

Greetings in the Name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

It is amazing what you can find on the internet. I found this story.

In May of 1948, three men robbed a bank in Hoyt, Kansas, getting away with \$1,000. Four years later something unusual happened. On a Sunday morning at the Seward Avenue Baptist Church, a young man named Al Johnson stepped to the pulpit and revealed to the congregation that the day before he had gone to the district attorney and confessed his role in the crime.

“I thought about the bank robbery many times,” Johnson, who was a teenager when the crime occurred, said, “I prayed about it and asked the Lord to give me an answer. It seemed that He would give me only one answer and that was to give myself up.” Johnson also revealed that he had borrowed the money to repay the bank his share of the stolen funds. The statute of limitations had expired, but Johnson said that even if it meant going to prison, he could not keep the secret any longer. *Source: Lewiston Evening Journal, May 5, 1952*

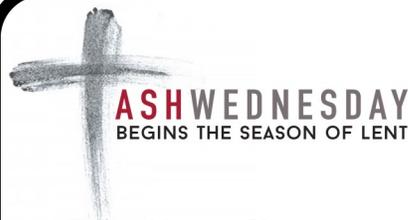
Lent is a spiritual journey. It is a time for introspection, confession, repentance, and making things right. We may not have a serious crime to confess, but we all have sins to confess. We all need to repent of our sin. We all need to make things right where we are able. Sin is a burden. (Notice that Al Johnson’s crime weighed on him.) It remains a burden until we confess, repent, and make restitution if at all possible. Confession is an acknowledgement of sin. Repentance is a turning away from that sin. Restitution means setting things right. Few sins are without effect on others, in addition to what they have done to our relationship with God. So, there is usually some need to repair relationships or some form of recompense required.

While we don’t need to wait for Lent to do this, this season of introspection often reveals to us iniquities we have ignored.

Grace & Peace,
Dick Markle



[note: Lent is forty days long running from Ash Wednesday and ending the day before Easter. But, if you count all the days from Ash Wednesday to the day before Easter you will get forty-six days. So why do we say Lent is 40 days long? That’s because the six Sundays during Lent are not counted. Why? Because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, even during Lent; so they do not count as part of Lent.]



Early Morning Imposition of Ashes Offered March 5th ~ 7:30-8:00 am

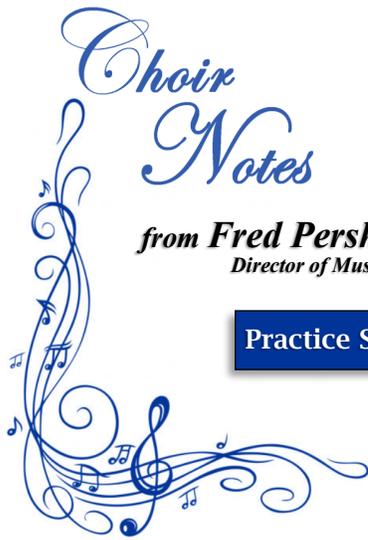
Join us for a brief [20-30 minute] Imposition of Ashes service in our Sanctuary.

Take Note: City meters will be running...you’ll probably need 75 cents to a dollar for parking.

ASH
Wednesday

March 5th
in our Sanctuary
7:00 pm

Joint United Methodist Community Ash Wednesday Worship



In this upcoming time of Lent, we reflect on our shortcomings and pray for forgiveness, wisdom, and courage. Lent doesn't need to be a time of sadness, but a positive hope to strive for the ultimate goal. Our church music will reflect this quest.

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



Practice Schedules

SUNDAYS	8:45am	Chime Choir (Chapel)
THURSDAYS	6:00pm	Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir (Bell Room)
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.* Psalm 46:11



The officers of the United Methodist Women have met and planned our 2025 activities. We will begin our 2025 year with a

**Spring Salad Supper on Tuesday, March 4,
at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.**



Ladies attending are asked to bring a salad to share. Please plan to join us as we celebrate our new year.



Saturday ~ May 17 ~ 9am-1pm (Set-up on May 16 at 9am)
Can you help either day??? Please contact Sherry Miller at 412-932-5309.

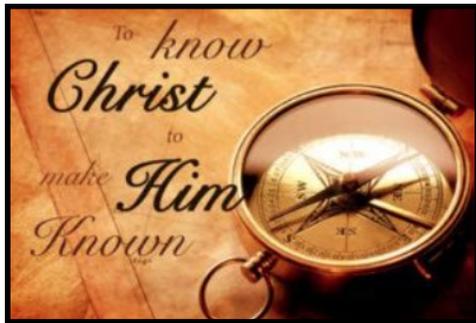


**Sunday ~ August 17 ~ following church
Mt. Odin Park (Heather Lund Pavilion)**



Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner ~ Take-Out ONLY
Saturday ~ October 18 ~ 4-6pm Tickets will be available in advance.

