



**First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA**

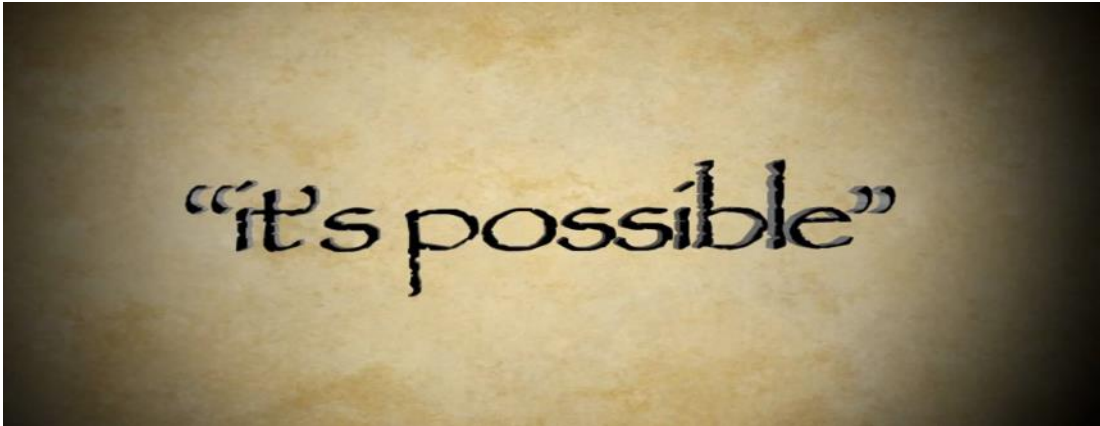
*January 14, 2018*

*8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship*

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Human Relations Day*

*"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**

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

PRELUDE                                      Jesus Calls Us                      arr. H. Alexander Matthews

INTROIT (10:45)                              Praise to the Lord                      arr. GF Pershing

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**                      No. 584  
*Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Thank you, God, for this Church Judy Boyd

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45) Here I Am Lord arr. Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind** (stanza 4) No. 358  
**Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;**  
**take from our souls the strain and stress,**  
**and let our order lives confess the beauty of thy peace.**  
(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.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10

PSALTER **UMH 854** Psalm 139:1-6-13-18

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott  
Fred Pershing, soloist

\*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

**Lord, Speak to Me**

No. 463

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

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 92-93 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

John 1:43-51

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**IT'S POSSIBLE**

Rev. Net Gerber

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here**

No. 579

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**We Would See Jesus** (stanza 5)

No. 256

**We would see Jesus, in the early morning, still as of old he calleth, "Follow me!"**

**Let us arise, all meaner service scorning; Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.**

\*POSTLUDE

Go Make of All Disciples

arr. Wilbur Held

*The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin.*



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - January 20, 2018**

**FEATURES: LINDA ROSE, RAGTIME PIANO**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Pam Swank's parents, Ken and Ethel Swank and Tom Seda.

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God.

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

ACOLYTE: - Bayley Molter  
ALTAR GUILD: - Mary Lou Fitzgerald  
COFFEE HOUR: - Pam Swank      **NEXT WEEK:** Dave Wichrowski  
GREETERS: - David & Virginia Grandey  
LITURGIST: - Sam Detar  
SOUND SYSTEM: - Aidan Hartman  
TECH TEAM: - (8:30) Jan Stewart      (10:45) Tracy Barr  
USHERS: - (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert  
          - (10:45) Bruce Blackson; Ed Mikita; 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:** John and Dorothy M. and family; Kirk; Nancy; Miki; Melonie; Micah; Mike, Jr.; Bob; Holly; Sandy Zimmerman; Robin Booker; Neil; Julie; Robin; Lucy; Rilla Nash; Ken Keiser.

**Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home and care center members:**

**Brookdale Latrobe:** Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter  
**Greensburg Care Center:** Alice Murphy  
**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. 1/14            **Read - Mark 5:21-43**  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship - Sanctuary  
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes - Chapel  
9:30 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School  
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall  
12:15 PM - Lunch with the Pastors - Fellowship Area
- Mon. 1/15            **Read - Mark 6:1-29**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King Observance**  
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM - Healing Hearts - **Not Meeting at the Church**  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - **Not Meeting at the Church**
- Tues. 1/16           **Read - Mark 6:30-56**  
**FEBRUARY CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE**  
9:30 AM - BIBLE STUDY: *The Book of Leviticus* - Library
- Wed. 1/17           **Read - Mark 7:24-37**  
6:30 PM - BIBLE STUDY: *Making Sense of the Bible* - Library  
  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins**
- Thurs. 1/18           **Read - Mark 8:27-9.1**  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - Food Bank Set up - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - Halo Choir - Choir Room  
6:00 PM - Transformer Choir - North Hall  
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary  
6:30 PM - Kids Rock - North Hall  
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room  
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study-Library.  
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room
- Fri. 1/19            **Read - Mark 9:2-29**  
8:00 AM - Soup Making - Kitchen
- Sat. 1/20            **Read - Mark 9:30-50**  
8 AM -1 PM - Soup Making - Kitchen  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service - Sanctuary - *Linda Rose, Ragtime Piano*  
Soup sales after services

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR WORSHIP CELEBRATION** will take place Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM at Garden City United Methodist Church in Monroeville. You are invited to celebrate the work and ministry Dr. King carried out in his efforts to dismantle racism and create a just society for all people.

Next weekend's **POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE** will support *Dollar on the District*, the Greensburg District's Programming Fund.

**HE IS KING OF KINGS! LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** - Please submit devotions as soon as possible to Pastor Jill at [jcroushore@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:jcroushore@greensburgfirst.org) or Ruth Hughes at [music@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:music@greensburgfirst.org).

A variety of **2018 BIBLE READING GUIDES** are available on the table in the Narthex.

**SOUP SALE** - Christian Ed Committee will be selling a variety of soups after services on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21. Proceeds from this sale will be used to provide camperships for children, youth and adults. Cost is \$7.00/quart or \$20.00/3 quarts.

**CALLING ALL SOUP CHEFS** - If you can help by donating ingredients or can help in the kitchen, please contact Kathy Griffith. Soup making is on Friday, January 19 & Saturday, January 20 starting at 8 AM in the church kitchen. Thank you.

**CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES** are due in the church office Tuesday, January 16.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** begin Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 PM in the Library and continue through March 6th. To register please call the church office at 724-834-3111 or email [pastornet@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:pastornet@greensburgfirst.org).

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you need envelopes, please sign the provided yellow sheet.

**2018 SIGN-UP SHEETS** are on the table in the sanctuary hall for *Greeters, Chancel Flowers and the Weekly Bulletin*. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please sign up on the sheet provided **AND** fill out the "purple form" and return it to the office. If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers, please sign up on the sheet **AND** fill out the "green form" and return it to the office. Cost is \$20 for *Bulletin* sponsor; \$30 for *Flower* sponsors.

## Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Greensburg

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC. 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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## HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Human Relations Day Offering is today. Human Relations Day, the Sunday before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (January 14, 2018) supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. When “Donna”, an active participant at Solomon Community Temple United Methodist Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, became pregnant as a teen, she found herself enfolded in Blanket of Love, a Christ-centered ministry working to improve birth outcomes of African-American babies by teaching prenatal care, infant care and parenting skills to young pregnant African-American women and their families. Director Julia Means, R.N., says, “The first thing I teach them is - as a mother - you must teach them to pray. Children need to be brought up in church.” Envelopes for this special offering are included in the Offering Envelope Packets. Please write “Human Relations Day” on the memo line of your check or the pew envelope if you do not receive offering envelopes.



New to First?

JOIN US FOR



**LUNCH  
WITH THE  
PASTORS**

Join Pastors Rev. Net Gerber and Rev. Jill Croushore at PRELUDE: Lunch With Our Pastors.

January 14th. Following the 10:45 Worship RSVP to the Church Office

## **FUND THE FOOD BANK FREEZER**



**\$5 - \$50**

**Please visit the bulletin board in the Sanctuary Hall and look for the ice cubes to support the Food Bank Ministry.**