



First United Methodist Church

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Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord!

Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12 (NRSV)

I am troubled by the conflict in our world. Are people even more mean and hateful than they used to be? Things that are considered normal today would not have been considered at all even ten years ago! Cyber-bullying, and bullying in general, causes people to commit suicide. Road rage is terrifying, even as a witness. Terrorist activities and mass shootings continually threaten our safety. People of all religions are being persecuted. The political arena has turned into nothing but nastiness. I wonder why people can't just be nice to each other anymore.



I believe, now more than ever, it is time for the saints of God to step up and **“love thy neighbor.”** I know it is difficult to be nice when everyone else is being nasty, but this commandment is non-negotiable! And the Risen Christ of Revelation reminds us of our need to endure and keep his commandments. Endure no matter what else is going on in the world. Endure even in the face of persecution. Going along with the rest of the world is never a good idea. Nothing teaches us that better than the Revelation of St. John.

Maybe, just maybe, by keeping God's commandments we can spark niceness in others and change the world! Maybe if we speak out against the meanness and hatefulness and nastiness, and tell people about the love of Christ, *something* will change *somewhere*!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Beverly



CHOIR SCHEDULE

October 2018

- Oct. 3 – 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Oct. 10 – 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Oct. 17 – 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Oct. 21 – 2:30 p.m. Choir at West Haven
- Oct. 24 – 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Oct. 31 – 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Submitted by Lori Klingensmith

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Ushers

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Larry Shaffer | Norm Toy |
| Earl Myers | Stacy Daugherty |
| Ed Lingenfelter | |

Acolytes

We will be looking for volunteers until we get our Sunday School schedule set up and assignments can be made. Thank you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – October's breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **October 20th, at 7:30 a.m.** We meet the third Saturday of each month. If you would like to attend, but can't get in to sign up ahead of time, please call the church office and let Terry know so that there will be ample food prepared for everyone. Join us for fellowship.

Thank you!!

Submitted by Chris Kalmar

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2018 Diners Club Schedule

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Host/Hostesses are responsible to call the restaurant and make reservations.

| DATE | | LOCATION | HOST/HOUSTESS |
|-----------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| OCTOBER | 11 | Around Back | Pat Laufer 724-845-9796 |
| NOVEMBER | | NO MEETING | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |
| DECEMBER | 6 | Villa Ballanca (Bring a small item for gift exchange) | Ed/Rose Haberchak 724-568-3601 |

"The Church is never **HEALTHIER** than when **ALL** Believers are reaching their **FULL POTENTIAL** and using **THEIR GIFTS** in **EFFECTIVE, AMAZING** and **REMARKABLE WAYS FOR HIS GLORY**"

--Julie Ackerman Link

We Are A Fruitful Congregation

Submitted by the Committee on Stewardship and Finance

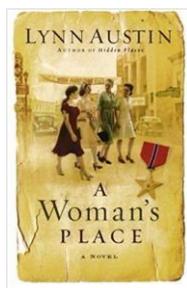
During the month of September, Pastor Beverly based her sermons on the book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase. At the end of the book, the author asks, "How would your church look if your congregation committed to performing these five practices with excellence? What would change?"

We can't wait to see the changes in store for our church. Many of you made commitments during September. You hung fruit on the tree to show your commitment. The Committee on Stewardship and Finance thanks everyone who made commitments. It is not too late to participate. Commitment papers are available in the literature rack and fruit is available on the table outside the sanctuary.

We look forward to sharing stories of how practicing Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity with intentionality will transform lives in our church and community.

UMW Book Club Plan Ahead for October

United Methodist Women's Book Club will be meeting on October 22 to discuss A Woman's Place the thought-provoking and eye-opening novel by Lynn Austin.



The women watched their sons, their brothers, and their husbands enlist to fight in World War II. And when their nation asked, they answered the call as well. Virginia longs to find a purpose beyond others' expectations. Helen is driven by a loneliness money can't fulfill. Rosa is desperate to flee her in-laws' rules. Jean hopes to prove herself in a man's world. Under the storm clouds of destruction that threaten America during the early 1940s, this unlikely gathering of women will experience life in sometimes startling new ways as their beliefs are challenged and they struggle toward a new understanding of what love and sacrifice truly mean.

