



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

July 9, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship
5th Sunday after Pentecost
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"



* 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Robert Lind

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 384

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in you we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Give to us such faithfulness of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish desire may deter us from knowing your will and no weakness in doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith

No. 883

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Patriotism

Ed Meadows

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“Give Me Jesus”
H. T. Burleigh

Candice Shaughnessy, 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 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

PSALTER

UMH 795

Psalm 72

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Come Unto Him

G. F. 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

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”
(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

No. 402

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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.

SCRIPTURE

(Page 157 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Romans 7:15-25a

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Wicked Tuna”

Pastor Net, preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

No. 396

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

“Alleluia, Alleluia” refrain
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

No. 162

*POSTLUDE

The Kingsfold Trumpet
“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”

Alfred V. Fedak



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - July 15

FEATURES: CANDICE SHAUGHNESSY, VOCALS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

LITURGIST:	- Sam Detar	
ACOLYTE:	- Jayden Molter	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Cathy Willcox	
LEMONADE ON PORCH:	- Carol Jean Albaugh	NEXT WEEK: Pam Swank
GREETERS:	- Carol Jean Albaugh	NEXT WEEK: Pam Swank
NURSERY:	- Jean Faist	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Aiden Hartman	
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.)

Prayer & Health Concerns: Victoria Behrendt's pappy; Ruth Deyoe; Gerry Enlow; George Fagert; Chloe Hightower; Sharon; Ken Keiser; Melanie Marody; Nate Pryzybylek ; Jim Rule

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-Friday 8 AM-4 PM

Sun. 7/9 **Read - Exodus 5:22-6:13**
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary
9:30 AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Among Friends-Heritage Room;
Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library
12:00 PM - Lemonade on the Porch
6:00 PM - Youth Trip-Statler's Fun Center

Mon. 7/10 **Read - Exodus 12:1-20**
9:30 AM - ZUMBA-FH
6:00 PM - Women Supporting Women-Lounge
7:00 PM - SPRC-Library
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR

Tues. 7/11 **Read - Exodus 12:21-36**
10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry-Lounge

Wed. 7/12 **Read - Exodus 12:37-51**
9:30 AM - ZUMBA-FH
5:45 PM - Diabetes Prevention-Lounge

Thurs. 7/13 **Read - Exodus 13:1-10**
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
5:00 PM - Wedding Rehearsal
6:00 PM - Food Bank Set up-FH

Fri. 7/14 **Read - Genesis 18:1-15**
8:00 AM - Food Bank Distribution-FH
3:00 PM - Wedding
5:00 PM - Cabaret Rehearsal-Sanctuary
7:00 PM - Recital/Cabaret Event-Sanctuary

Sat. 7/15 **Read - Genesis 21:1-21**
- *CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES DUE-AUGUST ISSUE
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Candice Shaughnessy, Vocals

NEXT SUNDAY 7/16/17:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 6th Sunday after Pentecost-"Pocket Change Collection"
Read: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for the month of July is **PATRIOTISM**. Remember our war heroes who brought freedom to this great land that we live in.

YOUTH TRIP is TODAY at Statler's Fun Center at 6:00 PM. The youth can ride go-carts, play mini gold and enjoy a meal for \$10. Please see Laramie Cowan for more information.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS TODAY. Please place your donations in the Food Bank Cart in the Hall through July 13. Food Bank distribution is Friday, July 14.

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.

POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE collection is Sunday, July 16. Proceeds will benefit Central Westmoreland "Habitat for Humanity". Your donations will help cover the cost of the current project which is the rehabilitation of two homes on Jefferson Avenue (near Westmoreland Hospital).

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.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY -It's that time of year again! Please look for the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. The Outreach Committee is asking that you take an ornament with the donation amount you desire, place the ornament and donation in an envelope and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

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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**See what all the buzz
is about at VBS!**

Sunday, July 30, 2017 thru
Thursday, August 3

Dinner served daily 5:30 PM

"Soundwave" begins at 6 PM
Parents should arrive at
8 PM to enjoy "Funshop
Finale"

Register NOW! Fill out the
registration form in the
media rack.

Friday, July 14, 2017 7:00 PM

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Then Sings My Soul...

Then sings my soul... is an interactive recital/cabaret event. Candice Shaughnessy will be singing a variety of music based on the human spiritual experience and talking about her personal experiences.



This is an informal event and there will be a reception after.

A portion of the donations from the event will go to a charity of the host's choice.