

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing

“Shalom to You”

#666

Postlude

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The **FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my daughter, Anna’s 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 18<sup>th</sup> from Mom and Dad.

The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my children’s birthdays in November – Jo Ellen, Ron, Cindy, Samantha, Brinley, and Sheldon by June Womer.

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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.

THE  
**LOVE**  
OF  
EVERY ONE  
OF YOU  
**FOR ONE  
ANOTHER**  
IS  
INCREASING.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3

# First United Methodist Church

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

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## 25th 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

"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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

**God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.**

Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I say, Rejoice!

**God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.**

Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I say, Rejoice!

**God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

**Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

❖Opening Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #133

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Spirit of God, who inspired the Scriptures and gave them fulfillment in Jesus Christ, open our eyes to the gifts you have entrusted to each one of us and show us how to work together to realize your purposes in our midst. We long to live in a world where mutual caring and support replace competition and violence. Help us to honor another's gifts and strive for the greatest of all gifts, the embodiment of your love. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

❖Gloria Patri #70

Choir Anthem Give Thanks

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

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

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 18 #999

Message "One Breath, One Body" Ms. Katy Wrona

Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

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

## **FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS**

We will be making sandwiches for the community on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We will be packing the lunch bags on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with a meeting following at 10:00 a.m.

## **CROCKPOT MINISTRY**

The Crockpot Ministry has finished for the year. Thank you to those who helped.

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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. We are short 44 donations. Please think about giving! Money is due December 16<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

The Middle East

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, 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*

### MONDAY, November 20

10:00 AM - Turkey Giveaway at Sprankle's IGA

6:45 PM - Choir Practice

### TUESDAY, November 21

6:00 PM -S/PPRC Meeting

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 22

Food Bank Distribution

### SUNDAY, November 26 Baptism of Damon Rowe

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

Decorating the Church after worship

**GREETERS:** *Sandy Ashbaugh, Cathy Kepple*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Marilyn Oldfield*

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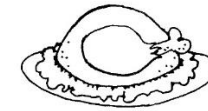
## CASINO THEATRE

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Casino Theatre of Vandergrift is presenting its annual Hometown Christmas show. This year's show features a story about a community presenting a Christmas pageant and the community learning a life lesson about love and nativity.

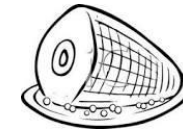
## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please send December/January newsletter items to Pam in the office as soon as possible.

## 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.



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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the sanctuary on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please stay if you can help. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Starting on Wednesdays, November 29<sup>th</sup> thru December 20<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Sara will be leading Advent Devotions. There will be a light meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. The study is by Will Willimon, Heaven and Earth. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

## BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM MOVIE OUTING

On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to see the movie, Because of Bethlehem. Time is yet to be determined. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.



**Nurture Committee  
Fundraiser - 3.5" Wooden  
Rustic Angels (ornament) for  
\$5.** Once purchased, they will be added to the tree in the fellowship hall. To purchase an angel, there are forms in the vestibule, please fill one out with the name(s) of your loved one(s). Place in an available envelope with your payment and put it in the offering plate. All names will be added to the Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

# BLOOD DRIVE



## First United Methodist Church Leechburg Blood Drive

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7  
2:00 P.M. TO 6:30 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](http://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**

For more information or to schedule a donation, call **412.209.7000** or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org). Find us @vitalant:   

**vitalant** 

# GIVING TUESDAY

**NOVEMBER 28, 2023**  
**How Will You  
Give This Season?**  
**Going the Second Mile!**

**Giving Tuesday** is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. **Giving Tuesday** was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good.

On this very special day, give through The Advance, the designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church. Visit [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give) to search the more than 850 missions and ministries that are supported through The Advance. As always, 100 percent of your gift will reach the project you designate.

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\* The Advance remains committed to sustaining a strong foundation that allows projects and missionaries to build relationships and empower their ministries. We have witnessed your ability to utilize The Advance to change your communities positively. To keep this momentum going, The Advance continues to allocate 100% of all giving to the designated project and missionary.

Suggested Advance Projects on the Reverse Side →

**Be inspired**

**GIVE LOVEJOYHOPEPEACE**

1. Kathleen Peterson, Deaconess and Church & Community Worker - # 982942 -. Her current missionary assignment is with the Eastbrook Mission Barn, New Castle, Pennsylvania. Katie coordinates the donations and coordination of UMCOR relief supply kits, as well as supplies for the Western Pennsylvania Conference Disaster Response teams.



2. Appalachian Regional Ministries - Projects #982041 - Providing education and training for laity and clergy on issues relevant to the Appalachian Region.



3. Rural Chaplains Association - Projects #982740 - Advocating ministries in rural churches & communities carried out by lay/clergy.

4. House of the Carpenter #391392 - Providing basic human needs such as food and clothing, and providing life skills education (located on Wheeling Island).



5. United Methodist Volunteers In Mission - Northeastern Jurisdiction - Projects #982760 - Coordinating and training Volunteers in Mission for short term mission service.



6. The mission of Communities of Transformation is to move families from surviving to thriving

by developing personal leadership skills and building authentic relationships.

