



**CELEBRATING 225 YEARS**

**2024**

**First United Methodist Church**

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**BELIEVING ◆ WELCOMING ◆ SERVING**



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
A Celebration of Our Nation's Independence  
Sunday, July 7, 2024 8:30 & 10:45 am**

† *Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE** *“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Gift of Finest Wheat)” ~arr. John Carter*

† **CALL to WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

**May God continue to bless His church across this land.**

We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

**May God continue to bless all the nations of the world!**

† **HYMN of PRAISE** *“For This Land in All Its Wonder”* **Tune 577**

- 1. For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
for each mountain filled with splendor,  
for each place where love is found, for the freedoms we enjoy here,  
God, may thanks to You abound! God, may thanks to You abound!*
- 2. For Your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;  
for the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;  
God, we thank You and we pray now:  
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!*
- 3. For Your hand to lead and guide us, for Your work in history,  
for Your vision born inside us of a just society,  
God, we thank You and we pray now:  
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!*
- 4. May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair!  
May our living and our speaking serve Your purpose everywhere!  
May we follow where You lead us;  
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!*

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†**AFFIRMATION of FAITH: The Apostles' Creed** *(unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

†**SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~means "Glory be to the Father" *(sung in unison)*

**UMH 70**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end! Amen! Amen!*

**A READING from the PSALMS**

**Psalm 33:1-12** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

*Charlotte Long, soloist*

*"Let Us Break Bread Together" ~Traditional Spiritual*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL and the LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!**

**SHARING of OUR GIFTS and HIS TITHES**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord" ~arr. John Carter*

†**THE DOXOLOGY** ~means "Praise be to God" *(sung in unison)*

**UMH 94**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## †PRAYER of DEDICATION

## †HYMN of PRAYER

UMH 697

*“America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)”*

## A READING from the GOSPELS

Luke 12:13-21 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin Haley

**“The American Dream?”**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Holy Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

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By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen!**

## **GIVING the BREAD and CUP**

*The ushers will distribute the communion elements to you where you are seated...*

## **PRAYER after COMMUNION (unison)**

**Gracious God, we thank You that You have fed us in this sacrament, that You have united us with Christ, and that You have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen!**

†**HYMN of COMMITMENT**      *“America the Beautiful”*      **UMH 696**

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**

*Hymn From “Finlandia” ~Jean Sibelius*

†**GOING FORTH to SERVE**

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LITURGIST: **Jim Caffrey**    TECH TEAM: **Nevaeh Hirst**



# NEXT SUNDAY!

**LOCATION:** Mt. Odin Park (Heather Lund Pavilion)

**UMW will provide:** chicken/hot dogs/drinks/paper goods

If you would like to bring a side dish to share,  
we would all appreciate and enjoy it!

**Looking forward to seeing you at 12:30, in the park, for a great time of Fellowship!!!**



A Christmas tree is staged in Fellowship Hall... please help support our **Holiday Dinner Project.**

**To participate:**

- Choose an ornament with monetary amounts listed that you would like to donate.

- Place your donation and ornament (*using the special envelope near the tree*) and mark your check (payable to FUMC) with "Holiday Dinner" and return it in any offering or to the church office.

Proceeds will be used to get food vouchers for families at local elementary schools. It's a very simple & special way to support our community.

*Sponsored by your Outreach Ministry*



**The Happy Feet shoe banks** are in our Fellowship Hall!

From now through mid-August, the shoe banks will remind you that there are local children who need help buying school shoes. Donate as much as you want, as often as you can, in the banks or in the offering plate!

Your Outreach Ministry THANKS YOU!!!

