



First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA

May 21, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Pocket Change Sunday  
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"

He will give you another  
that He may  
**Helper**  
abide with you forever -  
the Spirit of truth.  
John 14:16-17a

\* 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 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152  
*\*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.**

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

No. 887

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45) “All the Praise of a Lifetime”  
arr. Don Hart

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

“Calvary”  
John Carter

Fred Pershing, Soloist

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

PSALTER

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Psalm 66:8-20

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Wilbur Held

\*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

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

No. 393

(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Pocket Change for a Purpose” Collection

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 109 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

John 14:15-21

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**“A HELPER”**

Pastor Steve, preaching

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“Blessed Quietness”**

No. 2142

\*BENEDICTION

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

No. 162

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

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

\*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Donald Busarow

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



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - May 27**

**FEATURES: FORREST MOORE, PIANO**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of their children,  
*Lilly and Vivian* by their parents Nevin & Mallory Baker.

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

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

- |               |   |                                     |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ORGANIST:     | - Valerie Stipcak   |                                     |
| LITURGIST:    | - Judy Molter   |                                     |
| ACOLYTE:      | - Jayme Flock   |                                     |
| ALTAR GUILD:  | - Brandie Hirst   |                                     |
| COFFEE HOUR:  | - Cindy Jackson   | <b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Marilyn McSparrin |
| GREETERS:     | - Bill Conrad   | <b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Hirst Family      |
| NURSERY:      | - Kristin Labian & Brandi Jurkiewicz  |                                     |
| SOUND SYSTEM: | - Tim Willcox   |                                     |
| TECH TEAM:    | - (8:30) Jan Stewart  | (10:45) Cheryl Lennert              |
| USHERS:       | - (8:30) Bill Conrad and John Weaver  |                                     |
|               | -(10:45) Carol Jean Albaugh, Kay Gernhardt, Barb Tucci,<br>Cathy Willcox, Marsha Zabrosky |                                     |

**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:** Maylee, daughter of Dawn Smail & her family; Michelle, daughter of Pat Handlin; Patty; Melonie & Micah; Art Faust; Iris, daughter of Jean Faust; Ruth Deyoe; George Fagert; Bob Roudabush's family; Ken Keiser; Dave McDowell; Ruth Hughes

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

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <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. 5/21           **Read - Genesis 22:1-19**  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Pocket Change Collection  
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  
4:30 PM - Congregation Appreciation Day
- Mon. 5/22           **Read - Genesis 25:7-26**  
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts-FH  
6:00 PM - Daisies-NH  
6:30 PM - Healing Hearts-Lounge  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 5/23           **Read - Genesis 28:1-22**  
9:30 AM - NO Bible Study
- Wed. 5/24           **Read - Genesis 35:1-15**  
6:30 PM - NO Bible Study
- Thurs. 5/25           **Read - Acts 1:1-11**  
8:30 AM - Circuit Rider Assembly-FH  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH  
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters-Sanctuary  
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers-Bell Room (last practice)  
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room
- Fri. 5/26           **Read - Acts 1:12-26**
- Sat. 5/27           **Read - Psalm 47**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Forrest Moore, Piano

### **NEXT SUNDAY 5/28/17:**

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Graduate Sunday  
Read: John 17:1-11  
Sermon: ***"A Prayer for US!"***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** Our church will recognize our high school and college graduates during the 10:45 AM worship service on **May 28**. A *“Reception on the Porch”* will take place after the service. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to meet and greet our graduates!

**ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK** is TODAY at Twin Lakes County Park. Registration and opening prayer begins at 1:30 PM. The walk starts at 2 PM.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP** - There is still time to register for summer church camp, but do it soon so you get the camp you prefer and the week you want to go! 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 TODAY. 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.

**POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE** collection is TODAY 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.

**SUMMER VACATION** has started for the Children’s Chimes and Halo Choir! Fred & Karen Pershing wish you ALL a great summer and look forward to an exciting next season. Chimes start back on September 10 and the Halos start on September 14.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC** is Sunday, **July 23** at 10:45 AM at Mt. Odin Park! Watch for details.

### **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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### MISSION TEAM HUDDLE

**Sunday, June 4**-meet at 5:30 PM at the church

Huddle at Pastor John & Christine

Zimmerman's R.V. at First UMC in McKeesport

For more info, please contact Janet Craig at  
724.838.0384.

### YOUTH TRIP-JULY 9, 2017

STATLER'S FUN CENTER  
RT. 30, GREENSBURG

6-8:30 PM

GO-CART RIDES, MINI GOLF & FOOD  
COST \$10



## Annual Conference 2017 is scheduled for June 7-11 at Grove City College

Pastor Steve as well as Janet Craig, Judy Molter, and Pastor Jill will be attending. Also, Jordan Hirst will serve as a Youth Page again this year.

Please pray for their safety and guidance as decisions are made to further the work of God's Kingdom.

## REMINDER

*Congregation Appreciation Event  
is TODAY beginning with an  
Organ Recital at 4:30 PM.*

*Dinner will follow in  
Fellowship Hall.*

### CONFIRMATION CLASS DIAPER DRIVE



The Confirmation Class would like to thank the congregation and Harrold Middle School for their donation of diapers for the “Moms Helping Moms” diaper drive. The class collected 3,489 diapers for families in need in Westmoreland County.

Thanks be to God!