



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 13, 2015
16th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 - Nellie Brown 10:45 - Peggy Kooser

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 “I Will Rise”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

P: Day pours forth speech, and night declares knowledge.

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

P: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

L: More to be desired are they than gold.

P: Sing to the Wisdom of the ages.

L: Join the heavens in telling the glory of our God.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Eternal God, the voice of the heavens declares your glory and rejoices in your precepts. As we proclaim our faith in your Son, help us embrace the more difficult journey of turning our minds from human things to focus on heavenly matters. May we be found faithful when Wisdom comes to call. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 421 “Make Me a Captive, Lord”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the “Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid” program. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 “”

10:45 “Give Me Jesus” - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 750 Psalm 19

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY**

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Gracious God, we rejoice in your goodness! You sent your Son Jesus to be the Messiah, the Savior of the world. He reveals your way of self-giving love. Help us to set our minds on divine things. May our lives contribute to the spread of your good news, which is of ultimate importance. We ask this for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"

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) Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 568 "Christ for the World We Sing"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Alternative Worship – 25 Sunday 8:15 – 60 10:45 – 64

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, September 13

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School Kick-off/Pancake Breakfast

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 8:45 - 10:15 Pancake Breakfast
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 Worship
- 12:00 Music Groups Meeting
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, September 14

- 10:00 UM Women
- 6:00 CSA
- 6:30 Grief Support
- No Dartball

Tuesday, September 15

- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:30 N/A

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, September 17

- 5:00 Irwin Car Cruise
- 6:15 C Bells
- 7:15 Choir
- 7:30 UM Men

Saturday, September 19

- 8:30 District Meeting
- 9:00 Irwin Craft Show
- 6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, September 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 Worship
- 4:00 Temple Bells
- 4:45 SonShiners
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS

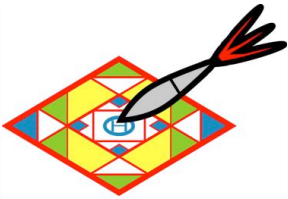
**The Trustee meeting has been rescheduled to
Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM.*

We express our Christian sympathy to the Pastor David and his family with the death of his cousin, Bob Lake.
May God comfort and strengthen them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN’S COLLECTION this week will be given to the “*Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid.*” This organization, based out of Level Green Presbyterian Church, was started to help people who are poor, elderly, or disadvantaged and fall through the cracks of our caring and helping systems in Westmoreland County. While we still have our Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (PDF) to help those in our church, this organization allows Pastor David to refer those who are disadvantaged in our community to a caring organization to help them with their needs.

Shop with a Cop – 8/30 - \$258.00 9/6 - \$205.00



DARTBALL: The start of the 2015/2016 Dartball season will be on **Monday, September 21st**. We play on Monday evenings thru the fall and winter months at various churches in the area. All boys and men, 12 years old and up, are welcome to join in a great evening of fun and fellowship (cake, cookies and drinks included.) If you would like to join us, call Alan Painter at 724-446-0224 or speak with any current Dartball member.

YOUTH MINISTER JOB OPENING

Are you a motivated, grace-filled Christian looking for part-time work? Join our team at Irwin First United Methodist Church! This position is roughly 20 hours/week and includes planning/coordinating/promoting activities with our youth and their friends to increase their faith. Activities include weekly youth group meetings, periodic youth events (fellowship, service projects, retreats), and some assistance with high school Sunday School. Personal commitment to Christ; working with youth using creativity, understanding, & kindness; Biblical worldview; and strong organizational/communication/team-building skills are necessary. Music/guitar skills, preaching capabilities, and computer/multi-media skills are a plus. Future potential growth into additional areas of ministry are available if mutually agreeable! Please send resume & cover letter to:

Irwin First United Methodist Church
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or fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net

Any questions, please call Pastor David Lake at 724-771-0868 or Jean Halza, SPRC Chairperson at 412-720-8920.

Today . . .

Sunday morning at 8:15 AM.





PANCAKE BREAKFAST: We will be having our annual pancake breakfast to help kick off the start of Sunday School. We will start serving around 8:45 – plenty of time to enjoy

a great meal and still make it to Sunday School on time. And we will keep flipping pancakes until around 10:15 so you can have a meal before the second service. Hope to see you all there.

