

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, August 1

10:00 AM - In-Church Worship Services

MONDAY, August 2 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, August 3

7:00 PM - Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

THURSDAY, August 5

7:00 PM - Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, August 8 ~ Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00 AM - Worship Service (Leechburg-Gilpin Park)

11:30 AM - Annual Church Picnic

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**OUR PRESENCE: 7/25/2021**

**OUR GIFTS:** Tithes, offerings, and gifts received

**OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$168,891**

|                    |            |                                          |              |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| NEEDED EACH WEEK   | \$3,247.90 | NEEDED TO-DATE:                          | \$97,437.00  |
| RECEIVED 7/18/2021 | \$3,317.50 | RECEIVED TO-DATE:                        | \$89,083.70* |
| RECEIVED 7/25/2021 | \$3,309.50 | <b>(SHORTAGE)/SURPLUS: (\$ 8,353.30)</b> |              |

**Renovation Loan for June 30, 2021**

|                   |          |                     |             |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------|
| MONTHLY PAYMENT   | \$624.06 | BALANCE AS OF 5/31: | \$14,834.44 |
| RECEIVED IN MARCH | \$624.06 |                     |             |

**2021 Connectional Apportionment: \$20,341**

|                     |            |                         |            |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| MONTHLY PAYMENT     | \$1,695.08 | Total for Year: (32.8%) | \$6,662.12 |
| Mo Payment at 50.0% | 847.54     |                         |            |
| Payment for JUNE    | 1,840.00   |                         |            |

**2020 Final Amount Paid - \$16,946.40 (78.3% of Asking)**

\*Includes \$2,290 PPP from Armstrong Co. and 2<sup>nd</sup> PP of \$9,195



Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

REMINDER... **NO ZOOM next week.** It's our Annual Picnic at Leechburg-Gilpin Park.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS...

|                          |                                                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Aug. 10 at 9:30am        | Outreach/Missions make/distribute lunches           |
| <b>Aug. 10 at 7:00pm</b> | Church Council Meeting ( <i>not standard date</i> ) |
| Aug. 25 at 6:00pm        | Worship Committee Meeting                           |
| Sept. 1 at 6:00pm        | Nominations and Lay Leadership Meeting              |

**Leechburg First United Methodist Church**  
251 Main Street, Leechburg, PA 15656

August 1, 2021

# First United Methodist Church

*"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"*

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## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able).

### Prelude

Greeting and Announcements Jo Ellen Stewart

❖ Centering Chorus "Majesty" #176

❖ Call to Worship Psalm 51:10-12

L: Create in me a clean heart, O GOD

**P: And renew a right spirit within me**

L: Cast me not away from Your presence

**P: And take not Thy HOLY SPIRIT from me**

L: Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation

**P: And uphold me with Thy free SPIRIT**

❖ Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158

### Opening Prayer (in unison)

Eternal GOD, open our eyes to see Your Kingdom more clearly in our midst, and inspire us to seek it more perfectly in our life. Open our hearts to the demands of our Lord who entrusted to us to be His disciples here at First Church. This we ask in CHRIST JESUS. AMEN.

### Sharing of Joys & Concerns

### Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer Marilyn Oldfield

### The Lord's Prayer (in 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.

❖ Hymn of Preparation "Blessed Assurance" #369

❖ Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

<sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

<sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Message "Good Guy, Bad Guy" Pastor Tom Dougal

❖ Hymn "He is Lord" #177

### Offertory Reflection

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

❖ Closing Hymn "Christ For the World We Sing" #568

❖ Benediction

❖ Community Blessing  
"God Be with Us Till We Meet Again" #672

### Postlude

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The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Cameron Rupert-Glass by M.J. Cline and family.

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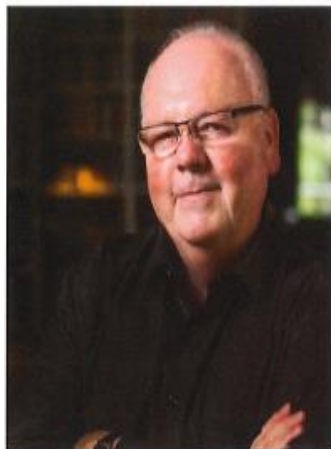
The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my two sons, Tim and Randy, by Becky Blankenship.

