



**GREENSBURG** *First*  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*April 22, 2018*  
*8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship*

*4th Sunday of Easter*

*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.*

### **THE CHURCH GATHERS**

PRELUDE                      My Song Is Love Unknown                      Ralph Vaughn Williams

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the welcome tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle where they will be collected during the Children's Message.)

INTROIT (10:45)                      Alleluia                      arr. G. F. Pershing

#### \*LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

**Christ is our Light!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23, adapted

We were lost and going astray.

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside the still waters.**

But now we return to our Shepherd.

**He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

We have heard the call of the Guardian of our souls.

**Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil for thou art with me.**

This is the gate of our Shepherd, the door to eternal life.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**He Leadeth Me**

No. 128

*Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Shepherding God, Guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures, shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside the still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us each and every day of our lives, and that we may abide in your love and your grace forever. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

The voice of our Shepherd is heard today in the voices of the sheep. Let us speak the Shepherd's words of comfort and grace as we share the words: "Peace be with you."

\*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 Nicene Creed**

No. 880

\*MINISTRY IN MUSIC (8:30)

The Lord's my Shepherd  
Fred Pershing, Soloist

Bob Chilcott

(10:45)

When Christ Arose  
Transformer Choir with handbells

Crosby/Young

CALL TO PRAYER

**Like a Child** (stanza 3)

No. 2092

**Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a child here to stay, Jesus comes.**

**Like a child we receive all that love can conceive, like a child we believe, Jesus comes.**

(You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand 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.**



**THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR** in memory of Jim Przybylek  
who entered into eternal life on Monday, April 16, 2018

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

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

ACOLYTE:	- Anthony Peila	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Pam Swank	
COFFEE HOUR:	- Cheryl Hines	NEXT WEEK: Mallory Baker
GREETERS:	- Brian Kleber	NEXT WEEK: Barb Tucci & Bob Bloom
LITURGIST:	- Sam Detar	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Riley Hirst	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Kelly Fullman	(10:45) Cheryl Lennert
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert	
	- (10:45) Ryan Barr, Callysta Fontanazza, Chloe Fontanazza, Aidan Hartman, Kevin Savage, Angel Sinick, 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:** Mike Olbeter; Julie Miller; Aubrey F.; Brenda; David; Mark; Liz; K.P.; Penny Bacasca; Lee Malloy; Mike; Trey; Melonie; Micah; Mchelle; Slade; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay & family.

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

<b>Brookdale Latrobe:</b>	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
<b>Greensburg Care Center:</b>	Alice Murphy
<b>Westmoreland Manor:</b>	Charlotte Sonafelt, Norma Gump
<b>Home:</b>	Art Faust



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

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - April 28, 2018**

**FEATURES: FORREST MOORE, PIANO**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sun. 4/22

**Read - Isaiah 43:1-21**

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  
4:00 PM Congregational Appreciation Event & Dinner  
6:00 PM Youth Group - 3rd floor

Mon. 4/23

**Read - Jeremiah 23:1-32**

6:00 PM Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Daisies/Brownies - North Hall  
6:00 PM Hospitality/Membership - Library  
7:00 PM Congregation Care Team Meeting - Lounge  
7:00 PM Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 4/24

**Read - Jeremiah 29:1-14**

9:30 AM Bible Study - Library  
1-2:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Wed. 4/25

**Read - Jeremiah 30:1-24**

5-7:00 PM OUTREACH/UMW Pork Chop Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
5-6:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Thurs. 4/26

**Read - Jeremiah 21:1-22**

8:30 AM Circuit Rider Assembly - Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary  
**NO Transformer Choir - North Hall**  
6:30 PM Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room  
6:30 PM Halo Choir - Choir Room  
**NO Kids Rock**  
**NO Youth Bible Study**  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Fri. 4/27

**Read - Jeremiah 31:23-40**

6:00 PM Kids Rock & Youth Bible Study Picnic at Chad & Glenda Miller's

Sat. 4/28

**Read - Jeremiah 32:1-15**

7:00 PM Ekklesia Worship-Sanctuary

***LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** to all of the selfless individuals who volunteer their time and talents to make every event at First United Methodist Church such a success. Everyone of you are a true blessing to our ministry.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**-We are planning to send *Sheetz* gift cards to our college students. Please contact the church office by **April 30** with your student's name and address. Also, the collection box is in the back of the church for your donations to help keep this program going.

**CARD SHOWER FOR BRADY HUNKER:** Brady Hunker is a high school student who attends New Stanton UMC and is a member of the Conference Ministry Team. He is battling a rare form of cancer that was believed to be in remission and could use some encouragement! Please send cards of encouragement to:

Brady Hunker  
201 Windy Hill Court  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666

**DONATIONS NEEDED** for Jeannette fire victims. If you have items to contribute, please bring them to the church office. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to FUMC with Jeannette Fire on the memo line.

**KIDS ROCK & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY FAMILY PICNIC**-6:00 PM, April 27 at Chad & Glenda Miller's house.

**SAVE THE DATES:** The UMW will be sponsoring the following events:

**Spring Salad Supper** - Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 pm

**Rummage Sale** - Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am - 12 noon

**All Church Picnic** - Sunday, July 22, Mt. Odin - 10:45 Church Service

**Pancake Breakfast** - Saturday, September 22, 9:00 am - 12 noon

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22** which will be the All-Church Picnic at Mt. Odin Park in the Heather Lund Pavilion. Watch for details.

**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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**GRADUATION**  
*Sunday*

June 3rd

Graduating from high school, college, or technical school? Please call the church (724-834-3111) with your student’s name, their relationship, school name, type of degree and future plans.

Please submit by May 19. The graduates will be recognized during the 10:45 worship service on June 3.

**THANKS**

**Congregation Appreciation Event and Dinner**

**Today, April 22, 2018 • 4:00 PM**

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**STUFFED PORK CHOP DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018**

**5-7 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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**ADULTS - \$10.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 10 - \$5.00**

**Tickets available from Outreach Committee Members  
and the church office.**

**Sponsored by the Outreach Committee and UMW.  
Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and Outreach Projects.**