

Hello friends,

I've been sitting with Proverbs 14 lately and it has many simple truths that hit home. One verse especially caught my attention: "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." (Proverbs 14:1)

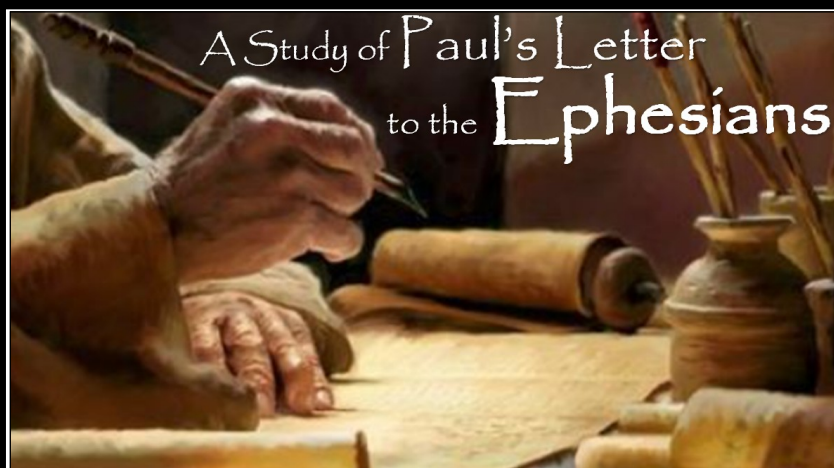
It's not just about physical houses—it's about the homes we make through our words, choices, and relationships. It's about the communities we shape, the friendships we build up, and the lives we touch. It builds up what matters most: trust, joy, and unity. Foolishness, on the other hand, often works quietly, breaking down foundations through impatience, angry words, or ignorance. Sometimes, in the rush of daily life or the heat of frustration, we don't even realize how easily we can tear something down that took years to build.

This chapter of Proverbs reminds us that wisdom isn't simply knowing facts or memorizing verses, it's how we embody what we believe. It's seen in the daily choices we make—whether we choose gentleness over anger, taking a moment to listen instead of reacting, or offering encouragement when it's easier to criticize. Wisdom is patient, slow to judge, and open to learning. It is in the small acts—like forgiving a mistake, sharing a meal, reaching out to someone who feels alone, or praying for those in need.

So here's my encouragement this month: Let's be intentional builders. Whether it's in our homes, our friendships, our church, or our community, let's become people who strengthen what's good and create space for grace to multiply. Let's remember that we are not just living in houses—we are building homes, families, and communities with every choice we make.

Thanks for being part of this church family. I'm grateful for each of you—for the ways you serve, support, and encourage one another. May God's wisdom guide us all as we seek to build lives that honor Him and bless those around us.

Pastor Clint



God's New Society

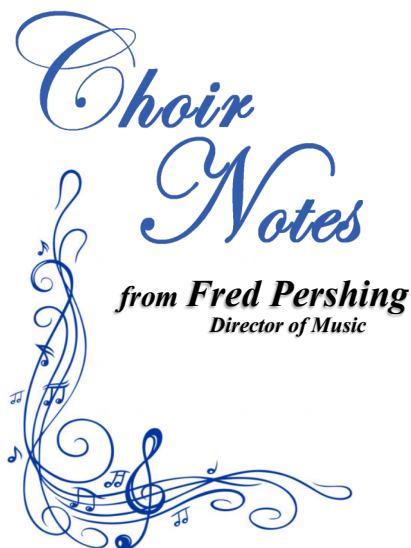
A Bible Study led by
Rev. Augie Twigg (retired)

Tuesdays at 10:00am and 6:30pm (Church Library)

Tuesday morning Bible Study continues, led by Augie Twigg. This hour-long class focuses on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. See below the list of weekly themes and try to read the corresponding scripture. Reading the scripture before class will help you better understand that day's topic, but it's not mandatory...just suggested.

