



First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA

August 13, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship  
10<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

It Is Well with My Soul

Bliss/Phillips

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

No. 103

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

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Amidst life's storms and raging waters, be with us in our times of need. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys that it may be said of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**

\*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

**“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”**

Kathy McLay, Soloist

Charles H. Gabriel

CALL TO PRAYER

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain**

**before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.**

(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 37:1-4, 12-28

PSALTER

Psalm 105:1-11

Pg. 828

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

**Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

Allan Mahnke

\*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

**“Love Lifted Me”**

(Insert)

(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:

Matthew 14:22-33

(Page 16 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Walk This Way”

Rev. Net Gerber, preaching

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“You are Mine”**

No. 2218

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**“God Be with You till We Meet Again” (v. 1)**

No. 672

**God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet  
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.**

\*POSTLUDE

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Timothy Albrecht



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - AUGUST 19**

**FEATURES: LINDA ROSE, RAGTIME PIANO**



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM**

- Sun. 8/13            **Read - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18**  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Communion  
9:30 AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library  
12:00 PM - Lemonade on the Porch
- Mon. 8/14            **Read - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28**  
9:30 AM - ZUMBA-FH  
6:00 PM - Women Supporting Women Bible Study-Lounge  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 8/15           **Read - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12**
- Wed. 8/16            **Read - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17**  
9:30 AM - ZUMBA-FH  
7:30 PM - Finance Meeting - Library
- Thurs. 8/17           **Read - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18**  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH  
7:00 PM - SPRC Meeting
- Fri. 8/18             **Read - 1 Timothy 1:1-20**
- Sat. 8/19             **Read - 1 Timothy 2:1-15**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-

### **NEXT SUNDAY 8/20/2017:**

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Read: 1 Timothy 3:1-16**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS** for the month of August is **MISSION**.

**ALL CHURCH SWIM PARTY** will be held at Veterans Memorial Pool at Lynch Field today 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.

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

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



**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped with *Vacation Bible School!* Whatever part you played, thank you very much. We could not have done it without you. A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Kathy Griffith for ALL the work coordinating this wonderful ministry!

**CIRCLEVILLE UMC** has 8 extra tickets to the August 17th Faith Night Pirates game. Please contact Rev. Ray Lyon at 724-864-1581 if you are interested in the tickets.

**MADISON HILLTOP** is having a Peach Festival August 26th from 3-7 PM. To find out more contact Rev. Randy Sweet at 724-446-5495 or [sweet.rd@rocketmail.com](mailto:sweet.rd@rocketmail.com)

**THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR HOSPITALITY TENT** is still in need of people to staff the event in 2 hour shifts. Please call Pastor John Seith @ Cell 724-833-4700 if you are able to help. All volunteers who work a 2 hour shift will receive 2 free passes to the fair.

## 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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**2017 Bible Studies will meet Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and Wednesday at 6:00 PM - Meet in the Library**

**A sign-up sheet for the Wednesday evening Bible Studies is located in the Narthex.**

**A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE  
CONCERNING THE SALE OF THE PARSONAGE  
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20,  
AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.  
ALL CHURCH LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
ATTEND.**

# **ALL CHURCH SWIM PARTY**

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NO CHARGE**



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Lynch Field  
Sunday, August 13th  
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