

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 12

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Livestream Worship Services

MONDAY, September 13 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, September 14

- 9:30 AM - Make & distribute sandwiches
- 10:45 AM - Outreach Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Trustees Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, September 15

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 PM - Nurture Committee (Upstairs Classroom)
- 2:45 PM - Caring Crock Pot Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, September 16

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

SATURDAY, September 18 ~ Pink Day Celebration

- 11:00 AM - Memorial Service for Cindy L. Raptosh
(Delmont: Faith UM Church)

SUNDAY, September 19~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 - 10:00 AM - In-Church & Livestream Worship Services
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The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of our granddaughter Noelle's 6th birthday on September 15th by Don and Brentta Sheaffer.

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God in honor and memory of All Grandparents by Bonnie Kocon.

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged.

Prov. 17:9 (RSV)



Oops!!!

Leechburg First United Methodist Church
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September 12, 2021

First United Methodist Church

“Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ’s Name”

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able)

Greeting

Tom Dougal

Prelude

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

❖Centering Chorus “Surely the Presence of the Lord” #328

❖Call to Worship

We come here today not because we are clever
But because God welcomes the slow learners.

**We come here not because we are wise,
But because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
Among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,
And that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
From those who see themselves as little children in Christ’s school.

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts
And enable our lives to declare your praise.**

❖Hymn “Lift High the Cross” #159

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

Lord, we humbly come to you this day to say thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for the kingdom. It’s in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Special Music

Children’s Moment

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

❖New Testament Lesson

James 3:1-12 (NRSV)

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,^[a] for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,^[b] and is itself set on fire by hell.^[c] 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,^[d] this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,^[e] yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh. No more can salt water yield fresh.

Message

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

“Doers of the Word: Taming the Tongue”

❖Hymn “The Gift of Love” #408

Offertory Reflection

❖Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

❖Closing Hymn “Take My Life and Let It Be” #399

Announcements

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing “Wonderful Words of Life” (vs. 1) #600

Postlude