

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

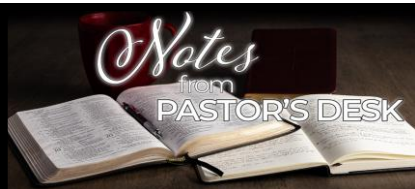
Jesus Christ, Superstar!

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

Join us for this continuing Bible Study on the New Testament Book of Hebrews dealing with Jewish ideals fulfilled in Jesus the Christ or Messiah.

**You'll come away from this study  
more impressed with Jesus than you ever were before!**

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"



## **A Summer Pause... but Not a Stop**

Summer is just around the corner, and if you're anything like me, you're already thinking about vacations, warmer days, and maybe even a little time to breathe. School will be out soon, schedules will loosen, and many of us will be looking for a

chance to sit in the shade, dip our feet in the pool, or just enjoy a slower pace. Even around the church, things quiet down a bit. Meetings taper off, choirs and handbells take a break, and Bible studies wrap up for a couple of months. It feels like the season when everything finally exhales.

But as much as we like that slower rhythm, we also know that life doesn't actually stop. Kids and grandkids still have baseball games and soccer. Some of our youth will be heading to church camp. And if your household is anything like mine, band practices somehow manage to run all summer long until band camp hits in August. Ministry keeps moving too. People still need prayer, care, and connection. The work God has given us doesn't disappear just because the weather gets a bit warmer. It simply shifts.

Paul reminds us that the work continues. "9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:9-10 NIV). Summer invites us to rest, and we certainly should. Rest is holy. But it also invites us to stay faithful in the quiet ways that keep the church's ministry strong. Worship when you're in town. Pray for our ministries when you're away. Look for small ways to bless others. The work continues.

My hope is that this summer gives you space to breathe, to enjoy the people you love, and to find moments of renewal. And I also hope we'll remember that even in the slower months, God is still at work. We get to be part of that good work together, how amazing is that!



as listed in recent weekly bulletins

Becky B. ~ Bobby B. ~ Isabel B. ~ Mary B. ~ Nancy B. ~ Barb ~ Becky ~ Bob ~ Jim & Bev Bence ~ Dave Beppler ~ Judy Bitzer ~ Bob ~ Carolyn ~ Cassie & family ~ Janet & John Craig ~ Debbie D. ~ Emily & Christy ~ Geary family ~ Nancy Gilpatrick ~ Grandey family ~ Kathy Gustafson ~ Joe H. ~ Rick H. ~ Hall family ~ Hirst family ~ Joe Hixson & family ~ Jerry ~ John ~ Diane K. ~ Donna K. ~ Ken Keiser ~ Carol L. ~ Larry & Cindy ~ Lucas ~ Cha M. ~ Diane M. ~ Dorothy M. ~ Jimmy M. ~ John M. ~ Ron M. ~ Thomas M. ~ Marody family ~ Mary ~ MaryJo ~ Marilyn McSparrin ~ Octavia ~ Melanie P. ~ Kathy Poole & family ~ Ross ~ Roxane ~ Ryan ~ Barry S. ~ Nico Salvio ~ Laurel Sedlacko ~ Kerry Thompson ~ Sally Tomasevich ~ Steve Young ~ Pastor Clint & Karla Phillips and their children (Sarah, Isaiah)

## “Pocket Change for a Purpose”

April TOTAL: \$422.46

benefitting Blackburn Center (Greensburg)

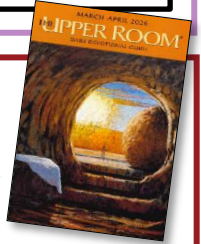


Next Collection Date:  
May 17<sup>th</sup> to benefit  
Rise Against Hunger Event

Thank  
You!!!

