

open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven, you are made new.

People: We will complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Communion "I Come with Joy" #617 v. 2, 3

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come
again.**

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Bread & Cup

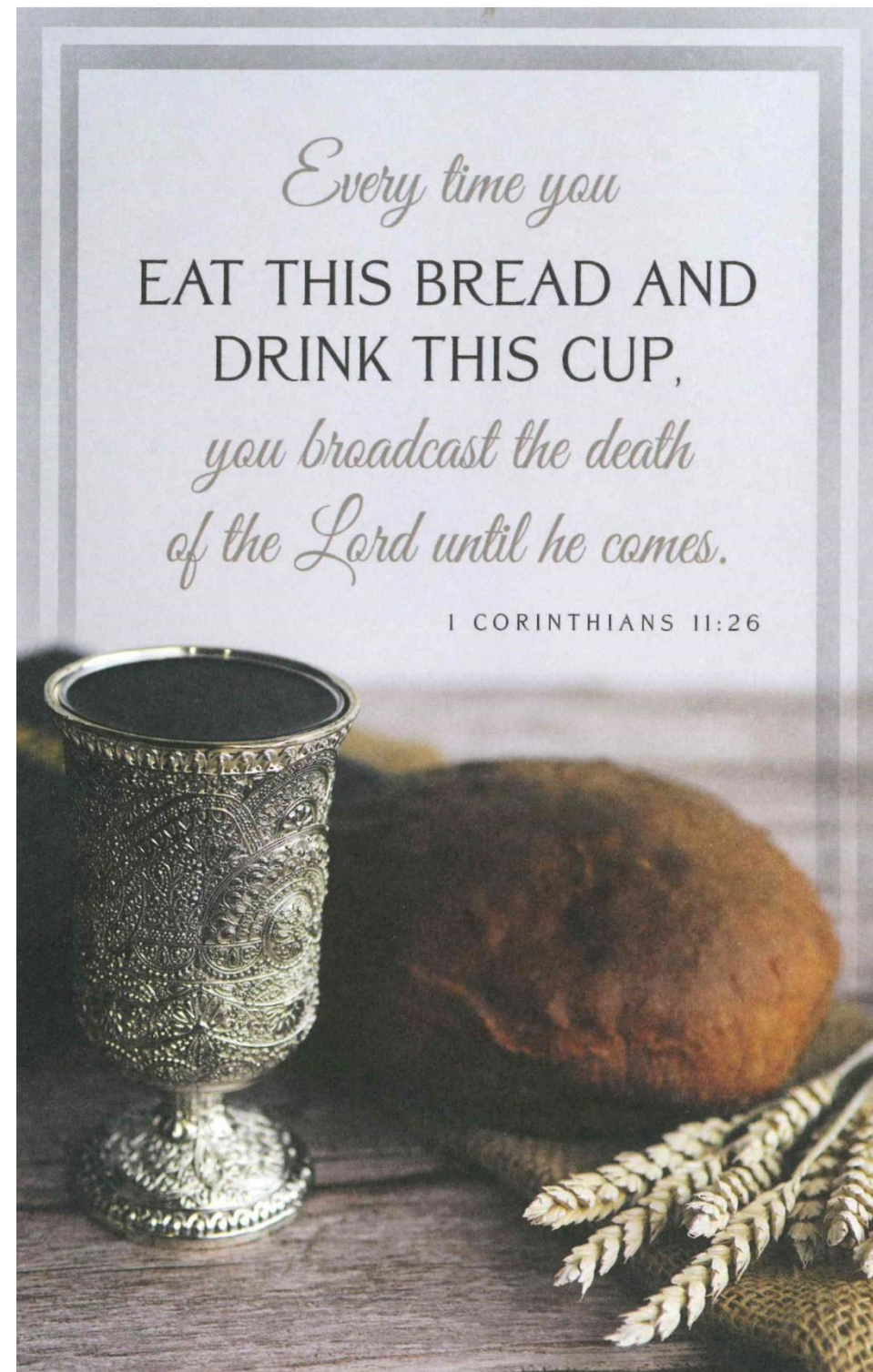
Sending Forth

❖Hymn "Forth in Thy Name" #438

The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit.

❖Community Blessing "Shalom to You" #666

Postlude



First United Methodist Church

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18th Sunday After Pentecost World Communion Sunday

❖ We know that everyone is differently abled so please stand or sit as best suits your comfort level.

Greetings & Announcements

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 "Seek Ye First" #405 v. 1

❖ Call to Worship

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship God who loves us.

When the Israelites grumbled and quarreled when there was no water to drink, God miraculously produced water to show them God's faithfulness and love.

When we question and accuse God, God responds by showing us love.

When the chief priests and elders questioned Jesus' authority, Jesus answered them with a story about the righteousness of doing God's will instead of paying lip service to God's will.

When we test and interrogate God, God responds by pointing us back to love.

By answering our quarrelling and questioning with love, God teaches us how to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

When we love as God loves, we respond to testing and accusing by living the faith and sharing God's love.

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship God who loves us for the long haul.