Faith · Hope · Love in Action



Every organization has a reason for existing. When asked to put ours into words, the leaders of First UMC decided on a simple and direct mission statement:

“To know Christ and make Him known.”

This has two parts. The first is knowing our Savior and Lord, which we do by personal devotions, learning in Sunday School and small groups, encountering Him in worship, and then serving as He calls us. The second part is just as important: to show Jesus' love to the world by how we live as Christ followers and minister to each other and to the world.

This is our mission, grounded in Biblical principles.

Board of TRUSTEES

Frank K. Stillman (Chair)
Fred Pershing (Vice-Chair)
Mallory Baker (Secretary)

Richard Briggs
Ellen Matthews
Karen Pershing
Randi Wichrowski
Berl Yeskey Jr.

We are in need of one additional Trustee. If you are interested please see Frank or Fred.

Centering Prayer

Continues to meet in the prayer room
Thursday mornings at 10:30



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

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)*

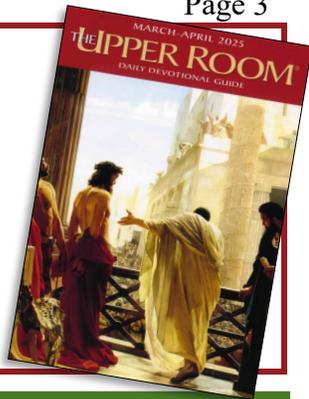
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The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for
March/April

is NOW available
in the media rack
in Sanctuary Hall.



“Pocket Change for a Purpose”

February TOTAL: **\$397.03**

benefitting
American Red Cross

Next Collection Date: **Thank You!!!**

March 16th to benefit

UMCOR

(United Methodist Committee on Relief)

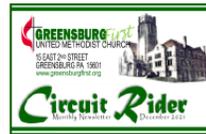


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Outdoor Maintenance	Boulder Blossoms	
Custodians	Simply Spotless Cleaning LLC	



Thursday, Mar. 27th
at 8:30 am
(Church Office)

The *Circuit Rider* Assembly Team
meets to prepare the March
monthly newsletter for mailing.



Relaxed Readers

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



March 5th
“Mrs. Lincoln’s Sisters”
by Jennifer Chiaverini
Discussion to be
led by Pam Hamill

April 2nd
“Someone Else’s Shoes”
by Jojo Moyes
Discussion to be
led by Carol Beam



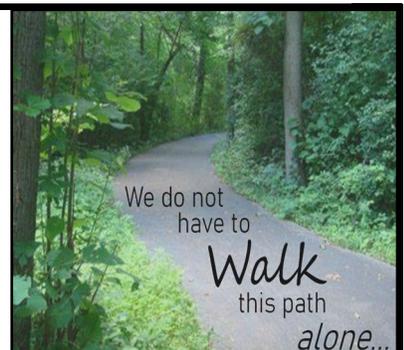
If interested in joining us, please contact
Olivia Graham at 724-420-5614.

Healing Hearts Support Group

We will next meet on

Monday, March 17, at 6:00 pm in the church Lounge.

Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative. The loss of someone we love is devastating. Moving on with our lives seems impossible. All of us have experienced that loss and are on the road to our new reality. Please join us, because you are not alone.



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

Interim Pastoral Leadership & Care February 1-June 30, 2025



Rev. Richard D. Markle (724) 344-2895 rdmarkle@zoominternet.net

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Rev. August B. Twigg (724) 454-5992 augiebt@aol.com

Pastor Dick Markle will also have office hours regularly on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00. To communicate with them or in the event of an emergency, please use the above contact information.



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Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, March 8
@9:00 a.m.

A home-cooked breakfast
& time of devotions/prayer.
Please **RSVP** to church office
by **Wednesday, March 5th** at
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org
or 724-834-3111



Our first 2025 Outreach project will be on Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11, for Church World Service Blanket Sponsorship Sale.

For \$10, you can sponsor a blanket that will be given to people, anywhere in the world, who have suffered from a disaster. With the record number of disasters in our world recently, blankets are sorely needed. Blankets can be used as shelter, to carry things in, and/or to keep people warm. It's a way that we can be proactive in the world and reach people in need. Your support of this ministry helps to let those affected by these disasters know that there are people who care. Please prayerfully consider joining us again, as we participate in world-wide ministry, to support those who need our help.



To participate, simply mark your check or envelope "BLANKET."

Questions... Volunteer Opportunities... Fundraising ideas?
Contact Sherry Miller 412-932-5309 sherrymiller8966@gmail.com



*Next Distribution:
Friday, March 14th @ 10:00 am*

Distribution-Day Instructions
All activity will still be outside
- Pull in and PARK in the lot adjacent to YMCA on S. Maple.
There will be designated parking spots for Food Pantry.
Look for volunteers in yellow/green vests for directions.
- Stay in your car, register with the volunteer that has a computer.
- Once registered, continue across street, in front of glass doors,
and your car will be loaded.
We ask for your patience, as we all work together to
make this operation run as smoothly and safely as possible.

