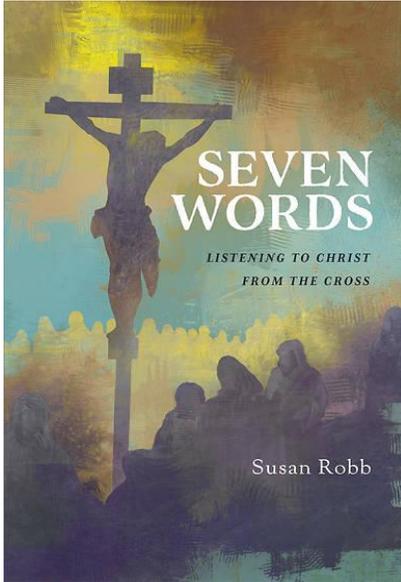


Lenten Bible and Book Study

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



Tuesdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm

(morning and evening classes are the same)

Dates and topics

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 *make up session if needed*

We meet in the Church Library on the lower level with entry at the glass doors on S. Maple.

Centering Prayer

continues 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, March 14th @ 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, March 11th at 724-834-3111
or 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
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org.



Thursday, March 26th
at 8:30 am (Church Office)

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



as listed in recent weekly bulletins

Agnes ~ Anita & family ~ Isabel B. ~ Ken B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Becky ~ Bob & Connie Barone ~ Bill ~ Ken Bossart ~ Dianne C. ~ Cindy ~ Janet Craig ~ Debbie D. ~ family of Denny Doran ~ Emily & Christy ~ Felicity & baby ~ the Grandey family ~ Patty H. ~ Hall family ~ Rick Herd ~ Jenny ~ Diane K. ~ Donna K. ~ Ginny K. ~ Ken Keiser ~ Kristy & family ~ Lewis family ~ Amanda M. ~ Diane M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ John M. ~ Ron M. ~ Mark & Marion ~ Melanie Marody ~ Marty ~ Mary & Tony ~ MaryJo ~ Kathy P. ~ Melanie P. ~ Patty ~ Rick & Paulette ~ Robin & son ~ Galen Ross ~ Harry S. ~ Nico S. ~ Sam S. ~ Mrs. Seda ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Victoria ~ Ed & Sally W. ~ Linda W. ~ Bill Weir ~ Cathy Willcox ~ Steve & MaryJo Young ~ Beth Z. ~ Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

“Pocket Change for a Purpose”

February TOTAL: \$390.01

benefitting Rise Against Hunger

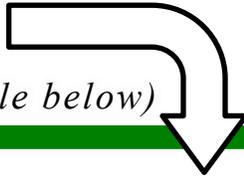
Next Collection Date: March 15th to benefit

Healthy Village Learning Institute

(see details in article below)

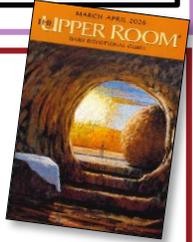


Thank You!!!



The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for March/April



is NOW available in the media rack in Sanctuary Hall.

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

Healthy Village Learning Institute: Transforming Lives in McKeesport

As part of WPAUMC’s Camping & Retreat Ministries, the Healthy Village Learning Institute (HVLI) is making a remarkable impact in McKeesport. What began in 2012 in the basement of St. Paul African Methodist Church has grown into an innovative urban camping and retreat center that is changing lives and strengthening the community.

Rooted in a positive African-centered identity, HVLI offers culturally aligned programs that nurture academic success, personal responsibility, leadership development, and whole-person wellness. Their work spans generations—from children and youth to adults and Elders—creating a true “village” of support.

Key initiatives include (P.O.W.E.R.) Process, building character and confidence in children and youth, (T.R.E.A.M.), preparing all ages for opportunities in Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, and Math, Urban Camping & Retreat Center, offering hands-on learning about urban and global community issues, and more. HVLI is a powerful example of what happens when the church invests in hope, healing, and opportunity.



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.



*Next Distribution:
Friday, March 13th @ 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.



