

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2025

We are purchasing only enough poinsettias to decorate the church and to distribute to our Special Concerns members. If you would like to contribute to the cost of these poinsettias in memory/honor of your loved ones, please fill out the form below. Please enclose your cash or check **made to UMW**, with "poinsettias" on the memo line. **Deadline for ordering poinsettias and having the names of your loved ones included in our bulletin insert is Sunday, December 14.**

If you wish to pick up a poinsettia, you may do so after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service (Dec. 24) -OR- Sunday (Dec. 28)
(Church office CLOSED Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25 & 26)

Questions? Call the Church Office at 724-834-3111.

Mail to: First United Methodist Church, 15 E. 2nd St., Greensburg, PA 15601, by December 14, 2024.

I wish to order the following poinsettias: (Please circle in memory of or in honor of)

In memory/honor of: _____

By _____

In memory/honor of: _____

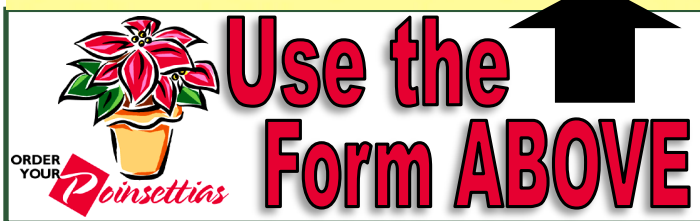
By _____

Enclosed is my donation \$_____.

Name _____ Phone _____

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◆◆◆ Church office will be **CLOSED**: Thursday (Dec. 25), Friday (Dec. 26) ◆◆◆



**"To know Christ
and make Him known."**

**This is our Church Mission,
grounded in Biblical
principles.**



ACADEMY CONCERTS AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Katy Williams
Soprano



**"Ave
Maria"**

WITH CANZONA:
NICHOLAS WILL, ORGAN
AND
WARREN DAVIDSON, VIOLIN

DECEMBER 17, 7PM

Free admission
\$20 suggested donation, or pay what you can

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15 EAST 2ND STREET, GREENSBURG, PA 15601
academyconcerts.org



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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"

November TOTAL: \$229.02
benefitting **12-Step** (Hospitality Fund)



Next Collection Date:
December 21st
to benefit
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

**Thank
You!!!**



As always, the United Methodist Women have 100% American made **RADA Cutlery** for sale year round. Great for Birthday gifts, hostess gifts for the Christmas season, or even just for you to update your kitchenware supplies.

For availability of items and a pricing list, contact the church office at 724-834-3111, or see MaryAnn Herd at church.



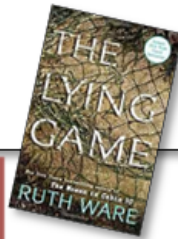
Relaxed Readers

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

December 3rd
Have a Little Faith
by Mitch Albom
Discussion to be led by
MaryAnn Herd

NO January 2026 meeting

February 4th
The Lying Game
by Ruth Ware
Discussion led by
Olivia Graham



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



**Men/Boys
Prayer Breakfast**
Saturday, Dec. 13th
@ 9:00am

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

Please **RSVP** to church office
by Wednesday, Dec. 10th at
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org
or 724-834-3111



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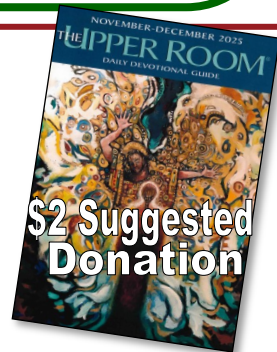
15 E. 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601 Phone: 724-834-3111
Church website: www.greensburgfirst.org

Rev. Clint Phillips (724) 594-2029 pastor@greensburgfirst.org

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The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for
Nov./Dec.
is STILL available in the
media rack in Sanctuary Hall.



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



WEDNESDAY,
Dec. 31st
at 8:30 am (Church Office)

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



*Next Distribution:
Friday, Dec. 12th @ 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.

Thursday Afternoon "Set-up Team" Dec. 11th

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

Friday Morning "Distribution Team" Dec. 12th

- (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
Barb Bloom
in Loving Memory of
Donald W. Bloom, Sr.
and Mike Medved, Jr.

FOCUS
of the month



**unending
rows of boxes**

Urgent Call for Volunteers

Dec. 11 & 12

Call the church office
for details 724-834-3111

MORE Helping Hands needed!!!



Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's annual Holiday Dinner Fund! With help from the United Methodist Women, we were again able to provide \$3,000 in grocery certificates from Shop'n Save on Route 66 to our Greensburg Salem Nicely and Hutchinson Elementary School families, for their Thanksgiving Holiday. What a great way to support families in our very own community, to be able to afford a special meal for Thanksgiving and let them know that there are people who care about them.

