

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, October 29<sup>th</sup> 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

**GREETERS:** *Don & Brentta Sheaffer*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *M.J. Cline*

### MONDAY, October 30

6:45 PM - Choir Practice

### TUESDAY, October 31

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 1

2:30 PM -Crockpot Ministry

6:00 PM -Girl Scouts

6:30 PM -Bible Study

Food Bank Distribution

### SUNDAY, November 5 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

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10:00 AM Worship Service

**GREETERS:** *Bob & Vange Stewart*

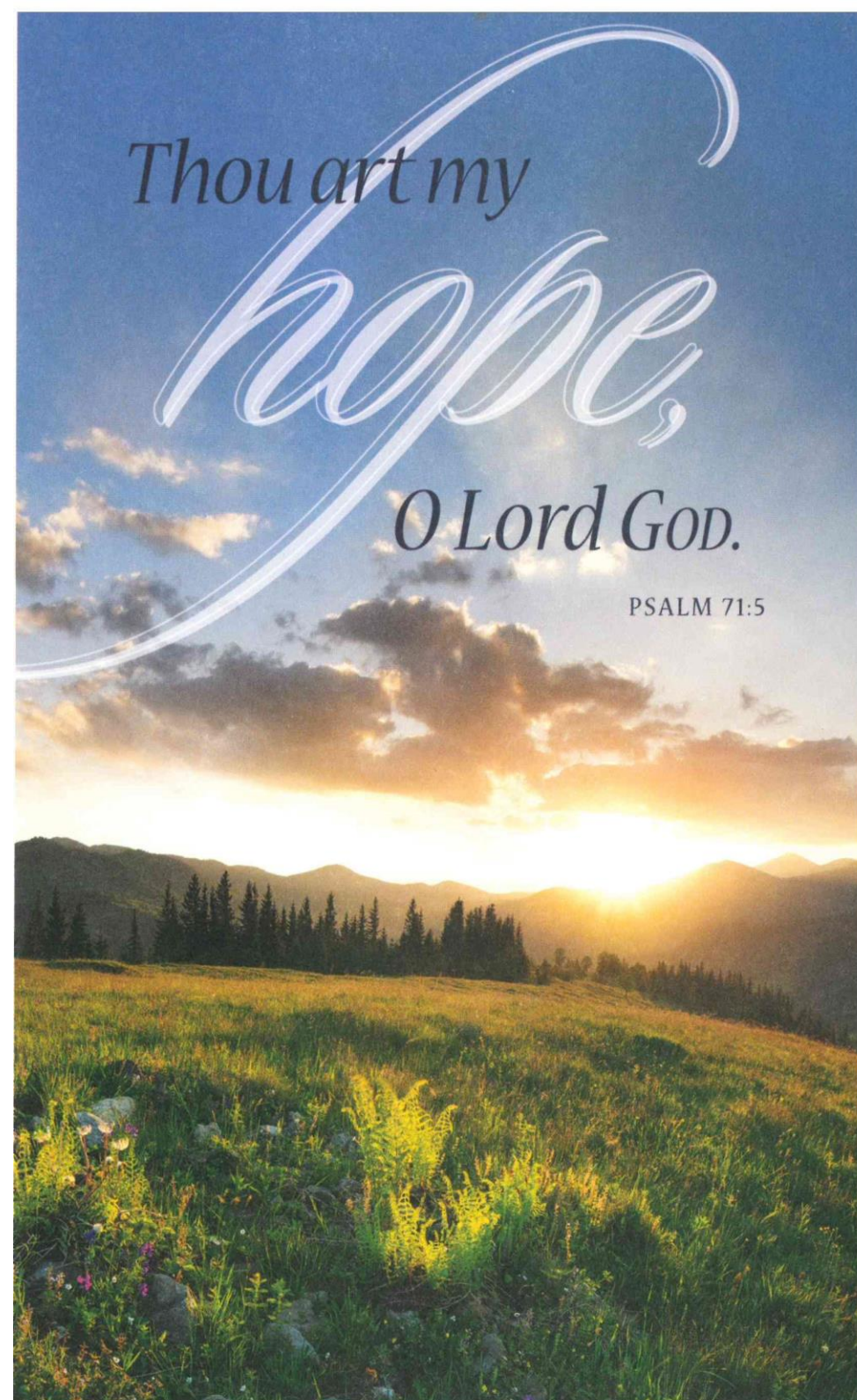
**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Gloria Womer*

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Charge Conference is scheduled for today at 2:00 P.M., Bethel UMC, Lower Burrell.

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her Sito, Margaret Traposli, by Pastor Sara and family.

A donation has been given to the **CHAIR FUND** in memory of "Benny" G. Weimer who passed away on October 28, 2021, by Delores Coleman.



# First United Methodist Church

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

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## 22nd 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 "Surely the Presence of the Lord" #328

### ❖ Call to Worship

As we gather to worship today, turn to a neighbor\* and say to each other, "Welcome! I am glad you are here!"

