



First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA

July 23, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship  
7<sup>th</sup> 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

How Firm a Foundation

Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

No. 334

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

\*OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us for all of our lives. We thank you for your constant presence. Still, we come to you now, asking that you light our way and guide our paths. Descend to us and bless us with the knowledge of your presence. Raise our thoughts to heavenly heights and grant us your wisdom and your grace. Hold us fast in this time of worship, that we may feel your comfort and discern your guidance. 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 of the United Church of Canada*

No. 883

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“I Will Follow”

Chris Tomlin

Nicole Savage

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 28:10-19a

PSALTER

UMH 854

Psalms 139

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast

Rolf Unkel

\*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

**“A Charge to Keep I Have”**

No. 413

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

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 14 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***“WEEDING THE GARDEN”***

Pastor Net, preaching

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

No. 694

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

***“Alleluia, Alleluia” refrain***

No. 162

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

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

\*POSTLUDE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Timothy Albrecht

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



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - JULY 29**

**FEATURES: LINDA ROSE, PIANO**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of *Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lauffer* by Carol Constantine and family.

**THE ROSES ON THE ALTAR** are in honor of the births of  
*Lillian Grace*, on June 29, daughter of Jonathan and Erin Hartland and granddaughter of Ed and Debbie Mikita  
and Ray and Diane Hartland;  
and *Declan Shawn*, on July 15, son of Liz and Patrick Comer.

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

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

LITURGIST:	- None	
ACOLYTE:	- None	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Cathy Willcox	
LEMONADE ON PORCH:	- None	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Marilyn McSparrin
GREETERS:	- None	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Ardi and Bill Hill
NURSERY:	- None	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Riley Hirst	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Jan Stewart	
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad and John Weaver	
	- (10:45) United Methodist Women	

**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:** Ruth DeYoe; Gerry Enlow; Ken Keiser; Linda M; Marianne; Melanie Marody; Sue Meadows; Jim Rule

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, Carlita Reed, Dorothy Rutter
<b>Greensburg Care Center:</b>	Alice Murphy, Marilyn Cornell
<b>RNC:</b>	Art Faust, Gerry Enlow
<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 12:30-4:00 PM**

- Sun. 7/23            **Read - Psalm 32**  
8:30 AM - Worship-Sanctuary  
10:45 AM - Service at Heather Lund Pavilion - Mt. Odin Park  
12:00 Noon - Church Picnic - Heather Lund Pavilion - Mt. Odin Park
- Mon. 7/24            **Read - Psalm 43**  
9:30 AM - Zumba-FH  
6:00 PM - Women Supporting Women-Lounge  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 7/25           **Read - Psalm 56**  
7:00 PM - Crèche Show Meeting-Library
- Wed. 7/26            **Read - Psalm 57**  
9:30 AM - Zumba-FH  
7:30 PM - Church Council-Lounge
- Thurs. 7/27           **Read - Psalm 68:1-20**  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
- Fri. 7/28             **Read - Psalm 68:21-35**
- Sat. 7/29             **Read - Psalm 80**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary - Linda Rose, Ragtime Piano

### **NEXT SUNDAY 7/30/17**

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Read: **Romans 8:26-39**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOOK CLUB:** The Book Club will meet at 12:15 on August 2, at the Ramada Conference Center. This month's book is "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. Marge Trumbetta will lead the discussion.

**ALL CHURCH SWIM PARTY** will be held at Veterans Memorial Pool at Lynch Field on Sunday, August 13th from 6-8 PM. All families are invited to attend. There is no charge for this event.

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

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING** - there is still an opportunity for training this summer on 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 this training classes. Please call the church office to register.

**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 July and August. All donations go toward purchasing new school shoes for needy children in our school districts.

**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!

**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.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC** is today, 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.

## SCHEDULING CHANGES

Jackie Tepper is serving as an interim secretary and will be in the Office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM -Noon through July 31. If you have information that needs to be in the weekly bulletin, please submit it by 11:00 AM on Tuesdays. Bulletins will be run on Wednesday mornings.

## 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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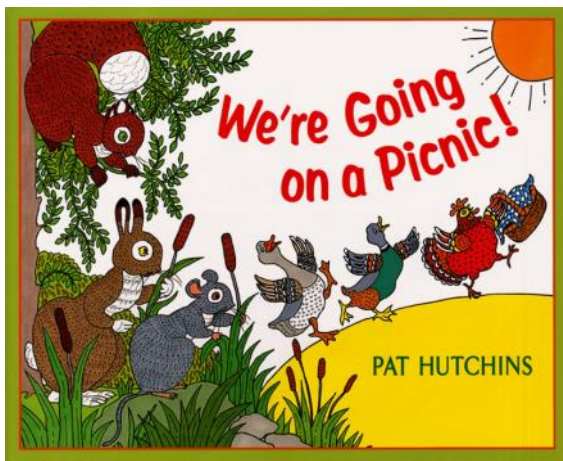
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We're going on a picnic!!! Won't you come too?

Join us today 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.

See you there!!



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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.