March
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Lavender
"Truck of
the Month"

Sponsored
by
Ellen Matthews

In Loving
Memory of
her nephew,
Todd Matthews

Thursday Afternoon "Set-up Team" March 12th

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

Friday Morning "Distribution Team" March 13th

- (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.

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 generosity! So happy to report that we were able to provide **178 EXTRA** cans of soup to our Food Pantry clients in February. THANK YOU!!!



FOCUS
of the month

Cleaning Items

(dish, cleaning, and laundry soaps and supplies)

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



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Attention ladies...come on out and join us for our

Spring Gathering Potluck Salad Supper Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 pm.

Dessert will be provided and Pastor Aimee Twigg will bring us a special Lenten devotion. If you are able, we ask that you bring a salad to share as we come together in Fellowship Hall. Also, please note the following activity dates on your calendars:

Rummage Sale – Saturday, May 23, 9am-1pm (start your spring cleaning and save your clothing, housewares, decorations, small appliances, etc. to help UMW ministries.)

Church Picnic – Sunday, July 19 (following morning worship)

School/Hygiene Supplies – Collection in August will be delivered before school starts

Potluck Dinner (business meeting/election) – Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 pm.

Holiday Celebration – assembling gift bags & cookie trays for shut-ins & homebound.

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Academy Concerts presents Michael Griska on sitar. Michael will take you on a musical and spiritual journey. Hindustani music is nearly 100% improvised, so every performance of a raga is utterly unique. This concert is hosted by Academy Concerts and will be performed in First UMC's sanctuary. The concert will be held on March 13 at 7pm. The concert is free, but a \$20 donation is suggested to help support future concerts and the artists that perform.

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.

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.

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

Good Friday April 3, 2026 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!



The Music Ministries of the First United Methodist Church of Greensburg

Did you know that we are always looking for more people to join our music ministry? Each Thursday evening, the Handbell Choir meets at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir gathers right after at 7:30pm to rehearse and prepare music for Sunday worship and special services. On Sunday mornings at 8:45am, children and youth meet in the chapel for Chimes Choir. Everyone is welcome to participate — no experience is needed! We provide training and support, and there is a place for everyone to share their gifts through music.

SUNDAYS

8:45^{am} **Children/Youth Chimes** (Chapel)

THURSDAYS

6:00^{pm} **Chancel Chanters** (Sanctuary)

6:30^{pm} **Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir** (Chapel)

7:30^{pm} **Chancel Choir** (Choir Room)

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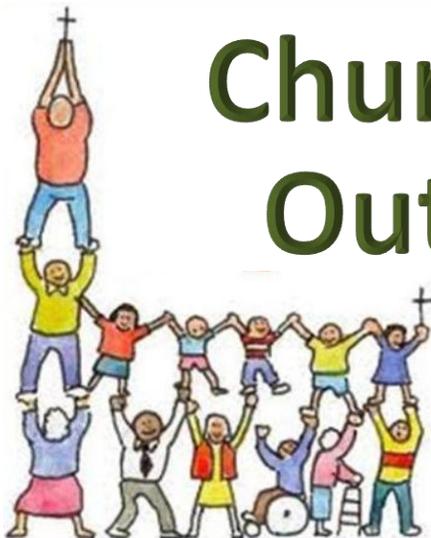
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Randi Wichrowski



Church Work Day Outside Needs

- remove dead plants
- plant some perennials & bushes
- weed & spray rock area

Date being planned...watch for it!

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 8:30am Coffee Fellowship (Sanctuary Hall) 8:45am Chimes Practice (Chapel) 9:00am Sunday School <u>Elementary</u> PreK-5 (Nursery) <u>Youth Grades</u> 6-12 (3 rd floor) <u>Adult</u> (Library/lower level) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	2 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)	3 10:30am Lent Bible Study w/ Pastor Clint (Library) 6:30pm Lent Bible Study w/ Pastor Clint (Library)	4	5 10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge) 6pm Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary) 6:30pm Bells Practice (Chapel) 6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge) 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	6	7
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