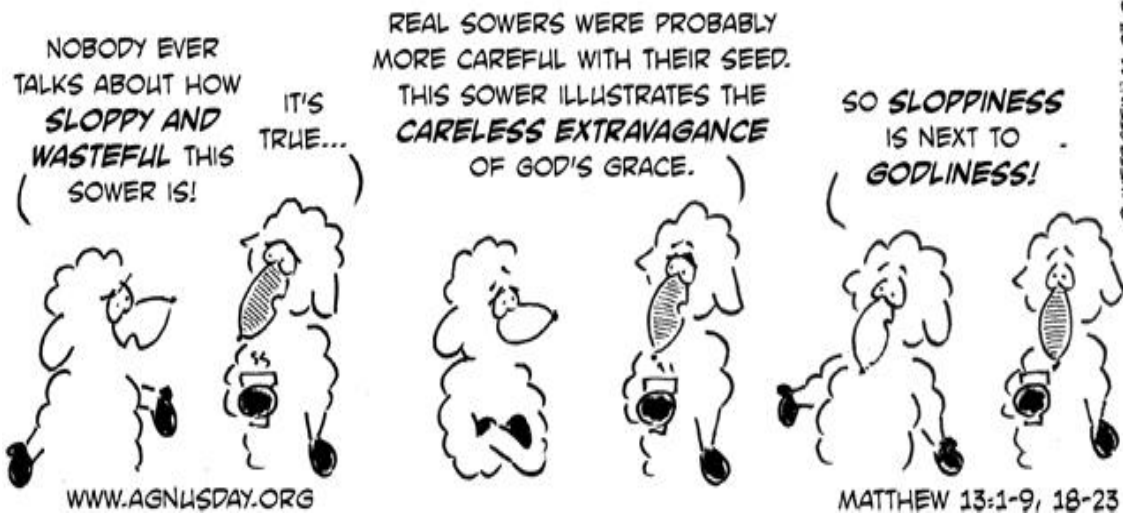




**First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA**

*July 16, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Pocket Change Sunday  
"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

God Himself Is Present

Barbara Harbach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"How Can We Name a Love?"*

No. 111

*\*Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*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 of the United Church of Canada No. 883

MINISTRY IN MUSIC “The Lost Chord” Br. James Caffrey, Jr., OSL  
Arthur Sullivan

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**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 25:19-34

PSALTER UMH Psalm 25

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:1-11

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory What a Friend We Have in Jesus Robert A. Hobby

\*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 “Open My Eyes No. 454  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Pocket Change for a Purpose" Collection

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 13 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Prodigal Farmer"

Pastor Net, preaching

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Hymn of Promise"

No. 707

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION "Alleluia, Alleluia" *refrain*

No. 162

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

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

\*POSTLUDE

This Is My Father's World

Edward Broughton

**"The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin"**

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



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - July 22**

**FEATURES: AUBREY DULANEY, VOICE & GUITAR**

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

- LITURGIST: - Judy Molter
- ACOLYTE: - Jordan Hirst
- ALTAR GUILD: - Cathy Wilcox
- LEMONADE ON PORCH: - Pam Swank
- GREETERS: - Pam Swank
- 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,  
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.)

**Prayer & Health Concerns:** Victoria Behrendt's pappy; Ruth Deyoe; Gerry Enlow; George Fagert; Chloe Hightower; Sharon; Ken Keiser; Linda M; Melanie Marody; Sue Meadows; 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, Carlita Reed, Dorothy Rutter
- Greensburg Care Center:** Alice Murphy, Marilyn Cornell
- RNC:** Art Faust
- Weatherwood Manor:** Helen Wolfgang
- HOME:** Charleen Ringler

Due to the transition of pastors, the August Circuit Rider will be combined with the September issue and mailed in the middle of August. All articles are due in the Office by July 31.

***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-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM**

- Sun. 7/16            **Read -** Exodus 15:19-27  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Pocket Change Collection  
9:30 AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Among Friends-Heritage Room;  
Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library  
12:00 PM - Lemonade on Porch
- Mon. 7/17            **Read -** Exodus 16:1-21  
9:30 AM - Zumba-FH  
6:00 PM - Women Supporting Women-Library  
6:30 PM - Healing Hearts-Lounge  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 7/18            **Read -** Exodus 16:22-36
- Wed. 7/19            **Read -** Exodus 17:1-16  
9:30 AM - Zumba-FH  
7:00 PM - Vacation Bible School Meeting-North Hall  
7:30 PM - Finance-Library
- Thurs. 7/20            **Read -** Leviticus 16:1-19  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
- Fri. 7/21            **Read -** Leviticus 16:20-34
- Sat. 7/22            **Read -** 2 Samuel 9:1-13  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Aubrey Dulaney, voice and guitar

### **NEXT SUNDAY 7/23/17:**

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM - Sanctuary; 10:45 AM - Heather Lund Pavilion, Mt. Odin

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

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

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 today. 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 next 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!

## SCHEDULING CHANGES

Jackie Tepper is serving as an interim secretary and will be in the Office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM -Noon through July 26. If you have information that needs to be in the weekly bulletin, please submit it by 4:00 PM on Tuesdays. Bulletins will be run on Wednesday mornings. 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

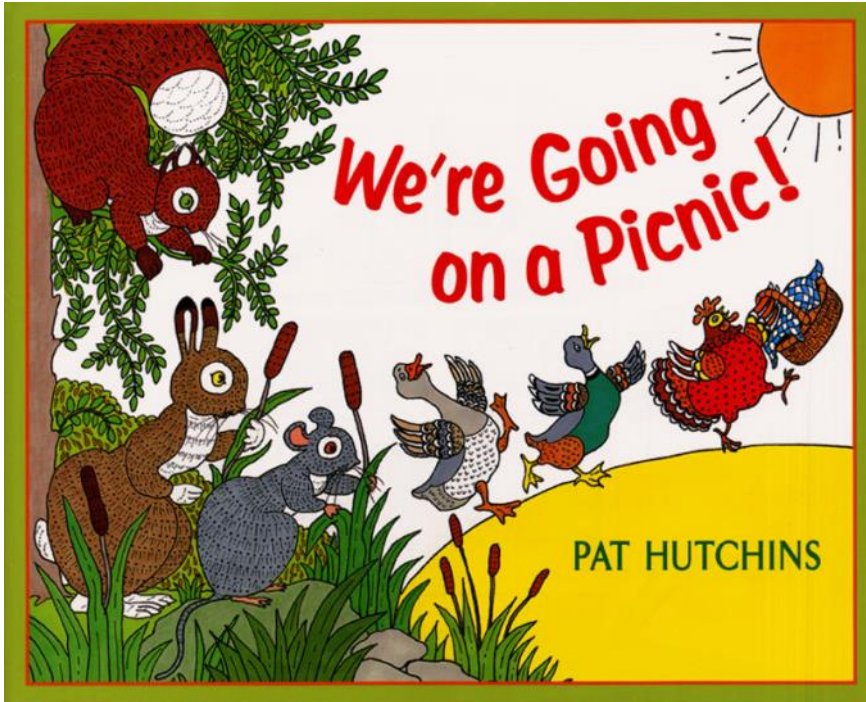
Dinner served daily-5:30 PM

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

Register NOW! Fill out the  
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We're going on a picnic!!! Won't you come too?

Join us next Sunday at the Heather Lund Pavilion at Mt. Odin Park for our 10:45 AM service.

Following the service, the UMW is providing a wonderful picnic lunch. If you have a favorite side dish you would like to share with the congregation, please bring it. It's always great to try new dishes.