

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Jesus Christ, Superstar!

Bible Study
w/ Augie Twigg
Tuesdays
10:30 am & 6:30 pm
(Church Library)

As might be guessed by the name, the New Testament Book of Hebrews deals with Jewish ideals fulfilled in Jesus the Christ or Messiah. Some find the book confusing because of all the references to the Old Testament. While it is true that the better you know the first books of the Bible, the more you will understand this one, you don't need to be an Old Testament scholar to grasp how great the writer believes Jesus is. You'll come away from this study more impressed with Jesus than you ever were before!

April 21	Hebrews 1:1-2:18	"Better than Angels and Prophets"
April 28	Hebrews 3:1-4:13	"Better than Moses and Joshua"
May 5	Hebrews 4:14-7:28	"Better than Aaron"
May 12	Hebrews 8:1-9:28	"Better Promises"
May 19	Hebrews 10:1-18	"Better Sacrifice"
May 26	Hebrews 10:19-39	"Draw Near and Hold Fast"
June 2	Hebrews 11:1-12:29	"Faith and Endurance"
June 9	Hebrews 13:1-25	"Final Exhortations"

To help us prepare, please sign up on the clipboards in Sanctuary Hall, call the church office at 724-834-3111, or email at churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org.

People were overwhelmed with amazement.

"He has done everything well," they said. Mark 7:37 NIV



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

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



as listed in recent weekly bulletins

Becky B. ~ Isabel B. ~ Mary B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Barbara ~ Bob Barone ~ Ken Bossart ~ Dianne C. ~ Carolyn ~ Carol Constantine ~ Janet & John Craig ~ Debbie D. ~ Donna ~ family of Denny Doran ~ Gary E. ~ Emily & Christy ~ Nancy Gilpatrick ~ Dave Grandey ~ Patty H. ~ Rick H. ~ Hall family ~ Hirst family ~ Diane K. ~ Donna K. ~ K & J ~ Ken Keiser ~ Mary L. ~ Lewis family ~ Lucas ~ Amanda M. ~ David M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ John M. ~ Ron M. ~ Thomas M. ~ Marody family ~ Marty ~ Mary & Tony ~ MaryJo ~ Marilyn McSparrin ~ Melanie P. ~ family of John Palek ~ Roxane ~ Harry S. ~ Laurel S. ~ Sam S. ~ Nico Salvio ~ Mrs. Seda ~ Harry Steiner & family ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Sally Tomasevich ~ Tim & Cathy Willcox ~ Steve Young ~ Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

“Pocket Change for a Purpose”

March TOTAL: \$245.58

benefitting Healthy Village Learning Institute



Next Collection Date:

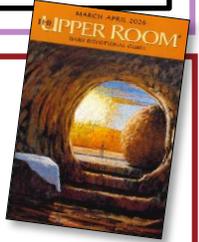
April 19th to benefit

Blackburn Center (Greensburg)

Thank You!!!

The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for March/April



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**

Centering Prayer

continues to meet in the prayer room

MONDAY MORNINGS

at 10:00



Questions?

Contact the church office at 724-834-3111



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 11th @ 9:00am

in Fellowship Hall

(enter at glass doors at S. Maple)

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

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



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, April 10th @ 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” April 9th

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

Friday Morning “Distribution Team” April 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.

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** to the Greensburg Rotary Club for their generous donation to our Food Pantry ministry in March!

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)

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A special thanks to all who attended the spring salad supper in March. It was a great time of fellowship for all.

Rummage Sale – May 23 – 9:00am-1:00pm

Donations of gently-used housewares and clothing items

would be appreciated. As you are no doubt aware, getting things ready for the sale is a big job so we would welcome your help. We set up on Friday, May 22, beginning at 9:00 am and continuing until all is ready. The sale itself is **Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** and is followed by cleanup. That is when we pack up all leftover items and drop them off at several different local thrift store locations. If you could help with the set-up, sale, or pack-up duties, please plan on joining us. Many hands make light work. Though Sherry Miller will organize these activities, please call the church office at 724-834-3111 with any questions.

