



*From
your
Pastor*

THE GIFT of MOTHERS

A friend of mine once sent me a list entitled “A Mother’s Resolutions” that gives a comical look at the world of a mother in our modern times! Allow me share to list of the top ten resolutions of a mother:

10) When I forget to go to the grocery store, I will not boil the macaroni necklaces my child made for me in preschool.

9) I will pack my child’s lunch the night before... so that I don’t throw in a slab of frozen lasagna as they are running for the bus, yelling after them, “It will defrost by lunch; if not, you can lick it like a popsicle!”

8). I will resist the urge to explain to strangers why my son is wearing winter boots, a bathing-suit bottom, and an inside-out and backward pajama top. I will just be grateful that he is able to dress himself.

7) I will not tell my children that the Play-Doh dried up just because I don’t feel like cleaning up after they use it, even though I know it means I’ll spend the evening harvesting the colored stuff out from the carpet fibers, chair cushions, and the dog’s fur.

6) I will always protect the rights of my children, especially their right to remain silent.

5) I will learn to accept the outbursts and tantrums as a part of life. After all, I also promised to love my husband for better or worse.

4) When my husband and I go to a restaurant without the kids, I will not roll up his sleeves or move the knives from his reach. I will not accompany him to the bathroom and remind him to wash his hands with soap. If my husband wants dessert at the end of the meal, I will not tell him it depends on his behavior.

3) I will develop an ability to have a conversation with an adult that doesn’t revolve around labor pains or children’s toilet habits. I will feel comfortable in the silence that ensues when neither of us can think of any other topic to discuss or remember we can always discuss the weather.

2) I will be more flexible about children’s nutritional requirements, by counting the ketchup and green crayon as vegetables.

1) I will be a good, fair, and loving parent to my children. I will provide them with enriching experiences and opportunities. I will give them a solid foundation on which to build a useful life. After all, they may eventually be responsible for choosing a nursing home for me to live out my final days!

I love that list—mostly because I have known the love of four mothers in my life: the mother who adopted me (Mom), the mother who gave birth to me (Georgia), the mother who gave the world the gift of my wife Amy (Janet), and the mother to our two sons (Amy). Quadruply blessed am I!

God has given us mothers to carry us, raise us, teach us, and mold us into godly people. Of course, no mother is perfect, and not everyone grew up with a loving mother. But every mother out there — from the one who feels she was born to be a mom... to the one who struggles with the title — deserves honor and praise for the role God has given them—a role that reflects God in a deeply profound way.

Join me in this wonderful prayer for mothers everywhere:

Heavenly Father, I offer this prayer to You now, in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers; my mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I’ll never know, and for all mothers. Thank You for the role they play in the family unit. Thank You for their teaching, their wisdom, their patience and understanding. Thank You for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess. I pray that You help mothers all across the world to be a blessing to their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that You help every word and action to be done in love. And I pray that children throughout the world would take time to honor their mothers, that You would show them how to uniquely do so. I pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their own households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, and schools. I pray that the impact of motherhood is revered throughout society, and that these women are acknowledged for their everyday impact on the world. May You guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on Earth. This we pray in Jesus’ precious name. Amen!

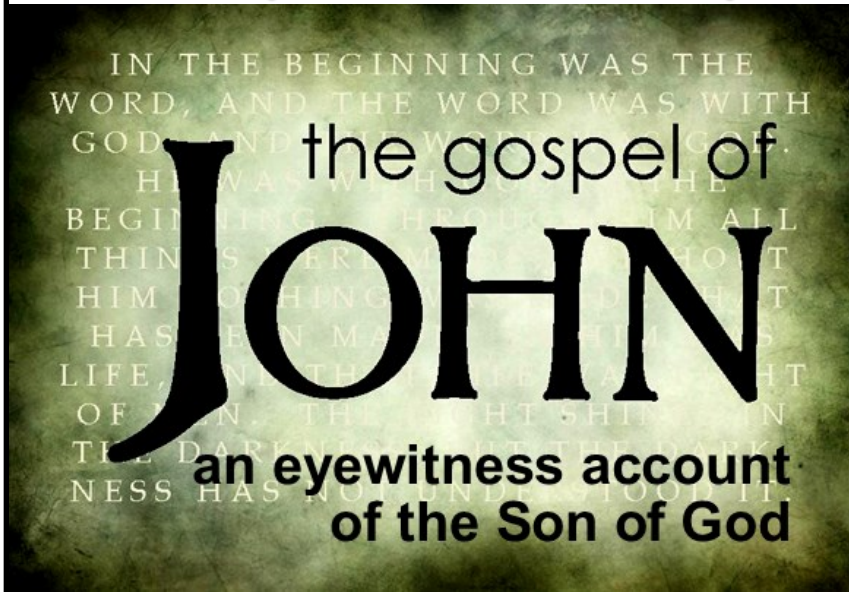
Hope to see you in church on Mother’s Day (and, of course, all of the other Sundays as well!)



