



\*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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39**

No. 887

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45)

“Sing for Joy”  
arr. Paul Hall

Men’s Ensemble  
with Valerie Uschock, Flute

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 knee 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 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Halo Choir

Peter Scholtes

With Nicole Savage and Angel Sinick, guitar  
and Callysta & Chloe Fontanazza, vocals

CONGREGATION JOINS IN: **All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who make us one: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

PSALTER

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Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Dale Wood

\*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

**“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”**

No. 2146

(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 108-109 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

John 14:1-14

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**“BELIEVE.”**

Pastor Steve, preaching

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“I’ll Fly Away”**

No. 2282

\*BENEDICTION

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

No. 162

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

**“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”**



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG**

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - May 20**

**FEATURES: SUE GARTON, HAND BELLS**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of *Jean Mason*  
by Betty Daverse.

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God.

**WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:**

ORGANIST:	- Valerie Stipcak	
LITURGIST:	- Sam Detar	
ACOLYTE:	- Brandon Flock	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Brandie Hirst	
COFFEE HOUR:	- Pam Swank	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Cindy Jackson
GREETERS:	- Debbie Mikita	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Bill Conrad
NURSERY:	- Marlene Skiavo and Kasey Storkel	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Ron States	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Kelly Wichrowski	(10:45) Tracy Barr
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad and John Weaver	
	- (10:45) Bruce Blackson, Ed Mikita, Kerry Thompson	

**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.)

**WEST PENN HOSPITAL: SHARON DETAR**

**Prayer & Health Concerns:** Michelle, daughter of Pat Handlin; Patty; Melonie & Micah; Art Faust; Iris, daughter of Jean Faust; Ruth Deyoe; George Fagert; Bob Roudabush's family, Craig Eichler, food bank client, lost everything in the fire; Rick Minick, loss of son; Nico Salvio, 7 year old needs heart transplant; Ellen Brigg's sister, Diane Perry; Ken Keiser; Dave McDowell; Ruth Hughes

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

<b>Paramount Sr. Living</b>	Charles (Dick) Smith
<b>Brookdale Latrobe:</b>	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
<b>Greensburg Care Center:</b>	Alice Murphy, Marilyn Cornell
<b>RNC:</b>	Art Faust
<b>Weatherwood Manor:</b>	Helen Wolfgang
<b>HOME:</b>	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. 5/14           **Read - Genesis 13:1-18**  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Mother's Day Blanket Sale  
9:00 AM - Halo Rehearsal  
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  
- NO Youth Group
- Mon. 5/15           **Read - Genesis 14:1-24**  
- \*CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES DUE-JUNE/JULY ISSUE  
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts-FH  
6:30 PM - Gbg. District UMW-Human Trafficking Event-Chapal  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 5/16           **Read - Genesis 15:1-21**  
9:30 AM - Pastor Steve's Morning Bible Study-Library
- Wed. 5/17           **Read - Genesis 16:1-16**  
6:30 PM - Pastor Steve's Evening Bible Study-Library  
7:30 PM - Finance-Library
- Thurs. 5/18           **Read - Genesis 17:1-27**  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH  
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters-Sanctuary  
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers-Bell Room  
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room
- Fri. 5/19           **Read - Genesis 18:1-15**
- Sat. 5/20           **Read - Genesis 21:1-21**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Sue Garton, Hand Bells

### **NEXT SUNDAY 5/21/17:**

- 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-"Pocket Change Collection"  
Read: John 14:15-21  
Sermon: *"A Helper"*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** We wish all the mothers and ladies a *Blessed Mother's Day*. Be sure to see Pastor Steve or Pastor Jill after the service to receive a small token of appreciation for all you do.

**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 14**. The graduates will be recognized during the 10:45 worship service on **May 28**. A "*Reception on the Porch*" takes place after the service. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to meet and greet our graduates!

**SOCIAL ACTION PRESENTATION** sponsored by the Greensburg District UMW is **May 15** at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Ardyth Hill, retired pastor presents "Hidden Right in Front of Us: Sex Trafficking and More". Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

**ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK** is Sunday, **May 21** at Twin Lakes County Park. Registration and opening prayer begins at 1:30 PM. The walk starts at 2 PM. Please see Pastor Steve to sign up!

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP** - Now is the time to register for summer church camp at one of our three camping centers (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).

**CONGREGATION APPRECIATION** Sunday is **May 21**. Our interim organist, Valerie Stipcak will be playing a recital as part of our event starting at 4:30 PM. Dinner will follow in Fellowship Hall. All are invited! Please call the church office at 724.834.3111 to RSVP.

**POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE** collection is next Sunday, **May 21** and will benefit our Campership Program. The Christian camping experience is important for spiritual development that will last a lifetime!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**-There will be NO Sunday School for children and youth from **May 28** thru **September 3**. Adult classes will meet as regularly scheduled. On June 18, from 9:30-10:30 AM the children & youth will work on a *Mission Project*. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Griffith.

## Sharing Christ with an Angry Culture

Featuring *Rev. Dr. Allyn Ricketts*, retired pastor and Professor of Apologetics and Philosophy at the Biblical Life Institute near Freeport, PA.

A one-day event at Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 (\$20.00 at the door).

Get details and register at [wpaumc.org/events](http://wpaumc.org/events)

## 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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## **MOTHER'S DAY - BLANKET SUNDAY**

### **MAY 14, 2017**

The Outreach Ministry Annual  
Church World Service blanket sale is *today*.

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.



**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**EKKLESIA MUSICIAN:**

**SUE GARTON,  
HANDBELL SOLOIST**

Sue Garton returns to our Ekklesia Service this Saturday with her beautiful tapestry of music. Sue will begin to play gathering music at 6:45 PM.

Don't miss it!

*Congregation Appreciation Event  
and Dinner*

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

*Dinner will follow in Fellowship Hall.*