Funeral Meals Fund One of the mission projects of the United Methodist Women has been to provide funeral meals for church members when requested by the family. The meals are catered and set up, served, and cleaned up by the UMW members. The price of the meals are often covered by the families. When a family is unable to cover the cost of the meal, donations support the work that we do. This is a service that we can provide to families in times of need. It is through donations and the generosity of the families that we are able to continue the ministry. We hope to continue this mission project, and we want to invite you to support this ministry by donating to support this work that is able to comfort families in a great time of struggle. If you would like to donate to this fund, mark a check or envelope with Funeral so we know you are supporting this ministry.

Church Picnic Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 19. Following the regular 10:00 am church service, the picnic will take place at Mt. Odin Park at the Heather Lund Pavilion. All are welcome. There is no charge. The UMW will provide chicken, hotdogs, beverages, and paper goods. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, that would be wonderful.

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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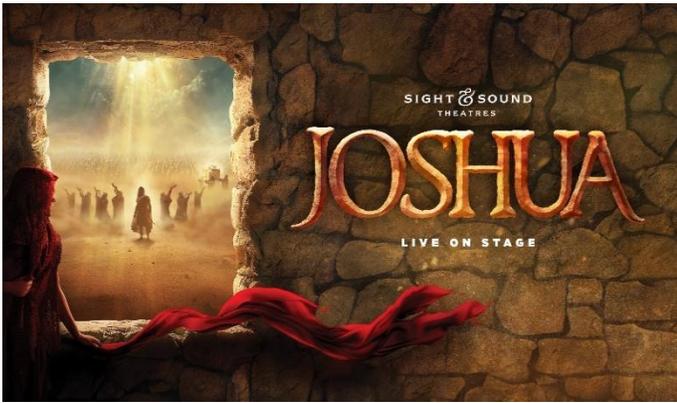
Camp Scholarship Requests

Attention Campers... please click the following link to request funds for camperships:

<https://sites.google.com/view/pastorclint/home>

Questions? Contact the church office

at 724-834-3111



Saturday, August 1, 2026

\$250pp (Children = \$200pp)

Departure:

7:30am Walmart/Greensburg*

Return:

11:30pm Walmart/Greensburg

Return time is approximate

***Bus pick-up will be on the 'Home & Garden Center' side of Walmart, directly behind Panera Bread.**

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected help emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua's trust in God's plan is put to the ultimate test.

Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Cost: The cost for this one-day trip is **\$250** and includes your ticket & transportation to & from the show at Sight & Sound Theatre, family style meal in at an Amish Farm, light snacks/bottled water on the bus & driver tip. The cost for children 3-12 years of age is \$200. This show is best suited to children 5 years of age & up. The Family Room is to be utilized if young children become restless. A live feed of the performance can be watched in the Family Room. (For this performance, we have seats in Section 305 reserved, Rows BB through FF).

Itinerary: We will start the day by boarding our spacious 55-seater, restroom equipped Motorcoach and set out for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Prior to the show, we will do some light shopping and lunch at your expense at Kitchen Kettle Village. There are also Amish Buggy rides just across the road from Kitchen Kettle Village that MAY be an option for those who are interested. After lunch, we will head to Sight & Sound Theater to see "Joshua" performed by an amazing, stellar cast. Following the show, we will enjoy a family style meal at an Amish Farm. Then, we begin the journey home.

Registration Information: To register for this **private charter trip sponsored by FUMC/Greensburg**, please sign up through them directly & make checks payable to the church.

Contact Carrie's Bus Tours w/ questions at 724-640-8828 or carriebustours@gmail.com



*Cancellation policy – all money is fully refundable until 30 days prior to departure, unless otherwise noted. After that, you will receive a full refund less any non-refundable charges (i.e. theater tickets, service fees, etc.- which depends on exact cancellation date). Written notice of cancellation is required before any monies are refunded. You can always transfer your reservation to another person.

In the event that Sight & Sound cancels the show, you will receive a full refund. In the event of any other more "minor" itinerary changes, a reasonable & comparable substitute will be made at the tour leaders' discretion.