**Holiday
Dinner
Fund**

Confirmation Class

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We're excited to invite students to be part of our upcoming Confirmation Class—a time to explore your faith, learn more about what it means to follow Christ, and prepare to confirm your baptismal vows as a member of the United Methodist Church.

As we look ahead to spring, we'll be figuring out how many weeks we'll meet and how big the class will be. We'll do our best to work around everyone's schedules, but we also want to remind you that this is a meaningful commitment to your faith and your church community.

Class dates aren't set yet, but we're planning to start near the **end of January 2026** and finish on **Confirmation Sunday—May 24, 2026**. To join, students should be in **at least 7th grade** and actively attending worship.

Once you're registered, we'll share more about what's expected. We encourage you to think and pray about being part of this journey—it's a special time, and we're looking forward to walking through it with you.

You can sign up by calling the church office at **724-834-3111** or by scanning the QR code at the right to fill out the online form.



Angel Tree for local Children

Gift Wrapping Fellowship

Sunday (after worship)
Dec. 7

in Bell Room—lower level

To participate...

- choose an angel tag from tree
- list your name and contact info on the clipboard
- purchase the clothing/item listed on the tag
- return it by Sunday (Dec. 7) to the box by the tree (unwrapped & angel tag attached)

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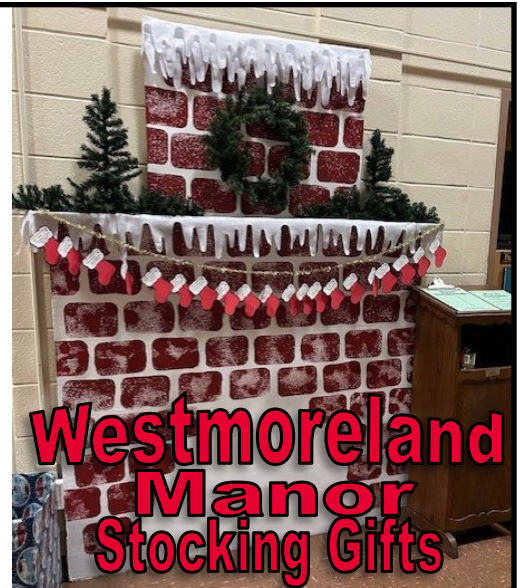
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

(May change without notice...thank you
for your understanding & patience)

WiFi Network

Name: Greensburg First

Password: Jeremiah2911



Please be a Blessing to
a few special residents at
Westmoreland Manor.

To participate...

- choose a **STOCKING** from the fireplace mantel
- list your name and contact info on the clipboard
- purchase the clothing/item listed on the stocking
- return it by Sunday (Dec. 7) to the box by the fireplace (unwrapped & stocking tag attached)



The Liturgist's pulpit is empty 2 weeks every month. We need your help to add fullness and richness to our weekly time of worship. We currently have only 3 regularly-scheduled liturgists. Please reach out to Pastor Clint or the church office with questions or further details.



Food Pantry

Helping Hands Needed...

Dec. 11 & 12

Call the church office
for details 724-834-3111

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

as listed in recent
weekly bulletins

family of Brad Ackerman ~ Aidan ~ Alyssa ~ Becky B. ~ Brenda B. ~ Jason B. ~ Bob Barone ~ Becky ~ Bette ~ Bill ~ Isabel Bloom ~ Ken Bossart ~ Debbie D. ~ Darlene ~ Denny ~ Denny Doran ~ Doris ~ Emily & Kennedy & Christy ~ Diane F. ~ Joann Flock ~ Larry Flock ~ Tom G. ~ Ginny Grandey ~ Joanne ~ Julie ~ Justin & Jackie ~ Cheryl K. ~ Diane K. ~ Donna K. ~ Eric K. ~ Melanie K. ~ Shirley Kahler ~ Katelyn ~ Kathy ~ Ken Keiser ~ Kenny ~ Kimberly ~ the Knox family ~ Lori ~ Cha M. ~ Donna M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ Eugene M. ~ Jim M. ~ John M. ~ Ron M. ~ Marion ~ Mark ~ Matt & Tracy ~ Brian McKinney ~ John Meffe ~ Mel & Maxine ~ Michelle ~ baby Molly ~ David Nalevanko ~ Nancy ~ Shirley Neill ~ Amanda P. ~ Kathy P. ~ Rick P. ~ Patty ~ Robin R. ~ Rhonda ~ Michael S. ~ Laurel Sedlacko ~ Steven ~ baby Sutton ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Tim ~ Bill Wier ~ family of Libbie Williams ~ Beth Z. ~ Doreen Z. ~ Zacchetti family ~ our Church Staff & our Church Family ~ Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

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

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)

