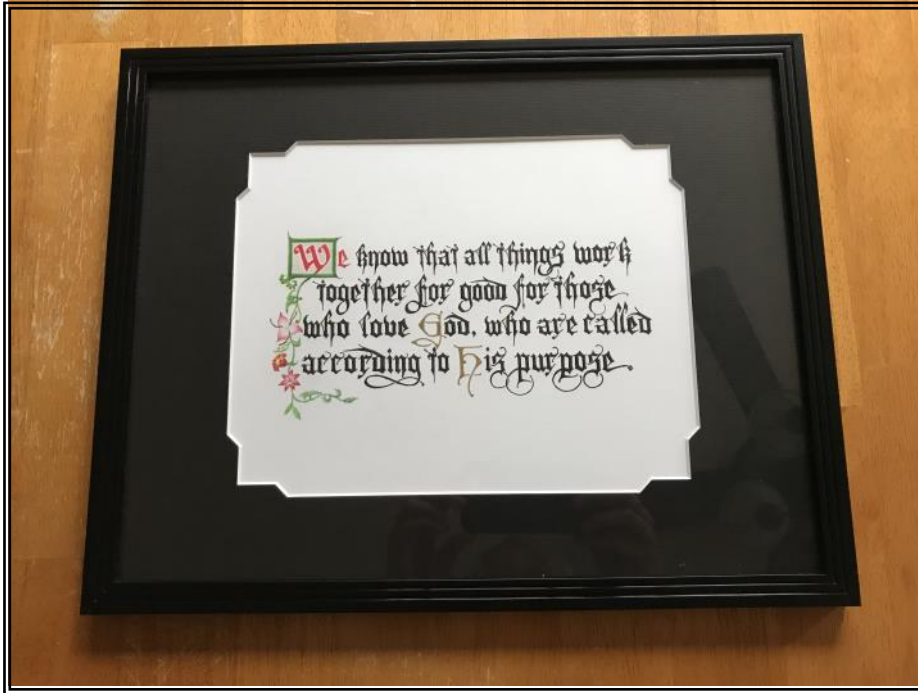




First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

July 30, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship
8th 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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Stanzas 1-4)

No. 79

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39

No. 887

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“My Hope Is In You”
April Geesbrecht

Heather Weaver

CALL TO PRAYER

No. 473

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 29:15-28

PSALTER

UMH 828

Psalms 105:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

*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

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
(The children are invited to come forward during the last verse)

No. 480

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 158 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Romans 8:26-39

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jill Croushore, preaching

“WHEN THE WAVES TURN THE MINUTES TO HOURS”

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“It Is Well with My Soul”

No. 377

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” (*Stanza 1*)

No. 663

Savior, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.

*POSTLUDE

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”

EKKLESIA – A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM August 5th

FEATURES: PATRICIA FITZPATRICK, PIANO



THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is given in memory of Marilyn Cornell,
who went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 19.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

LITURGIST:	- Dennis Kennedy	
ACOLYTE:	- Riley Hirst	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Cathy Willcox	
LEMONADE ON PORCH:	- Marilyn McSparrin and the Hirst Family	NEXT WEEK: Jacquelyn Hebrank
GREETERS:	- Ardi and Bill Hill	NEXT WEEK: Ginny and Dave Grandey
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Tim Willcox	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Kelly Wichrowski (10:45) Tracy Barr	
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad and John Weaver	
	- (10:45) One usher from each team	

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; Ken Keiser; Linda M; Melanie Marody; Melonie; Sue Meadows; 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
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-Thursday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

Sun. 7/30

Read - Psalm 103

8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary

5:30 PM - Vacation Bible School-FH

Mon. 7/31

Read - Psalm 113

9:30 AM - Zumba-FH

5:30 PM - Vacation Bible School-FH

6:00 PM - Women Supporting Women-Chapel

Tues. 8/1

Read - Philippians 1:1-30

5:30 PM - Vacation Bible School-FH

Wed. 8/2

Read - Philippians 2:1-30

9:30 AM - Zumba-FH

5:30 PM - Vacation Bible School-FH

Thurs. 8/3

Read - Philippians 3:1-21

11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH

Fri. 8/4

Read - Philippians 4:1-1-23

Sat. 8/5

Read - Colossians 1:1-23

7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Patricia Fitzpatrick, Piano

NEXT SUNDAY 8/6/2017:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 9th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Sunday

Read: **Romans 9:1-5**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE POCKET CHANGE collection for July will provide \$264.50 to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your generous contributions.

BOOK CLUB: The Book Club will meet at 12:15 PM on August 2nd, 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.

FOOD BANK PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS are needed by our Food Pantry clients. Items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant and toothpaste cannot be purchased through the SNAP program (food stamps). We will gladly accept donations of the above products through August 27. Please place them in the Food Bank Cart. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS are needed for set-up on the Thursday evening before Food Bank. Set-up begins at 5:30 PM and only takes about an hour or so. August set-up is the 10th.

CIRCUIT RIDER INFORMATION for the September issue is due on August 15.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY is Friday, August 11. Please place your donations in the Food Bank cart in the hall through August 10.

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 class. 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 the last week of July so 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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**A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE WILL BE
HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13,
AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**ALL CHURCH LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND.**



A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE

Good News! Beginning on August 1st, our new secretary, Sandra Foreman, will be sitting at the desk as you enter the office.

Sandi comes to us from a nonprofit and has the experience, skills and the sense of mission so valued by our church. She is excited to start her job with us and has already come in to see how our Food Bank works.

Some of you already may have met her. If you have not, and are in the office from August 1st on, please make it a point to introduce yourself to Sandi. She is looking forward to getting to know all of us.

WELCOME SANDI !!