## The Upper Room

Daily Devotional for  
May / June



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**

## Centering Prayer

continues to meet in the prayer room

**MONDAY EVENINGS at 6:30**



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



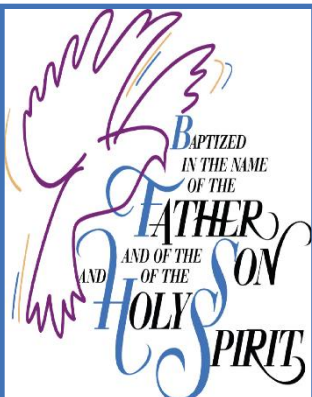
## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 724-834-3111  
or [churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org)



We Rejoice in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
On Sunday, April 26, 2026 by Pastor Clint Phillips

**Liam Gary Kish**

Parents: Rachel & Ryan Kish

Godparents: Jenna & Jacob Hoak

**Barron James Lennert**

Parents: Brittany & Brandon Lennert



*Next Distribution:  
Friday, May 8<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.



**May Gnome  
Coffee Lover's  
"Truck of  
the Month"**

**Sponsored by  
Pam Hamill,  
Phil Hamill,  
& Rachel  
Fabian**

**In Loving  
Memory of  
Libbie  
Williams**

## Thursday Afternoon "Set-up Team" May 7<sup>th</sup>

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

## Friday Morning "Distribution Team" May 8<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.

## Summer volunteers needed.

**VOLUNTEER**  
*you can make a difference!*



**Summer  
Dates**      June 12  
                     July 10  
                     August 14

Teachers & Students on summer break...

### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Come on out and, earn  
community service hours,  
and Help us to **HELP OTHERS!**

Contact Church Office  
724-834-3111

**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)*



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15 E. 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601    Phone: 724-834-3111  
Church website: [www.greensburgfirst.org](http://www.greensburgfirst.org)

<b>Rev. Clint Phillips</b>	(724) 594-2029	<a href="mailto:pastor@greensburgfirst.org">pastor@greensburgfirst.org</a>
<b>Peaches Clark</b>	Secretary	<a href="mailto:churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org">churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org</a>
<b>Fred Pershing</b>	Director of Music	<a href="mailto:tumusic@comcast.net">tumusic@comcast.net</a>
<b>Jim Caffrey, Jr. OSL</b>	Assoc. Dir. of Music	<a href="mailto:puppycat1955@gmail.com">puppycat1955@gmail.com</a>
<b>Ruth K. Hughes</b>	Organist	<a href="mailto:ruthkhughes@gmail.com">ruthkhughes@gmail.com</a>



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### **Rummage Sale – May 23 – 9:00am-1:00pm**

Donations of gently-used housewares and clothing items now being requested and received in lower level North Hall. Call Church Office at 724-834-3111 to gain access.

### **Helping Hands Volunteers NEEDED...Many Hands Make Light Work!**

**Set Up Team** – Friday – May 22 – 9:00 until all supplies set up

**Sale Day Team** – Saturday – May 23 – 8:45am until 1:00pm (assist customers/checkout)

**Pack Up Team** – Saturday – May 23 – 1:00pm

(pack leftover items for transport to nearby thrift stores and ministries)

Though Sherry Miller will organize these activities, please call the church office at 724-834-3111 with any questions.

**Funeral Meal Fund** Thanks to everyone who made donations to our funeral meal fund. Those donations will allow us to continue this ministry that we feel is so important to our church family. If you would like to donate, make your check out to United Methodist Women (UMW) with “funeral meals” on the memo line.

**Church Picnic** Sunday, July 19 is the church picnic after our regular 10:00 am church service. It will be held in the Heather Lund Pavilion at Mt. Odin Park. The United Methodist Women will provide chicken, hot dogs, paper goods, and drinks. If you would like to bring a side dish to share, that would be wonderful. There is not cost for this event and it’s a great way to get to know your church family. Hope you can be there with us.