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

Thursday Afternoon “Set-up Team” March 13th

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

Friday Morning “Distribution Team” March 14th

(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.

Emergency Weather Cancellation Procedure

In the event of severe weather (*deep snow or ice*) on Food Bank Friday we will post any cancellations on WPXI, KDKA & WTAE TV stations. However, school closures take priority and Food Bank cancellations may only appear online.

Thank you for your **100% PARTICIPATION** with sponsoring our Food Pantry “Truck of the Month” to cover delivery fees!!!

January Gnome Ski Adventure Truck

sponsored by Betty Daverse
in Loving Memory of her parents & son

February Gnome Medical Truck

sponsored by Holly & Jim Kauffman
in Loving Memory of their parents.

March Gnome Lavender Truck

sponsored by Marilyn McSparrin
in honor of All Volunteers.





Andrea Ackerman ~ Angelina ~ Rosalie Ashbaugh ~ Bob B. ~ Cathi B. ~ Doug B. ~ Isie B. ~ Jason B. ~ Ken B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Dave Berlin ~ Paul Carnes ~ DeLuca & DeMarco Catone ~ Christy & Emily ~ Janet Craig ~ Darlene ~ Denny Doran ~ Doreen ~ Frank ~ Alexis Hawk ~ Holly ~ Becky J. ~ Jerry ~ Jessica ~ John ~ Diane K. ~ Eric K. ~ Melonie K. ~ Shirley Kahler ~ Kubas family ~ James Krautz ~ Tracey L. ~ Lee & family ~ Lori ~ Lynn ~ Debbie M. ~ Diane M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ Jim M. & family ~ John M. ~ Ron M. & family ~ Ron McCutcheon ~ Lynn McGill ~ Anthony McKenna ~ Robin Meadows ~ Nancy Montz ~ Kathy P. ~ Melanie P. ~ Stan P. ~ Paul ~ Gwen R. ~ Robin & John ~ Bob Rugh ~ Laurel S. ~ Shuey family ~ Jonah Stickle ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Tiffany & baby ~ Tim ~ Cindy Twigg ~ Jessica W. ~ Zach ~ our Church Staff & Church Family

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

Marge Trumbetta Brookdale (500 Brouwers Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650)

Paulette Hood Hempfield Manor (1118 Woodward Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601)

Myrna Baer, Shirley Kahler St. Anne Home (685 Angela Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601)

Donna Bush Westmoreland Manor (2480 S. Grande Blvd., Greensburg, PA 15601)



Mail a Note of Encouragement

Easter Flowers

Please use the inserted **YELLOW** form to order Easter flowers.

If you would like recognition for the flowers in our "Easter Sunday" bulletin insert, we will need your order **by Friday, April 11.**



Daylight Savings Time... remember to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on

Sunday March 9



SPRING AHEAD!



Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 am

Community UM Church 3487 Route 130, Harrison City

The meeting is held to conduct necessary business of the district. All church officers are encouraged to attend this annual meeting of the Greensburg District.

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

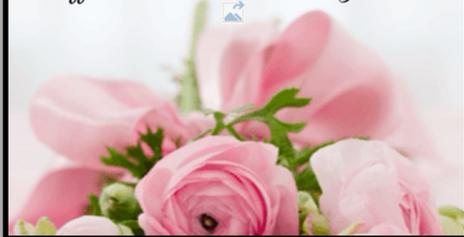
Funeral Meal Fund **URGENT NEED**

The United Methodist Women continue to do funeral meals for our church members, if requested. However, we now have them catered and the cost can be approximately \$13 per person. Though some families are able to and sometimes do pay something toward this meal, our funeral meal fund that is used only for this purpose is nearly depleted at this time. We want to continue this ministry and would welcome any donations to the fund. Monetary donations can be made out to UMW with "funeral" on the memo line or on the envelope, and can be placed in any regular offering or mailed to the church office.

Funeral Meal Help

With funeral meals being catered, we are still in need of 3 people to assist with set up, serving, and clean up. Depending on how many willing helpers we can gather, we would like to do a rotation. This way, the same people will not be called upon for every meal. Keep in mind that this would be a 3 to 4-hour commitment, especially if we are able to use real dishes. However, with this comes the need for another person who would be able to run the dishes through the commercial dishwasher. Please do not let the time or duties frighten you. We are simply looking for people with a kind smile and willingness to help on a very bad day in someone else's life.

With Sympathy
Thinking of you in these difficult times and sending love



Please contact Sherry Miller

412-932-5309 or sherrymiller8966@gmail.com

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