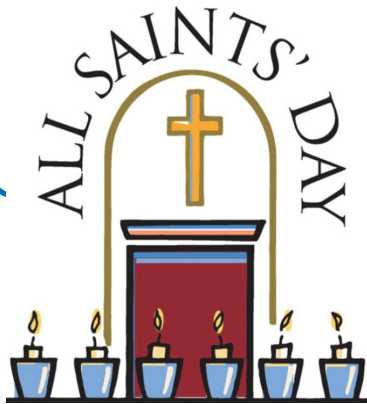


Mail a Note of
Encouragement

Prayer Chain Partners



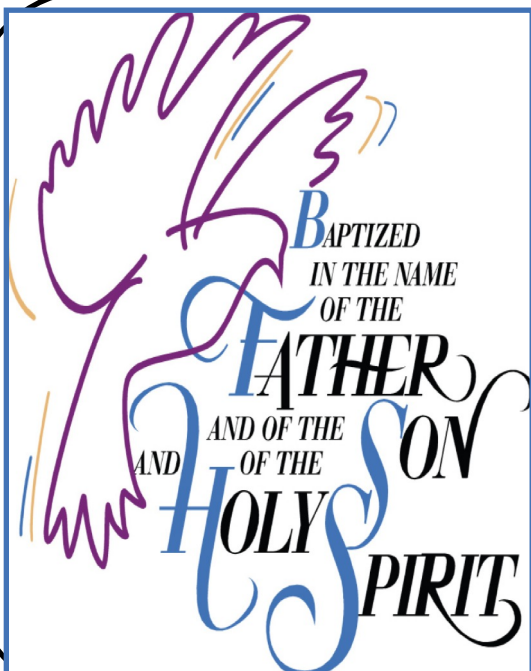
Contact the church office at 724-834-3111
or make note on Sunday on your Welcome Card,
to get the prayer chain going...or send an email to
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org



The following names, representing those saints from our church family
who have entered the Church Triumphant over the last year
were read aloud and a candle was lit during Worship on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025.

Donald J. Sedlacko
Betty White
Andrea Ackerman
William Montz
Scott Shank
Evelyn Makarsky
Peggy Lee Banner
Robert Hugus

Stephanie Lee Banner
Anthony McKenna
Ruth Helfferich
Marjorie Trumbetta
Robert Bloom
Jacquelyn B. Hebrank
Elizabeth "Libbie" Williams
Brad Ackerman

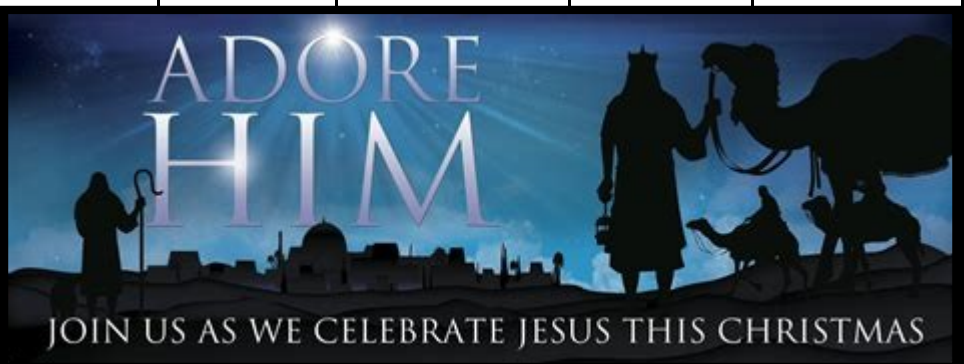


We Rejoice in the
Nov. 13, 2025
Sacrament of Baptism
Travis James Fitzgerald

Timothy & Emily Fitzgerald (Parents)
Timothy Simpson (God Father)
Emily Momich (God Mother)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)	2 6:30pm Church Council (Lounge)	3 10:00pm Worship Com. (Library) 6:00pm UMW Holiday Celebration (FH) 6pm Chanters 6:30 Bells Practice 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4 10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge) Greensburg Luminary Night 5:00-7:00pm Crèche Display & refreshments (North Hall & Fellowship Hall) 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge)	5	6
7 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)	8 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room) 6:30pm Board of Trustees (Trustee Room)	9	10  6pm Chanters 6:30 Bells Practice 7:30pm Chancel Choir	11 10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge) 1:30pm Food Pantry Set-Up (Fellowship Hall) Greensburg Market Night 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge)	12 8-10am Food Pantry unload Truck & organize 10am Food Pantry Distribution (S. Maple glass doors) 	13 9:00am Fella+Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
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28 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 8:45am Chimes 9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (3 rd floor) Youth Grades 6-12 (3 rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	29 9:00am FINAL 2025 Deposit 6:30pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)	30	31 8:30am Circuit Rider Assembly (Church Office)	January 1 Happy New Year! Church Office CLOSED	January 2	

December 2025





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Greensburg, PA 15601

December 2025 Circuit Rider

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