Today, Sunday, May 22

Newsletter Deadline

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

This is the last session for the Preschool through High School classes for this term. We wish all of our kids a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing them again in the Fall.

10:45 Worship

12:30 Ladies Tea

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, May 23

6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, May 24

6:15 TOPS

7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 25

7:00 Disciple (last meeting)

7:00 Yoga

Friday, May 27

Office closed

Saturday, May 28

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, May 29

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Office closed

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the June Newsletter are due in the office today. You can submit your articles by email at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or by leaving a copy of the article on the desk in the office. Articles not received today will be published in the July/August Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collections this week will be sent to the Conference for the "Peace with Justice" offering. This is one of the special offerings established by the General Church to be celebrated yearly in local churches. The "Peace with Justice" offering helps to empower those who spread the gospel of peace and encourage those who courageously stand for justice.

"Blackburn Center" 5/8 - \$147.00 5/15 - \$165.10

Do you know ...

... what three special church celebrations are observed today?

(Please see the answer further on in the bulletin.)



Graduation Sunday 2016!!! Graduation Sunday will be June 5, 2016. This is the day that we, as a church family, recognize those who are graduating. If you are graduate or know of someone who is graduating, please call the church office at 724-863-6858 to let us know!! There will be recognition of the graduates during the services on the 5th and a reception after the 10:45 service that day. There will be a Nacho bar and other goodies served in the gym to help us congratulate these individuals.

All graduate information must be in to the church office by Monday, May 30th to be included in the bulletin on Sunday, June 5th.

DIRECTORY PICTURES: If you did not have your picture taken during advent for the new directory, please either give a good print picture to Dianne Runser or Penny Brant, or send a digital photo to fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net as soon as possible.

Order forms for ordering directories are in the bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. They are \$10.00 each and your payment must accompany your order.



MUSICIANS WANTED: Are you interested in being a part of the Saturday night worship team (6pm service)? We are in need of musicians (on guitar, keyboard, or percussion) who are willing to play/sing on a regular or semi-regular basis. Interested persons should have the following qualities: ability to independently learn 5 or 6 songs in a week; willingness to arrive at 4:30 on Saturday to practice; ability to play from chord sheets; familiarity with current contemporary worship music would be a plus; ability to sing harmonies would be a plus as well. If you are interested please contact Laura at 724-454-8422 or talk to me sometime at a Saturday night service.

The Art of Moving Prayer

An introduction to the spiritually based stress management and relaxation program called *The Art of Moving Prayer*.

Sunday June 5, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 pm here at First United Methodist Church of Irwin.

Learn relaxation of the body and stillness of the mind to better connect with God in prayer. The Moving prayers are appropriate for all ages and all physical abilities. The program is led by Leanna Lake and Elizabeth Park. There is a \$10.00 materials fee. Please RSVP to 724-864-0471

"SAFETY TOWN" Do you know a child that is entering kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year? If so, they are eligible to attend "Safety Town" which is sponsored by the Community Women's Club of Level Green. It will be held June 6 -10 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at the Level Green Presbyterian Church (105 Olive Drive, Trafford, PA 15085). The Safety Town program has been around for over 30 years and teaches basic safety to all children. Topics include fire safety, school bus safety, poison awareness, stranger danger and bike/scooter/skateboard safety. Visits will be made by the PT Police Dept., PT Ambulance, LG Vol Fire Dept., UPMC Braddock Hospital and First Student Bus Company. The children will be introduced to the "Town" and will have an opportunity to learn street safety as they drive big wheels or bikes with training wheels through the Town each day. Personal bike helmets are required. The cost is \$50 for the week and includes crafts, snacks, songs, workbooks and new friendships daily. This is a great program, and I will be there each day! You do not have to be a resident of the Penn Trafford district to attend. My grandchildren have attended. To fill out the registration form, go to levelgreenwomensclub.org and go to the forms section or contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com. Space is limited to 45 children. Let's keep our children safe!

“Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry”: On June 18th & 19th Pastor Dave will be dedicating prayer shawls, quilts, scarves, afghans, baby hats & blankets and pocket prayer shawls for the 3 services!

