

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, Sunday, November 16 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Messy Church meeting after worship today

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

WORSHIP LEADER: *Elaine Brenneman*

GREETERS: *Don & Brentta Sheaffer*

USHERS: *Pat Daugherty & Janel Cibik*

MONDAY, November 17

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, November 18

8:00 AM -Food Bank packing

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

WEDNESDAY, November 19

9:30 AM -Food Bank distribution

2:00 PM -Crockpot Ministry

5:30 PM -Messy Church

THURSDAY, November 20

6:00 PM -Nurture Craft Night

SUNDAY, November 23 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

WORSHIP LEADER: *Gloria Womer*

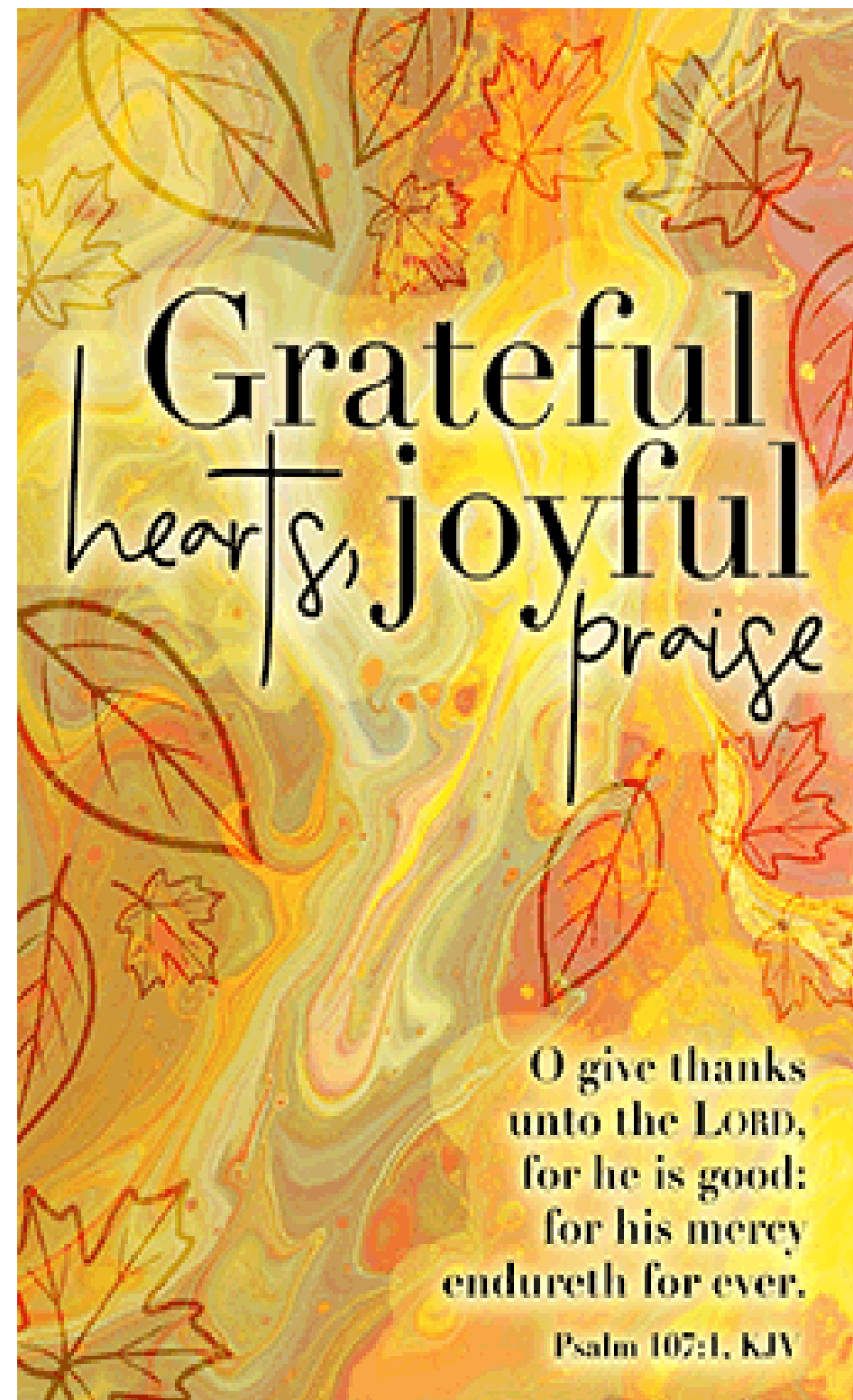
GREETER: *Alana Gipson*

USHERS: *Don & Brentta Sheaffer*

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The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my beautiful granddaughter, Anna's 21st birthday on November 18<sup>th</sup> by Pat Daugherty.

The BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter, Anna's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on November 18<sup>th</sup> by Janel & Erik Cibik.



Grateful  
hearts, joyful  
praise

O give thanks  
unto the LORD,  
for he is good:  
for his mercy  
endureth for ever.

Psalm 107:1, KJV

# 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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## Twenty-Third 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" TFWS #2036

❖Call to Worship

God is ready to answer us, even before we call. God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

**The hills sing together before God's presence. All of nature proclaims God's glory.**

If the seas join in praise, how much more should we. If hills are alive with song, let us, too, awake to sing.

**Make a joyful raise to God, all people of the Earth!**

**Break forth into joyous song!**

Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating. Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

**We worship God with great joy and delight. We welcome God's healing touch in our midst. ♦♦**

❖Opening Hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" #413

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

Reigning God, whose presence reassures us in times of uncertainty and terror, we pray for wisdom and courage to discern your purposes in every time and place. Help us to stand for the best we know, even if that evokes

derision or betrayal. Keep us from being led astray by competing voices that compromise your intentions for us and all people. May we who seek to be the church of Jesus Christ never become weary of doing what is right. Amen. ♦♦

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri #70

Choir Anthem "No Other Place"

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination Refrain (x2) #601  
"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

New Testament Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13 #1033

❖Gospel Lesson Luke 21:5 - 19 #915

Message "Do Not Be Fooled" Pastor Sara J. Wrona

❖Hymn "Soon and Very Soon" #706

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 "I Want to be Ready" #722

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

❖Benediction (in unison)

❖Community Blessing #664 v. 1  
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Prelude

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We have an ongoing fundraiser through Pizza Hut in Lower Burrell. On the last Tuesday of each month, the next date is **November 25**, 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. **Coupons are in the vestibule!**

### MISSION BARN ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Mission Barn has an urgent need for cleaning buckets, as they recently distributed 600 due to regional flooding. The insert in the bulletin includes a list of the items that are needed for those cleaning buckets. Also, The Mission Barn maintains an Amazon Wish List with items used in cleaning, hygiene, and menstrual kits. Items purchased through Amazon can be delivered directly to the Mission Barn. I have included the direct link to Amazon.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues at 9 a.m. with Deb Loftus.

### CHOIR

Practice on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. Hope to see you there!

### 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:

Alexis, Ronald Anderson, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Jodie Britner, Camdyn, Dee Coleman, Dan, Lana Daugherty, Pat Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Dale Frederick, Tony Harvey, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Phyllis Lamison, Beth Learn, Dianne LeSueur, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Niko, Judy Nolf, Grace Pettner, Rachel Rowe, Linda Sarver, Grace Taylor, Dean Trull, Gail Varine, Bohdi Ward, Clayton Ward, Chloe Womer, and the families of Kim Frederick, Barry Kamer, Nancy Bono, Marty Jonczak, Andrew, and Jeff.

### Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Peppler, 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 the storms

### **CHURCH DECORATING**

We will be decorating the church for the season on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship. Please stay if you can help!

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

We are hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service this year on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments following the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule, if you are willing to make either cookies or brownies. Thanks for your help.

### **ANGEL TREE**

We are asking for donations of socks and hygiene items-toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and shampoo for the Food Bank to distribute in December. There will be a box downstairs for you to put your items in. Thank you for your support! Please bring your items in by Sunday, December 14.

### **THANKSGIVING VOUCHERS**

There is still time to ask for the vouchers for Thanksgiving. The vouchers will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Vouchers will be distributed at the church and can be picked up between now and Friday, November 21 between 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Vouchers must be used by December 4, 2025.

### **ADVENT DINNER**

Advent dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. The church is supplying the main dish, rolls and drinks. We are asking you to bring a covered dish to share. Please sign up using the sheet in the vestibule.



**Messy Church** is Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule if you are planning to attend. Thank you.

### **Advent/Christmas Study Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Pastor Sara will be leading an advent study in December on the following dates:

**Wednesday**, December 3 (due to Charge Conference on December 2)

**Tuesday**, December 9

**Tuesday**, December 16

**Tuesday**, December 23

**Tuesday**, December 30

Each week we will meet at 6:00 P.M. in the church fellowship hall. This study is designed to be a sort of pilgrimage for us as we journey through Advent to Christmas so we can draw closer to Jesus. Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship will reveal anew the treasures of God's grace for all people. Please sign up so that participants' books can be ordered. These are not absolutely required but will enhance your experience in this study tremendously.

