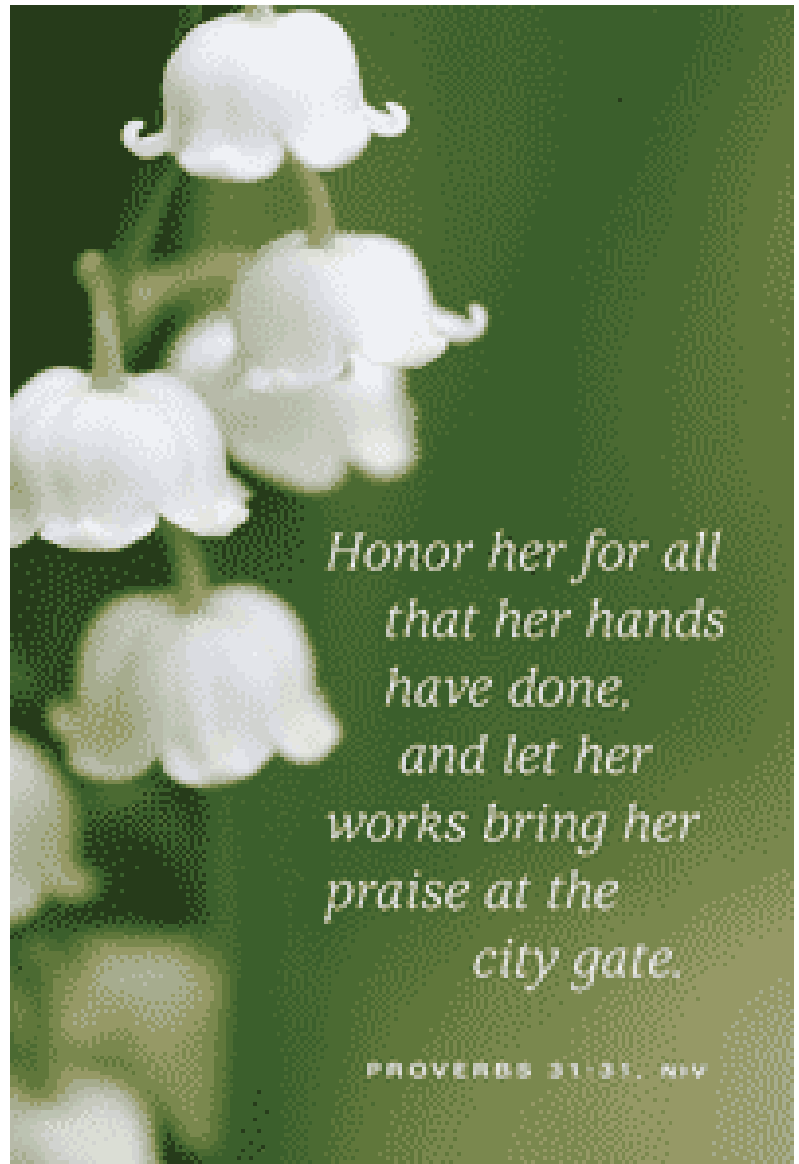


Pastoral Prayer
 The Lord's Prayer
 ❖Gloria Patri #70
 Anthem "Faith of Our Mothers"
 Children's Moment Pastor Sara
 Sung Prayer of Illumination "Thy Word Is A Lamp" (Ref.x2) #601
 New Testament Lesson 1 John 5:9 - 13 #1067
 ❖Gospel Lesson John 17:6 - 19 #941
 Message "We Share Christ" Pastor Sara J. Wrona
 Hymn of Response "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396
 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 #525
 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"
 ❖Benediction
 ❖Community Blessing "He Lives" #310 refrain
 Postlude

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The FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mother, Phyllis and in honor of all mothers with us and in memory of the ones who were called home by Russ Lamison.

The BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our wonderful mothers, Gladys Sibley and Lucy McKee by Lynn Sibley & Sandy McKee.



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

*May 12, 2024*  
*10:00a.m.*

# First United Methodist Church

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

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

❖ 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 in Honor of Mother's Day

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**Thank God for mothers!**

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**Thank God for my mother!**

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**Thank God for the mothers of today.**

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

**Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

❖ Opening Hymn #445

"Happy the Home When God is There"

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of all creation who called every being into life who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world we ask for your Spirit to unite us where we face lack of understanding and disunity in our churches, in our communities, in our countries. And in silence, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth and in silence, we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor, from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures, and faith communities with respect and in silence, we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation, in Christ, we are reconciled, and so we ask for your uniting Spirit to help us to overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### TODAY, May 12 Mother's Day

10:00 AM -Worship Service

**GREETERS:**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Elaine Brenneman*

### MONDAY, May 13

9:30 AM -Packing lunch bags

10:00 AM -Outreach Meeting

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

### TUESDAY, May 14

9:30 AM -Feeding Our Neighbors

6:00 PM -Finance/Council Meeting

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

### WEDNESDAY, May 15

2:30 -Crockpot Ministry

### SUNDAY, May 19 Pentecost

10:00 AM -Worship Service

-Cake after worship

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Gloria Womer*

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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Monday, May 20 1:30 PM Witness Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 6:00 PM Casual Church

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**Save the Date**

LFUMC Canoe Trip

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Time and location TBA!

Sign-up sheet in vestibule

## 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, Larry Blankenship, Anna Cibik, Lana Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Jen Hagofsky, Cathy Hahn, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Victor Hutchinson (Pr. Sara's cousin), Barry Kamer, 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), Clayton Ward, John Womer, Sharon Wright, The Family of David Cherry.

### 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

## 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:

### Note date change for May only!

**\*Tuesday, May 21, 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.



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 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoe Drive. Please bring your gently worn, used or unwanted shoes to the church by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

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- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
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  - With or without handle
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  - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
  - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
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- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
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  - No surgical masks
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  - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

## Assembly Directions

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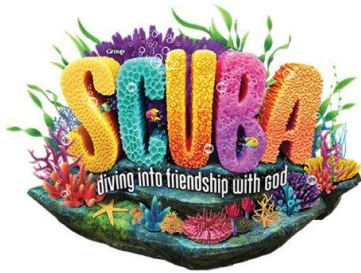
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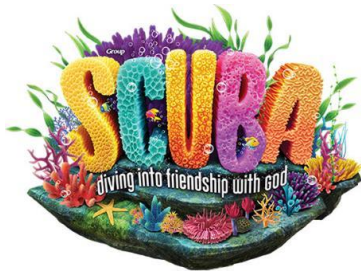


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