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

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

**Holiday Celebration** – Tuesday, December 1, 6:00 pm

(assembling gift bags & cookie trays for shut-ins & homebound)

## **Faith · Hope · Love in Action**

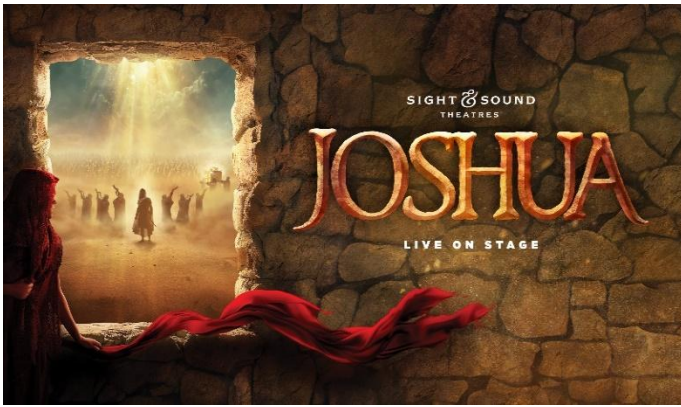
### **Camp Scholarship Requests**

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**

**Sign Up DEADLINE...June 14<sup>th</sup>**

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 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](mailto: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.

Carrie's Bus Tours / 215 Glenn Fox Rd, New Stanton, PA 15672 / 724-640-8828 / [carriebustours@gmail.com](mailto:carriebustours@gmail.com) / [www.carriebustours.com](http://www.carriebustours.com)

## Eucharistic Ministry to Our Homebound

At what we now call the Last Supper, Jesus ate His final earthly Passover meal with the Disciples. There He instituted Communion or the "Eucharist." In Greek, the word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving," and points to how the Gospels record Jesus "giving thanks" over the Bread and Wine in that meal.

During the interim ministry of the "Three Amigos," I was pleased to partner with some of you who volunteered to share a home visit and the Eucharist with our Homebound members in the 2025 Lenten Season.

God has prodded me to organize and assist in Eucharistic visits happening again on a regular timeframe, perhaps two to four times a year. Pastor Clint is encouraging this ministry. Would you pray about being a part of this Eucharistic Ministers' Team? Once we have a list of volunteers, more information will be made available. If interested, please contact the Church office 724 834-3111 with your name and number by Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> or see me in Church.

Pastor Aimée



*Our Heartfelt  
Sympathy*

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

**Donna L. Bush**

*(April 4, 2026)*

## 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](mailto:churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org).



## Mother's Day Blanket Sponsorship

May 10 is Mother's Day. It's the Sunday we take part in our annual blanket sponsorship through Church World Service. For just \$10,

you can sponsor a blanket that can be sent anywhere in the world where there is a need for warmth, weather protection, or even carrying belongings. It's a way for us to do meaningful world-wide mission. Plan to stop by the display in Sanctuary Hall to see samples of the blankets and prayerfully consider sponsoring a blanket or two.

**To participate, simply mark your check or envelope "BLANKET."**



*Christmas in*



**The Christmas Tree will soon arrive.**

**in Sanctuary Hall.** It will be time for our largest annual Holiday Dinner fundraiser to benefit many families from our local elementary schools for the Thanksgiving season. You will be invited to choose ornaments with different monetary suggestions and return them with your gift in any offering or simply return it to the church office.



**Happy Feet  
Ministry Banks  
COMING SOON  
to a Sanctuary  
near you!!!**



# 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

Our Safe Sanctuary requirements are not optional extras. They are standards set by our Conference and affirmed by our Administrative Council to protect our congregation and to ensure we remain in compliance with our insurance provider. We know these steps can feel like extra work, and it's never our intention to take more of your already valuable time. These guidelines exist to safeguard the most vulnerable among us and to protect every volunteer and staff member who serves. When we do not follow them, we place the entire church at risk, including the very real possibility of losing our insurance coverage. By honoring these policies together, we strengthen the trust, safety, and witness of our church family.

## 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*



Our congregation is invited to be a part of a workday at the Mission Barn on June 27th. The Mission Barn is the hub for many ministries in our Conference, including the gathering of supplies, building, and distributing flood buckets. This is a great way to be involved and connected to the work that we have supported for so long. You will see firsthand how your donations have supported local ministries. Everyone, all ages, talents and skills, is invited to be a part of this day! Watch for further details to follow.



**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 8:30 am** (Church Office)

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



# 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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