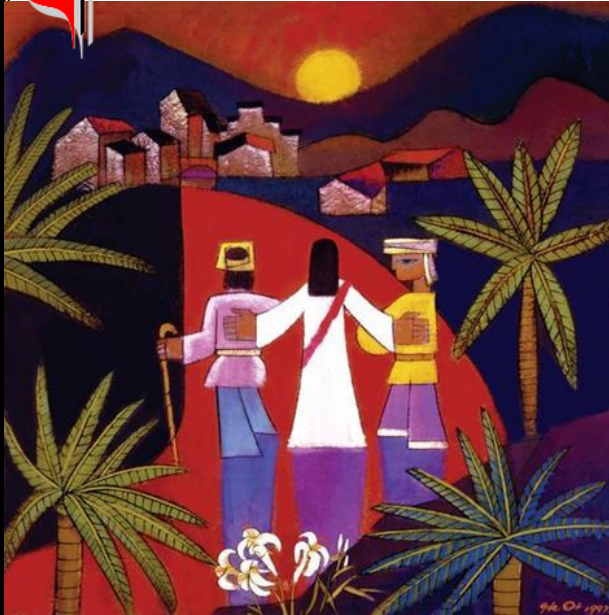




First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

April 30, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship
3rd Sunday of Easter
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"



THE WALK TO EMMAUS

LUKE 24:13-34

* Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

** Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*.

WE GATHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY

PRELUDE Variations on Come, Thou Fount Albert L. Travis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Welcome Tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle.)

INTROIT (10:45 only) "Alleluia" Chancel Choir
arr. GF Pershing

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57
**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Life, submitting to death, You conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, as a sign of the new life offered to us this day, greet one another with the affirmation “*Christ is risen!*” responding to your neighbor “*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*”

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

**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.**

BAPTISM (10:45)

Owen Alexander Kenderes

UMH #39

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45)

“Christ is Arisen, Indeed!
Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER

“**In the Garden**” *refrain*

No. 314

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

(You are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail.)

MORNING PRAYER

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.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Traditional

Children’s Chimes

WE HEAR THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

PSALTER

UMH 837

Psalms 116:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Craig Phillips

*DOXOLOGY

No. 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 FAITH

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

No. 133

(The children are invited to come forward during the last verse)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

(Page 90 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Luke 24:13-35

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“ON THE ROAD”

Pastor Steve, Preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

No. 2158

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **“Alleluia, Alleluia” refrain**

No. 162

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”



EKKLESIA – A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM May 6

FEATURES: PATRICIA FITZPATRICK, PIANO

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is given in memory of *Brian Meadows* who went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 21, 2017 by Ed & Sue Meadows.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

ORGANIST:	- Valerie Stipcak	
LITURGIST:	- Judy Molter	
ACOLYTE:	- Kasey Storkel	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Barb Tucci	
COFFEE HOUR:	- Kim Greco	NEXT WEEK: Tracy Barr
GREETERS:	- Diane Miller	NEXT WEEK: Laurel Sedlacko
NURSERY:	- Glenda Miller & Liz Comer	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- April Kovacevich	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Jan Stewart	(10:45) Cheryl Lennert
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad and John Weaver	
	- (10:45) One member from each tem	

Please lift our friends and church family in prayers:

Our shut-ins, those in military service and all with special needs: (Please write prayer concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)

WESTMORELAND HOSPITAL: GEORGE FAGERT, RUTH DEYOE

WEST PENN HOSPITAL: SHARON DETAR

Prayer & Health Concerns: Craig Eichler, food bank client, lost everything in the fire; Rick Minick, loss of son; Nico Salvio, 7 yr. old needs heart transplant; Ellen Brigg's sister, Diane Perry; Andrew Armstrong, on a Navy ship in the Mediterranean; Ken Keiser; Dave McDowell; Shirley Kahler; Ruth Hughes

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND CARE CENTER MEMBERS:

Paramount Sr. Living	Charles (Dick) Smith
Brookdale Latrobe:	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
Greensburg Care Center:	Alice Murphy, Marilyn Cornell
RNC:	Art Faust
Weatherwood Manor:	Helen Wolfgang
HOME:	Charleen Ringler

LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-3:30 PM - Fridays 8 AM-12:00 PM

