

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Inexhaustible Source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship
as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son.**

Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone.

**Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness
with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and action make known
that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.**

***THE PEACE** Let us be known as children of the Most High God
by sharing our love with all as we pass 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

(Chancel Choir 10:45) Ride the Chariot arr. William Henry Smith

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Pew Bible: Pages 510, 512) Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

CALL TO PRAYER (*refrain*) No. 454

**Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
(*You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail.*)

PASTORAL 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.**

TO HEAR THE WORD

HYMN OF INVITATION Freely, Freely No. 389

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING (Pew Bible: Page 64 New Testament) Luke 6:27-38

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Anette Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Sherman

(Bonnie Ross Ringers 8:30 & 10:45)

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Bright the Vision

arr. Malcolm Archer

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

No. 94

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

AND DEPART FOR SERVICE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** No. 2129

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (stanza 1) No. 671

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

**O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.**

*POSTLUDE Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies arr. Donald Rotermund

The meeting is over. Let the service begin.

We Thank Those Who Are Serving Today

ACOLYTE:	Luke Flock
ALTAR GUILD:	Pat Ebert (February) Cathy Willcox (March)
COFFEE HOUR:	Pam Swank
COFFEE HOUR (next week):	Jessica Dudik
GREETERS:	(8:30) Marilyn McSparrin, Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko (10:45) Bill & Sharon Bronson
LITURGIST:	Dennis Kennedy
NURSERY:	Marlene Skiavo
NURSERY (next week):	Kristin Labian
SOUND SYSTEM:	Riley Hirst
TECH TEAM:	(8:30) Kelly Fullman (10:45) Tracy Barr
USHERS:	(8:30) Bill Conrad, George Fagert (10:45) Aidan Hartman, Kasey Storkel

Please lift up 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 pink cards in the pews, check the box(es) and place them in the offering plate. Requests are left on for three weeks unless renewed.

Prayer & Health Concerns: Becky Griffith, Cindy Eisaman, Krystal Ruffner

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

Brookdale Latrobe: Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter, Marge Trumbetta
Westmoreland Manor: Norma Gump, Christine Shank, Charlotte Sonafelt
At home (Latrobe): Art Faust

PLEASE NOTE...Hospitals and care centers no longer contact churches to let us know that members may be a patient there. **Please contact the church office with information.**



A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

Saturday ~ March 2, 2019 ~ 7 p.m.

Featured Musicians: Jill & Joy Procida,
saxophone & trumpet

Worship Leader: Rev. Anette Gerber

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 24 **Read - 1 John 3:1-24** “7th Sunday after the Epiphany”

- 8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
(following 8:30 service) Soup Sales (Sanctuary Hall)
9:30 a.m. Preschool (Nursery), Children’s Sunday School (3rd floor),
Youth (3rd floor), Genesis/Vanguard class (Library)
9:30 a.m. Coffee hour (Sanctuary Hall)
10:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
(following 10:45 service) Soup Sales (Sanctuary Hall)
~~6:00 p.m. Youth (CANCELLED)~~

Monday, February 25 **Read - 1 John 4:1-21**

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (North Hall & 3rd floor)
6:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

Tuesday, February 26 **Read - 1 John 5:1-21**

- 1:00 p.m. SPHS (Lounge)
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry meeting (Library)

Wednesday, February 27 **Read - 2 John**

- 5:00 p.m. SPHS (Lounge)

Thursday, February 28 **Read - 3 John**

- 8:30 a.m. Circuit Rider monthly newsletter assembly (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. 12 Step Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Children’s Chimes (Chapel), Youth Leadership Training (NH),
Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary)
6:20 p.m. Halo Choir (Choir Room), Transformer Choir (North Hall)
6:30 p.m. Bonnie Ross Ringers (Bell Room)
6:40 p.m. Kids Rock (North Hall), Youth assist with Kids Rock (NH)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, March 1 **Read - Psalm 85**

Saturday, March 2 **Read - 89:1-18**

- 7:00 p.m. 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

Soup Sale Fundraiser TODAY...Our Christian Ed committee will be selling a variety of homemade soups after both services in Sanctuary Hall. Proceeds from this sale will be used to provide camperships for children & youth. Suggested donation is \$7/quart or \$20/3 quarts. Questions? Please contact Kathy Griffith at 412-613-8569. **THANKS to all** who donated supplies and their precious time! Mark your calendars for the next soup making and sale weekend on March 15, 16 & 17.

Thank you for your very generous participation in the “Pocket Change for a Purpose” last Sunday! We are pleased to announce that \$188 was collected to benefit the Bishop’s Camping Initiative.

Regular weekly Youth Group WILL NOT meet on Sunday evenings until further notice. Watch for special monthly activities coming up!

Centering Prayer will meet on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

Stephen Ministry will meet Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

Circuit Rider monthly newsletter assembly will be Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work. We need to fold, tab & label almost 600 newsletters.

Our United Methodist Women need our help with funeral luncheons...both monetary and people to help serve & clean up. We continue to serve funeral meals to members, however we now cater them and our fund is getting low. Keep in mind that catering usually costs \$12-\$13 per person and we usually see approximately 25 in attendance. **Donations should be made to the UMW (funeral luncheon fund).** By signing up to help doesn’t mean you will be called EVERY time. We hope to rotate helpers as the need arises. Please contact Sherry Miller at 724-537-9366 or sherrymiller8966@gmail.com to sign up for helping or with questions.

The Upper Room daily devotional for March/April is now available in the Media Rack.

Join us for Mardi Gras FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP with a breakfast-style dinner on **Tuesday, March 5, at 6:15 p.m.** Please sign up in Sanctuary Hall to help us prepare.

Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 7 p.m. A service of Word, Ashes & Eucharist.

Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies will begin March 12 & 13. The topic book will be *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Please sign up in Sanctuary Hall.

New Member Classes on Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Sign up in Sanctuary Hall.

High school and college graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 9. Please contact the church office to help us compile a complete list.

Food Bank special needs and volunteer opportunities...

- plastic shopping bags
- March 7 (8:30 a.m.) help to pick up & organize a very large Shop & Save food donation
- March 7 (5:30 p.m.) Food Bank set up to organize supplies & prepare bags
- March 8 (8:00 a.m.) Food Bank delivery truck arrives & distribution at 10:00 a.m.

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 the pastor 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.

Let's be safe... please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC** or our Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather. If Greensburg Otterbein and Greensburg Trinity are cancelled, then consider FUMC the same.

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Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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This Week's Scriptures (2/24/19)

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Next Week's Scriptures (3/3/19)

Exodus 34:19-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

Christian Education Fundraiser Soup Sales

February 23 & 24 / March 16 & 17

The Christian Education committee will once again be selling a variety of soups following each of the three weekend services on the above dates. Proceeds will help provide camperships for children and youth next summer.

Suggested Donation: \$7/quart or \$20/3 quarts



Calling All Soup Chefs!!!

March 15 & 16

We need your help with the soup-making process.

Can you cut or chop or cook or clean?

Friday and/or Saturday morning

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Questions? Please call Kathy Griffith at 412-613-8569.

All helpers will be most welcome!