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# Missions Workshop with Reggie McNeal

August 18-19, 2021

Days Inn Conference Center, Sutton, WV



#### Contact

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#### Registration Questions:

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#### Event Questions:

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#### When

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM EDT  
-to-  
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 1:30 PM EDT  
[Add to Calendar](#)

#### Where

Days Inn Conference Center  
350 Days Drive  
Sutton, WV 26001



Driving Directions

#### SCHEDULE

##### Day One – Wednesday, August 18th:

|                |                                                               |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1:00 pm        | Registration                                                  |
| 1:30 - 3:00 pm | Session (Devotional, Kingdom/Church Alignment, team exercise) |
| 3:00 - 3:15 pm | Break                                                         |
| 3:15 - 5:15 pm | Session (Shifting Church Culture, team exercise)              |
| 5:15 - 6:45 pm | Dinner break*                                                 |
| 6:45 - 7:30 pm | Session (Start with Why? Sneak TED Talk)                      |
| 7:30 - 8:30 pm | Team exercise                                                 |

##### Day Two – Thursday, August 19th:

|                  |                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 - 10:15 am  | Session (Leading Change and Transition)               |
| 10:15 - 10:30 am | Break                                                 |
| 10:30 - 11:30 am | Team exercise related to change                       |
| 11:30 - 1:00 pm  | What's Next? planning time (includes working lunch) * |
| 1:00 - 1:30 pm   | Debrief/closing remarks                               |
| 1:30 pm          | Adjourn                                               |

Cost \$50.00 and includes materials, dinner on the Wednesday August 18th and a boxed lunch on Thursday August 19th.

Register at: (cut and paste)

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ei2tywrt27b51f12&llr=q7ry5rcab>

## Help Needed for Westmoreland County Fair

Dear Ministers and Congregations,

For years and years except for last year, the Greensburg District has hosted the Hospitality Room at the Westmoreland County Fair. We offered a private Nursing area for new mothers, changing tables to change diapers, and gave away free Bibles for those that wanted them. We took prayer requests and offered a listening ear to anyone that wanted to talk. We offered cold water, hard candy, and coloring pages for children. It has been a place to cool down in the air conditioning, a place of protection from storms and a welcoming place for people to gather to eat. Each church has supplied people to do two hour shifts throughout the two weeks that the fair was open. The Fair this year is open from August 20 to August 28. Two years ago, we had difficulty filling these slots. Before we commit ourselves to do the fair we would like to know if there are enough churches for us to do this ministry.

Please call Beverly Gross at 412-953-4041 ASAP if you think some people from your church would be interested to make this happen. We will give two complimentary tickets for each shift. Let us continue to be a blessing in this great ministry.



**KONA ICE** for the month of August will be on **SATURDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This is our fundraiser for the Nurture Committee. Come and cool off with a refreshing Kona Ice in the flavor of your choice!!



## Co-Financial Secretary Position Opening

Gloria Womer has submitted her resignation for the Co-Financial Secretary's position effective December 31, 2021. Anyone with any interest in applying for the position should contact either Mark Morrill or Jo Ellen Stewart. Becoming a member of the staff of LFUMC will require that you have all of your clearances as well as submitting your fingerprint clearance. You will need ServantKeeper8 training. Strict confidence is vital.



We will be starting a "Caring Crock Pot Ministry" in September. The program will be for students from Leechburg Area High School chosen by the guidance counselor each month. These will be students wanting to learn how to cook food in a crock pot. This will help them learn how to prepare meals for their families and themselves for future years. This program will be a total of 11 weeks. We will be having 4 weeks in September and October and 3 weeks in November. We are looking for help in teaching, preparing food, cooking, and making the meals. We will have a signup sheet in August where you can sign up to help. Please contact Lori if you have questions regarding helping.

In addition, we are also hoping to make a cookbook for the students to take home with them at the end of the monthly session. If you have any crockpot recipes to share, please contact Paula Kalmar. We look forward to your help for this ministry even if it is just for ONE session.

If you feel this is not your calling, then please keep us in your prayers. God has given us many talents may we use them for the glory of his kingdom!

***We need FOUR people willing to be TEAM LEADERS.  
Please contact Lori at (724) 845-8109.***

**September/October Newsletter** ~ Anyone having any articles for the newsletter need to have them in to the church office no later than Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. This will include dates for the calendars for both months.



### **Come One and All!! Our Annual Church Picnic**

will be held this year at the Leechburg-Gilpin Park, Pavilion #3, Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be Leechburg First's official, welcoming luncheon for Pastor Sara, Paul, and family. We are very excited to be having the picnic again this year and look forward to the opportunity for fun and fellowship in the beautiful outdoors that God has created!



Our worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and we will be having the Sacrament of Communion. Following the service, individuals are asked to help with preparing the common table for everyone to go through and "fill your plates"! **EVERYONE (vaccinated or not) MUST WEAR THEIR MASK WHEN GOING THROUGH THE FOOD LINE! (Parents are asked to NOT let their children touch the foods)!**

Each individual or family is asked to bring a covered dish (salads, desserts, casseroles, crockpots, etc.) to be shared on the common table, and place settings for your individual group. Also, PLEASE bring serving spoons for your covered dish and mark them somehow that you get them returned.

The bottled water, Country-time lemonade, and chicken (both fried & smoked) will be provided!

There is a signup sheet on the table in the Main Vestibule.



**Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** ~ Sponsored by Gilpin Twp. VFD, Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 p.m. \$10.00 per meal. **Take-Out orders ONLY!** Pre-orders are preferred by calling 724-845-7200