



**CELEBRATING 225 YEARS**  
**2024**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 ♦ ♦ ♦ 1799 - 2024 ♦ ♦ ♦  
**BELIEVING ♦ WELCOMING ♦ SERVING**



**A Service of Worship  
 for the Lord's Day**  
**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
**8:30 & 10:45 am**



† Indicates a time to stand, if you are able

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**      *“O Love How Deep, How Broad, How Wide”* arr. David N. Johnson

†**CALL to WORSHIP** (responsively)

We want to celebrate mothers as a wonderful gift from God, but we want to be certain that we recognize mothers – and likewise, families in general – as a gift from the God who has created all things.

**So today, as we are called to worship by the scriptures, we are also called to worship a God who loves us and welcomes us into His family.**

All praise and glory be to our Gracious God,  
**for the richness of His grace, the splendor of His gifts,  
 and the wonder of His love!**

†**HYMN of PRAISE**      *“Faith of Our Mothers”*      **Tune 710**

- 1. Faith of our mothers, living still  
 in cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
 in nursery lore and fireside love,  
 thy presence still pervades the air.  
 Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
 we will be true to thee till death.*

2. *Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
fount of our childhood's trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
source of a finer, nobler race.  
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
we will be true to thee till death.*
3. *Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
for youthful longing, youthful doubt;  
how blurred our vision, blind our way,  
thy providential care without.  
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
we will be true to thee till death.*
4. *Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
in truth beyond our stumbling creeds,  
still serve the home and save the church,  
and breathe thy spirit through our deeds.  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
we will be true to thee till death.*

† **A PRAYER CELEBRATING MOTHERS** (*unison*)

O Lord, on this Mother's Day, we want to lift up every mother in the world to You. When You created mothers, You not only created blessings on earth who are compassionate, but also hardworking, caring, loving, nurturing, and filled with generosity. Motherhood is not an easy task, for it is filled with ups and downs, great joy, and at times great sorrow. You know the hearts and needs of each and every mother. Our prayer is that You fill their hearts with peace, contentment, and joy that can only be found in You. We ask for Your blessing over mothers today, just as they are a blessing to us. May they know they are truly loved and celebrated, especially on those hard days when motherhood feels like a thankless job. May they find the strength and wisdom that they need to reflect You to their children, and be faithful to You in this life. Amen!

† **SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

† **GLORIA PATRI** ~means "Glory be to the Father" (*sung in unison*)

**UMH 70**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end! Amen! Amen!*

## A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT

Ruth 1:6-18 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC** (10:45 am)

*Men of the Chancel Choir*

*“Amazing Grace”* ~John Newton; arr. Craig Courtney

**SACRAMENT of BAPTISM** (10:45 am)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Holy Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. I present Hendrix McKinley Dittmar, and also Jamie Caroline King, for Christian baptism.

*The Pastor addresses the parents, and the baptismal candidate...*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Parents: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parents: I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example, he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents: I will.

*The Pastor addresses those who can answer for themselves...*

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church, and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

Jamie: I will.

*The Pastor addresses the congregation...*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these people now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

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**We will surround these people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

*The Pastor pours and blesses the baptism water...*

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, You swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, You saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, You set in the clouds a rainbow. When You saw Your people as slaves in Egypt, You led them to freedom through the sea; their children You brought through the Jordan to the land which You promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!**

In the fullness of time You sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John, and He was anointed by Your Spirit. He called His disciples to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection, and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations, His glory among all the people.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and they who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in His final victory.

**All praise to You, Eternal Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen!**

*The Pastor now performs the baptisms...*

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother and sister in Christ.

**Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.**

**We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you, that you may live in grace and peace!

*Baptized today is **Hendrix McKinley Dittmar**  
(born April 8, 2024, son of Kyle and Leslie (Thomas) Dittmar  
Baptized today is **Jamie Caroline King***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**"Jesus Loves Me"**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**    **"Holy Forever"** ~arr. Jay Rouse

**Halo Choir**

**A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT**

**Ruth 2:8-13** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**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!**

### **†HYMN of PRAYER**      *“Now Thank We All Our God”*      **UMH 102**

### **A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT**      **Ruth 4:9-17** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **THE MESSAGE**      **Pastor Kevin Haley** **“RUTH—A Little Story and A Big Redemption”**

### **SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS**

#### **THE OFFERTORY**      *“For All the Faithful Women”* ~arr. Robert J. Powell *with Jim Caffrey (clarinet)*

### **†THE DOXOLOGY** ~means “Praise be to God” (*sung in unison*)      **UMH 94**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **†PRAYER of DEDICATION**

### **†HYMN of COMMITMENT**      **UMH 139**

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

### **†DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

### **†THE POSTLUDE**      *“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”*

*~arr. G. Winston Cassler*

### **†GOING FORTH to SERVE**

**Acolyte: Nevin Miller**

**Tech Team: Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller**

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday ~ May 12** ~ Read 2 Kings 6-8; John 4:31-54

8:30am Worship (*Sanctuary*)  
9:00am Children's Chimes rehearsal (*Bell Room*)  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)  
9:40am Sunday School →  
10:45am Worship (*Sanctuary*)  
2:30pm Worship at Redstone (*Greensburg*)  
**- NO Halo Choir or Youth 180 tonight -**

**Elementary** age 4-grade 5

(*rm. 305 - upper level*)

**Youth** grades 6-12

(*rm. 302 - upper level*)

**Genesis** Adults

(*library - lower level*)

**Monday ~ May 13** ~ Read 2 Kings 9-11; John 5:1-24

6:30pm Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)  
6:30pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee (*Church Lounge*)

**Tuesday ~ May 14** ~ Read 2 Kings 12-14; John 5:25-47

**- NO Bible Study May 14, 21, 28...Resumes June 4 -**  
6-8:00pm Master Gardener's Seed to Supper Program (*Fellowship Hall*)

**Wednesday ~ May 15** ~ Read 2 Kings 15-17; John 6:1-21

~ ~ ~ **Deadline for June Circuit Rider articles** ~ ~ ~

**Thursday ~ May 16** ~ Read 2 Kings 18-19; John 6:22-44

10am-1pm 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)  
6:30pm Bonnie Ross Ringers Adult Bell Choir rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)  
5:00-8:30pm Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)  
7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

**Friday ~ May 17** ~ Read 2 Kings 20-22; John 6:45-71

9:00am Set-Up for UMW Rummage Sale (*Fellowship Hall*)

**Saturday ~ May 18** ~ Read 2 Kings 23-25; John 7:1-31

**8:30am-12:30pm UMW RUMMAGE SALE** (*entire Lower Level*)

Please write prayer concerns on attendance cards in the bulletin, **check the box(es)** and place them in offering. **Requests are listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless renewed.**

## Prayer Requests:

Alice / Bill / Bob / Bob B. / Gloria B. / Bob Barone / David / Darlene Erney / Linda & Marty F. /  
/ Pastor Kevin & Amy / Diane & Michael Hall / Jimmy / Steven Long / Evelyn Makarsky /  
Ron McCutcheon / Marcus / Melanie Marody / Allan Pierce / Don Riggle / Robin & John /  
Darlene S. / Sam S. / Don Sedlako / Shirley / Kerry Thompson / Timothy / Tracy / Tracey /  
Brian U. / Vivian / Julie Watts / families of...Barry Greenawalt, Robert McHenry, Maria Tobacci

Those who  
wish to...  
but cannot  
be among us.

**Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta** Brookdale *Latrobe*

**Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor *Greensburg*

**Vivian Engel** Loyalhanna Care Sr. Suites *Latrobe*

**Donna Bush, Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt**  
Westmoreland Manor *Greensburg*

## TODAY

- **CWS Blanket Sponsorship Day** visit display table in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Children's Chimes** will meet at 9:00am in the Bell Room on the Lower Level.  
Contact Fred Pershing at 724-836-2955 for details or with any questions.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee/Fellowship Hour** continues every Sunday morning, between Worship services, at the tables in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Sunday School** classes for ALL ages at 9:40am (*see calendar page for locations*)
- **NO Youth Halo Choir or Youth 180 tonight.**

## THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** meets weekly Monday evenings, at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.
- **Staff/Parish Relations Committee** will meet on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 in the Lounge.
- **Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study** will NOT meet **May 14, 21, 28...**Resumes June 4.
- **DEADLINE** for **June Circuit Rider** articles/announcements is Wednesday, May 15.
- **Adult Music Ministries...Bells, Chancel Choir...**continue on Thursday evenings  
(See calendar page for details) and contact Fred Pershing or Jim Caffrey with questions.
- **UMW Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 18. Contact: Sherry Miller 724-537-9366**  
See insert for more info on ways you can help and participate.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Pentecost Sunday, May 19** ~ Pocket Change for a Purpose to benefit Vacation Bible School  
(Wear RED) ~ KidsROCK & Youth 180 join together for Fun Activity Night
- **Healing Hearts** ~ Monday, May 20 ~ 6:30pm (Church Lounge)
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Tuesday, May 21 ~ 6:00pm (Library)
- **Church Council** ~ Wednesday, May 22 ~ 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)  
All church members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

*The Chancel Flowers* are given to the Glory of God and

#1 in loving memory of **Jean Mason**, by Betty Daverse

#2 in loving memory of **Anna Mary Fisher**, by her daughter, MaryAnn Herd

#3 in loving memory of **those we have lost**

and in honor of all **Women & Mothers**, by the UMW



## Happy Mother's Day!

Today, in lieu of giving out carnations to all women, the church is offering to MATCH the number of Blanket Sponsorships that come in! Please join us.  
(see insert for complete details on how to participate)

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)*

We are glad that you are with us in worship today! Greensburg:First is a church where you can come to learn that God loves you just the way you are, but that God also loves you too much to let you stay this way. God wants you to become more like Jesus! If you do not have a church home of your own, we hope that you might prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family, as we reach out with love and in the name of Jesus Christ! **Also, please help us get to know you,**

**or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,**  
by filling out a Welcome Information Card (inserted in this bulletin).

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE  
WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH  
GOD, AND THE WORD WAS  
HIM, AND HE WAS WITH GOD  
AT THE BEGINNING.  
ALL THINGS  
WERE MADE BY HIM,  
AND WITHOUT HIM  
WAS NOTHING MADE.  
THE WORD  
LIFE, AND THE LIFE  
OF THE SON OF  
GOD, WHO  
WAS WITH THE  
FATHER, WHO  
HAS MADE HIMSELF  
KNOWN TO US BY  
THE WORDS  
THAT HE HAS  
BORN.

the gospel of  
**JOHN**  
an eyewitness account  
of the Son of God

## Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin Tuesdays ~ 9:30am ~ Library

What would it have been like to witness Christ's life on earth? The apostle John wrote about Jesus' earthly ministry, from the perspective of one who

was there. He saw Jesus teach, heal, pray, die, and live again. In this Bible study, we will be brought face-to-face with the Son of God—who He is and what it means to follow Him.

~ ~ ~ *May 14, 21, 28* — NO Bible studies ~ ~ ~

**June 4** Session Three: Bread of Life—Who is This Jesus?  
**June 11** Session Four: Light in the Darkness—Good Shepherd  
**June 18** Session Five: Life and Death—Perfume and Praise  
**June 25** Session Six: Comfort and Challenge—Jesus' Farewell

**Then...Bible study will be on summer break...resuming Aug. 6**

### Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist Church—Greensburg

### Regular Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*(may change without notice... thank you  
for your understanding & patience)*

### WiFi Network

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