

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, October 24

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

### MONDAY, October 25 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

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

### TUESDAY, October 26

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

### WEDNESDAY, October 27

- 2:45 PM - Caring Crock Pot Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - Worship Committee (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, October 28

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

### SUNDAY, October 31 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

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#### Upcoming Events:

- Outreach will be conducting a "Take-out" Soup & Sandwich Luncheon following the worship service **TODAY**. *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:

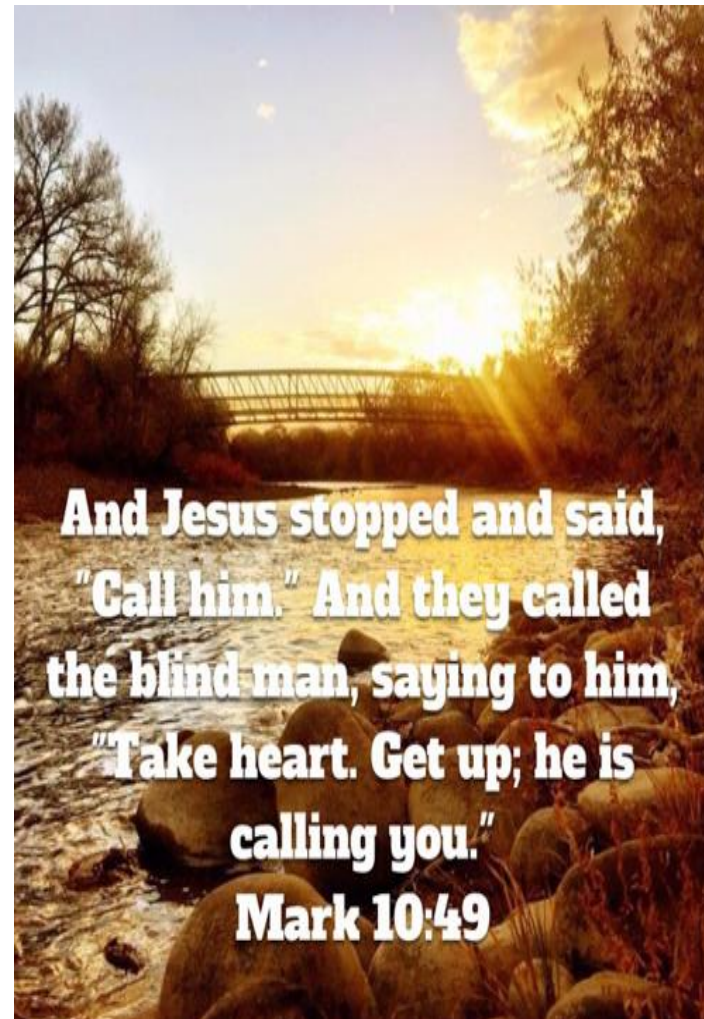
- Ham Salad
- Turkey Salad
- Chicken Salad
- Egg Salad
- Ham & Cheese
- Roast Beef

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The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (yesterday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>) by Bob & Vange Stewart.

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The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my Mom & Dad's (Janel & Erik Cibik's) 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary (today, October 24<sup>th</sup>). Love Anna.



**And Jesus stopped and said,  
"Call him." And they called  
the blind man, saying to him,  
"Take heart. Get up; he is  
calling you."  
Mark 10:49**

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

October 24, 2021

# First United Methodist Church

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

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## Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able)

### 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

"Give Thanks"

### ❖ Call to Worship

God is gathering us from many different places.  
No one is worthy, but all are invited.

**God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.**

**God cares for us amid our pain and losses.**

We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble.

Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

**Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.**

**We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.**

Taste and see how good God is.

Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

**We will bless our God in all times and places.**

**Let us exalt God's name together!**

### ❖ Hymn

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

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### ❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Amazing God, whose claims on us are as old as creation and as new as this very moment, help us to hear you calling us, not alone that we may be healed, but that we might become instruments of healing in a hurting world. Restore to us that sight that is beyond seeing, so your church may respond with joy to the great high priest, in whose name we pray and carry out our ministry. 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.

### Choir Anthem

"Through the Window"

### Children's Moment

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

### Sacrament of Baptism

Paisley Isabel Helsel

### Response to the Baptism

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"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (vs. 1 & 4)

### ❖ Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:46-52 (NSRV)

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, <sup>[a]</sup> let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

### Message

"A Faith to See Again"

Rev. Sara J. Wrona

### ❖ Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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### Offertory Reflection

### ❖ Doxology

### ❖ Prayer of Dedication

### ❖ Closing Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

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### Announcements

### ❖ Benediction

### ❖ Community Blessing

"Jesus Loves Me" (vs. 1)

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### Postlude



### 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!

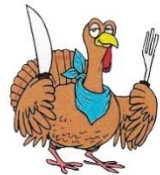
Gilpin Twp. Fire Hall  
Sunday, November 7, 2021

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).

Being held at Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church



## 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.

**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.



**NOTICE... Articles or items for the November/December 2021 newsletter are due by October 27, 2021. No exceptions... The newsletters need to be in the mail on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

# 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.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and they who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in His final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

**Baptism with Laying on of Hands**

Paisley Isabel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

**Commendation and Welcome**

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.



***Baptism of:***

***Paisley Isabel Helsel***

***Born: July 5, 2018***

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**  
**Holy Baptism for Paisley Isabel Helsel**  
**October 24, 2021**  
**Leechburg First United Methodist Church**

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**Introduction to Baptism**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

**Presentation of Candidate**

I present Paisley Isabel Helsel for baptism.

**Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture this child in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

**Congregation's Vows**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Thanksgiving Over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.