

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 25, 2010

11:00 A.M.

❖ Congregation please stand

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

NOTES: - PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located in the pew racks and will be collected during the opening hymn. The NURSERY is available upstairs in the Educational Building for parents who feel the need to listen to the service from there. Activity Bags are available in the Overflow Area for those children who wish to remain in the service.

We will use the **United Methodist Hymnal** today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(VISITORS – Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit. We hope you will join us again.)

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 85)

Leader: *God is good and righteous. God's ways are perfect.*

People: God has forgiven all our sins and covered us with mercy.

Leader: *God shows us unfailing love and grants salvation.*

People: God's love and faithfulness give us new life.

Leader: *Come: take a rest, and bask in the love of God.*

All: We come to experience renewal. Come let us worship God.

❖ HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God, Father and Mother, Shepherd and Judge, Lover of all creation: we come this day knowing that you are with us always. We reflect on the simple things of life, especially the way Jesus taught us to pray. When we are overwhelmed, remind us to reflect on the basic aspects of life and our relationships with you. Help us know that you hear us always, that you respond according to your will, and that you love us forever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer in unison)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nancy Miller

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

❖ DOXOLOGY

#95

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF (in unison)

You give us our daily bread, O God; now we offer to you gifts that might help us to feed others. You give forgiveness, O God; now we offer ourselves as signs and symbols of your forgiveness in our community. You bring your realm into our midst; now we dedicate ourselves to the work of helping to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

❖ HYMN

"Blessed Quietness"

(see insert)

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

SERMON

"The Healing of the Waters"

(After giving the disciples "the Lord's Prayer" as a model for praying, Jesus highlighted the petition about forgiving others. That is the key to healing our inner springs of anger, resentment, bitterness and other crippling emotions..)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

❖ HYMN

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

#404

(During the singing of this hymn you are invited to the chancel rail for prayer. Please come.)

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Lesson for next week: *The cynical writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us what isn't important in life. How to identify and overcome our vanity problem, which is getting more absurd everyday.*

Read: *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, & 2:18-23 ~ "A Field Guide to Narcissism"*



The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my mother, Pat Daugherty's, birthday (July 23rd) by Erik, Janel, & Anna Lee.



The BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mario and Elaine Ciuffoletti's marriage yesterday (July 24th).



A memorial has been given to the Abiding Memorial Fund in loving memory of:

✝ **Vernon Brown**
by Bill & Lori Klingensmith

Memorials have been given to the Renovation Fund in loving memory of:

✝ **Bill Schreiner**
Daralie Teasdale Maize

✝ **Vernon Brown**
by Bob & Vange Stewart



Happy Birthday to:



To John Bafik, who will be celebrating his 88th birthday Wednesday, August 4th.

(Address: 269 School Road, Leechburg, PA)



To Martha Bafik, who will be celebrating her 86th birthday on Saturday, August 28th.

(Address: 269 School Road, Leechburg, PA)



Toygate 5K Run

We have been contacted by the Leechburg Area Community Association with news of the September 18th 5K Run/Walk to benefit in part Ellen Toy. Ellen is the women's Phys. Ed Teacher at Leechburg High School and the high school volleyball coach at Kiski Area. Both of our daughters graduated from Leechburg several years ago and Ellen was instrumental in developing them into confident, courageous, caring, and independent young women. Ellen is a gem who has worked passionately for students in the Leechburg Area for many, many years. (Reverends Gary & Lisa Lyon)

Please check the table in the Main Vestibule for a flyer on the 5K Run/Walk if you are interested in participating.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VNA Hospice Volunteers play a vital role in caring for those dealing with terminal illness. Volunteers sit with patients to allow family time out of the home, they also visit hospice patients who live in area nursing homes. We are in need of Volunteers in the areas of Allegheny-Kiski and Armstrong. Please call for more information, Janette Hensler, Volunteer Coordinator at 724-431-3501.



ADOPT-A-CLASS – The Leechburg Ministerial and David Leech Elementary School have co-sponsored for a number of years a once-a-month program where volunteers spend time reading to the kids in grades 1 & 2 at David Leech Elementary. This program begins on the third Tuesday in October and continues on the third Tuesday each month through May. It begins at 11:30 AM. Time is spent reading, talking, getting to know the children, and then volunteers are invited to go to lunch with the class in the school cafeteria. Mandatory clearances are required and must be obtained before volunteers can begin. **NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!** If you are interested in participating, please contact Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church, 724-845-1901 or crcpc@windstream.net.



