

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, Sunday, May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

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

GREETERS: *Sandy Ashbaugh*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Gloria Womer*

USHERS: *Leslie Buckingham & Paul Wrona*

MONDAY, May 12

9:30 AM -Pack lunch bags
6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, May 13

9:30 AM -Feeding Our Neighbors
6:00 PM -Finance/Council Meeting
7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, May 14

2:30 PM -Crockpot Ministry

THURSDAY, May 15

5:30 PM -Messy Church

SATURDAY, May 17 COT Walk at Roaring Run Trail at 10 am

SUNDAY, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

GREETER: *Alana Gipson*

WORSHIP LEADER: *Don Sheaffer*

USHERS: *Janel Cibik & Pat Daugherty*

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The **BULLETINS** today have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Gladys and Lucy, and in honor and memory of all mothers from Leechburg First United Methodist Church by Lynn Sibley & Sandy McKee.

The **FLOWERS** today have been given to the glory of God and honor of my mother, Phyllis and in honor of all moms on Mother's Day by Russ Lamison.



# First United Methodist Church

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

**Rev. Sara J. Wrona, Pastor**

**Gloria Womer, Don Sheaffer, Elaine Brenneman Co-Lay Leaders**

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## Fourth 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 TFWS #2026  
"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

#### ❖Call to Worship

The God of day and darkness moves among us...

**We are the people of Living Water.**

The God of hope and promise lives among us...

**We are the people of Living Water.**

The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name...

**We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God's kin, traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go. ✠**

❖Opening Hymn "Our God Saves" Video

#### ❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy One of the morning, we come together to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us once again in your life-giving

waters. Amen. ✠

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri

#70

Choir Anthem

"Holy Spirit, Enter into This Place"

Mother's Day Litany

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.

**All: 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. ✠✠**

Congregational Response

#445 vv. 1& 3

"Happy the Home When God is There"

Children's Moment Pastor Sara  
 Sung Prayer of Illumination Refrain (x2) #601  
 "Thy Word Is a Lamp"  
 New Testament Lesson Revelation 7:9 - 17 #1076  
 ❖Gospel Lesson John 10:22 - 30 #934  
 Message Rev. Sara J. Wrona  
 "Springs of Living Water"  
 ❖Hymn of Response "Savior, Like a Shepherd" #381

Offertory

*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

Prayer of Dedication

❖Closing Hymn "Marching to Zion" #733  
*The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit.*

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing #322 (refrain)  
 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

Postlude

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⌘ Unless otherwise noted, worship resources are from Discipleship Ministries of the UMC.

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In conjunction with our co-lay leaders, we have discerned the need to create visitation teams. There is a two-fold reason for this. One is that these teams will be in place during Pastor Sara's renewal leave. But we also feel that this would be a good ministry to have on an on-going basis. Once the teams are created a rotation schedule would be established by geographic areas.

Please prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this new and exciting ministry. Even if you do not drive you could be paired with someone who does drive. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

SIGN-UP SHEETS AVAILABLE

Messy Church for May
 Visitation Ministry
 Ushers/Greeters

VBS June 23-27



We are looking for people who are willing to help during VBS. If you are willing to help please let Pastor Sara or Pam know. We need crew leaders, people to help with games, bible stories, snacks, registration, and decorating. The next VBS planning

meeting is Tuesday, May 20th at 6 p.m. Due to only 2 churches participating in VBS this year, please consider giving your time, talents, and/or monetary donations or all three! Thank you.



Beginning on February 25th, we started a new and ongoing fundraiser through Pizza Hut in Lower Burrell. On the last Tuesday of each month, the next date is **May 27**, we are asking that you help support us by either dining in or

doing carry-out at the Lower Burrell Pizza Hut. We receive 20% of the net sales for everyone that presents a coupon that night. Everyone has to eat supper so why not support your church while feeding your family.

This fundraiser does not require the church to front any money or require manpower to prepare and serve the food. This will also give us an opportunity to share in a time of fellowship for those that choose to dine in.

CROCKPOT MINISTRY COOKBOOKS

The Outreach/Crockpot Ministry is selling a cookbook with all the great recipes used in class. The cost is \$5. Please see either Carla or Pam.

NURSERY

Our Children's Nursery is not currently staffed. You may take your children to the nursery during the service, but they must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

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:

Andrew M. & family, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Camdyn, Dee Coleman, Dan, Pat Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Kim & Dale Frederick, Tony Harvey, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Barry Kamer, Dianne LeSueur, Jim, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Judy Nolf, Grace Pettner, Linda Sarver, Bohdi Ward, Clayton Ward, Chloe Womer, and the families of Sharon Wright and Randy Jewart.

Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Pepler, Myrtle Prunty, Dave Sherbondy, Bob & Vange Stewart, Dick & Dee Waugaman, Helen Weaver.

Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

Our Church Leadership

Greensburg/Pittsburgh District Superintendent Rev. Paul Ritchey

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

Our Nation

The People of the Ukraine

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

The Middle East

All those impacted by Hurricane Helene & Milton
and the California wildfires

All those impacted by the storms



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AWARENESS WALK
 ADDRESSING POVERTY THROUGH COMMUNITY

REGISTER TODAY



ROARING RUN TRAIL
 681 Canal Road | Apollo, PA | 15613

MAY 17TH

10 AM

This event is a fundraiser to help spread awareness around poverty and holistic poverty alleviation.

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2 MILE WALK



SAVE YOUR SHOES

and donate them to help those who are homeless or who have a disability.



13th Annual Shoe Drive

June 12th -14th Bayfront Convention Center

You can help those in need, simply by gathering and donating your gently worn, used or unwanted new shoes.

25 pairs of shoes equals about \$10 towards individuals and families dealing with homelessness, or those with disabilities.

Here's How

1. Gather your old, unwanted shoes (new or gently used)
2. Rubber band pairs or tie shoelaces together
3. Drop them off at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center during Annual Conference