Adapted from review on Amazon.com

Racism, gender roles, overcoming a difficult past and forgiveness are topics addressed in the novel that will be discussed. The meeting will be held at 2:30 in the overflow area of the church. You do not need to be a member of UMW to attend. All members and friends of the church are invited.

Submitted by Chris Steele

The District HelpShops (scheduled for Oct. 13 in New Stanton) have been canceled due to a very low registration - only 9 people signed up! This event will not be taking place.

Thank You's...

♥ Dear Friends in Christ,
Cindy, Sarah and I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and support for making my 25 years in ministry a joyous celebration. May God continue to bless you with His grace, peace and love.

*Blessings,
Rev. Ron Raptosh*

Memorials...

Memorials have been given to the Renovation Fund in loving memory of:

† **Ruth Duff & Earl Pettigrew**

by Bob & Vange Stewart

Memorials have been given to the Current Expense Fund in loving memory of:

† **Scott Grantz & Marilyn Weimer**

by Gloria Womer

† **Alice Birch**

by Dennis & Pat Smail

"Sharing Table" ~ You will find a table set up in the Fellowship Hall to accept donated items available for a small donation. There is a list of guidelines to follow when making donations to this project. Please feel free to pick up a copy of these guidelines and donate your items or look over the items and make your purchase. ALL proceeds from this Sharing Table will help fund the Dr. Earl A. Rose Scholarship program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elaine Ciuffoletti at 724-568-3160.

*Greensburg District United Methodist Women
Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 6, 2018
Leechburg First United Methodist Church*



Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., allowing time to enjoy a continental breakfast and browse the book tables before gathering at 9:45 a.m. for singing. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. We're blessed to present the following program and featured speakers as noted below:

TOPIC: "Understanding Addiction & Its Impact on Women, Children, Families, and Communities"

SPEAKERS: Panel Presentation by Elizabeth Comer (Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission); Vanessa Sebetich (Greenbrier Treatment Center); Susan Soroko (SPHS D&A Case Management); Katrin Schall (SPHS Certified Recovery Specialist); and Dawn Hennessey (Faith Forward, Inc., Angel Arms)

LUNCHEON: Please note that we ask you to bring one salad of your choice for every three persons attending from your church, as we plan to "break bread" together by sharing our signature salad luncheon following the service. For those bringing children, please bring a bag lunch for each child. Childcare will be provided—Please advise the number of children attending when calling/emailing your reservation.

Mark your calendars! The Outreach/Missions committee will be hosting its second Pork Slider/ Baked Potato Bar Luncheon on Sunday, October 7th. Join us in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service for a time of fellowship, joy, and laughter. Enjoy a great meal for only \$7.00 per person! Proceeds will benefit our Connectional Apportionment obligation. Please use the sheet in the vestibule to sign up by September 30th. As always, thank you for the support of our church's missions! Tickets are available...see Dianne LeSueur. Thank you!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY



One of the children's Sunday School mission projects is putting together Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children in other countries. A single shoebox may be the only gift they receive. To do this, we need your help. We are asking that you donate items for the boxes (including plastic shoeboxes). If you wish, you can put together your own filled shoebox. We start with a plastic shoebox and line it with a bandana or fabric and fill it with hygiene items, toys, and school supplies. If you have prepared shoeboxes in the past, there

has been a change-no toothpaste or any type of food. Suggestion lists are on the side of the donation boxes.

We need 25 bandanas. For the next few weeks we will be collecting school supplies, i.e. pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, coloring books, note pads, markers, crayons, etc. We did 30 boxes last year. We're trying for 50 this year. Donation boxes are in the main vestibule and in the Sunday School hallway. Monetary donations are also appreciated. We will use the money to buy the plastic boxes, items for in the boxes and to cover the \$9 shipping cost per box to mail.

We will be putting the shoeboxes together on **November 18 during Sunday School so we will need the items before 9:30am that morning.** The shoeboxes will then be placed on the altar to be blessed during the 11:00 worship service and delivered to the collection center after service.

Any questions, please contact PJ Wasylink (724-882-0091) or Destiny Senjan.

Women's Prayer Group ~ Our church is very blessed to have a group of women "prayer warriors" who gather every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the upstairs Chapel to lift up prayer requests from our congregation and community. If you have a special prayer request for them, please fill out a prayer slip and place it in the jar on the book stand in the Main Vestibule. All requests are kept confidential among the group. If you would like to join the group, please feel free to meet us Tuesday evenings.

