



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

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 8:15 - "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

10:45 - "Amazing Grace" - Temple Chimes

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: "Come," says the Spirit. "Come."

P: **"Come," say the people. "Come."**

L: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

P: **All who yearn for the water of life are welcome.**

L: "Come," says Christ, our Alpha and Omega. "Come."

P: **"Come," say our sisters and brothers. "Come."**

L: Come! Let us worship God together.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Glorious, amazing God, as we begin this time of worship, we remember that you are both our beginning and our end. There is nothing in the world that was not created by you – even we are the works of your hands. There is nothing more glorious in the world than your love and grace – even we abide in your love and grace. Be with us now, as you have been with us every moment of our lives. Help us know that we are one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. In your holy name, O Alpha and Omega, we pray. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Julia Ann Israel, daughter of Heather Ann Tummolo & Nicholas James Israel

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (page 39)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 445**

"Happy the Home when God Is There"

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS (*Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for
"Blackburn Center" Please see the announcement for more details.*)

ANTHEM 10:45 - "Clap Your Hands" - SonShiners

RESPONSIVE READING No. 781 Psalm 47

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Far Above Riches" Connie Bickerstaff

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to bring the peace of Christ. We are grateful that you continually teach us through your Spirit. Help our hearts to be so filled with your peace that our congregation will show forth your goodness to the world around us. Let your loving presence be known through our church's ministries. Accept these offerings as a sign of our trust in you, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 561 "Jesus, United by Thy Grace"
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) Luke 24:44-53**

MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 569 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"**

MUSIC OF PARTING "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 24 Sunday 8:15 – 54 10:45 – 66

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, May 8th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Gayle Roberts and John & Julie Gurowski

10:45 – Laurie, Carrie & Kyle Albright

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 Kim & Dave Platt.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED for many Sundays throughout the year. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any Sunday, please fill in an "Altar Flower" order form or contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901. Each arrangement is \$25.00 and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

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

Today, Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

8:00 Prayer Time
 8:15 Worship
 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 Worship
 2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, May 9

10:00 UM Women
 6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, May 10

9:00 Men's Work Team
 6:15 TOPS
 6:30 Witness
 7:00 Trustees
 7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, May 12

7:00 Disciple

Friday, May 13

9:00 Food Bank Truck, Help Needed
 3:00 Sacristy Clean-out

Saturday, May 14

9:00 Food Bank, Help Needed
 6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, May 15

Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer Time
 8:15 Worship
 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 Worship
 12:15 VBS Meeting
 2:00 FISH & CHIPS

General Conference meets from May 10th thru the 20th in Portland, Oregon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collections this week will be given to Blackburn Center for use in assisting abused women & children in our area. Blackburn Center advocates for the rights of all individuals to live free from domestic and sexual violence in their homes and communities by eliminating the root causes of this violence and providing for the well-being and safety of survivors/victims.

"Imagine No Malaria" 5/1 - \$143.75

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS: Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers for Mother's Day. You may take your flower with you after the service. Please only take the flower with your name on it as no extra flowers were ordered.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief. Please contact Becky Rudy for more information.

KEEP OUR CHURCH IN GOOD REPAIR

Please remember these guidelines when using our church building:

1. Do not use poster putty, Scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, or packing tape to hang things on the walls, doors, or woodwork. They pull the finishes off of the surfaces leaving ugly splotches.
2. Blue, low tack painters tape is permissible for hanging objects on the walls or woodwork.



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – CANCELLED! The Nurture Committee has announced that the Fellowship Night scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th has been cancelled. Watch for future Fellowship Night events in the upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

*Do you know ...
.... who is known as the Mother of Methodism?
(Please see the answer further on in the bulletin.)*

Ladies Spring Tea Party

The women of the church are invited to a *Ladies Spring Tea* sponsored by the United Methodist Women. This will take place at our church on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. A light lunch will be served. The speaker for this event will be Ellen Marsili. Ellen will be talking about Herbal Tea Blends. This is a thank you from the United Methodist Women. We hope you can attend and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship. There will be a sign up for the tea after the Saturday services on April 30th, May 7th and May 14th. Sunday tea sign up will be after both services on May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th.



This will be for ladies of the church 18yrs and older.



CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE: Like us on Facebook! If you share something posted on the church Facebook page, it will be broadcast to all your friends, and all their friends, and all their... You get the idea. Spread the good news of God's work in our community and in our church!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Don't forget to register for Annual Conference! The registration is online at the Conference website for clergy and delegates. There will be a special event for which you will need to pre-register: From Membership to Discipleship will be an "interactive workshop offered for all laity and clergy." It will be led by Dr. Phil Maynard (from the Florida Annual Conference), and involves two sessions on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. In addition, CEU's are available to participants. You can contact Rev. Susan Moudry at the conference center if you have questions.

SACRISTY CLEAN-OUT is scheduled for Friday, May 13, beginning at 3:00 PM. If you can help, please come.

CAMP NEWS...Have you ever been to Camp Allegheny? If you wondering what it's like you can take a ride up on Sunday, May 15th from 2 PM to 6 PM for "Community Day"!



Everything is FREE! Free Fun, Free Food and Free Activities for everyone!

The camp address is: 100 Camp Allegheny Drive, Stoystown, PA 15563. Check out their website at campallegheny.org

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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Two attendents are needed each Sunday to look after the children, ages 0 – 5 years (some a little older), so that their parents may enjoy the 10:45 AM worship service. It is not necessary for you to be in the nursery every week. You can either be added to the roster as part of the rotation or tell Kim when you are available. If you are interested in helping in the nursery please contact Kim Platt at 724-863-6838.



OUTREACH SPUD BAR: Thank you to everyone for their support of the Spud Bar! Because of your support, we can help more people in our local community and the work trip.



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.

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 and 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.

“Do you know” Answer

She never preached a sermon, published a book, or founded a church, yet Susanna Wesley is known as the Mother of Methodism. The example of faith and religious reverence she set for her children John and Charles inspired them to become powerful spiritual leaders, and to launch the Methodist movement.

Transcript: Susanna Wesley: Mother of Methodism

Rev. Alfred T. Day III, General Commission on Archives and History: “Susanna Wesley is the mother of one of church history’s greatest dynamic duos. John and Charles are their mother’s sons. She is the person who is responsible for their education and spiritual formation.”

United Methodist historians say the fathers of the Methodist movement owe much of their success to their mother and the foundation built in their childhood home.

The Rev. Alfred T. Day III, General Commission on Archives and History: “She had a spreadsheet before there were spreadsheets. She had an incredible organizational schedule for their dressing and changing clothes.”

Born in 1669, Susanna Wesley was the youngest of 25. At age 19, she married Church of England pastor Samuel Wesley and bore 19 children. Managing a home took great planning but she made time to nurture each child.

Dale Patterson, General Commission on Archives and History: “She would mark out at least an hour, and so it might well be that Tuesday at 3 was a time that was exclusively devoted to John, let’s say. Now that doesn’t mean she ignored him the rest of the week. But that was their time to sit down and be together. She did that with all of her children.”

Susanna led by example. Her life and faith journey shaped Methodism in ways we see today.

The Rev. Alfred Day: “We see in her and in her sons this tension between Puritan Evangelicalism and Church of England prayer book order, spirituality and sacramentalism. And I think we Methodists are best when we are both/and and not either/or.”

Long before women were ordained, Susanna would sometimes gather friends around the kitchen table and lead prayers when her preacher husband was away. She kept the parish going in his absence.

Dale Patterson: “That was actually pretty radical. Now today, a family devotion with friends we wouldn’t think anything about it. In the early 18th century? And her argument was there was no one else to read. It needed to be done for the good of the people. I’ll do it.”

Susanna also planted the unconventional idea of letting lay people serve as local preachers.

Dale Patterson: “When John started traveling the circuit and preaching, he was late. And he shows up and a gentleman that he knew, a layman, was filling in for him. Well, he was aghast. A layman kind of almost preaching. Well, you know who told him to take another look? His mother. He listened and realized this guy’s doing a good thing. That changed the character of our Methodist revival.”

The Rev. Alfred Day: “Susanna Wesley is a major difference maker. And the differences that she made have lived on from the history of 17th and 18th century well into the present moment because of the sons that she raised.”

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/transcript-susanna-wesley-mother-of-methodism>

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Eleanor Holderbaum. Eleanor passed away on Friday, April 29th. May God comfort her family.