Those who are completing their projects, please obtain a prayer card in the “Comfort/Ministry Room” next to Pastor Dave’s office. Please have your projects ready and/or place them on the altar for dedication prior to the services.

These items have been made with prayers and peaceful thoughts. . . May you find God’s warmth as you wear, wrap, or hold it in your hand. If you know of someone who is in need of God’s Loving Comfort, please take an item to them. These items can be found on the quilt rack and in the basket in front of the Pulpit in the Sanctuary.

Many thanks for the hands & hearts who have created these items and to those who will be delivering them. Please direct any questions to: Burnetta Green, Kate Schlander, Betsy Park or Cindi Painter.



“Do you know” Answer

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honor the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the word “trinity” does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 (and many other biblical passages). The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Scriptural readings for the Trinity Sunday ceremony may include Psalm 8, beginning and ending with, “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.” Second Corinthians 13:11-13 appeals to believers to aim for perfection and live in peace, ending with the prayer that the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all, including again the commission Jesus left for believers in Matthew 28:16-20.

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Trinity-Sunday.html>

Heritage Sunday: Heritage Sunday shall be observed on Aldersgate Day (May 24), or the Sunday preceding that date. The day provides an opportunity for reflection on heritage, celebration of where the Church has been, how it understands itself as it shapes us today, and the meaning of Christian conferencing. Heritage Sunday calls the Church to remember the past by committing itself to the continuing call of God. (*from 264.1, The Book of Discipline, 2012*) Heritage Sunday is set aside specifically for remembering our legacy as United Methodists.

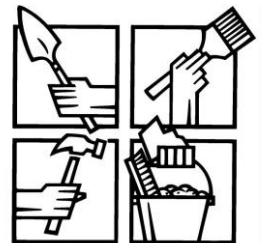
<http://www.gcah.org/resources/heritage-sunday>

Aldersgate Day is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed." Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Charles Wesley only a few days before had also had a conversion experience in the same place. The building where the meetings took place no longer exists. Aldersgate Street has been shortened by common Methodist usage to simply Aldersgate. The word has come to represent both the place and the experience. <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-aldersgate-day>

THE RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP 2016: We are planning on continuing the collection of funds for specific building materials this year, either in Honor, Memory or Glory of God. The Material Forms are in the bulletins or on the table in the Narthex.

Also, if you would like to help an individual or family with scholarship monies (room & board), we ask you to do so by making that contribution through the church office so Debbie may keep your records of giving updated. Just place your wishes in an envelope with your name, envelope # and person(s) for whom you are donating. This is a great way for groups inside and outside the church to show their support for those folks going on the work trip.



This year's mission work trip project will be helping a young family. The Pitzer's- Jason, Nicole, Jayden (6 years old), and Juliana (15 months old.) They own a 2 bedroom mobile home on which we will be building a 12x14 master bedroom for the couple (thus moving Jayden into their current room and Juliana into Jayden's room). We will also be placing an 8'x10' deck on the front of the house - currently there is nothing there but a 4 foot drop to the ground.

Our group has some needs if there is anyone in the congregation who can help - 2 dressers or chests, and a twin bed with mattress and box springs. If anyone would like to donate some small gifts or clothing for the children - Jayden is size 6 and Juliana is 18 months.

If anyone knows of a utility trailer that the group can borrow to take the furniture down to WV let us know. Any questions about the mission trip - please contact Jack Osterman.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN IRWIN: The Memorial Day parade in Irwin will be on Monday, May 30th, starting at 10 A.M. The parade will start on 2nd Street and proceed along Main Street and up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Irwin Union Cemetery. The program at the cemetery will begin around 11 A.M. and conclude around 12 noon. Parade participants are then welcome to partake of a free lunch after the ceremonies at the Irwin/North Huntingdon VFW on Route 30.



Sunday, June 19th will be the last Sunday Pastor David will be at our church. The Lake family has been a part of our FUMC family since 2010. We will hold a reception in the parlor after each service that day for Pastor David and his family to thank them for their guidance and friendship over the past 6 years and to wish them well in their new assignment.

Also, we will collect a 'Love Offering' to be given to Pastor David that day. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please use the "Love Offering" envelopes found in the pews.