Embrace grace!

Pastor Kevin (aka Rev Kev)

Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin Tuesdays ~ 9:30am ~ Library




What would it have been like to witness Christ's life on earth? The apostle John wrote about Jesus' earthly ministry, from the perspective of one who was there. He saw Jesus teach, heal, pray, die, and live again. In this Bible study, we will be brought face-to-face with the Son of God, who He is and what it means to follow Him.

- April 30 Session 1:** The Living Word—Come and See!
- May 7 Session 2:** New Life—Living Water!
- May 14 and May 21 — NO Bible study*
- May 28 Session 3:** Bread of Life—Who is This Jesus?
- June 4 Session 4:** Light in the Darkness—Good Shepherd
- June 11 Session 5:** Life and Death—Perfume and Praise
- June 18 Session 6:** Comfort and Challenge—Jesus' Farewell

Then...Bible study will be on summer break...resuming Aug. 6

The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May/June

is NOW available in the media rack in Sanctuary Hall.

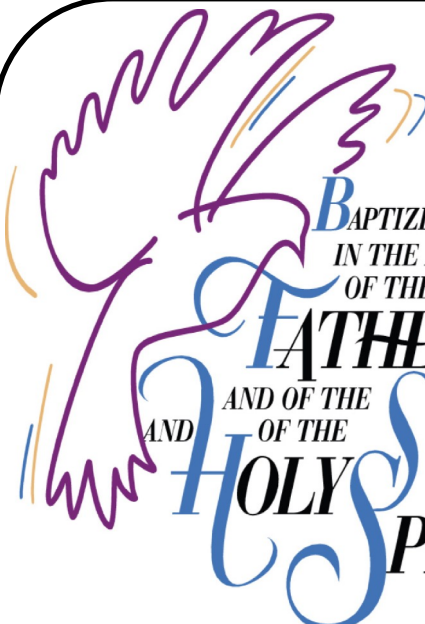



Centering Prayer

Continues to meet in the prayer room

Monday evenings at 6:30

Questions? Contact the church office at 724-834-3111



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IN THE NAME
OF THE
FATHER
AND OF THE
SON
AND OF THE
HOLY
SPIRIT

**We Rejoice in the April 14, 2024
Sacrament of Baptism of
Boe Thomas Lennert**
born September 3, 2023
to Brandon & Brittany Lennert

Proud Grandparents: Cheryl & John Lennert
Great-grandmother: Patricia Handlin


"Pocket Change for a Purpose"



April TOTAL: \$710.42
benefitting **Camp Allegheny**

Next Collection Date:
May 19th to benefit
Vacation Bible School

Thank You!!!



**SUNDAY
June 2, 2024**

Our church will be honoring this year's high school and college graduates. Please contact Pastor Kevin or the church office, by May 15, with any information.

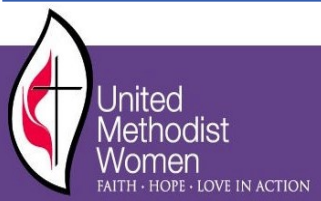
Choir Notes
from **Fred Pershing**
Director of Music

It's spring! And, the wonder of its beauty can enhance our focus on **Easter's greatest gift: God's wonder...our salvation.** Loyalty is our Choir members' focus, whether it be singing His praises or the playing of hand bells...they give **Glory to God in the Highest!!!** As the summer months approach, our many choirs will be taking a time of rest, to begin again, well-refreshed, in the fall. It will be important to stay in touch with Karen & Fred Pershing and Jim Caffrey, to stay on top of activities and practices.



