



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

September 10, 2017 8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Empower your relationship with God

* 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Beethoven/Schrader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

No. 141

Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

*OPENING PRAYER

Wonderful and merciful God, we come to you this day with open minds and grateful hearts. You called us to be your people, and to share with others the richness of your love. We are thankful for those you have called to be your servants in the teaching-learning ministry of our congregation. Use them as instruments of your grace in such a way that those who would be taught can not only hear their voices and see their actions, but that they may hear your voice through them. Help us to understand the gifts in each of us, so we may also be faithful to your call. 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

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“With A Voice of Singing”
Shaw

Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER

“Lead Me, Lord”

No. 473

**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 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.**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“Let There Be Peace”

Helen Turkalj, Soloist

WE HEAR THE WORD

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Malcolm Archer

*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

“Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

No. 191

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (10:45 AM)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, you caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. May your holy teaching be food and nourishment for our soul, light to guide and protect our path, and life and health to all who love your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (Page 163-4 in the Old Testament Pew Bible) Deuteronomy 6:1-25
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "SAY IT AIN'T SO" Rev. Net Gerber, preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS (10:45 AM)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" Back Cover

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION "Sent Forth By God's Blessing (Stanza 1) No. 664
**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

*POSTLUDE My Soul the King of Heaven Timothy Albrecht
"The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin"



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG
SATURDAY - 7 PM - September 16
FEATURES: TOM SHIRER, PIANO**

THE CARNATIONS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF FRANK MOSER, WHO WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH AND CARLITA M. REED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF JEAN AND EDWIN MASON BY BETTY DAVERSE.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God .

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

LITURGIST:	- Sam Detar	
ACOLYTE:	- Ryan Barr	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Lois Reed	
COFFEE HOUR:	- Pam Swank	NEXT WEEK: Laurel Sedlacko
GREETERS:	- (8:30 AM) Ed Meadows & Laurel Sedlacko	
	(10:30 AM) Pam Swank	NEXT WEEK: Laurel Sedlacko
NURSERY	- Marlene Skiavo	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Aidan Hartman	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Jan Stewart (10:45) Tracy Barr	
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad and George Fagert	
	-(10:45) Bruce Blackson, Ed Mikita, and 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: Izzy; Sue Meadows; Holly; Sharon Detar; Mallory Baker, Melissa Pickford Baker; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Sarah Swanson; Carolyn “Sis” Twigg; Chuck Daniel; Mel Zchetti; Jim; the Exon family; all those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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
Weatherwood Manor:	Helen Wolfgang
Latrobe Select Specialty Care:	Mildred Stubbs
Home:	Art Faust, Sharon Detar, 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-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

- Sun. 9/10 **Read - Matthew 22:15-33**
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary - Communion
9:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour
- Mon. 9/11 **Read - Matthew 23:1-12**
- Tues. 9/12 **Read - Matthew 23:13-28**
9:30 AM - Bible Study - Library
- Wed. 9/13 **Read - 1 Corinthians 1:1-17**
6:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
 “Making Sense of the Bible.”
6:30 PM - Crèche Show Meeting - Lounge
- Thurs. 9/14 **Read - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
5:00 PM - Wedding Rehearsal
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters
6:00 PM - Halos
6:30 PM - Kids Rock
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir
- Fri. 9/15 **Read - 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**
- Sat. 9/16 **Read - 1 Corinthians 3:1-23**
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Tom Shirer, Piano

NEXT SUNDAY 9/17/2017:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Read: 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for the month of September is **SUNDAY SCHOOL**.

CIRCUIT RIDER INFORMATION for the October-November issue is due on Friday, September 15.

2018 BUDGET REQUEST FORMS have been distributed. If you did not receive a form in your mailbox, please pick one up in the Church Office. Budget request forms are due in the Church Treasurer's mailbox no later than Sunday, October 1st.

THE CRÈCHE SHOW MEETING is on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM in the Lounge. There is much work that needs to be done before the show on November 30 - December 2. If you are interested in assisting this committee, please feel welcome to attend this meeting. If you want to assist but cannot attend the meeting, call Mary Stillman at 724-834.6547.

SPARK MISSION TEAM is once again collecting new or very gently used hats, gloves, and scarfs. We also are collecting new socks (any size). These items will be distributed during the cold weather months to those in need. A box has been provided in the hallway to collect these items.

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
starting on Sept. 12th and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM,
starting on**

Sept. 6th - Meet in the Library.

A sign-up sheet for the Wednesday evening

Bible Study is located in the Narthex





TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write in my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard
Tell how the angels in chorus
Sang as they welcomed his birth
“Glory to God in the highest!
Peace and good tidings on
earth.”

*Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write in my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.*

Fasting alone in the desert,
Tell of the days that are past;
How for our sins he was tempt-
ed,
Yet was triumphant at last,
Tell of the years of his labor,
Tell of the sorrow he bore;
He was despised and afflicted,
Homeless, rejected and poor.

Chorus

Tell of the cross where they nailed
him,
Writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid
Him,
Tell how he liveth again.
Love in that story so tender,
Clearer than ever I see;
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,
Love paid the ransom for me.

Chorus

Words: Fanny Crosby
Music: John R. Sweeney