The kick-off for our Sunday School year will be today. There are classes for all ages, from toddler through adult. Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning. No pre-registration is required. Just come and share in the fun and Bible learning.





Sunday morning at 10:45 AM.

MUSIC GROUPS: There will be a brief meeting today for any child or youth who wishes to sing or ring this year. It will be immediately after the 10:45 AM service today in the front of the sanctuary.





FISH & CHIPS Youth groups (currently grades 5 through 12) will meet at 2:00 PM. Our FISH & CHIPS meetings include activities such as: watching a popular movie then stacking it up against Bible principles, games, and snacks. Come and enjoy the fun!

CRAFT SHOW: Mark your calendar for our annual craft show on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Crafts and crafters are needed. Call Alice, 724-863-3901, for additional information. She is looking for elevator people for Friday evening to help get the crafters in, and for Saturday as well.

News from the “Comfort Room”: On Sunday, September 27, 2015 at the 8:15 & 10:45 services there will be a Dedication for the “Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry.” Through the summer months we have been meeting in the Little Parlor off the adult Sunday School Room which has been nicknamed: The Comfort Room. It is here where God leads us to lovingly create useful items with our hands. We meet not only to knit & crochet, but to support each other with love, care & acceptance. Other items are created at home. These items: scarfs, shawls, slippers, baby hats & blankets, quilts & any item God leads us to create are dedicated to this ministry.



Sunday, September 27, 2015 Pastor Dave will be praying over all the items created by the women of the Church at the Communion Rail. At the end of the services, any one in need of any one of these knitted/crocheted/sewn item(s) may take it to your loved one(s) as a love gift from this Ministry of Irwin United Methodist Church. We depend on you to share with this extension of our Love. Please share this Love with those in need of “His Touch.”

We invite you to join us at 9:30 am on any Sunday morning in “The Comfort Room.”

Please, any one donating an item(s) to be dedicated, please stop by on Sunday morning to pick up a prayer card, fill it out and attach it to your item.

Our Dedication Song, “On Eagles Wings” comes from the Scripture from Isaiah 40:31:

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

See you Sunday!

PLEASE COME! ALL ARE WELCOME! On Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm the Rev. John Wilson will join us for a time of conversation around information on the Census information for the area around our Irwin Community. As we gather information we then can be in conversation as to ministries that can take place from within our church. Then on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00, Rev Amy Wagner will join us to walk us through a time of brainstorming new/old ministries with the new information we received from the meeting with John. This will be a wonderfully exciting time in the life of Irwin church! Please mark these dates and times on your calendars and come join us!

CLEARANCE FORMS: Many people who applied for the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33) are receiving them in the mail. Please remember that when you receive your clearances ***the office staff needs to see the original and make a copy. We cannot just accept a copy of the form, we need to see the original.***

From the Finance Committee...Do you ever eat at Bob Evans in North Huntingdon? Plan on going "Down on the Farm" for breakfast, lunch or dinner (7 AM - 9 PM) on any of the four Fridays in September and help out your church! Fifteen percent of the total sale of your receipt will go back to First UM. Tell your friends and family so we can have a better profit and enjoy dining out together! Remember...You must have the flyer with you when you pay the cashier. Each Sunday flyers will be printed and available on a table in the narthex. You can also make copies of the flyer which will be in your September newsletter. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Chair of Finance at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

RADA Cutlery is back!!! New Catalogs and order forms are on a table in the narthex. Completed order forms and checks (payable to First UM) can be placed in the office door slot. Please return your catalog to the table so we can recycle them! The last day to place an order is Sunday, November 1st. Pass a catalog to a co-worker, neighbor or relative...or get your Christmas shopping done early! All proceeds will go to the church general fund. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com



Coming soon...a time to share your talents! Once again, during our stewardship campaign we will be encouraging members to take "seed money" from the chancel rail and use your gifts and talents to make that money grow! On Sunday, November 8th, our campaign focus is "Love your Church". What a great way to give back to your church by using the gifts that God has given you! If you plan on making something and selling it, there will be tables set up off the narthex on December 8th. I'd love to hear from some of you that really multiplied your money last year...how did you do it? E-mail me so I can tell others! Start thinking about the gifts you've been given, and how you can use them!

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at cts72@hotmail.com or any Finance Committee member.