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*Our Heartfelt
Sympathy*



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

Riley Marie Hirst
(February 26, 2026)

Isabel Blackburn
(March 18, 2026)



Mother's Day Blanket Sponsorship takes place on Sunday, May 10. You can sponsor a blanket for only \$10 through Church World Service. The blankets that we provide can be sent anywhere around the world where there is a disaster or a need

for them. Working with Church World Service, we can simply support people who have suffered a disaster, and it is a wonderful way for us to encourage those near and far from us who are in need. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a blanket.

Christmas in July will support our Holiday Dinner Fund, and July is just around the corner! All monies donated will be given to Nicely and Hutchinson Elementary Schools in the Greensburg Salem School District to help families in need. This is one way that we can support our neighbors who could use a little help for the holidays. This is a year-round ministry collection that ends in mid-November, and it is possible to support the Holiday Dinner Fund by marking your check or envelope with "Holiday Dinners" and placing it in the offering or mailing it to the church office. Christmas in July is an annual ministry focus.

Ladies' SATURDAY Social

April 18th ♦ 9:00-11:00am ♦ (FUMC Fellowship Hall)

RSVP by Wednesday, April 15, on clipboard in Sanctuary Hall or contact the church office at 724-834-3111 or churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org

Home-made breakfast time to chat
wreath art "make & take"

Organized by Sue Stillman

Graduation Is Around the Corner!

If you are graduating or know someone who will be from high school, college, an academy, tech school, or trade school, please help us share this exciting accomplishment with the congregation! Fill out the form below and return it to the Sunday School Superintendent, Emily Miller, mail it to the church office at 15 E. 2nd St., Greensburg, PA 15601 or email to churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org to be received no later than May 17. Graduation Sunday will be June 7, 2026.

Graduate Biography of (Student Name) _____

Graduating from _____

Major/Degree (if applicable) _____

Activities _____

Honors _____

Special Memories, Future Employment Plans, etc. _____

Please also attach to this form or email a recent picture of your graduate

If you would like to invite the congregation to any party you are hosting or the graduation ceremony, please include the dates, times, and location here:

Join us in the chapel on
Thursday, April 16,
11:30am



LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANNED GIVING AND FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP!

The United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania provides responsible funds management for churches and agencies, enables planned giving through which individuals can support Christian ministries, and offers education and support in financial stewardship and leadership.

Attend this worthwhile event to learn more about how the Foundation can support you in reaching your charitable goals and guide you in tailoring your gift plan to impact mission and ministry in Pennsylvania.

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You are invited to celebrate Holy Week together with us.

Palm Sunday worship will be Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am, when we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and begin the journey towards the cross.

The Way of the Cross takes place on Good Friday, April 3, beginning on the steps of the Westmoreland County Courthouse at 11:30 am. Experience the outdoor traveling drama as we watch Jesus drag the cross and interact with the Roman soldiers. We will follow along around several downtown blocks, stopping several times to act out scenes, ending at the First United Methodist Church at 15 E. 2nd Street where you are welcome to take part in a brief service to thank God for his sacrifice.

Good Friday evening worship will be at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. This service will combine the story of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we share in Holy Communion and hear the story of Jesus' death through a Tenebrae-style service of reflection.

Easter Sunday is April 5 at 10:00 am, and we will gather to celebrate the risen Savior with a joyful service filled with celebration, music, and Holy Communion.



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!



Safe Sanctuary Requirements for All Staff and Volunteers

One of the great blessings of our congregation is the care and dedication shown by those who serve—staff and volunteers alike. Your commitment helps create a church where children, youth, and vulnerable adults can grow in faith within an environment of safety, trust, and compassion. We are deeply grateful for all you do.



To continue caring for one another well, our church has adopted a Safe Sanctuary Policy following United Methodist Church guidelines and recommendations from our insurance provider. This policy ensures the safety of those we serve and provides clear protection for those who minister. As we implement this policy, all staff and all volunteers who work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults must complete the following clearances and training.

If you have questions as to whether you require clearances in your work, please reach out to Pastor Clint. Some may already be on file, but please review the list carefully to ensure all requirements are met.

