

# Challenge Accepted!



**Let's overflow  
these bins!!!**

**The GOAL: 504 Cans  
of Soup!**

Then we can give 6 cans to each of our 84 clients.

Any kind, any brand...today thru  
Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 8

The "bins" are in Sanctuary Hall.  
You can drop off on Sundays or during  
regular office hours...Mon.-Fri. (8am-4pm)  
for February 13<sup>th</sup> Distribution.



**2026 Food Pantry "Truck of the Month"**  
**100% Participation**  
**Thank You!!!**



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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)*

Watch worship services on the  
following **You Tube** link...old & new.

<https://youtube.com/@greensburgfirstumc?si=Qua3nktYbRfaUYKJ>

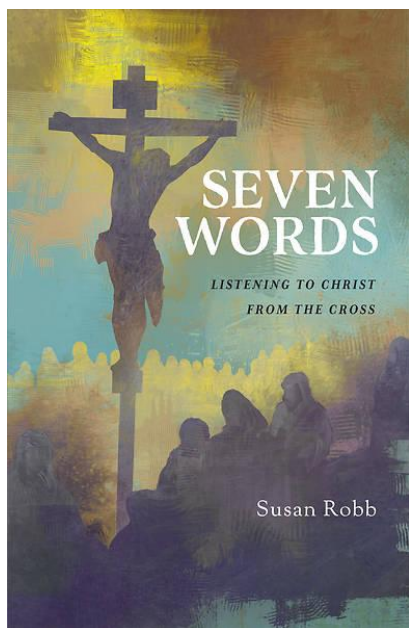
You can subscribe, and a weekly alert will be sent to your email.

# Lenten Bible and Book Study

Pastor Clint invites you to join a six-week study based on Susan Robb's book *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross*. Together, you'll journey through Lent guided by the seven last words of Christ spoken from the cross.

Sometimes we like to hear about the parades during Palm Sunday and the celebration of Easter, but we may try to avoid the moments of the cross where Jesus shows His love. This study allows us to look at these words with contemplation but also hope.

Each week's session will include an introductory video and a review of the readings from the book. **The study requires weekly reading**, but I hope that this will bring discussion and deepen the exploration of the words of Jesus as we prepare to come together.



**Books can be provided free of charge, and early registration is complete. However, we don't want you to miss out on this special time of fellowship. Just call the church office at 724-834-3111 to request the reading for that week. Then, we will make sure a book is waiting for you the following week.**

The study will begin on **Tuesday, February 10**, slightly ahead of Lent to allow for scheduling flexibility and weather considerations. We will meet for six sessions over seven weeks, with options at **10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** each Tuesday. Dates and topics are listed below.

I hope and pray you will consider this opportunity to explore the words of Christ in a fresh and meaningful way.

Session One	February 10	Father, Forgive Them
Session Two	February 17	Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
Session Three	February 24	My God, My God
Session Four	March 3	Woman, Here Is Your Son
Session Five	March 10	I Am Thirsty
Session Six	March 24	Into Your Hands
Session	March 31	<i>Make Up Session if Needed</i>

## Centering Prayer

**MOVES** to meet in the prayer room  
**MONDAY MORNINGS**  
at 10:00



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



## Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**  
in Fellowship Hall  
(enter glass doors at S. Maple)

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

Please **RSVP** to church office by  
**Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** at 724-834-3111  
or [churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org)



## 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



**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 8:30 am** (Church Office)

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





*as listed in recent  
weekly bulletins*

Agnes ~ Anita & family ~ Becky ~ Ken B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Barbara ~ Bob & Connie Barone ~ Bill ~ Ken Bossart ~ Carol C. ~ Diane C. ~ Becky Chopp ~ Chris ~ Cindy ~ Bob Coder ~ Janet Craig ~ Debbie D. ~ Joanie D. ~ Wendy D. ~ Barb Daniel ~ Emily & Christy ~ Felicity & baby ~ the Grandey family ~ Patty H. ~ Rick Herd ~ Jenny ~ Diane K. ~ Donna K. ~ Ginny K. ~ family of Shirley Kahler ~ Ken Keiser ~ Kristy & family ~ Art L. ~ Linda ~ Diane M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ John M. ~ Ron M. ~ Mark & Marion ~ Maria ~ Melanie Marody ~ Mary & Tony ~ MaryJo ~ Melanie ~ family of Joyce Miscovich ~ Kathy P. ~ Melanie P. ~ Patty ~ Rick & Paulette ~ Robin & son ~ Robin & John ~ Galen Ross ~ Michael S. ~ Sheree ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Adam W. ~ Ben W. ~ Ed & Sally W. ~ Jim W. ~ Linda W. ~ Bill Weir ~ Cathy Willcox ~ Jack Wilson ~ family of James Williams ~ Jack Wilson ~ Steve & MaryJo Young ~ Beth Z. ~ Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

## “Pocket Change for a Purpose”

**January TOTAL: \$174.10**

benefitting **Greensburg Fire Department**

**Next Collection Date:**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
to benefit

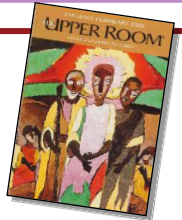
**Rise Against Hunger**



**Thank  
You!!!**

**The Upper Room**

Daily Devotional for  
**Jan./Feb.**



is **STILL** available in the media rack in Sanctuary Hall.

