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September 14, 2014
14th 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 “Love the Lord”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome to you, the weak and the strong.

P: Christ Jesus welcomes us here.

L: Welcome to you, sinners and saints.

P: God’s grace embraces us all.

L: Welcome to you, forgiven and forgiving.

P: The Spirit binds us in unity and love.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of love and grace, bind us together this day. Even as you have welcomed us, so may we welcome one another. Speak to our hearts, that we may hear your words and heed your call to live as a community of acceptance and love. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 463** “Lord, Speak to Me”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

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

ANTHEM 10:45 “If God Is For Us” – Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 14:19-31**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Nearer, Still Nearer”

***DOXOLOGY No. #95**

**“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**

Merciful God, you have filled our lives with a deluge of love and grace. Yet we are too often stingy with forgiveness for others. While Christ’s sacrifice on the cross removed the weight of our sin, we continue to blend in with a world that is intent on keeping score and settling debts. May the gifts we give this morning, small in comparison with all we’ve received, help strengthen the church’s ministry of love and compassion. In our giving, may we make a witness as those who have been forgiven much and who seek to have Christlike grace shine through our lives. We pray this in his name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 389 “Freely, Freely”

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) Matthew 18:21-35**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 368 “My Hope Is Built”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Festive Postlude on “Built on the Rock””**

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Pastor David will be holding New Member Orientation sessions on Sundays, September 21st and 28th and October 5th at 9:30 AM (during Sunday School.) Reception of new members will be on Sunday, October 5th. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church should contact Pastor David for more details. If you are interested in transferring your membership from another church please let our church office staff know so we can start that process.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, September 14

14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS Parent Meeting
3:45 TAFC
4:00 T Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 T Chimes

Monday, September 15

7:00 Dartball - Away

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

7:00 Lay Leadership Meeting
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, September 18

6:15 C Bells
7:15 Choir

Friday, September 19

5:00 Barker/Thibodeaux Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 20

3:30 Barker/Thibodeaux Wedding Rehearsal
6:00 Alternative Worship Service

Next Sunday, September 21

15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 New Members Class
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
3:45 TAFC
4:00 T Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 T Chimes

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.

"ALS Bucket Challenge": 8/31/2014 - \$359.00 9/7/2014 - \$122.55

SUNDAY MUSIC ACTIVITIES: SonShiners and Temple Bells will meet for the first time this season today, September 7th at normal rehearsal times (4:00-4:45 for bells in the sanctuary and 4:45-5:30 for SonShiners in the choir room). We will take sign-ups for the various activities, complete registration forms, discuss plans for all groups, assign robes (SonShiners) and get shirt sizes (Temple Bells). Any teen interested in singing should meet in the sanctuary at 3:45 for an informational meeting. Anyone interested in Temple Chimes (a beginning group) will meet briefly in the choir room at 5:30.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the October Newsletter are due in the office by Monday, September 22nd. Any article received after that date will be published in the November Newsletter. You can mail your articles or drop them off at the church office or email your articles to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net

RADA Cutlery Catalogs are in! The Finance Committee is selling cutlery. If you ordered from RADA last year, you might want to check out their new catalog located on the table in the narthex. To place an order attach

your cash or check (payable to First United Methodist) to the order form and deposit it in the slot of the office door. The catalogs will be recycled, so please return them to the table in the narthex. Additional order forms will be printed as needed.

All orders must be in by Sunday, November 9th. Do your Christmas shopping early or circulate them in your office or among your team! These make great gifts for newlyweds, teachers, coaches, neighbors, co-workers or for grab bags! Proceeds from this sale will go to our General Fund.

HARVESTER'S ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS...Our room is freshly painted and cleaned out and we are anxious to get back into our weekly studies! Parents...take your kids to their class at 9:30, then join us downstairs in the side room off the gymnasium. Today we are beginning a video/discussion series titled "The Way...Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. We are a very supportive group and start each week with intercessory prayer. Adults of any age, visit us any Sunday that you can...we'll have the coffee on!



'Tis the season to prepare for the reason. And, in anticipation of Advent, you are invited to join us in creating a devotional booklet for the congregation to use each day during Advent. On the table in the narthex is a display containing sheets with complete details, suggestions and contact information. Please take a sheet home and think about what you can contribute. Sharing your article will be a Christmas gift to us all.

THE UPPER ROOM daily devotion for September/October is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up this morning.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Ladies - we are looking forward to starting a new Beth Moore study on September 24th at 7 PM upstairs in the Youth Room. All ladies are invited, whether you have joined us before or not!! And bring a friend! The study is called Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit. The group meets approximately every other week. Please contact Barb Baston as soon as possible if you plan to attend - books will need to be ordered soon. Hope to see many of you ladies upstairs on September 24th!

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE: We are starting a Member Care Committee here at FUMC. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in sharing your time and ideas on better ways to care for our members, please join us for our meeting or contact Pastor David.

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

A 24- week study of the Bible with daily preparation and weekly group sessions with the goal of developing biblically nourished persons committed to live as Disciples of Christ. We will begin on **Thursday, September 25th** at 7:00 pm for our Orientation. We will then meet weekly for our 1 ½ hour sessions beginning on Thursday, October 2nd and running for 24 weeks.

If you are interested in participating, please go to the Cokesbury website at <https://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=1276488> to order your Disciple 1 Fast Track material. The cost for the manual and study guide is \$39.99. If you do not have internet access, please contact Pastor David.

Men's Work Team: The Methodist Men will be starting another year of work on Tuesday, September 9th. They have been together for 50 years. Al Bertolina and Bill Fishel remember many of those years. Through the years, the men's work team has saved the church thousands of dollars in maintenance and repairs to our church building and properties.

We would like to invite the retired baby boomers to join us in using the hammers, saws, and paint brushes, and also to help put on some more of our famous chicken dinners. We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am over coffee and donuts, do our work throughout the church during the morning, and then enjoy a delicious lunch together.

*If you have some time on Tuesday mornings,
and are willing to work for food, please come and join us!*

UMCMarket.net If you are doing any shopping online, remember to use the UMCMarket.net website to get free money for our church! This online service, launched last year, allows United Methodists to shop online retailers such as Amazon with a percentage of the sale donated to a local church or UM ministry of your choice. Follow the directions on the site to get started.

Earn an extra \$5 for every new member in September!

For every new member that signs up and makes their first purchase, UMCMarket will donate an extra \$5 to your ministry!



There were 45 present at our Alternative Worship Service last week. Those present said they enjoyed the service and fellowship very much. The new music, new day, and less formal atmosphere brought some new faces into our church. It also hosted some of our long time members who are just looking for a change in the way they worship our Lord.

We still need your help by attending and inviting others to join us.

Everyone is welcome to attend *once* ...

... *once* to try it out

... *once* in a while for a different worship experience

... *once* a week to join with God's people to worship and fellowship.



We realize that this type of worship service is not for everyone. So remember, we will still have our regular Sunday morning worship services at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM for those who prefer a more traditional worship service.