Volunteer Requirements

- PA ChildLine Background Check
- PA State Police Criminal Background Check
- FBI Affidavit (for volunteers who have lived in PA for 10+ years)
- Online Safe Sanctuary Training

Staff Requirements

- PA ChildLine Background Check
- PA State Police Criminal Background Check
- FBI Fingerprint Background Check (required for all employees)
- Online Safe Sanctuary Training

Note: Volunteer clearances cannot be used for staff positions. Employee clearances require a small fee, which the church will cover this time only.

Obtaining Clearances can be done online and web addresses can be obtained by reaching out to myself or Peaches in the office. Once you have completed your submissions, please provide emailed or hard copies of the certificates to the office for filing. You may submit clearances from other sources if they have been obtained in the last 5 years.

Deadlines

- Staff: April 15
- Volunteers: April 30

If requirements are not completed by the deadline, the ability to serve will be suspended until all materials are submitted. These steps are essential to protect the safety and well-being of our entire church family as well as meeting the necessary requirements for our conference and insurance.

We Are Here to Help

The church is glad to assist with accessing websites, filling out forms, printing certificates, or answering questions. Our goal is to make this process as simple and supportive as possible. Thank you for your continued dedication to the ministry of our church and for helping us maintain a safe, caring environment for all God's people.

Grace and peace, Pastor Clint

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2026</p> <p>April</p> 			1	<p>2 Maundy Thursday Church Office closes at 12:00pm</p> <p>10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>6pm Chancel Chanters Bells Practice</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 Good Friday Church Office CLOSED</p> <p>11:30am Way of the Cross begins on the steps of the Greensburg County Courthouse & continues through the streets... ending with a brief worship service at the First United Methodist (15 E. 2nd Street)</p> <p>7:00pm Good Friday Worship (FUMC Sanctuary)</p>	4
<p>5 Easter Sunday</p> <p>8:30am Coffee Fellowship (Sanctuary Hall)</p> <p>8:45am Chimes Practice (resumes April 12)</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level)</p> <p>10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)</p> 	<p>6 Church Office CLOSED</p>	7	<p>8 RSVPs due for Fella+Ship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>1:30pm Food Pantry Set-up (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00pm Chancel Chanters</p> <p>6:30pm Bells Practice</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 8:00-10:00am Unload Truck & organize</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry Distribution (S. Maple glass doors)</p> 	<p>11 9:00am Fella+Ship Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30am Coffee Fellowship (Sanctuary Hall)</p> <p>8:45am Chimes Practice (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level)</p> <p>10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>13 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)</p>	14	<p>15 Circuit Rider Articles DEADLINE 15th</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>11:30am Planned Giving Seminar (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00pm Chancel Chanters</p> <p>6:30pm Bells</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	17	<p>18 9:00-11:00am Ladies' Saturday Social Breakfast & Wreath Art Activity (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>19 Pocket Change</p> <p>8:30am Coffee Fellowship (Sanctuary Hall)</p> <p>8:45am Chimes Practice</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School Elementary PreK-5 (Nursery) Youth Grades 6-12 (3rd floor) Adult (Library/lower level)</p> <p>10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>2:00pm Academy String Quartet Concert (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>20 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)</p> <p>6:30pm Board of Trustees (Trustee Room)</p>	<p>21 10:30am Spring Bible Study w/ Augie Twigg (Library)</p> <p>6:30pm Spring Bible Study w/ Augie Twigg (Library)</p>	<p>22 6:00pm Finance Committee (Library)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>6:00pm Chancel Chanters</p> <p>6:30pm Bells Practice</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	24	<p>April SHOWERS</p> <p>BRING May FLOWERS</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Coffee Fellowship (Sanctuary Hall)</p> <p>8:45am Chimes Practice</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27 10:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)</p>	<p>28 10:30am Bible Study w/ Augie Twigg (Library)</p> <p>6:30pm Bible Study w/ Augie Twigg (Library)</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am CR Assembly (Office)</p> <p>10am-1pm 12-Step (Lounge)</p> <p>6pm Chanters</p> <p>6:30pm Bells</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Women's 12-Step</p> <p>7:30pm Choir</p>		

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