A Winter Coat Drive is being sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Leechburg. Donations of gently-used winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and boots will be accepted during the month of October. These items will be handed out to needy families around the valley on Food Bank distribution day (Wednesday, October 31st) from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. After distribution, the remaining items will be given to First Evangelical Lutheran Church for distribution in the Clothing Closet. Recipients do NOT have to be members of the Leechburg Food Bank. Last year, financial donations went toward the purchase of coats for several individuals for whom there was no size donated. Over the past years we have been able to help several families throughout the valley with much-needed items. These articles were greatly appreciated. For more information, call the First United Methodist Church office at 724-845-8761.



Come to the mountaintop this fall!



Greetings from the Jumonville mountaintop!

We have several exciting retreats coming up - and you don't have to plan a program or find a speaker - just come and enjoy!

The **Autism Family Retreat** is this weekend, **September 28-30, 2018**, and offers families of children living with Autism the chance to enjoy a mountaintop experience that will combine coveted parental free time with an opportunity for quality family time. This program provides hope through time for worship, rest, and relaxation in a safe Christian setting capable of caring for children with Autism. All ages are welcome, but time is limited - Register now!

Overcoming - Renewal Retreat...Finding Freedom in Christ, Learning to Hear God's Voice & Speak His Word For today. Oct 5 – Oct 7, 2018

Do you need healing? Are you longing for a miracle in your life? Are there habits or hindrances that keep you from all the blessings that God has promised? Do you want to enjoy freedom and see others set free? WPA Renewal offers two opportunities to be renewed, & equipped for ministry with Dr. Rob McCorkle. You'll see that Dr. McCorkle has a passion to re-dig the supernatural wells that were established by John Wesley and the early Methodists. He earned his D. Min. degree from United Theological Seminary. Rob is a Nazarene pastor and founder of Fire School Ministries. (www.fireschoolministries.com) and has seen many healings, deliverances and miracles. Learn to hear God's voice and share his heart with others!

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| *BIBLE STUDY TIMES* Thursdays 10:30 Pastor's Office 2:30 Friendship Apts 6:30 Upstairs /Classroom | 1 2:00 Worship Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 2 6:30 Women's Prayer Group (Chapel) 7:15 Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 3 3:15 Bible Discovery (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall) | 4 9:00 Ministerium (Coco's Coffeeshouse) 7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 5 10:00 Make Sandwiches for Homeless | 6 9:00 Greensburg Dist. UMW Fall Meeting |
| 7 Holy Communion 8:30 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 New Members Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Pork Slider Luncheon 1:30 Registration/CROP 2:00 CROP Walk – Pav. #5 | 8 | 9 6:30 Women's Prayer Group (Chapel) 7:00 Trustees Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 10 3:15 Bible Discovery (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall) | 11 4:30 Diners Club (at Around Back) 7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Children's Sabbath 8:30 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 New Members Class 11:00 Worship (TURTLE DAY) | 15 | 16 6:00 PPSR Committee (Pastor's Office) 6:30 Women's Prayer Group (Chapel) | 17 3:15 Bible Discovery (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall) | 18 7:00 PM AL-ANON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 19 | 20 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) |
| 21 8:30 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 PPSR Meeting w/D.S. 11:00 Worship (Receive New Members) 12:00 Church Conference 12:30? Ethnic Potluck 2:30 Choir at West Haven | 22 2:30 Women's Book Club (Overflow Area) | 23 6:30 Women's Prayer Group (Chapel) | 24 3:15 Bible Discovery (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall) | 25 7:00 PM AL-ANON Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 26 | 27 |
| 28 8:30 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 29 | 30 11:00 Volunteers pack for Food Bank 6:30 Women's Prayer Group (Chapel) 7:15 Finance Meeting (Upstairs Classroom) | 31 Food Bank Distr. 9:00 Coat Distribution 3:15 Bible Discovery (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall) | First United Methodist Church 251 Main Street Leechburg, PA 15656-1315 Office: 724-845-8761 Fax: 724-845-3177 Office open Monday thru Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm | | |



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Smith, Jim Monday Jul 01, 2013 Lunch 12:00PM

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Smith, Jim Monday Jul 01, 2013 Dinner 6:00PM

ASPIRIN EC 81 MG x 1
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