

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 17th 16th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

GREETERS: *M.J. Cline*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Jo Ellen Stewart*

MONDAY, September 18

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, September 19

6:00 PM -S/PPRC Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, September 20

2:30 -4:30 PM -Crockpot Ministry

SUNDAY, September 24th 17th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM - Worship Service

GREETERS: *Bob & Vange Stewart*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Gloria Womer*

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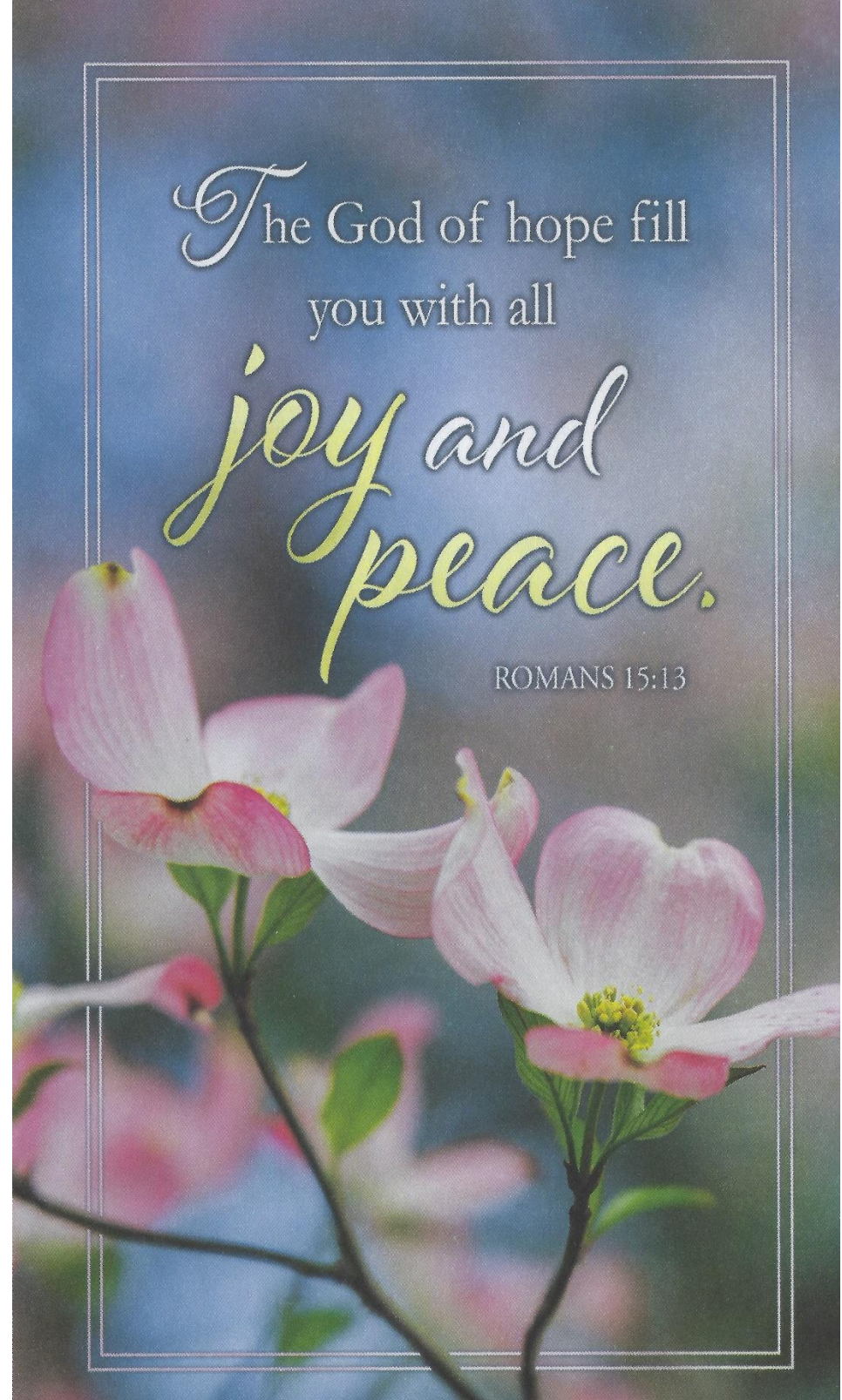
The **FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mother, Vivian Armitage's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 22<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy & Ward Kepple.