<u>SUNDAYS</u>	9:00am Children's Chimes (Bell Room) <i>{play on May 19th then break for summer}</i>
	5:30pm Halo Youth Choir (Choir Room) <i>{sings on May 12th then breaks for summer}</i>
<u>THURSDAYS</u>	6:00pm Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary) <i>{sing on May 5th then break for summer}</i>
	6:30pm Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir (Sanctuary) <i>{plays on May 26th then breaks for summer}</i>
	7:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room) <i>{practices/sings thru May and sings through June then breaks for summer}</i>

Questions??? Would you like to take part in this weekly fellowship???
Please contact the church office at 724-834-3111.



Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 18 ~ 8:30am-12:30pm

While doing your spring cleaning, we hope you are able to find some gently-used housewares & small appliances, books, and clothing that you can donate for sale. **Please NO "larger" furniture or appliances. Drop-off begins Wednesday, May 1,** during business hours (M-F, 8am-4pm). Place items inside left-Library door, on the lower level of the Church. This is a pretty big job, and the more hands we have, the lighter the work will be.



"Handy Helper" Volunteer Opportunities are as follows:



Call Sherry Miller
to volunteer
412-932-5309

Friday, May 17, 9:00am (set-up donations)

Saturday, May 18

8:30am-12:30pm (manage the sale)

12:30pm (pack-up leftovers and/or help deliver to other donation sites)

We thank you for all of your continued support of our rummage sales!!!



Church Picnic

Make sure you have **Sunday, July 14**, marked on your calendar for the church picnic at Mt. Odin park in the Heather Lund pavilion. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and is free to all. The women will provide chicken, hot dogs, drinks and paper goods. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, we would appreciate it!

This is a great time of fellowship, and a wonderful way to get to know our church family.

Have you ever sat in our Sanctuary on Sunday morning and wondered about all the beautiful stained glass windows that we are privileged to have? These windows tell the history of our church, with many being donated by members, in memory of family. Former pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Wilson, preached a series of sermons on the windows and their symbolism. A number of years ago, Rev. Wilson put together a booklet on the windows and other symbolism in our sanctuary. Pictures were taken by another church member, Bob Garris, and included in the story. The United Methodist Women have a limited number of copies of this booklet, and are offering them for sale for just \$10 each. The proceeds of this sale will benefit the **Funeral Meal Fund** of the United Methodist Women, in loving memory of Rev. Wilson who passed March 11, 2024. If you would like a copy, please see Sherry Miller in church or call her at 412-932-5309.





We Graciously Thank Pam Hamill, Rachel Fabian, and Phil Hamill for sponsoring our April Gnome Coffee Lover's Truck of the Month in Loving Memory and in Honor of their Loved Ones.



Next Distribution: Friday, May 10th @ 10:00 am

Thursday Afternoon "Set-up Team" May 9th

- Arrive 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to help prepare boxes & bags on tables.

Friday Morning "Distribution Team" May 10th

(arrive 8:00 a.m. -or whenever you can- at glass doors on S. Maple)

- We need to unload the truck, pack boxes & bags in Fellowship Hall, & distribute at 10.

Distribution-Day Instructions

All activity will be outside

- Stay in your car, register in parking lot adjacent to YMCA on S. Maple
- Continue across street, in front of glass doors, and your car will be loaded



Food Pantry Ministry Contact: Mallory Baker
570-765-0781
mallory.n.baker@gmail.com



Special Thanks to Greensburg Salem Middle School Student Helpers

Relaxed Readers

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month, at the Greensburg Eat'n Park at 12 noon.

May 1st
"What Happens in Paradise"
by Elin Hilderbrand
discussion led by Mary Ann Herd

June 5th
"The Other Einstein"
by Marie Benedict
discussion led by Pam Hamill

NO Meeting in July

If interested in joining us, please contact Olivia Graham at 724-420-5614.

Sponsorships Available

Chancel Flowers (\$35)
Worship Bulletins (\$20)

Just fill out a **green slip (for flowers)** or a **purple slip (for bulletins)**

"in memory" or "in honor" of friends or family, and return to the church office with payment. This will provide beautiful flowers for our weekly worship services in the Sanctuary, and the bulletin sponsorship will help defray some of our copying/administrative fees...Thank You.

