

Greetings in the Name of Jesus the Christ,

We are making our way through Lent and will soon celebrate the Triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, then the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. We know the sequence well; we have gone through it before. We cannot un-know what we know. We can only imagine what it would have been like for the disciples to live through these events. The Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday service, The “Way of the Cross” outdoor drama, the Good Friday evening service, and Easter Sunday worship can all help us on this journey from hope, through despair, to unimaginable joy.

This may all seem like just the normal things churches do. To an extent, it is. But, if that is all it is, we have clearly missed the mark. These “normal things” properly assimilated, further our mission “To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known.” Surely our observances help us know Christ more deeply, and they also help us make Him known. So I pray that we will all participate in the presentation of this great drama of salvation, as we are able. (see below for opportunities of community worship)

We also have an opportunity to work at the fulfillment of another mission statement: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” This is the mission statement of the United Methodist Church. We help fulfill that mission through our connectional apportionments. Rev. Paul Richey, the Conference Superintendent (Pittsburgh and Greensburg Districts) sent a letter to us, thanking us for our faithfulness in supporting the work of the United Methodist Church. In 2024 we gave 100% of the connectional apportionments assigned to First Church, Greensburg. Your interim pastors add our thanks to you as well. Well done.

Grace and peace,

Dick Markle

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday

10:00 am
at Greensburg First
United Methodist Church
15 E. 2nd St.



Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm
Greensburg UM Churches
Joint Community Worship
at S. Greensburg UMC
411 Sheridan Ave.



Way of the Cross Good Friday

11:30 am at the steps of the
Greensburg Co. Courthouse,
ending approx. at 12:30 pm
at FUMC for service...
see detailed insert



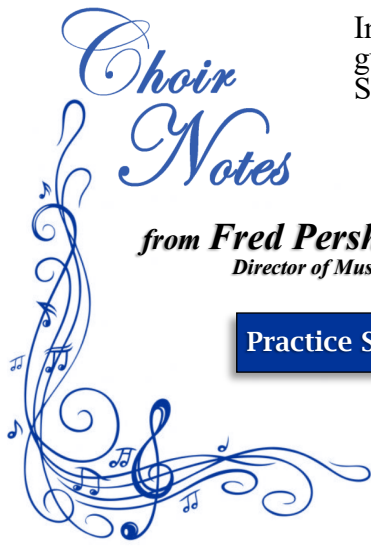
Good Friday

7:00 pm
Greensburg UM Churches
Joint Community Worship
at Otterbein UM Church
111 College Ave.



Easter Sunday

10:00 am
at Greensburg First
United Methodist Church
15 E. 2nd St.



from **Fred Pershing**
Director of Music

Practice Schedules

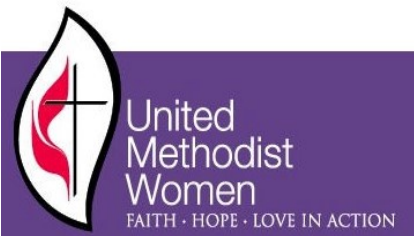
In this Lenten time of prayer and self reflection, our church represents the desire of God's guidance and hope for a brighter day. This will be culminated by the pomp of Palm Sunday and the joy of the resurrection. And...I think I hear trumpets in the distance.

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



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)

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help!
My help cometh from the LORD, who made heaven and earth..* Psalm 121:1-2



This is a reminder about the Rummage Sale scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 9 to 1 in our Fellowship Hall. Gently used housewares, clothing, household items, and the like will be accepted, but no



furniture please. **These items can be delivered to the church to the left side of the Library, beginning on May 1,** during regular church office hours. Please call the office at 724-834-3111 to let Peaches know that you need access to the church.

If you can spare a few hours to lend a hand, we can use help to **set up on Friday, May 16,** beginning at 9:00 am. We can also use help the day of the sale, or following the sale, if you would be willing to help deliver items left over to their final destinations. If you have questions or you want to help, please call Sherry Miller at 412-932-5309. Many hands make light work!

Faith · Hope · Love in Action



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 17
following church
at Mt. Odin Park
(Heather Lund Pavilion)



Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner Take-Out ONLY

Saturday ~ October 18 ~ 4-6pm

Tickets will be available in advance.

Board of TRUSTEES

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

Richard Briggs
Eric Kubas
Ellen Matthews
Karen Pershing
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Centering Prayer

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



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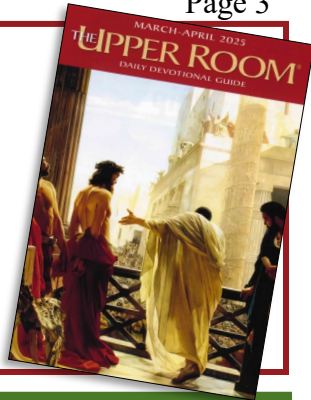
Find us on FACEBOOK:
First United Methodist Church – Greensburg

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

The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for
March/April
is **STILL** available
in the media rack
in Sanctuary Hall.



“Pocket Change for a Purpose”

March **TOTAL: \$480.55**

benefitting
UMCOR

(United Methodist Committee on Relief)
Next Collection Date: Thank You!!!
April 20th to benefit
Camp Allegheny Church Camp



Thursday, April 24th
at 8:30 am
(Church Office)

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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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| Outdoor Maintenance | Boulder Blossoms | |
| Custodians | Simply Spotless Cleaning LLC | |



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, April 21, at 6:00 pm in the church Lounge.

Moving forward with your life, after the loss of a loved one, is painful and difficult. Having people around you who understand where you are and understand how you feel is comforting and can help you move to your new reality. Join us!! We have been there, and 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

Rev. Aimée W. Twigg (412) 554-6101 aimeewt@aol.com

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.



**Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, April 12**

@9:00 a.m.

A home-cooked breakfast
& time of devotions/prayer.

Please **RSVP** to church office
by Wednesday, April 9th at
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org
or 724-834-3111



**Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11
Church World Service
Blanket Sponsorship Sale.**

We will again do a blanket sale for Church World Service. The sponsored blankets will be sent to anywhere in the world where there is a disaster. To sponsor a blanket is \$10. This is a great way to support global mission at this time in history when so many disasters seem to be happening. It's a way that Greensburg First can provide assistance to those in need wherever and whenever there is a need. In past years, the church has taken the money that would have been spent on carnations for women of the church and donated it to the blanket collection. Please prayerfully consider a donation this year. There is so much need, and this is a way that we can 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, April 11th @ 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” April 10th

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

Friday Morning “Distribution Team” April 11th

(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.

April Gnome Watermelon Truck
 sponsored by Deborah Weinstein
 in Loving Memory of her brother,
 Carlton Mack Dunlap

**Food Pantry
needs
BOXES**

The County used to supply boxes to prepare the monthly distribution of food. NOT any more.
We need YOUR HELP!
 Do you know someone who can help us get boxes at a reasonable price? Do you have a suggestion to help with our monthly ministry?
Contact: Mallory Baker 570-765-0781

In Our Thoughts & Prayers
as listed in recent weekly bulletins

Dolores Altman ~ Rosalie Ashbaugh ~ Bob B. ~ Cathi B. ~ Cheryl ~ Doug B. ~ Isie B. ~ Jason B. ~ Ken B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Cherie ~ Cheryl ~ Christy & Emily ~ Janet Craig ~ Debbie D. ~ Denny D. ~ Judy D. ~ Debbi ~ Denny Doran ~ Doris ~ Doug ~ Darlene Erney ~ Kay Garris ~ Dave & Ginny Grandey ~ Art H. ~ Rick H. ~ baby Holly ~ Becky J. ~ Janet ~ Jenny ~ Shirley Kahler ~ Karen ~ Ken Keiser ~ James Krautz ~ Tracey L. ~ Dave Long ~ Lori ~ Autumn M. ~ Debbie M. ~ Diane M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ Jim M. & family ~ John M. ~ Ralphie M. ~ Melanie M. ~ Ron M. & family ~ Ron McCutcheon ~ Anthony McKenna ~ Robin Meadows ~ Nancy Montz ~ Kathy P. ~ Stan P. ~ Mary & Tony R. ~ Robin & John ~ Bob Rugh ~ Sharon ~ Stephen ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Tim ~ Vincent ~ Zach ~ our Interim Pastors & our Church Staff & Church Family

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

Marge Trumbetta RNC (890 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601)
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.**



Come and be a part of the outdoor Drama... "Way of the Cross"

Good Friday April 18, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.
Beginning on the steps of the Westmoreland County Courthouse on Main St.

Follow the procession through the streets of Greensburg, ending at the First United Methodist Church, 15 E. 2nd Street. Stay to worship for a brief service to thank God for His sacrifice!

See insert for details



Saturday, April 26
at 10:00-11:30 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



IMMEDIATE Action Needed

Individuals to serve on our committees to do fruitful ministry.

Such as... Staff/Parish Relations, Finance, Nomination Committee, Lay Leaders, Education Team, Tech Team, Memorial Committee, Funeral Lunch Committee

PLEASE CONTACT one of the Interim Pastors ASAP.



Our Heartfelt Sympathy

to the friends and family of **Peggy Banner** who joined the church Eternal & Triumphant On March 2, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday School Classes & Locations Elementary age 4-grade 5 (upper level, 3rd floor) Adult Genesis (lower level, Library)		1	2 9am-12noon Rev. Markle Office Hours	3 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 10:30am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6pm Chancel Chanters 6:30pm Adult Bells 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4	5
6 Communion 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chime Choir (Chapel) 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Library) 9:00am Elementary Sunday School (3rd Floor) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	7 6:30pm Board of Trustees (Trustee Room)	8	9 9am-12noon Rev. Markle Office Hours 10:00am Staff Meeting (Church Office) RSVPs due for Fella♦Ship	10 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 10:30am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 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	11 8-10am Food Pantry unload Truck & organize 10am Food Pantry Distribution (S. Maple glass doors) 	12 9:00am Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
13 Palm Sunday 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chime Choir (Chapel) 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Library) 9:00am Elementary Sunday School (3rd Floor) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	14	15  6:00pm Finance & Stewardship (Library)	16 9am-12noon Rev. Markle Office Hours	17 Maundy Thursday 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 10:30am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (FUMC Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Greensburg UM Churches Joint Maundy Thursday Worship @ S. Greensburg UMC	18 Good Friday 11:30am Way of the Cross @ Greensburg County Courthouse Steps 12:30pm brief Worship Service @ First United Methodist 7pm Greensburg UM Churches Joint Good Friday Worship @ Otterbein UMC	19 
20 Easter Sunday "Pocket Change for a Purpose" 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chime Choir (Chapel) 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Library) 9:00am Elementary Sunday School (3rd Floor) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	21 6:00 Healing Hearts (Church Lounge)	22	23 9am-12noon Rev. Markle Office Hours 6:30pm Church Council (Lounge)	24 8:30am <i>Circuit Rider</i> Assembly (Church Office) 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 10:30am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6pm Chancel Chanters 6:30pm Adult Bells 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step 7:30pm Chancel Choir	25	26 10-11:30am Greensburg District Conference (Community UMC in Harrison City)
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