

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 28

- 9:00 AM -Sunday School
- 10:00 AM -Worship Service
- 3:00 PM -Pr. Arter's Installation at Cross Roads

GREETERS: *Sandy Ashbaugh, Cathy Kepple*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Marilyn Oldfield*

MONDAY, April 29

- 6:45 PM Choir Practice

TUESDAY, April 30

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

WEDNESDAY, May 1

- 2:30 - 4:30 PM Crockpot Ministry

SUNDAY, May 5 Communion

- 9:00 AM -Sunday School
- 10:00 AM -Worship Service

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### Upcoming Meetings

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| Tuesday, May 7  | 6:00 PM   | Trustee's Meeting |
| Thursday, May 9 | 6:00 PM   | VBS Meeting       |
| Monday, May 13  | 10 :00 AM | Outreach Meeting  |
| Tuesday May 14  | 6:00 PM   | Finance/Council   |
| Monday, May 20  | 1:30 PM   | Witness Meeting   |

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The FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Russ by Phyllis Lamison.



Leechburg First United Methodist Church
"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"

April 28, 2024
10:00a.m.

First United Methodist Church

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

Rev. Sara J. Wrona, Pastor
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Fifth Sunday of Easter Festival of God's Creation

❖ 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 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"
#304 verse 1

❖ Call to Worship

Our Lord Jesus spoke to the storm, saying "Peace, be still."
As we gather in worship, Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits now, saying "Peace, be still."

As we rest in your presence, Lord, may all our storms grow quiet within us.

Bring rest to our hearts, O Lord; may we feel like a leaf after a storm, when the wind is still.

**All: May we know both your presence and your peace;
May you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving.**

❖ Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" #145

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Let us give thanks for this beautiful day, for it is a gift from Creator. Let us give thanks for the water without which life would not be possible. Let us give thanks for Grandmother Earth who protects and nourishes us. We give thanks for earth, air, sun, and water, in which

we see the hand of Creator, even Creator Himself for He is in all He has made. Let us give thanks for this life. It is a gift from Creator, and we have the possibility of living it. Let us live it to His praise and glory! Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

❖ Gloria Patri #70

Anthem "Precious Memories"

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

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

Psalter Lesson Psalm 8 New Living Translation

❖ New Testament Lesson Romans 8:18 - 25 #983

Message "Sacred Reciprocity" Pastor Sara J. Wrona

Hymn of Response "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #147

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

❖ Closing Hymn "This is My Father's World" #144

❖ Benediction

❖ Community Blessing "He Lives" #310 refrain

Postlude

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:

Tracy Albert, Nick Albert, Bryce, Anna Cibik, Lana Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Celeste Eubanks, Jen Hagofsky, Cathy Hahn, Theresa Hunter, Victor Hutchinson (Pr. Sara's cousin), Kylo, Phyllis Lamison, Lindsey, Kate Miller, Duncan Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Judy Nolf, Dina O'Neil, Grace Pettner, Dick Schaeffer, Lynn Sibley, Peggie Trapolsi (Pr. Sara's mom), John Womer, Sharon Wright.

Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Anne Cherry, Norma Ewing, Betty Hunter, Betty Kolenik, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Rodger Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Pepler, Myrtle Prunty, Phyllis Schaeffer, Dave Sherbondy, Dick & Dee Waugaman, 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

General Conference

The Church Universal

The People of the Ukraine

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

The Middle East

CROCKPOT MINISTRY
Classes: May 1, 8, 15

Please see Lori if you would like to help.



CASUAL CHURCH

Everyone is invited to Casual Church at the First United Methodist Church in Leechburg. Casual Church is an opportunity for people of all ages to gather informally in our fellowship hall for Christian music and singing, tasty food, short devotions and a prayer. There's no charge or need to make a reservation. You don't need to dress up or bring a thing. We'll begin at 6:00 pm. The program lasts around an hour. For more info call or text Sandy McKee at 724-525-2586. Our schedule is:

Wednesday May 22, 2024-Bruce Shaffer – Hoagies and dessert

Wednesday June 26, 2024-Patty and Hope Albert- Wraps and dessert

Wednesday July 24, 2024- Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, dessert -entertainment tba



CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new directories are finally here! If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo, please see Trooper to pick it up on Sundays. You can see Pam in the office to pick it up also during the week.



Leechburg First UMC is sponsoring a mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky from September 8 - 13, 2024. We are off to a great start in raising the funds for the individuals to go. We are now providing envelopes with \$ amounts marked on them for you to donate to the cause. This will allow folks to contribute at a level that matches their financial reality. You may take more than one envelope if you want. The cost for each participant is \$500.00. The envelopes are located at the rear of the sanctuary on a table. If you have any questions, please see Elaine Brenneman or Pastor Sara.



SHOE DRIVE

We will again begin collecting shoes for the 12th Annual Shoe Drive. Please bring your gently worn, used or unwanted shoes to the church by Sunday, June 2nd. Rubber band pairs or tie shoelaces together. Twenty-five pairs of shoes equals about \$10 to help local individuals and families dealing with homelessness, or those with disabilities.



The first Sunday of each month we will collect a special offering for Rise Against hunger.

UMCOR CLEANING KIT

Enabling those affected by floods, hurricanes and tornadoes to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up.

(Kit approximate cost: \$75 per bucket)

Cleaning Kit Materials

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35” h x 12.19” w x 12.19” d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
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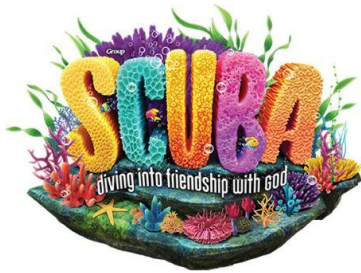
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid which may be recycled but must be clean and free of debris.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.

Important Notes

- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for VBS scheduled for Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. here at LFUMC, Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Help is needed in the following areas: Bible Story, Games, Craft & Science, Snacks, Music, Registration and Decorating.

STOCK UP ITEMS NEEDED:

If you live in a place where pool noodles and hula hoops are only stocked in the summer, you may want to consider watching sales and clearance shelves for the following supplies.

Pool Noodles: Real talk, can you ever have too many pool noodles? From games to decorations, we used them all over SCUBA! So grab as many as you can get your hands on.

Jump ropes: A colorful and easy way to create a line in the grass during games.

Hula hoops: Used in a hip-hopping fun game for preschoolers and elementary!

Sponge balls: Watch out, the youth group may ask to borrow these when VBS is over.

Large Sand Pails: Perfect as water buckets, economical cones (just flip them upside down) for an obstacle course or boundary markers and a great way to sort crew supplies.

Beach Balls and Beach Towels: These are used in a game for elementary – one of their favorites!

Bottle Caps: Start collecting these now! We used them all throughout to create fun coral structures.

Boxes: What are boxes not used for? They became the main arch, our sunken ship, base for coral structures and stone walls in Deep Bible Adventures.



SCUBA VBS T-SHIRTS



SCUBA VBS T-shirt sign-up sheet now available in the vestibule. The cost is \$12 for adult sizes Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large. The cost for XX is \$14 and XXX is \$15. Deadline to order is May 24th.

Register children by May 24th for them to receive a free t-shirt!