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday ~ July 7** ~ Read Job 38-39; Acts 15:1-21

8:30am Worship (*Fellowship Hall*)

9:30am Coffee/Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)

9:40am Adult Sunday School (*Library*)

10:45am Worship (*Fellowship Hall*)

**Monday ~ July 8** ~ Read Job 40-42; Acts 15:22-41

6:30pm Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)

**Tuesday ~ July 9** ~ Read Psalm 1-3; Acts 16:1-15

-- NO Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin (*resumes Aug. 6*)

**Wednesday ~ July 10** ~ Read Psalm 4-6; Acts 16:16-40

-- RSVP due for Fella♦Ship (*to Church Office or Pastor Kevin*)

**Thursday ~ July 11** ~ Read Psalm 7-9; Acts 17:1-15

10am-1pm 12-Step (*Library*)

1:30pm Food Pantry Set-up Team (*Fellowship Hall*)

6:30-8:30pm Evening Women's 12-Step (*North Hall*)

**Friday ~ July 12** ~ Read Psalm 10-12; Acts 17:16-34

8:00am Food Pantry truck unloading (*S. Maple glass doors/Fellowship Hall*)

10:00am Food Pantry Distribution (*S. Maple glass doors*)

**Saturday ~ July 13** ~ Read Psalm 13-16; Acts 18

9:00am Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)

## Prayer Requests:

Matt A. / Bob / Bob B. /

Sue B. / Connie / Bill / David / Darlene Erney / Frank /

Nancy G. / Leigh Gorman / Pastor Kevin & Amy Haley /

Pat Handlin / Jimmy / Shirley Kahler / Kelly / Steven Long /

Dorothy M. / Evelyn Makarsky / Dorothy Medved /

Nan Peshel / Allan Pierce / Robin & John / Kerry Thompson /

Tracey / Louisa Tylka / Edward W. / Julie Watts /

Betty & Clarence White / Doreen Zalakar

*Please write prayer concerns on attendance cards in the bulletin, **check the box(es)** and place them in offering. **Requests are listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless renewed.***

Those who  
wish to...  
but cannot  
be among us.

**Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta** Brookdale Latrobe

**Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor Greensburg

**Vivian Engel** Loyalhanna Care Sr. Suites Latrobe

**Donna Bush, Norma Gump** Westmoreland Manor Greensburg

## TODAY

- **Sunday Morning Coffee/Fellowship Hour** continues every Sunday, between Worship services, currently at the kitchen counter in Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Sunday School** continues at 9:40am, in the Library on the lower level.
- **July/August Upper Room** devotional is now available in the media rack in Sanctuary Hall.

## THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** meets weekly on Monday evenings, at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.
- **Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study** is on summer break. It will resume August 6.
- **RSVPs for Fella•Ship** are due Wednesday, July 10, to the Church Office or Pastor Kevin.
- **Food Pantry “Set-up” Team** meets Thursday, July 11, at 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall, to prepare for distribution on Friday morning.
- **Food Pantry “Distribution” Team** will meet Friday, July 12. The delivery truck arrives at 8:00am when we unload, organize, and prepare the supplies in the Fellowship Hall, with actual distribution at 10:00am at the glass doors on S. Maple. **Please step forward**, if you can help.
- **Fella•Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast** will meet on Saturday, July 13, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin or the church office by Wednesday, July 10.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Church Picnic** ~ NEXT Sunday, July 14 ~ 12:30pm (Mt. Odin Park) ... see page 5 for details
- **Circuit Rider Deadline** ~ Monday, July 15 ~ for August edition articles and announcements
- **Healing Hearts** ~ meets off site all summer ~ contact Sherry Miller for info 412-932-5309
- **Finance & Stewardship will NOT meet in July** ~ resumes August 20
- **Church Council/Congregational Meeting** ~ Wednesday, July 24 ~ 6:30pm (*Fellowship Hall*)
- **Circuit Rider Assembly Team** ~ Thursday, July 25 ~ 8:30am (*Church Office*)

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)*

We are glad that you are with us in worship today! Greensburg:First is a church where you can come to learn that God loves you just the way you are, but that God also loves you too much to let you stay this way. God wants you to become more like Jesus! If you do not have a church home of your own, we hope that you might prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family, as we reach out with love and in the name of Jesus Christ! **Also, please help us get to know you,**

**or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,**

**by filling out a Welcome Card (inserted in this bulletin).**



**The strength of  
Independence  
is only found in our  
TOTAL  
Dependence  
in God.**

## 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)*

## Wi-Fi Network

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Password: Jeremiah2911



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