



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 11, 2016

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Patriot Day/Recognition of First Responders

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko

10:45 – Tracy Hawley

Memory Verse for September

Phillipians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus *with* Only Trust Him”

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 754 Psalm 23**

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

L: ... leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

P: ... **leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord’s name.**

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

P: ... **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: ... **you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

P: ... **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

***UNISON PRAYER. No. 570 “Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola”**

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

WORD OF GOD

1 Timothy 1:12-17

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be sent to the Connellsville Area Community Ministries. Please see the announcement for more details.)

**ANTHEM 8:15 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Hymn of the Month #2153) -
10:45 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Hymn of the Month #2153)
- Chancel Choir**

RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

***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**

O Lord, our refuge, you alone bring deliverance. Your great faithfulness extends to the heavens! Thank you for redeeming us with new life and strength. When we are afraid, your spirit helps us to trust in you. Give us faith and diligence as we seek to do your will. Use our offerings and gifts for the work of your kingdom, even as we await the return of your Son Jesus Christ in glory. We pray in his name. Amen.

***HYMN No. 378 "Amazing Grace"**

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 *The Altar is open during this time.*

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 Luke 15:1-10

SERMON "Seeking the Lost"

***HYMN No. 575 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "God of Our Fathers"**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit
The altar rail is always open.*

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 21 Sunday 8:15 – 45 10:45 – 69

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, September 11th

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

10:45 – Phyllis Brickel & Burnetta Green

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin

10:45 – Tom Lehner

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser

10:45 – Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. Our attendants today will be Paul & Eileen Reynolds.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday & 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

Today, Sunday, September 11

Sunday School Kick-off/Pancake Breakfast

Patriots Day

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

8:45 – 10:15 Pancake Breakfast

9:30 Sunday School Kick-off

10:45 Worship

12:15 SonShiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, September 12

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 Men's Work Team

6:00 District Meeting

6:15 TOPS

6:30 Witness

7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 Lay Leadership/Nominations

Thursday, September 15

Irwin Car Cruise

6:15 C Bells

7:15 Choir

Friday, September 16

The church office will close at 11:00 AM

Saturday, September 17

Irwin Craft Show

6:00AM-9:00PM Bob Evans Fundraiser

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, September 18

Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

12:15 SonShiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Wednesday Yoga has been canceled until further notice. Please watch your weekly bulletin for future announcements concerning Yoga.

“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES: To participate in any of these 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER ...

Saturday, September 17
Bob Evans Dining Out Fundraiser

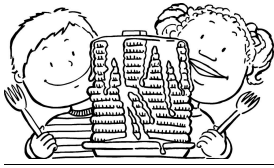


Tuesday, September 20
Pizza Hut Dining Out Fundraiser



(You must present one of our fundraiser flyers when ordering. The flyers are available from the bookcase in the Narthex)

Today!



Pancake Breakfast
8:45 AM – 10:15 AM

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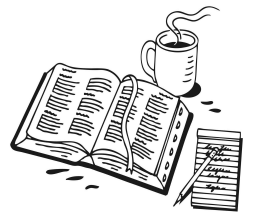
**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF**



9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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Harvester's Sunday School Class is starting up today! We welcome any new adult members! We meet downstairs at 9:30 AM in the classroom off the gym. Each week a new biblical video is shown, so you can join in at any time! We start with prayer time, watch a video, then end with a group discussion. Our first video is titled "Israel's Mission" narrated by Ray Vander Laan. What's your mission? God gave an assignment to His people thousands of years ago: Bring "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His kingdom. It's still our task today. Join us and find out how you can discover the mission that can give your life and the lives of those around you greater meaning than you ever imagined! Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649.



Come join the fun!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: This week our children's collection be will sent to the Connellsville Area Community Ministries (www.connmin.org) to be used to assist with the Connellsville area flooding victims. Following is an excerpt from an article provided by the Volunteers In Mission (VIM.):

(<http://www.wpaumc.org/newsdetail/united-methodists-respond-to-connellsville-flooding-5804975#sthash.TV67kfPA.dpuf>)

State of Emergency in Connellsville District: Many of you are already aware of a storm on Sunday that brought flash flooding and damages in Connellsville and Bullskin Township



in Fayette County on August 28th. A state of Emergency was declared, schools closed, and boil water warnings were issued for many in the vicinity. Cleanup of major debris and mud continues in some areas and some roads remain closed.

Local officials and response organizations met to coordinate efforts to help with feeding, sheltering, cleanup and recovery in the areas affected. Several WPAUMC leaders including Rev. Calvin Cook (WPA Disaster Response Coordinator), Rev. Bill Blair (Connellsville District Superintendent), Rev. Bev Spore (Connellsville District Disaster Response Coordinator) and Chip Rowan (Connellsville Area Community Ministries) were part of those meetings.

Initial assessments and damage reporting process was started by the Red Cross, emergency personnel, and others. It is anticipated that many families will be in need of assistance to return their homes to livable conditions due to lack of flood insurance. Wesley UMC in Connellsville will be the hub of the WPA Disaster Response.

Existing Early Response Teams are on alert and will begin their work in the next few days. Additional volunteers will be needed in the coming days and weeks.

Please pray for the safety and peace of those who are devastated by this unexpected and traumatic event in their lives. Pray for the first responders working long hours and those guiding the response.

The last two weeks our Children's Collection raised \$344.00 in donations to be sent to the Eastbrook Mission Barn to help with Cleaning Buckets. Cleaning buckets are available to residents through Connellsville Area Community Ministries (CACM) or the Salvation Army. The Eastbrook Mission Barn will replenish Cleaning Buckets as needed.

Please do not send any other physical donations of household items directly to Connellsville. Connellsville Area Community Ministries already has an abundance of items ready to offer and does not need any more at this time. When and if this situation changes, we will share specific calls for donations.

"Connellsville Area Community Ministries" 9/4 - \$313.00

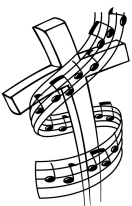
If you have a suggestion for a mission we can support through our Children's Collections, please contact the church office.

The Finance Committee is once again selling RADA Cutlery! Catalogs and order forms are on a table in the narthex. When ordering, please place your check (payable to First United Methodist Church) and your order form in the door slot of the office door. Please return your catalog to the table, so they can be used by others. All orders are due by Sunday, October 30th. Pick up a catalog and check out some of the new items listed this year! Do your Christmas shopping early for family, friends, neighbors, teachers or coaches! Any questions, contact Laurie Saporito at cts72@hotmail.com or 724-864-5649. Proceeds from this sale will go to our General Church Fund. Thank you for your support!



EMAIL REMINDERS: If you would like to receive email reminders of church events, please email the church office (irwinfirstumc@comcast.net) to get your email on the list. Please DO NOT hand write or call the office with the email address, as errors may occur. We want to make sure that we have the correct email.

MEN'S WORK TEAM: The Men's Work Team will be at the church on Tuesday, September 13th. They arrive around 9:00 for coffee, do some jobs around the building, and have lunch before they leave. It's a great group of guys who have saved the church thousands of dollars through the years by doing some of the work and repairs to the building. Please come and help if you can.



On Sunday, October 9th, Musician Dedication Sunday, there will be a hymn sing, featuring as many of your favorite hymns as we can squeeze in. It may be from **either** hymnal in our pews. Please indicate your favorite hymn(s) on the yellow insert form and place in the offering plate. You may also leave it in the office or bring it up to the organ.