LADIES (AND GENTLEMEN, TOO)... ~ During the months of June, July, and August the United Methodist Women have been asking for your donation of "favorite recipes". And in noticing the receptacle in the Main Vestibule... it seems rather "light". Now, we're sure that there are some really good recipes out there, cause we KNOW there has been some really good food brought in to covered-dish dinners. Let's all try to set aside 30 minutes this week to pull out a few recipes that you feel others might enjoy, and bring them in and place them in the receptacle on the table in the Main Vestibule.



Pirate Game – August 4 Western PA United Methodists' Day



The NEW PICTORIALS were scheduled to ship this past Friday. If they are received early enough in the week, they should be ready for distribution Sunday, August 1st.



Leechburg-Gilpin Park
Pavilion #2



The Smooth Gospel Sounds of **PROMISE**

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 15, 2010

Our 8:30 Early Service will be held at the church.

The 11:00 AM Service will be held at the Park followed by our annual picnic. Bring your lawn chair and worship with us in the beauty of God's nature.

Following the service (approximately noon) we will have our Annual picnic. Chicken and beverage will be provided. We ask that you bring a covered dish (**or two**, depending on the size of your group) to be shared with everyone, along with table service for you and your family.



Congratulations to the following recipients of the Dr. Earl Rose Scholarship money. Each student will be receiving a check in the amount of \$75.00. Anyone wishing to make contributions to this account please contact the church office.

*Debra Alter
Amanda Fair
Ashley Klingensmith
Kyle Sarver
Sara Sheaffer
Teal Smail*

 Freeport
Theatre Festival

Celebrating our
21st Season



2010 Performance Dates:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 9,10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25
Time: 8:00 p.m.

*Pie Social to benefit
Allegheny Township
Historical Society on
Saturday, July 24th*

*Pre-show entertainment
Joe Lege, Accordionist*

A Historical Drama Written and Directed by Rennick Steele **Cauldron of Steel**

Scenario:

Cauldron of Steel is about brave immigrants coming to America to work in the new steel mill in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania – a “worker’s paradise” conceived and built by George McMurty. Of course there are obstacles to reaching “paradise” of any kind. *Cauldron of Steel* reflects the willingness of People to sacrifice everything in search of a better life for their families. *Cauldron* pays homage to those immigrants. Their story is inspirational. Their story is our story.

Spotlight Gallery:

General Information

Ticket Prices: \$12/10 **Location:** The Steele Farm
Two miles south of Freeport off
Rte. 356 on White Cloud Road (Turn

Pre-Theatre Dinner: right at the Allegheny Presbyterian
River Forest Country Club
724-295-2298
Seating at 5:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Reservations a must!

Information: 724-295-1934
www.freeporttheatrefestival.org

Courtney, Sharon, & Jacob Riffer and Amanda Fair
all have parts in this year's production!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY, July 25

2:00 PM - Camp Meeting Revival (Arbutus Manor, Johnstown)

WEDNESDAY, July 29

9:30 AM - Pre-Church Conference Briefing (Irwin UMC)

FRIDAY, July 30

7:00 PM - Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, July 31

2:30 PM - Gallo/McGowan Wedding

SUNDAY, August 1 – *10th Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30 AM - Early Service

11:00 AM - Worship Service

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, July 18, 2010

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8:30 Early Service att.....50 | Current Exp .....  | \$ 3,769.50   |
| 11:00 AM Worship att.....98   | Mission Share..... | <u>220.00</u> |
|                               |                    | \$ 3,989.50   |

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| Worship avg.....179 | Rec'd-to-date..... | \$ 112,202.38  |
| S.S. avg.....41     | Expenses-to-date   | \$ 116,680.62* |

*\*(This amount reflects the end-of-month salaries and the Mission Share that is due for July.)*

MISSION SHARE

Monthly Payment.....\$1,784.75      Rec'd This Month.....\$ 547.00

OTHER GIVING

|                               |                         |        |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Bldg. & Repair.....206.00     | Renovation Fund.....    | 365.00 |
| Earl Rose Scholarship..450.00 | Abiding Memorial .....  | 25.00  |
| Nets .....10.00               | Pancake Breakfast ..... | 200.00 |

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| Collected to-date for the Renovation Fund - <b>\$ 208,746.09</b> |
| Unpaid Balance on Loan - <b>\$ 48,397.78</b> as of 7/16/10       |

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| <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Until our Annual Pledge Campaign gets underway, please prayerfully consider channeling your giving to the Current Expense category for a while. Funds are very low, but the bills keep on coming. Thank you. |
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