



\*THE PEACE

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, let us be reconciled to each other. Please greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

\*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

*Liliana Sue Anderson*

UMH #39

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“Ain’t Got Time to Die”  
Hall Johnson

Chancel Choir  
Pastor Steve, Soloist

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.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Largo from Xerxes

G.H. Handel

\*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

**“Living for Jesus”**

No. 2149

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jesus Loves Me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. In this Pentecost season we ask that you would pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to your will and your way. Amen.**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***“WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?”***

Pastor Steve, preaching

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

Pat Ebert, SPRC Chairperson

THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY

Janet Craig & Judy Boyd

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Pastor Jill

RELEASE FROM MINISTRY

Pastor: I thank you, the members and friends of First United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor.

**ALL: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT

Pat Ebert, SPRC Chairperson

SPRC Chair: Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Anette Gerber who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that she is well qualified And has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Cynthia Moore-Koikoi.

Pastor Anette, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor Anette: Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

SPRC Chair: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Rev. Anette Gerber in these ministries?

**Congregation: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

SPRC Chair: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

**Congregation: who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

SPRC Chair: Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Rev. Anette Gerber as our pastor and Rev. Jill Croushore as our associate pastor. Give them and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Anette, receive this stole, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor. Amen.

Pastor Anette: This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself. Let us pray together.

**ALL: Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING & LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Congregation: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.**

Pastor Anette: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Pastor Jill

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT      **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**      No. 2129

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      “A Parting Blessing”      Chancel Choir  
Jerome Williams

\*POSTLUDE      Toccata on Amazing Grace      J. Christopher Pardini

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



THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Pastor Steve* and *Pastor Net* by the Congregation.

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is in memory of *Jane E. Lute* who went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Jane was a member of this congregation since 1937.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

- Sun. 6/25           **Read - Galatians 2:1-21**  
10:00 AM - Worship-Sanctuary  
12:00 Noon - Celebration Luncheon-FH
- Mon. 6/26           **Read - Galatians 3:1-14**  
9:30 AM - ZUMBA-FH  
7:00 PM - Women Supporting Women-Lounge  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 6/27           **Read - Galatians 3:15-4:7**
- Wed. 6/28           **Read - Galatians 4:8-31**  
9:30 AM - ZUMBA-FH
- Thurs. 6/29           **Read - Galatians 5:1-26**  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
- Fri. 6/30           **Read - Galatians 6:1-18**
- Sat. 7/1           **Read - Matthew 18:15-35**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Janet Lord

### **NEXT SUNDAY 7/2/17:**

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Read: Matthew 10:40-42



Thank you all for the many opportunities and friendships I experienced during my service as your church secretary. I will miss hearing from you, helping you and just keeping the church office humming! I am looking forward to the next stage of my life and plan to enjoy every minute of it. I am truly blessed! Thank you,  
Janet

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

## 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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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS** for the month of June is **HOSPITALITY**. *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING** - there are two opportunities for training this summer: Sunday, July 16 or Sunday, August 27 from 9:30-10:30 AM. Any adult who is employed by the church, works with children or youth, has keys to the church building or works with the Welcome Home shelter is required to attend one of these training classes. Please call the church office to register.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is Sunday, July 30 thru Thursday, August 3. Dinner will be served daily at 5:30 PM and “SOUNDWAVE” opening begins at 6 PM. Register NOW! Forms are in the media rack.

**HAPPY FEET**-the Outreach Committee is participating in the Happy Feet Project again this year. Look for the “shoes” in the back of the sanctuary each Sunday of June, July and August. All donations go toward purchasing new school shoes for needy children in our school districts.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC** is Sunday, July 23 at the Heather Lund Pavilion at Mt. Odin Park. The 8:30 service will be held in the sanctuary. The 10:45 service will be at the park followed by lunch. If you have any questions, please call Sherry Miller at 724.537.9366.

# Farewell to Our Dear Pastor

Alice Hansch Mortenson



'Tis hard indeed to voice the mingled feelings  
That overflow our loving hearts today.  
There's aching grief and tears because of parting;  
But, joy, deep joy, because you came our way.

How good it was of God to let you come here  
To work among us for this little space;  
How privileged indeed that we have known YOU,  
Have heard your words and looked upon your face.

And though our love would hold you here forever,  
The fellowship has been so deep, so sweet,  
We have no right to keep you when the Master  
Would send you forth to sow His Word and reap.

We've gladly given precious sons and daughters,  
And thrilled when they responded to the call,  
And now we place you, too, upon the altar,  
For perfect consecration covers all.

And so we say farewell to our dear pastor;  
Oh, may God's love enfold you as you go;  
For, after all, there is no separation  
For those who've really found the Crimson Flow.

For Calvary has bound us close together  
In precious tie no miles can ever erase;  
And someday soon — oh, it may be tomorrow,  
We'll rise to meet our Savior face to face.