



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

September 24, 2017 8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"

Hangry?



* 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

Give Me Jesus

Richard Billingham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT (10:45 AM)

"This Is The Day"

Alice Parker

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

No. 519

Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

*OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, we thank you for your wondrous gifts and your constant love. Guide us on the journey of faith, and feed us with your sustaining grace. Live in us this day, that we might live in you and answer your call. In Christ's holy name, we pray. 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.

**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

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45 AM)

“O Living Bread of Heaven”
Lloyd Larson

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

“Ezekiel Saw The Wheel”
Arranged by: Bill Ingram

Bonnie Ross Ringers

WE HEAR THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

PSALTER

UMH 828

Psalm 105:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

Walter L. Pelz

*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

“ Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

No. 127

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

(Pages 62-63 in the Old Testament Pew Bible)
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 16:2-15

SERMON

“EVER BEEN HANGRY?”

Rev. Net Gerber, preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“God Will Take Care of You”

No. 130

*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

Salvation Unto Us Has Come
“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”

J. S. Bach



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG
SATURDAY - 7 PM - September 30, 2017
FEATURES: REVS. AIMEÉ & AUGIE TWIGG, VOICE & GUITAR**

THE CARNATIONS ON THE ALTAR ARE IN MEMORY OF SHARON DETAR AND WILLIAM CROW-ELL, WHO WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH .

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Brian Blum.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God and in honor of Frank & Mary Stillman's 60th Anniversary.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

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| LITURGIST: | - Dennis Kennedy | |
| ACOLYTE: | - Aidan Hartman | |
| ALTAR GUILD: | - Lois Reed | |
| COFFEE HOUR: | - Brandi Jurkiewicz | NEXT WEEK: Randi Wichrowski |
| GREETERS: | - (8:30 AM) Ed Meadows & Laurel Sedlacko | |
| | - (10:45 AM) Barb Tucci & Bob Bloom | |
| NURSERY | - Jean Faust | |
| SOUND SYSTEM: | - Riley Hirst | |
| TECH TEAM: | - (8:30) Jan Stewart | (10:45) Tracy Barr |
| USHERS: | - (8:30) Bill Conrad and George Fagert | |
| | - (10:45) Ryan Barr; Callysta Fontanazza; Chloe Fontanazza; | |
| | Aidan Hartman; Michelle Savage; Kasey Storkel | |

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: Sue Meadows; Holly; Mildred Stubbs; Lynn; Mallory Baker; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Carolyn "Sis" Twigg; Chuck Daniel; Mel Zachetti; Jim; Eileen Trout; Melonie, Micah and Jeff; David Grandey; Joann Miller; the Exon family; all those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND CARE CENTER MEMBERS:

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| Paramount Sr. Living: | Charles (Dick) Smith |
| Brookdale Latrobe: | Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter |
| Greensburg Care Center: | Alice Murphy |
| RNC: | Ann Redd |
| Weatherwood Manor: | Helen Wolfgang |
| Home: | Art Faust, 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. 9/24

Read - Proverbs 12:1-28

8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes
9:30 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall
6:00-8:00 PM - Youth Group - Youth Rooms

Mon. 9/25

Read - Proverbs 13:1-25

6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 9/26

Read - James 1:1-27

9:30 AM - Bible Study - The Book of Leviticus - Library

Wed. 9/27

Read - James 2:1-26

6:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
"Making Sense of the Bible."
7:30 PM - Church Council - Lounge

Thurs. 9/28

Read - James 3:1-18

8:30 AM - Circuit Rider Assembly - Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Transformer Children's Choir - North Hall
6:00 PM - Halos (Youth Choir) - Choir Room
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary
6:30 PM - Kids Rock - North Hall
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study - Library
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Fri. 9/29

Read - James 4:1-17

5:30 PM - Wedding Rehearsal

Sat. 9/30

Read - James 5:1-20

3:00 PM - Wedding
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary- Revs. Aimeé & Augie Twigg,
Voice & Guitar

NEXT SUNDAY 10/01/2017:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 NEXT CRÈCHE SHOW meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in the Library. 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 scarves. 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is Sunday, October 1st at 3:00 PM on the front lawn. All animals and owners/families are welcome.

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY to put the ordering of poinsettias on your calendar. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 6th.

ADDRESS CHANGES OR UPDATES Please notify the Church Office of any change or updates to your address. This will allow us to keep our records current and eliminate extra postage costs.

BEAUTIFUL REFINISHED PIANO free to the asking. If you would like to add this piano to your home, please contact Betty Guyer at 703-209-7844. The piano belongs to her mother who is moving out of state. It was totally refinished by her father who specialized in woodworking.

POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE collected \$2,269.00 on Sunday, September 17th for those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. The total collected for UMCOR to date from our congregation is \$2,714.00. If you still wish to contribute to this cause please make checks payable to FUMC with "UMCOR" on the memo line.

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 meet Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
in the Library.**

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



UMCOR Responds to Harvey

By Mary Andreolli*

UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams in Louisiana and Texas to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. We will continue to update this page and UMCOR social media as we receive new information.

5 Things You Can Do

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church and Central Texas Conference who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.

2. Make relief kits, send complete kits to our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse. Download the packing list and shipping label.

3. Partner with UMCOR in responding to the needs of communities and individuals impacted by Hurricane Harvey by giving to Advance #901670:

To give by mail:

Advance GCFA

P.O. Box 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068

Please note in the memo line: Advance 901670

4. Donate only those items requested.

5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.