Forms available in media rack in Sanctuary hall.

BULLETIN SPONSOR FORM
I would like to sponsor the weekly worship bulletin for a donation of \$20.00.
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CHANCEL FLOWER RESERVATION FORM \$35
DATE CHOSEN: _____
I will pick up - or - Please send to someone else in that in _____
YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
GIVEN BY: _____
IN MEMORY OF: _____
IN HONOR OF: _____
*The cost of each arrangement is \$35. Please make payment 2 weeks prior to your chosen date. Make checks payable to FUMC and indicate "Chancel Flowers" and the date chosen on the memo line.



Isie B. / Ken B. ~ Paul Carnes ~ David (brother of Pastor Kevin) ~ Marlene G. ~
 Dave & Ginny Grandey ~ Diane K. ~ Shirley Kahler ~ Ken Keiser ~ Pastor Kevin & Amy ~
 Dorothy M. ~ Evelyn Makarsky ~ Melanie ~ Mary Nickole / Rose P. ~
 Don Riggle (father of Chelsey Steeves) ~ Robin & John ~ Nicole Savage ~
 Don & Laurel Sedlacko ~ Shelby ~ Paulette Stoll ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Sandy Weaver ~
 Betty & Clarence White ~ family of the late Rev. Bob Wilson ~ family of Hayden Smart

Remembering those who wish to, but cannot be among us.

- Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta** Brookdale (500 Brouwers Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650)
Paulette Hood Hempfield Manor (1118 Woodward Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601)
Vivian Engel Loyalhanna Care Sr. Suites (543 McFarland Road rm. 209, Latrobe, PA 15650)
Donna Bush, Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt
 Westmoreland Manor (2480 S. Grande Blvd., Greensburg, PA 15601)

Prayer Chain Partners

Contact the church office,
 or make note on your Welcome Card,
 to get the prayer chain going...
 724-834-3111
 churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org

Our Heartfelt Sympathy
 to the friends & families of:
Gary Dee (April 3, 2024)
Carl Ringler (April 9, 2024)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Bob Coder	Treasurer	
Anthony McKenna	Outdoor Maintenance (lawn care/snow removal)	
Custodians	Simply Spotless Cleaning LLC	

Find us on FACEBOOK:
 First United Methodist Church – Greensburg

Regular Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
(May change without notice...thank you for your understanding & patience)

WiFi Network
Name: Greensburg First
Password: Jeremiah2911

Healing Hearts Support Group

We will meet on Monday, May 20, at 6:00pm in the Church Lounge.
 The loss of a loved one is heart breaking. Our journey forward is difficult, and we feel alone. We have been where you are, and we are making the journey to our new reality together. Join us. You are **NOT** alone!
 Call/Text Sherry Miller, at 412-932-5309, for further details.

Find Encouragement with us...Be an Encouragement to us.



Board of TRUSTEES

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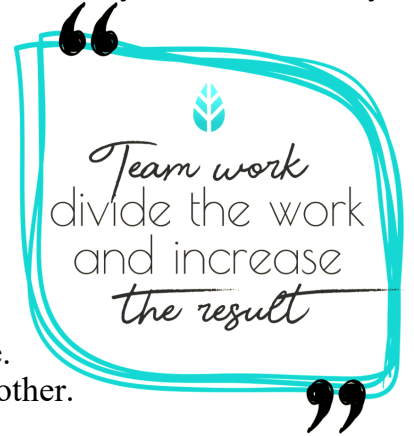
Mike Sweeney
Randi Wichrowski



Last month, we explained about our intention to do our annual yard work at the church. At our April 1st meeting, we discussed this more thoroughly, and arrived at the conclusion that we really need help to get this done right. So, your help is requested, and we encourage you to set aside some time to help beautify the church grounds.

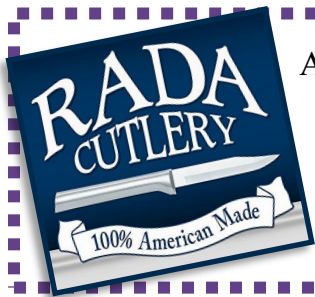
Here are the desired work crews we need to do an adequate job on June 22, in the courtyard and around the church. We will be working from 9am to 12noon, so please work that into your schedule, if you can help for an hour or two. Teams will be pre-designated, and helpers assigned to each as follows:

- TEAM #1: Weed the hillside area
- TEAM #2: Lay and fasten weed fabric, as the hillside is weeded.
- TEAM #3: Spread river rock on the weeded hillside.
- TEAM #4: Trim hedges and remove debris.
- TEAM #5: Mow grass, reseeding, and clean up debris.
- TEAM #6: Spread mulch and tidy-up spillage.