Please help us cover the cost of providing this resource with a **\$2 Suggested Donation**



IRAs and Tax-Efficient  
Charitable Giving:  
What You Need to Know

A **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** is a tax-smart way to support the First United Methodist Church. Starting when you turn 70 1/2 years old, you can make a QCD from your

Individual Retirement Account (IRA). No income tax will apply to that withdrawal. Starting in the year you turn 72, each year you can choose to designate all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA to the church, and you will not count the gift in your adjusted gross income, so you won't pay income taxes on the amount. The amount you give **will** count toward your RMD for the year. You can also name the church as beneficiary for all or a portion of your IRA, and there are tax benefits. Please consider these options, to support the mission and ministries of our church. Please contact your financial advisor or your IRA administrator, for instructions on how to do this. Contact the church office at 724-834-3111 to obtain the tax identification number.



**Annual  
Giving  
Statements**

were mailed out  
**by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Thank you for your patience,  
as we closed out our 2025  
financial records and files.

**Simply Scan  
to donate  
through Zeffy.com**





*Next Distribution:  
Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

### Thursday Afternoon “Set-up Team” Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday Morning “Distribution Team” Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

- (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.



February  
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“Truck of  
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Sponsored  
by Frank &  
Susan Stillman

In Loving  
Memory of  
Mary Stillman

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.



Special **“Thank You”** from the local  
Greensburg Salem elementary schools  
and our Church Angel Tree Committee...

to all those who helped set up &  
organize & shop & wrap (both  
physically or donated wrapping  
paper/gift bags/tissue) &

those who delivered & cleaned up, and most  
especially those who took an Angel Tag or two.  
It was all of you who so kindly blessed more  
than 40 families with your generous time and  
resources. Blessings to you!!!



Join with us as we come  
together and enter this  
season of Lent as one  
people in the love of Christ.

February 18  
7:00pm  
in our Sanctuary

ACADEMY CONCERTS AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# MICHAEL GRISKA

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TRADITIONAL  
MUSIC OF  
INDIA

FRIDAY  
MARCH 13  
7:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
15 E. 2<sup>ND</sup> ST., GREENSBURG 15601  
FREE ADMISSION, \$20 SUGGESTED DONATION  
ACADEMYCONCERTS.ORG



[bit.ly/4m5SXCW](https://bit.ly/4m5SXCW)

**Let's be safe...**Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

**Weekday office hours & activity cancellations...**If Greensburg Salem school district has a 2-hour delay or cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be delayed or cancelled.



# CHANGES COMING

## Introducing chMeetings

Our church is always looking for ways to stay better connected. One tool that helps us do that is **chMeetings**. chMeetings is a secure, church-focused system that helps us keep track of important information such as member contact details, attendance, giving records, and more. It allows the church office and ministry leaders to serve you more effectively and communicate more clearly.

For the congregation, this means more accurate communication. Your information is kept secure and is used only for the purposes of church ministry and care. Behind the scenes, chMeetings helps us spend less time on paperwork and more time focusing on what matters most—serving the ministries of Greensburg First.

As part of our use of **chMeetings**, you may notice a small change in how some church emails arrive in your inbox. Group emails that have traditionally come directly from the church office will now be sent through chMeetings and will come from the address **mail@chmeetings.com**. These messages will still clearly show who they are from—either Pastor Clint or Peaches, so you will know they are the real deal. We ask that you keep an eye out for emails from this address and, if needed, mark them as “safe” or add them to your contacts so they don’t end up in your spam or junk folder. This will help ensure you continue to receive important updates and announcements.

## Introducing Zeffy

As part of our ongoing commitment to faithful stewardship, our church is transitioning to a new electronic giving platform called **Zeffy**. Zeffy is a secure online giving system designed specifically for churches and nonprofits. Unlike our previous provider, Zeffy does **not charge the church any processing or service fees**. This means that more of every dollar you give goes directly to support the ministry and mission of our church.






Because of system limitations, we are **unable to transfer existing electronic giving information** from our previous provider to Zeffy. This means that anyone who currently gives electronically will need to **resubmit their giving information** in order to continue their donations through the new system.

Those who currently give electronically will be receiving detailed instructions in the mail, if you have not already, to help make this transition as simple as possible.

When donating through Zeffy, you may notice an optional prompt asking if you would like to include a small contribution to support Zeffy itself. Because Zeffy provides its services free to nonprofits, these optional gifts help cover their operating costs. This contribution is entirely optional—even a dollar helps—and there is no expectation beyond your intended gift to the church.

We are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness. This transition is one way we are working to honor your gifts and ensure they have the greatest possible impact. If you have questions or would like assistance, please contact the church office—we are always happy to help.

# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Communion</b> 8:30am <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> (Sanctuary Hall) 8:45am <b>Chimes Practice</b> (Chapel) 9:00am <b>Sunday School</b> <u>Elementary</u> PreK-5 (Nursery) <u>Youth Grades</u> 6-12 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor) <u>Adult</u> (Library/lower level) 10:00am <b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary)	<b>2</b> 10:00am <b>Centering Prayer</b> (Prayer Room)  6:30pm <b>Board of Trustees</b> (Trustee Room)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am <b>Worship Committee Meeting</b> (Library)	<b>5</b> 10am-1pm <b>12-Step</b> (Lounge)  6pm <b>Chancel Chanters</b> (Sanctuary) 6:30pm <b>Bells Practice</b> (Chapel) 6:30-8:30pm <b>Women's 12-Step</b> (Lounge) 7:30pm <b>Chancel Choir</b> (Choir Room)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:00am-4:00pm</b> <b>WPAUMC DCOM</b> use of our Lounge
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