**Welcome! I am glad you are here!**

Now, turn to another neighbor\* and say to each other, "You are loved by God and by me!"

**You are loved by God and by me!**

Beloved children of God, how can we love each other today?

**By meeting and listening and caring for one another face-to-face.**

Beloved children of God, how can we love God today?

**By practicing our love for one another and God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Let us worship God together today!

**We come to worship God by living our love for God and neighbor face-to-face. Amen.**

- ❖ Opening Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

- ❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, whose wisdom defies our limited insights, and whose commandments are from everlasting to everlasting, open our hearts and souls and minds to your love that surrounds us and seeks a dwelling place in us, that we may regard ourselves as your valuable children and accord the same care and concern to others as we would, at our best, lavish on ourselves. May our lives honor you and display the power of your love to the world. Amen.

## Sharing of Joys & Concerns

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

- ❖ Gloria Patri #70

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

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

Old Testament Lesson Leviticus 19:1 - 2, 15 - 18 #101

- ❖ Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34 - 46 #857

Message "Loving God by Loving Neighbor" Rev. Sara J. Wrona

Hymn "The Gift of Love" #408

### Offertory Reflection

*They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.  
Deuteronomy 16:16b - 17*

- ❖ Doxology #95

### Prayer of Dedication

- ❖ Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" #549

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

- ❖ Benediction

- ❖ Community Blessing "Shalom to You" #666

### Postlude

**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!



### **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.

### **FALL BACK**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>!

## **First United Methodist Church, Leechburg**

### **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, Anna Cibik, Lana Daugherty, Cathy Hahn, Sue Harwick, Debbie Hill, Betty Hunter, Phyllis Lamison, Dianne LeSueur, Lindsey, Deb Loftus, Judy Nolf, Rachel & Damon Rowe, 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

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

## **VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON**

On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> , we will be celebrating our Veterans with a soup & sandwich luncheon in the fellowship hall after the worship service. If you are interested in making soup or sandwiches please sign up. If you are not please come and enjoy lunch with us.

## **VETERAN'S DAY SLIDE SHOW**

We would like to continue our pictures of honoring our Veterans during the worship service on November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have pictures of your family members and would be willing to share them please send them to Pam at the church office.

## **ADOPT A GRANDPARENT**

Sign-up sheet is now available for the Adopt a Grandparent. For \$12, the recipient will receive a gift that includes MK Mint Bliss Lotion for feet and legs and fuzzy socks.



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](http://www.servinggodgracefully.net/griefshare)

Leechburg First UMC is seeking a Financial Secretary. PA state clearances and the FBI fingerprint clearance are required. Anyone interested in applying for the position should contact Tabettha Skrot or fill out an application that can be obtained from our administrative assistant, Pam McGranor.

## **FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS**

We will be making sandwiches for the community on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We will be packing the lunch bags on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with a meeting following at 10:00 a.m.

## **CROCKPOT MINISTRY**

Caring Crockpot Ministry classes in  
November 1, 8, & 15 from 2:30 - 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!

## **ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree sign-up sheet is now available in the vestibule.



## Olmsted Manor Retreat Center

### Mission Conference: New Vision for Poverty Alleviation

November 17 - 18, 2023 ~ \$200.00/person

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The typical North American definition of poverty is a lack of financial resources. Because of this perspective, many churches and organizations seek to address poverty by giving financial assistance or material goods such as food and clothing. While this assistance may help alleviate suffering temporarily, it has not proven to be an effective method for lifting people out of poverty. COT intentionally moves away from a transactional approach to poverty alleviation to a holistic and relational approach. COT defines poverty as a lack of resources. These resources may be financial, relational, spiritual, physical, intellectual, or a combination. This holistic view of poverty drives our work. Each COT site provides its participants with the tools and the supportive relationships needed for them to identify their strengths, build their resource base, and achieve self-identified goals. COT provides under-resourced families with the information, skills, and support they need to create a new future story. COT seeks to walk WITH, not do FOR.



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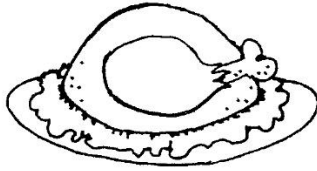
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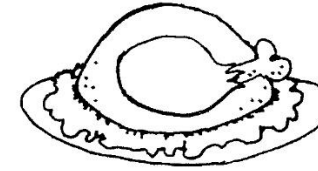


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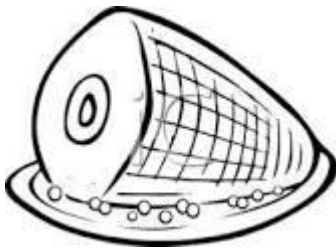


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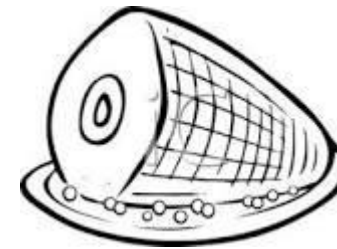
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