We need several people for each team, especially the work on the hillside. If you can help, it will make completion of this project go faster and smoother.

Submitted by Jim Swank



As always, the United Methodist Women have **RADA Cutlery** for sale year round. Great for gifts, updating your kitchenware supplies, even preparing stuff for the grill. For availability of items and pricing, Contact MaryAnn Herd at 724-454-9132 or maherd@comcast.net.

Faith • Hope • Love in Action

Keep the lines of communication open!
Let us know you were here...
changes in your
address / email / phone number.
How can we pray for you?
Looking for Serving Opportunities?
Share encouragement!

Welcome! Today's Date _____

Your name: _____ 8:30 Service 10:45 Service

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____

1ST time 2ND time Regular visitor Member

I would like more information on the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies/small groups
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Contacted by the Pastor

Prayer Request: _____

Please add this request to the Bulletin Prayer list

Please add this request to the Email Prayer Chain

Please keep this request **CONFIDENTIAL** with the Pastor

Please place this card in the Offering Plate or hand to Usher



Mother's Day Sunday, May 12 Church World Service Blanket Sponsorship Sale.

For \$10, you can sponsor a blanket that will be sent to people, anywhere in the world, where there is a disaster and need.

Blankets can provide shelter, warmth, and a way to carry things, for those who have lost everything. This is a great way for us to share what we have with those who have nothing. A sample blanket will be displayed in the narthex. Please join us again, as we participate in world-wide ministry, to support those who need our help.



To participate, simply mark "Blanket" on your envelope or check (made payable to FUMC)

Questions... Volunteer Opportunities... Fundraising ideas?

Contact Sherry Miller 724-537-9366 sherrymiller8966@gmail.com



**ARE YOU
INTERESTED
in CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP?**

We would love
to welcome you!

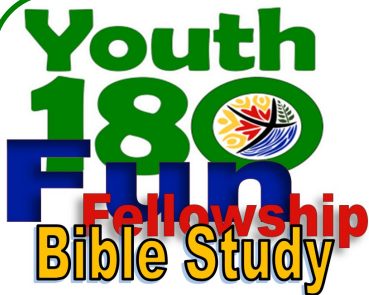
call
(724)834-3111

email
pastorkevin@greensburgfirst.org

call/text
(814)706-7788

Simply contact Pastor Kevin to discuss what church membership is all about, and the ways you can be received into the congregation (via profession of faith, or via transfer from another church).

Check off the box on your Welcome/Information card that reads "Interested in Church Membership" or contact Pastor Kevin at the church office.



From the 3rd Floor Realm of...
Terry Lasut, Director of Youth Ministry

May Schedule



- Sunday May 5th ~ 6:00pm Bible Study, Fellowship, Games & Snacks (Youth Café) ←
- Sunday May 12th ~ Mother's Day...No meeting
- Sunday May 19th ~ 5:30-7:30pm Youth 180 & KidsROCK join together in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible Lesson, Games, Fun Activities, Crafts & Yummy Snacks!
- Sunday May 26th ~ Memorial Day Weekend...No meeting

Dates & times subject to change, with ample notice...

Youth 180 gets its name from the way we are called to turn from our sins towards Jesus (doing a 180 degree turn away from mistakes!)

f Stay up-to-date with our youth activities and events
Facebook page Greensburg First: Youth 180.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 2
at 12:00 Noon
Greensburg Courthouse
Square; prayer service

Monday, May 6
at 6:30 pm

The Trustees will be meeting at the Parsonage for their annual inspection.

