



First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA

October 8, 2017 8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"

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\* 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 To God Be the Glory arr. J. Schrader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT (10:45 AM) "Pentecost" G. F. Pershing

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art" No. 77  
*\*Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Teacher, Liberator, and Savior, we are in awe of your glorious presence. Your holy wisdom revives and enlightens us. Your vast power releases slaves from captivity and makes mountains smoke. Our salvation comes in knowing Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. May our words and our meditations be pleasing to you, awesome God, our Rock and Redeemer! 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

Steven Garnaas-Holmes

**We believe in God, creator of all that is and all that is to come. In God's house are many rooms, and God prepares a place for us, so that where God is, we may be also.**

**We believe in God; we believe also in Christ, who is our way, our truth and our life. Through him we have seen God, who lived and worked in him.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us; so that we may do the works that Jesus does, and even greater works; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Alleluia. Amen.**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45 AM)

“None Other Lamb”  
Chancel Choir

Everett Reed

CALL TO PRAYER

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

No. 2193

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.  
(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

“In Christ Alone”  
Fred Pershing, Soloist

arr. David Angerman

### **WE HEAR THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

PSALTER

UMH 750, Response 1

Psalms 19

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

O Blest the House, Whate’er Befall

J. Pachelbel

\*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

**“My Hope is Built”**

No. 368

(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza)

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 198 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Philippians 3:4b-14

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**“FOCUS!”**

Rev. Net Gerber, preaching

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”**

No. 363

\*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

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

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



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - October 14, 2017**

**FEATURES: MIKE SIMONCELLI, PIANO**

**THE CARNATIONS ON THE ALTAR** are in memory of *ALTHEA I. DUNLAP*, MOTHER OF DEBORAH DUNLAP-WEINSTEIN, WHO WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017; AND *MILDRED STUBBS*, who passed away on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF CRAIG FAUST BY JEAN FAUST AND CHILDREN.

**THE BULLETIN** IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

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

<b>LITURGIST:</b>	- SAM DETAR	
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	- KASEY STORKEL	
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	- CATHY WILLCOX	
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	- SHARON BRONSON	<b>NEXT WEEK: JILL CROUSHORE</b>
<b>GREETERS:</b>	- (8:30) ED MEADOWS & LAUREL SEDLACKO	
	- (10:45) JEAN FAUST	<b>NEXT WEEK: BILL CONRAD</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>	- BRANDI JURKIEWICZ	
<b>SOUND SYSTEM:</b>	- AIDAN HARTMAN	
<b>TECH TEAM:</b>	- (8:30) KASEY STORKEL	(10:45) TRACY BARR
<b>USHERS:</b>	- (8:30) BILL CONRAD AND GEORGE FAGERT	
	- (10:45) BRUCE BLACKSON, ED MIKITA, KERRY THOMPSON	

**PLEASE LIFT OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER:**

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:** Bob McKnight; Diane Miller & family; Rilla Nash; Eileen Trout; David Grandey; Lynn; Melonie; Micah; Jeff; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Peggy Edwards; all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; and those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas.

**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
Presbyterian Senior Care:	Clara Lou Kern
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. 10/8                    Read - Isaiah 26  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary  
9:00 AM- Boy Scouts' popcorn sale on the porch (Both Services)  
9:00 AM- Children's Chimes - Chapel  
9:30 AM- Children & Adult Sunday School  
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall  
6:00 PM- SPARK Huddle  
6:00-8:00 PM- Youth Group - Youth Rooms

Mon. 10/9                    Read - Psalm 50  
6:30 PM- Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM - SPRC Meeting - Library  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 10/10                Read- Psalm 52  
9:30 AM- Bible Study - The Book of Leviticus - Library  
6:30 PM- Crèche Show Meeting - Library  
7:00 PM- Outreach Committee - Lounge

Wed. 10/11                Read - Psalm 72  
6:00 PM- Bible Study - Library  
                  "Making Sense of the Bible"  
7:30 PM- Nominations & Leadership Development - Library

Thurs. 10/12              Read - Psalm 73  
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
5:30 PM - Food Bank Set-up - 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. 10/13                Read - Psalm 75  
8:00 AM - Food Bank

Sat. 10/14                Read - Psalm 82  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary- Mike Simoncelli, Piano

NEXT SUNDAY 10/15/2017:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Read: Psalm 85

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS** for the month of October is **STEWARDSHIP**.

**THE NEXT CRÈCHE SHOW** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 6:30 PM 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.

**IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY** to put the ordering of poinsettias on your calendar. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 6th. Forms are available in the media rack.

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

**HEALING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:** A healing service hosted by Arona UMC, 237 Main St., Arona, PA 15617 - will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM with Pastor Karen Burns-Hecht as preacher. For more information, please call or email Pastor Bruce Anthony at (724) 610-5485 or apollos22@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CPR RECERTIFICATION:** To all interested in CPR Recertification, we will again be hosting Jeff Giddy, a Paramedic Instructor from Mutual Aid Ambulance Service for our CPR card renewal. After a short discussion and practice, he will see that cards are renewed even if past due. The course will be offered on Saturday or Sunday at 1:00 PM...to be determined by consensus of those who are planning on attending, October 21 or 22 or 28 or 29. Please note your preference on the sign-up sheet located on the small podium inside the front door. **JEFF IS DONATING HIS TIME FOR US!!!** I'm hoping for a "nice" turnout. MAAS, Inc. charged \$5 last year for the use of their equipment. If you missed the sign-up sheet, please call my home, 724-834-7794 and leave a message. God loves you and so do I! Laurel Sedlacko



## 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 weekly in the Library.**  
**Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - The Book of Leviticus**  
**Wednesdays at 6:00 PM - Making Sense of the Bible**



# **MOVIE NIGHT with a S.P.A.R.K.**

**Sunday, October 8th, at 6:00 PM**

**Pastor Jill's House**

**314 Ridgeway St, Greensburg**

**Fellowship – Learning – Food – Refreshments**



**A S.P.A.R.K. Mission Team Huddle**