

❖Benediction

All: Blessed are you, O Father, forever and ever. We recall with reverence the good needs our veterans accomplished. We honor those who fought a good fight in a just cause - comrades both in war and in peace who have served this Country with dignity and with honor.

❖Prayer for Luncheon

Now as we share a meal, please bless the food to our use as we give thanks for the hands that prepared it. May it strengthen us to love and serve You and faithfully await your Coming. Amen.

❖Community Blessing “Shalom to You” #666

Postlude

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The **FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of my granddaughter, Abby's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 16<sup>th</sup> & in memory of my mother, Tossie Pischke's birthday on November 15<sup>th</sup> by Becky Blankenship.

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my granddaughter, Anna's birthday on November 18<sup>th</sup> by Pat Daugherty.

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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 Tabetha Skrot or fill out an application that can be obtained from our administrative assistant, Pam McGranor.



First United Methodist Church

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

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24th Sunday After Pentecost/Veteran's Day Observance

- ❖ 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

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give us. Give thanks!

❖Call to Worship

This nation, under God, depends on each generation accepting the call to serve both God and country.

Everywhere we look we are reminded of the commitment our veterans made in presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice.

So today we honor them as we shout a resounding.....

Thank You!

Thank You! That we are free to come and to worship the One who presented His body as the ultimate living sacrifice for ALL.

Come, let us worship!

❖Opening Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" #428

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Yet today we lift up our voices to express gratefulness and honor to these military troops both from the past and present. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

❖Gloria Patri #70

Honoring Our Veterans

Choir Anthem My Country Medley

Children's Moment Dr. Saundra McKee, CLM

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

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 41:1 - 3 #487

❖Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1 - 13 #860

Message "Be Prepared" Dr. Saundra McKee, CLM

Hymn "I Want to Be Ready" #722

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 "America the Beautiful" #696

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

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

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

CROCKPOT MINISTRY

Caring Crockpot Ministry classes in
November 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

Please bring in your gifts by Sunday, December 17th for Blessing of the Gifts. Any questions, please see Lori Klingensmith.

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

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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, 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

The Middle East

VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON

Today, we will be celebrating our Veterans with a soup & sandwich luncheon in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Please come and enjoy lunch with us.

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!



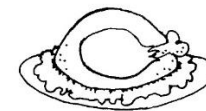
ADVENT DINNER

The Advent Dinner will be on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. We will be serving ham loaf, ham, and rolls. Please sign up with what you will be bringing plus how many will be attending including children. We are asking everyone to bring an ornament to the dinner to be placed on the tree; please put your name on it. The sign-up sheet is now in the vestibule.

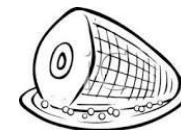
Grief Support Group
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
358 Main Street, Leechburg
724-845-7518

Mondays, September 11 - December 11, 6-8 PM
www.servinggodgracefully.net/griefshare

TURKEY & HAM GIVEAWAYS



Monday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. at Sprankle's IGA, the LFUMC through our Outreach Committee will be giving away turkeys for Thanksgiving. Anyone needing one, please contact Pam at the church (724) 845-8761 OR Lori Klingensmith (724) 845-8109.



Tuesday, December 19, 10:00 a.m. at Sprankle's IGA, the LFUMC through our Outreach Committee will be giving away hams for Christmas. Anyone needing one, please contact Pam at the church (724) 845-8761 OR Lori Klingensmith (724) 845-8109

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the sanctuary on Sunday, November 26th after worship. Please stay if you can help.

HARVEST TABLE

We will be collecting canned food and non-perishable items for the Leechburg Food Bank this Thanksgiving during Sundays in November 12th and 19th.

Olmsted Manor Retreat Center

Mission Conference: New Vision for Poverty Alleviation

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

Olmsted is excited to partner with Communities of Transformation for this two-day mission conference to kick off the season of giving. Participants will join the organization's executive director, Katy Wrona, to learn about best practices for partnering with families in your community. Leave this conference prepared to do good - and effective - work.

The Communities of Transformation Philosophy:

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.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, November 12 24th Sunday After Pentecost/Veteran's Day Observance

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon after worship

GREETERS: *Gloria & June Womer*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Jo Ellen Stewart*

MONDAY, November 13

9:30 AM - Packing lunch bags

10:00 AM Outreach Meeting

6:45 PM - Choir Practice

TUESDAY, November 14

9:30 AM - Feeding Our Neighbors

6:00 PM -Finance/Council Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, November 15

2:30 PM -Crockpot Ministry

6:00 PM -Girl Scouts

SUNDAY, November 19 25th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

GREETERS: *Alana Gipson & Dianne LeSueur*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Don Sheaffer*