The special bulletins today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my grandfather, Jackson Cannon, by Pastor Sara and family.

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CHARGE CONFERENCE

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



First United Methodist Church

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

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16th Sunday After Pentecost

- ❖ 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 "Lift High the Cross" #159 (Refrain only)

❖ Call to Worship

Oh Lord, fill us with strength for we recognize that forgiveness can be difficult.

But if you can forgive us, how much more can we forgive others?

Holy Spirit, help us to give mercy as we have been given mercy,

To release our anger towards those who have wronged us, to choose redemption instead of vengeance.

All: We pray for the unity of your church and long for the reconciliation of this world. We will not give up on our brothers and sisters, but choose daily to forgive one another.

- ❖ Opening Hymn "He Lives" #310

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Father, we are sinners, but we also have been sinned against. We bring before You the pain of where we have been wronged. By Your grace, help us to wring out our pain at the foot of the cross of Jesus. Father,

thank You that our many sins can be forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- ❖ Gloria Patri #70

Children's Moment Dr. Saundra McKee, CLM

Sung Prayer of Illumination "Thy Word Is A Lamp" (Ref.x2) #601

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 103:1-7 #521

- ❖ New Testament Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 #852

Message Seven Times Seventy Dr. Saundra McKee, CLM

Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" #170

Offertory Reflection

- ❖ Doxology #95

Prayer of Dedication

- ❖ Hymn "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" #359

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

❖ Benediction

All: As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

- ❖ Community Blessing "Go Now in Peace" #665

Postlude

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!

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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, and Helen Weaver.

Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

Our Church Leadership

Greensburg District Superintendent Rev. Paul Ritchey

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

The People of the Ukraine

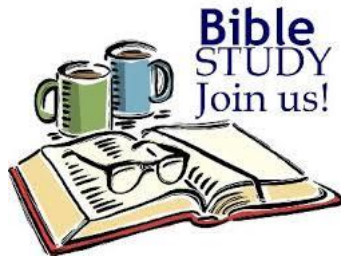
Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

Pray for Hawaii

Join us in prayer for those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii. Wind-driven fires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused loss of life and widespread damage. #UMCOR is currently coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide a solidarity grant for emergency supplies.

Donations made be directly to UMCOR or made through the church. Please indicate on your envelopes that your donation is for Maui relief.



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 by September 22nd. Thank you!! If you have already submitted a picture, please turn in your money within the next 2 weeks.

Apollo CROP Walk

Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Roaring Run Trail @ 2 p.m.

For more information, please see Pam in the office!



Do you long for connection? Do you feel that lately, even with all our technology, it's become more difficult to relate, to belong, and to connect with each other?

CROP Hunger Walks give you an opportunity not only to put your body in motion; but to connect with your community in a meaningful way and do something for our most vulnerable neighbors (both in our town and far away). As a community, it allows us to collectively embrace our caring human nature. Walking side by side, people from all walks of life—all ages, all faiths, all points of view—join efforts to make this world a more caring and safer place for everyone.

Walking encourages us to think about our neighbors who must walk for water, food, medical care or refugees who must walk to safety. Walking is an act of solidarity.

When you walk, give, and raise funds through CROP Hunger Walk, you are saving lives.



These are just a few examples of sustainable ways to END POVERTY, all thanks to YOU.

The Jewish sages have taught us that when you save one life, you save the entire world. Join us—step up alongside our neighbors—here and across the globe—who are ready to save lives through thoughtful, long-lasting solutions to hunger. Join us for the CROP Hunger Walk.



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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!



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



In September, we will be sharing information regarding the Bishop's Camping Initiative. There will be 2 weeks in September when we will collect a special offering.



CHOIR PRACTICE will resume on Monday evenings at 6:45 PM beginning August 28th. 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! Have a blessed and joyful summer!



LEECHBURG MINISTERIAL
Let's Talk About Leechburg
Town Hall Meeting

Marconi Club
135 River Avenue

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

6 - 8 PM

Featuring
Community Leaders
Emergency responders
Support Services

To register:

Call 724-845-1901

Email: church@crcpc.org