

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, October 17

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Livestream Worship Service
- 11:15 AM - Brief Meeting of Finance & Church Council (FH)

MONDAY, October 18 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, October 19

- 6:00 PM - PPSR Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Women's Prayer Group (on ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, October 20

- 1:30 PM - Nurture Meeting (Upstairs Classroom)
- 2:45 PM - Caring Crock Pot Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - Finance Meeting (Upstairs Classroom)

THURSDAY, October 21

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

SUNDAY, October 24 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - In-Church & Livestream Worship Service
- 11:15 AM - Outreach Fundraiser (Take-Out Luncheon)

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#### Upcoming Events:

- Outreach will be conducting a "Take-out" Soup & Sandwich Luncheon following the worship service on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. ***Your patronage will be gratefully appreciated.*** The proceeds will go toward future Outreach Ministries.

The menu so far is:

#### SOUPS:

- Wedding
- Chicken & Rice
- Chili
- Ham & Potato
- Vegetable

#### SANDWICHES:

- Ham Salad
- Turkey Salad
- Chicken Salad
- Egg Salad
- Ham & Cheese
- Roast Beef

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The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of All Loved Ones by Ed & Rose Haberchak.

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The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lucas Daniel Womer's birthday by June Womer.

LAITY  
SUNDAY  
2021

RISE  
AND UP!  
REVIVE GOD'S GIFT.  
2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7

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

October 17, 2021

# First United Methodist Church

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## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

### Laity Sunday

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able)

Greeting  
Prelude

Gloria Womer

*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

"Give Thanks"

❖ Call to Worship

Litany for Laity Sunday

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family:

with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah,  
Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

**It stretches out to human needs**

**wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern: **that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

❖ Hymn "We Are the Church" #558

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison) Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola

Teach us, good Lord,  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not count the cost;

to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labor and not to ask for any reward,  
except that of knowing that we do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Laity Prayer

Jo Ellen Stewart

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.

Choir Anthem

"Let Your Light Shine"

*As the children come forward, we will sing "This Little Light of Mine" #585*

Children's Moment

Jo Ellen Stewart

❖ New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 1:3-7

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Message

Jo Ellen Stewart

"Rise Up! Revive! The Glow and the Power of THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Response to the Word

(Several lay persons to share who and or when they recall that the Love and Power of the Holy Spirit within then did Rise Up! Did Revive!)

Offertory Reflection

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

❖ Closing Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (vs. 1) #404

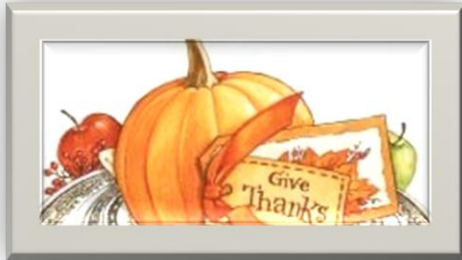
Announcements

❖ Benediction

❖ Community Blessing "Spirit of the Living God" #393

Postlude

**Angel Tree Ministry** – Lori has a list of names for the 2021 Angel Tree Ministry that we will celebrate with families during the Christmas Season. If you would like to sponsor a child or family for this year, there is a signup sheet on the table in the Main Vestibule. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins and the newsletter.



### Fall Harvest Tables

We will be collecting canned food and non-perishable items for the Leechburg Food Bank this Thanksgiving the first three Sundays in November (the 7th, 14th & 21st). You may place your contributions

on the tables that will be located in the front of the Sanctuary. If you make a monetary donation, please mark it "Food Bank" on your envelope and place it in the offering plate (Please, do NOT leave it on the tables)! PLEASE check your expiration dates!



### TURKEY DINNER!

Gilpin Twp. Fire Hall

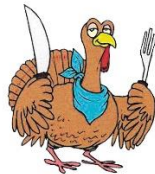
Sunday, November 7, 2021

Price: \$11.00

DRIVE-THRU (Take-outs ONLY)

Starts at 3:30 – until gone!!

Pre-orders preferred... Call: 724-845-7200



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Free THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

**November 25, 2021**

**TAKE-OUT only, 12-1 PM**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** by Monday,  
November 22 at 724-845-1901 or  
[church@crcpc.org](mailto:church@crcpc.org).

Nurture will be holding a meeting Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the upstairs classroom. Subjects of discussion will be Messy Church and plans for Advent.



## Paint Party Fundraiser

When: Friday evening, November 5th LFUMC

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m. to ???

Cost: \$40.00 per adult and \$15.00 for children

which includes the cost for a 16x20 and 8x10 canvas and supplies... and YOU get to keep your "work of art"!!

Half of the cost (\$20.00 and \$5 to \$10 for children) will be returned to the church.

Proceeds will go into our Nurture Committee.

Participants are invited to bring their friends; and snacks and beverages to be shared with everyone.

No alcoholic beverages permitted.

Any questions, please contact Shawna Johns  
at (724) 393-2658.

# Missions Workshop

With Rev. Dr. Michael Linger

Executive Director of the House of the Carpenter  
Wheeling WV

Saturday, October 30, 2021

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Based on the work of Reggie McNeal and his book “Kingdom Come,” Mike will be engaging and challenging us to become “Kingdom Centric” instead of church focused.

This event is open to anyone in the congregation, but you must pre-register. Participants are also required to either read the book “Kingdom Come” by Reggie McNeal or listen to his podcasts on Kingdom ministry which can be found at the following link:

<http://reggiemcneal.org/podcast/>

There are 6 podcasts in all. Each one has “Kingdom” in the title.



Mike is an ordained elder in the WV UMC and has served churches throughout WV including both multi-church charges and as Senior Pastor to a large congregation. After serving congregations for 30 years, he became the Executive Director of the House of the Carpenter assuming the role in 2011. In the last ten years, the program at the HOC has grown from 9 ministries serving 350 people weekly to over 40 ministries focused on meeting basic needs, providing transformational opportunities and spiritual formation serving over 1,400 people each week. This includes the development of the Toni and Nancy Bedway Center for Youth in 2020. Some of the newest are the Pathways to Success, Dance, Art classes, basketball camps, yoga, learning lab and an afterschool program for Middle School students.

***There is a signup sheet on the table in the Main Vestibule!***



***Following submitted by Lori Klingensmith:***



I will be going with Joyce Meyer Hand of Hope Ministries Medical/Dental clinic November 5-13. I am looking forward to sharing my medical talents and spiritual gifts God has given me.

Earlier this year in June I went with Hand of Hope Ministries to the Dominican Republic. Several members of the congregation, family, and close friends took part in this mission trip with me through their prayers and financial donations. If you would like to participate this time, please let me know. I will be collecting 2.00 to 3.00 reader glasses to take along May God bless you!

## **Spiritual Preparation:**

As I am preparing my heart for this trip I ask you to consider setting up a prayer covering for me and the team for the next six weeks or so. If you pray for me and the team as we prepare to go, we would have an army believing with us! Remember that Satan wishes to steal, kill, and destroy us and the works of the Lord, so praying proactively in this way will set a hedge of protection around us all. We ask prayer partners to continue to pray for several weeks after we return home. Some of the biggest challenges can be on reentry as we try to sort out all we've seen and experienced.

- Begin to pray for the people of Brazil that their hearts and minds will be open and receptive to the things of God.
- Pray for safety and health for our entire team, pray for the in-country arrangements that are being made even now, interpreters, housing, transportation, food and provisions.
- Last, but not least, pray for each other, pray for unity and like mindedness among our team members, for travel safety and health.