❖ Hymn "Trust and Obey" #467

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, whose messengers have shown us the way of righteousness, and whose revelation in Jesus Christ has demonstrated humble obedience to your will, lead us this day to the joy they have known through serving you, that our witness may be authentic as theirs and be influential in the lives of all we meet, adding to your realm in heaven and on earth.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

❖ Gloria Patri #70

Choir Anthem Here I Am, Lord

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination "Thy Word is a Lamp" (Ref. x 2) #601

❖ Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:23 -32 #855

Message "Doing God's Will" Rev. Sara J. Wrona

Hymn "One Bread, One Body" #620

Offertory Reflection

❖ Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Call to Reconciliation

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment, when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope.

Join me as we pray,

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, October 1st 18th Sunday After Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

GREETERS: *Gloria Womer, June Womer*

MONDAY, October 2

10:00 AM Special Outreach Meeting

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, October 3

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

7:00 PM -Trustee's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 4

2:30 PM -Crockpot Ministry

6:00 PM -Girl Scouts

6:30 PM -Bible Study

SUNDAY, October 8th 19th Sunday After Pentecost/Baptism/Pastor Appreciation Day

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

GREETERS: *Alana Gipson & Dianne LeSueur*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Don Sheaffer*

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The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my daughter, Janel's birthday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Love, Mom.

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Special Outreach Meeting on Monday, October 2nd at 10 am regarding the Pulled Pork luncheon.

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Prayer List

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14 - 15

Please be in prayer for Family and Friends:

Aiden, Bryce, Margie Anto, Lana Daugherty, Sue Harwick, Debbie Hill, Betty Hunter, Phyllis Lamison, Dianne LeSueur, Lindsey, Deb Loftus, Judy Nolf, Peggie Trapolsi (Pr. Sara's mom), John Womer, Sharon Wright, and Amber

Our Homebound Members:

Anne Cherry, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Kolenik, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Carol Parsons, Myrtle Prunty, Phyllis Schaeffer, Dave Sherbondy, and Helen Weaver.
Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

Our Church Leadership

Greensburg District Superintendent Rev. Paul Ritchey

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& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

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UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

The People of the Ukraine

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

PORK SLIDER LUNCHEON

The Outreach Team will be having a Pork Slider Luncheon on October 8th at 11:30 following our worship service. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under. The meal will include pork slider, baked potato with toppings, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink. We will be offering sit-down or take-out meals. We would appreciate it if you would help us by advertising and by inviting your family, friends, and coworkers. We are hoping this year to get more people to attend from our community. We will be selling tickets Sunday morning before and after the service starting September 17th. You can also contact the church office or an outreach team member. Thank you for your support in making this luncheon a success!

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

We will be making sandwiches for the community on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:30 a.m. We will be packing the lunch bags on Monday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m. with a meeting following at 10:00 a.m.

CROCKPOT MINISTRY

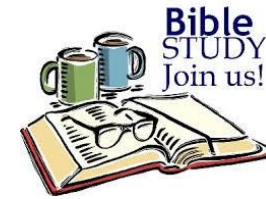
Caring Crockpot Ministry classes in
October 4, 11, & 18 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

If you are interested in helping please contact Lori.

Thank you for your continued support in all of our outreach projects!

SPECIAL OFFERING

The first Sunday of each month (through December) we will collect a special offering for the Mission/Outreach Team. This money will help offset the costs of the hams and turkeys they provide for the community in November & December. Thanks so much for your continued support of this team and their mission/outreach projects!



**Wednesdays in October
at 6:30 P.M.**

This study will be on the book of Colossians.



PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you are submitting a picture, please send it to the office with your cost of \$15 ASAP. Thank you!! If you have already submitted a picture, please turn in your money within the next 2 weeks.



LAWN CARE SPONSORS

The Trustees are looking for sponsors to help defray the Lawn Mowing service cost for the season. A donation of \$240 would cover one month service, \$120 for ½ month service, or \$60 weekly service. If you would like to donate please include the amount with your weekly donation and write "Lawn Care" on the envelope. All donations are appreciated. Thank you for your support!



CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 P.M., Bethel UMC, Lower Burrell.

SPONSOR A CHAIR

The Trustees and Church Council approved purchasing 100 vinyl cushioned folding chairs for the church fellowship hall. Each chair will be \$32. We are asking the congregation to consider donating the funds to cover one or more chairs. Please make sure to indicate on your donation that it is for the purchase of the new chairs. If you have any questions, please speak to Chris Kalmar or Pastor Sara.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor Sara will be leading an adult Sunday School this fall on Spiritual Gifts. We will begin on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 A.M.



Grief Support Group
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
358 Main Street, Leechburg
724-845-7518

Mondays, September 11 - December 11, 6-8 PM

www.servinggodgracefully.net/griefshare



CHOIR PRACTICE has resumed on Monday evenings at 6:45 PM. If you have one hour a week and enjoy singing, please consider sharing your God given talent. We'd love for you to join us!



BLOOD DRIVE



First United Methodist Church Leechburg Blood Drive

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
2:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL
251 MAIN STREET
LEECHBURG, PA 15656



Scan the QR Code to register to donate!

To schedule an appointment to donate, go to vitalant.org and search with Blood Drive Code **UG0110175** or search by zip code.

You may also call 1-877-25VITAL or use the Vitalant mobile app.

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

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