The morning and evening classes are the same. So, bring a Friend and your Bible and join us in the Library on the lower level. (enter glass doors on S. Maple)

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| Oct. 7 | "One Body Ethics" (Eph. 4) |
| 14 | "Department 102" (Eph. 5:1-20) |
| 21 | "All Around Submission" (Eph. 5:21-6:9) |
| 28 | "Spirit Wars:
May the Force Be with You!" (Eph. 6) |
| Nov. 4 | "Belt & Breastplate" (Eph. 6:14) |
| 11 | "Sandals & Shield" (Eph. 6:15-16) |
| 18 | "Helmet & Sword" (Eph. 6:17) |
| 25 | "Prayer, Always Prayer" (Eph. 6:18-20) |



O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1

O yes! God is love and it is showing by the return of all our choirs praising His name in song. And, we can always have room for more participants in music...both singing and/or ringing. Please consider a choir of your choosing and enjoy the love of fellow members you'll share.

<u>SUNDAYS</u>	8:45am	Children's Chimes (Chapel)
<u>THURSDAYS</u>	6:00pm	Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir (Chapel)
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Family Devotions: October

Welcoming people into our homes is an important element of developing relationships and building community. What about God? How can we welcome Him into our homes? How do we make time and space for Him? Susanna Wesley, who had a busy household of more than 10 children, certainly invited God at mealtimes, as well as during devotions with her family, and on Sundays for Bible study. However, she had one more place devoted to sacred communion with her Heavenly Father: beneath her apron. When Susanna Wesley needed to connect with God, pray, perhaps study His Word, she would throw her long apron up over her head and be in stillness with Him beneath the folds of fabric. Jesus made many sacred spaces on earth—in the desert, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the Upper Room. Jesus instructed us to make our tables holy places each time we break bread.

If you do not yet have a space for family devotions or regular Bible study, talk about how your family can create a sacred space in your home and in your schedules where you can gather together to read the Bible and pray.

- Decide on an area in your home where this special place could be established—perhaps the kitchen table, a coffee table in the living room, or seats in the family room.
- Talk about how that space could be prepared for His presence, e.g., clear the area and provide a sense of order and beauty. Put away the dishes, the mail, the remote controls and digital devices.
- Set aside a space of time, even if it is only 15 minutes, when you can have devotions.
- Consider lighting a candle as you begin your time together. In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light." And, He also gave us Jesus who is the Light of the world. Reading the Bible kindles the light of wisdom and faith.
- Since children respond to concrete symbols, you may want to add a cross, a small nativity, an offering, or something from nature—small things that can either remain in place or be easily set up.

Read together Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 84:1-4

When can you talk about God's lessons or acknowledge His blessings or goodness in the world? What teachable moments can you recall? Do you make a habit of morning prayers or bedtime prayers? How might we act differently if we thought about living in our homes like that sparrow or swallow, like living near His altar or in a sacred place like church?

**Adapted by Emily Miller from the September 7th devotion in At Home With God: Family Devotions for the School Year. by Ann Broyles, et al.*

Centering Prayer

Continues to meet in the prayer room
MONDAY evenings at 6:30



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

“Pocket Change for a Purpose”

September TOTAL: \$508.60

benefitting **Food Pantry** (Holiday Gift Cards)



Next Collection Date:

October 19th

to benefit

UMW (Holiday Gift Cards)

**Thank
You!!!**



**United
Methodist
Women**

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

On December 3, we will gather together at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for our Holiday Celebration. This is when we ask each lady to bring a batch of cookies to share. We will make up containers of our cookies for each of our homebound or personal care home members. In this way, we can help them celebrate the holidays and let them know that we think of and pray for them.

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Sunday School Classes & Locations

Elementary (preK-grade 5) Nursery, Sanctuary level

Youth (grades 6-12) 3rd floor, Youth Cafe

Adult (Genesis) Library, lower level



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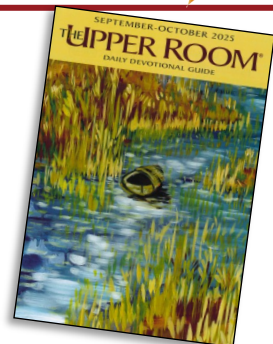
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The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for
Sept./Oct.

is still available in the media
 rack in Sanctuary Hall.



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)



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

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

Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. [Jeremiah 3:15]

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's shower Pastor Clint with cards, gifts, and our prayers, to express our appreciation, thanks, and love. We are truly blessed to have a pastor with the heart of a servant leader!



Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 11th @ 9:00am

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

Please **RSVP** to church office
by Wednesday, Oct. 8th at
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org
or 724-834-3111

ACADEMY CONCERTS AT
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACADEMY STRING QUARTET



"FLAVORS OF EUROPE"
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
2:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION
\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION
OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN



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Relaxed Readers

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

October 1st

The Reading List
by Sara Nisha Adams
Discussion to be led by
Diane Miller

November 5th

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven
by Mitch Albom
Discussion to be led by
Nancy Milliron



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



*Next Distribution:
Friday, Oct. 10th @ 10:00am*

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" Oct. 9th

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

Friday Morning "Distribution Team" Sept. 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 10:00.

Truck of the Month



Sponsored by
Dave & Randi Wichrowski
in Honor of their
children & grandchildren



FOCUS
of the month

Hygiene Items

(toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Purell, moisturizer)

it's things they can't get with Access/EBT cards



If you weren't able to make a contribution to our Holiday Dinner Fund before the Christmas tree vanished from the narthex at the end of July,

don't despair. This project continues until mid-November when we purchase food certificates from Shop'n Save and present them to our local

Nicely and Hutchinson Elementary Schools to share with families who have a difficult time having enough money to have a special holiday dinner. It's our way of sharing from our abundance and letting our friends and neighbors know that they are loved and cared for. Just mark your envelope or check (made out to FUMC) with "Holiday Dinners" and place in any offering.

**Holiday
Dinner
Fund**



Pap A. ~ Anissa ~ Nancy B. ~ Rick B. ~ Barb Bloom ~ Becky ~ Bernard & Sandy ~
 Bonnie ~ Charlie ~ Christy & Emily ~ Connie ~ Debbie D. ~ Denny D. ~ Devon ~
 Doris ~ Doug ~ Leslie G. ~ Gloria ~ the Grandey family ~ Jan H. ~ Michelle H. ~
 Diane & Michael Hall ~ Jeannie ~ Jenny & Cam ~ Jerry ~ Donna K. ~ Shirley Kahler ~
 Ken Keiser ~ Valerie L. ~ Marody family ~ Pam ~ Rosealie ~ Bob Rugh ~
 Laurel Sedlacko ~ Shawn ~ Steven ~ SuAnn ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Tim ~ Debbie W. ~
 Scott W. ~ John Weaver ~ Libbie Williams ~ our Church Staff & our Church Family ~
 Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

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

Libbie Williams Concordia (896 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)
Bill Conrad Ridgecrest (8870 Duncan Avenue, Apt 404, Pittsburgh, PA 15237)
Donna Bush Westmoreland Manor (2480 S. Grande Blvd., Greensburg, PA 15601)



Mail a
 Note of
 Encouragement

Prayer Chain Partners



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



Our Heartfelt Sympathy

to the friends and family of the following
 members and dear friends who recently joined
 the church Eternal & Triumphant...

Marjorie "Marge" Trumbetta (August 31, 2025)

Robert H. "Bob" Bloom (September 6, 2025)

Healing Hearts

The next gathering for Healing Hearts will be

Monday, October 20, 6:00 pm (Church Lounge).

Moving forward after the loss of someone we love is extremely hard to do. People don't seem to understand how we feel. Even our good friends and family have difficulty understanding why we can't just move on. We have all been where you are, and we know how you feel. Join us on October 20. You are not alone.

Questions/Details??? Contact: Sherry Miller 412-932-5309



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 6pm Chancel Chanters 6:30 Bells Practice 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (FH) 7:30pm Chancel Choir	3	4
5 Communion 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chimes (Chapel) 9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3 rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	6 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6:30pm Board of Trustees	7 10am Bible Study led by Augie Twigg (Library) 6:30pm Bible Study led by Augie Twigg (Library)	8  RSVPs due for FellaShip	9 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 1:30pm Food Pantry Set-Up (Fellowship Hall) 6pm Chancel Chanters 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (NH) 7:30pm Chancel Choir	10 8-10am Food Pantry unload Truck & organize 10am Food Pantry Distribution (S. Maple glass doors) Food Pantry Day	11 9:00am FellaShip Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
12 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3 rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	13 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)	14 10am Bible Study led by Augie Twigg (Library) 6:30pm Bible Study led by Augie Twigg (Library)	15  Circuit Rider Articles DEADLINE 6:00pm Finance & Stewardship (Library)	16 10am-1pm 12-Step (library) 6pm Chancel Chanters 6:30 Bells Practice 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (FH) 7:30pm Chancel Choir	17	18
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