- Sun. 4/30 **Read - Romans 15:1-13**
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Native American Ministries
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes-Chapel
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour-Sanctuary Hall
9:30 AM - Preschool-Nursery; Children's Sunday School-Third Floor; Confirmation Class-Third Floor; Youth-Third Floor; Among Friends-Heritage Room; Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library
4:00 PM - Greensburg District Conference-Heritage UMC-Ligonier
6:00 PM - Youth-Café
- Mon. 5/1 **Read - Hebrews 6:13-20**
7:00 PM - Trustees Library
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 5/2 **Read - Hebrews 7:1-14**
9:30 AM - Pastor Steve's Morning Bible Study-Library
6:30 PM - UMW Spring Salad Supper-FH
- Wed. 5/3 **Read - Hebrews 7:15-28**
12:15 PM- Relaxed Readers-Ramada Inn
6:30 PM - Pastor Steve's Evening Bible Study-Library
- Thurs. 5/4 **Read - Psalm 78:1-31**
 - **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
6:00 PM - Transformer & Halo Choir-Choir Room
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters-Sanctuary
6:00-7:30 PM - Kids Rock Program Practice
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers-Bell Room
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study-Library
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room
- Fri. 5/5 **Read - Psalm 78:32-55**
6:00 PM - End of Year Youth Picnic-Millers' House
- Sat. 5/6 **Read - Psalm 78:56-72**
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Patricia Fitzpatrick, Piano

NEXT SUNDAY 5/7/17:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 4th Sunday of Easter-Communion Sunday
Read: John 10:1-10
Sermon: ***"The Gate"***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for April was “Ecology”. The focus for May is “Heritage”. During our Ministry Moment on May 14, you will hear more about what we can do as a church to be better stewards of our church heritage.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY TODAY. Your gift funds scholarships for Native American seminarians and empowers outreach within the Native American culture.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE Annual gathering of the people of the Greensburg District will be held **TODAY** at 4 PM at the Heritage UMC in Ligonier. Everyone is welcome to participate in worship, to celebrate our collective ministry in the district, and to conduct business related to work of the church.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! If you have a family member graduating from high school, college or technical school, please call the church office with your student’s name, their relationship, school name, type of degree and future plans. Please submit by **May 21**.

ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, May 21 at Twin Lakes County Park. Please see Pastor Steve to sign up!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP - Please register soon so you get the camp and the week you want! (Camp Allegheny, Camp Jumonville, Wesley Woods). Camp registration booklets are available in the media rack. When you decide which camp/week you want to attend, please fill out the registration form and submit it to the camp with your deposit. If you need assistance or have any questions, please talk to Kathy Griffith (412.613.8569-cell).

*You are cordially invited to attend a
Congregation Appreciation Event and Dinner*

on

*Sunday, the twenty first of May, 2017,
beginning with an **Organ Recital** at four-thirty in the
afternoon in the sanctuary of the*

First United Methodist Church, Greensburg, P.A.

Dinner will follow in Fellowship Hall.

*Kindly R.S.V.P. to the church Office (724) 834-3111
prior to May 14, 2017.*

Welcome to Greensburg First United Methodist Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC this morning. Greensburg First is a place for real people with real lives to develop and nurture a real faith. We have authentic relationships, relevant messages, and are committed to raising up the next generation as disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to know that you are loved and accepted here. Feel free to worship with us regularly and to fully participate in all our activities. If you are new to our community or are looking for a church home, please make it a point to meet one of the pastors before you leave the building. Also, help us get to know you by signing the welcome tablet. We will be happy to help you learn more about Greensburg First UMC.

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Greensburg District United Methodist Women

Social Action Presentation

May 15, 2017 - 6:30 PM

Greensburg First United Methodist Church-Sanctuary

“Hidden Right in Front of Us:

Sex Trafficking and More”

Presented by Ardyth Hill, Retired Pastor



*We plan to have refreshments following Pastor Ardi’s presentation. You are invited to bring a snack to share if you would like. Please RSVP by **May 12** to:*

Cindy Carasia: 724-527-3639 Email: crocxpres@comcast.net

Colleen Ott: 724-523-8409 Email: cogyann@aol.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Mother's Day

Blanket Sunday, May 14, 2017

The Outreach Ministry Annual Church World Service blanket sale is May 14.

For just \$10, you can provide a blanket, in honor or memory of someone, that will be sent wherever in the world there is a need.

Sometimes it is hard to believe that a blanket can offer any relief to people touched in this way, but that blanket can mean warmth, shelter or a way to carry possessions to people who may have lost everything. Surely we can find it in our hearts to offer our help at such a time. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Stop by our table located in the narthex to get a donation envelope.

Moms Helping Moms

DIAPER DRIVE - APRIL 30 THRU MAY 14



There is a diaper crisis in this area and you can help! The *Confirmation Class* is collecting diapers. They are asking each family to consider donating at least one pack of diapers, any size or brand. Look for the "diaper collection box" in the sanctuary hallway for the next few weeks. The collection will conclude on Mother's Day and all diapers collected will

be given to the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau in Greensburg. Thank you very much for your participation!