



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**September 6, 2015**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion**

**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**      “Be Still My Soul”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** God is here in this place, calling all God’s children to worship with their whole lives.

**P:** We come, bringing our faith made alive through works of love and mercy and liberation.

**L:** Come, trusting that God will always respond to our need.

**P:** We come in trust and joy and faith and deeds.

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

Creating, loving, and healing God, we gather together this day, coming from different places and situations in life. In faith, we fall before you in praise and worship, desiring to be fed with your love and healed with your grace. Fill us with wonder, O God, that we may proclaim your good news for all to hear. Open up our ears, our mouths, and our hearts this day. In Christ Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 57**      “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the Shop with a Cop program.*

*Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM**      8:15 “Come Share the Lord” - Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 “Come Share the Lord” - Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**      James 2:1-17

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      “I Need Thee Every Hour”

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

O God, our creator, you love each person whom you have made in your image. Thank you for providing for our needs so that we can be generous. We feel joy when we share with others. Direct our thoughts and actions as we seek to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We dedicate these offerings in the excellent name of Jesus. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 614 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”**

*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 7:24-37**

**SERMON**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT**

All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Postlude in Early American Hymn Style”**

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

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We express our Christian sympathy to Joann Jenkins and her family with the death of her husband, Tom Jenkins. Tom passed away on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. May God comfort and strengthen them.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, September 6**

**15<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

10:45 Worship

**Monday, September 7**

**Labor Day**

**Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 8**

9:00 District Meeting

6:15 TOPS

6:30 Witness

No Trustee Meeting \*

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, September 9**

9:00 Greensburg District UMW "Day Apart" at Jumonville

**Thursday, September 10**

6:15 C Bells

7:15 Choir

**Friday, September 11**

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

Gym Closed

**Saturday, September 12**

9:00 Food Bank– help needed

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, September 13**

**16<sup>th</sup> 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

*\*The Trustee meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children’s collection will be for the *Shop with a Cop* program. Our area *Shop with a Cop* program is coordinated every year by Trooper Steven Limani, community service officer with the Pennsylvania State Police at Greensburg. *Shop with a Cop* pairs children with police officers for a shopping spree, with each child being given a designated amount of money to purchase Christmas gifts. Children who take part in the program are recommended, usually by police officers, because they have been involved in difficult or tragic circumstances. This program gives the kids a chance to see the police officers in a different light ... in a more positive way.

The program is made possible through fundraising efforts, donations and community contributions. 100% of all contributions to *Shop with a Cop* are used to purchase gifts for the children.

You can read about the 2014 *Shop with a Cop* program in the following articles from the Tribune Review”:

<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourscottdale/7367796-74/police-mart-pleasant#ixzz3iha8OzMF>

<http://triblive.com/news/westmoreland/7366111-74/police-shop-state#ixzz3ihVP9Adz>

*Shop with a Cop – 8/30 - \$258.00*

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**FELLOWSHIP NIGHT RETURNS!** Fellowship Night will return on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We will be watching VeggieTales, “*Ester the Girl Who Became Queen*” and having pizza!! Please sign-up when the clipboard comes your way!



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**Monday, September 7, 2015**

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

<http://www.dol.gov/laborday/history.htm>

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## *Next Week...*



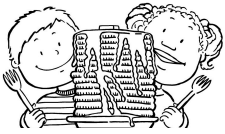
*Saturday* evening beginning at 6:00 PM.

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Sunday morning at 8:15 AM.



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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Come hungry to church on September 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**The kick-off for our Sunday School year** will be on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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**Sunday morning at 10:45 AM.**

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**MUSIC GROUPS:** There will be a meeting for our music groups immediately after the 10:45 AM worship service. All parents of youth interested in participating in any of the music groups are urged to attend.



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**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!

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*Time's a comin' again!  
Mark your calendar for our annual*

# Craft Show

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

at

First United Methodist Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> & Oak Streets, Irwin

*Crafts and crafters needed. Call Alice 724-863-3901*

I'll be looking for elevator people for Friday evening to help get the crafters in as well as on Saturday.

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## SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Available from the  
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE



Any United Methodist student of the Western Pennsylvania Conference who plans to enter a full-time, church-related vocation and who is in need of financial assistance to further her or his education may apply. The student may apply for her or his junior or senior year of college, graduate school years or seminary study. Applications are available on the half door at the church office.

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**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.*

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**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](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**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](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**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](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com) or any Finance Committee member.

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**DARTBALL:** The start of the 2015/2016 Dartball season will be on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**HELPING OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Some of our members are homebound. They are healthy enough to get out and about but are no longer able to drive. From time to time the office gets a request from the families of these individuals for help in bringing them to church. If you are able and willing to occasionally provide a ride for one of our homebound members, please let Pastor David or the church office know. It would mean a lot to these individuals to be able to continue to worship and fellowship with their FUMC family.