Board of Trustees



STAFF

Thursday, May 9
at 10:00 am

The Staff will be meeting in the church office.



fella♦ship
men and boys ♦♦♦
♦♦prayer breakfast



Please RSVP by May 8
to the Church Office



United
Methodist
Women

RUMMAGE
SALE

Saturday, May 18
8:30 am — 12:30 pm



Pentecost Sunday
May 19TH

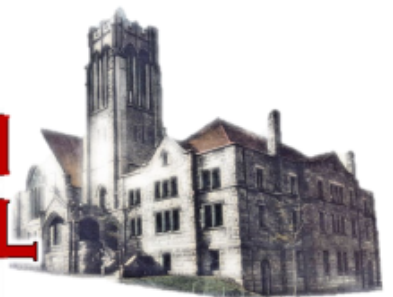
Celebrate what is known as the 'birthday' of the church... and you are encouraged to wear RED to celebrate the promised gift of God's Holy Spirit on Pentecost!

Tuesday, May 21
at 6:00 pm

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will be meeting in the Church Library.



CHURCH COUNCIL



Wednesday, May 22
6:30 pm

The Church Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall to receive reports and to set goals for future ministry. All members of the Church Council are encouraged to attend the meeting.




The Church will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. All daytime and evening activities will not meet.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday School Class Locations

Age 4 thru Grade 5 (Room 304-upper level)
 Grades 6 - 12 (Youth Café-upper level)
 Genesis Adult Class (Library-lower level)





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10am-1pm 12-Step
National Day of PRAYER
12noon Prayer Service @ Greensburg Courthouse
6pm Chancel Chanters
6:30pm Adult Bells
6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step
7:30pm Chancel Choir

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5 Communion
 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9am Kid's Chimes
 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
 9:40am Sunday School
 10:45am Worship (Sanctuary) (also via livestream)

 5:30pm Youth Halo Choir
 6:00pm Youth 180 (Youth Café)

6
 5:30pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
 6:30pm Trustees (at Parsonage)

7
 9:30am Adult Bible Study (Library)
The Gospel of John
 Session Title "New Life-Living Water"

 6-8:00pm Master Gardener Seed-to-Supper Outreach (Fellowship Hall)

8

RSVPs due for FellaShip

9
 10am Staff Meeting
 10am-1pm 12-Step (Fellowship Hall)
 1:30pm Food Pantry Set-up (Fellowship Hall)

 6pm Chancel Chanters
 6:30pm Adult Bells
 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

10
 8-10am Food Pantry unload Truck & Set-up
 10am Food Pantry Distribution (S. Maple glass doors)

11
 9:00am **FellaShip** Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

12 Mother's Day
 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9am Kid's Chimes
 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
 9:40am Sunday School
 10:45am Worship (Sanctuary) (also via livestream)
 2:30pm Worship at Redstone (Greensburg)
 6:00pm Youth 180 (Youth Café)

13
 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

14
NO Bible Study Today (Resumes May 28)

 6-8:00pm Master Gardener Seed-to-Supper Outreach (Fellowship Hall)

Circuit Rider Article DEADLINE

16
 10am-1pm 12-Step (Fellowship Hall)

 6pm Chancel Chanters
 6:30pm Adult Bells
 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

17
 9:00am **Rummage Sale Set-up** (Fellowship Hall)

18
 8:30am - 12:30pm **Rummage Sale** (Fellowship Hall)
 12:30pm **Pack-up**

19 "Pocket Change for a Purpose"
 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
 9:40am Sunday School
 10:45am Worship (Sanctuary) (also via livestream)

 5:30-7:30pm **KidsRock & Youth 180 Activity Night** (Fellowship Hall)


20
 5:30pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
 6:30pm Healing Hearts (Lounge)

21
NO Bible Study Today (Resumes May 28)

 6:00pm Finance & Stewardship (Library)

22
 6:30pm Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

23
 10am-1pm 12-Step (Fellowship Hall)

 6pm Chancel Chanters
 6:30pm Adult Bells
 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

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26
 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
 9:40am Sunday School
 10:45am Worship (Sanctuary) (also via livestream)

 6:00pm Youth 180 (Youth Café)

MEMORIAL DAY
 REMEMBER AND HONOR

Church/Office CLOSED
NO Evening Activities

28
 9:30am Adult Bible Study (Library)
The Gospel of John
 "Bread of Life-- Who is This Jesus?"

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30
 8:30am **Circuit Rider** Assembly Team (Church Office)

 6pm Chancel Chanters
 6:30pm Adult Bells
 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step
 7:30pm Chancel Choir





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