

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, Sunday, May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter/Communion

- 9:00 AM -Sunday School
- 10:00 AM -Worship Service
- 2:00 PM -Greensburg District Conference

Mission Journey meeting after worship

WORSHIP LEADER: *Don Sheaffer*

GREETER: *Brentta Sheaffer*

USHERS: *Pat Daugherty & Janel Cibik*

MONDAY, May 4

- 6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, May 5

- 6:00 PM -Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, May 6

- 2:00 PM -Crockpot Ministry

FRIDAY, May 8

- 6:00 PM -Confirmation Class

SATURDAY, May 9

- 5:00 PM -Women's Banquet

SUNDAY, May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

- 9:00 AM -Sunday School
 - 10:00 AM -Worship Service
- WORSHIP LEADER:** *Elaine Brenneman*
GREETER: *Pam McGranor*
USHERS: *Don & Brentta Sheaffer*

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

Finance/Council Mtg.
Mission Barn Trip

Tuesday, May 12th at 6 pm
Saturday, May 16th



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

Gail Varine, Organist / Choir Director

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

❖ 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 "He Lives" #310 Refrain

❖ Call to Worship

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen. †

❖ Opening Hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #172

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or

shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen. †

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Gloria Patri #70

Choir Anthem "Feed My Sheep"

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination Refrain (x2) #601

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 2:2 - 10 #1058

❖ Gospel Lesson John 14:1 - 14 #938

Message "You Know the Way" Pastor Sara J. Wrona

❖ Hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

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

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Forgiving God, we come before you acknowledging that we have turned away from you: your Way, your Truth, and the Life you set before us. We turn away from each other. We overlook those who are living on the margins. Forgive us we pray. As we accept the grace and mercy you offer, help us to turn away from all that distracts us.

Help us to turn to you so that we may fully live into the disciples you have called us to be. Lead us so that we might share the hope of your Way, your Truth, and the Life meant for all of your children. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We have heard the good news of your mercy and forgiveness. We know you died for us while we were yet sinners. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

Call to Communion #621
"Be Present at Or Table, Lord"

The Great Thanksgiving #15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Chris is risen; Christ will
come again.**

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Bread & Cup

Sending Forth

❖Closing Hymn "Victory in Jesus" #370
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

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



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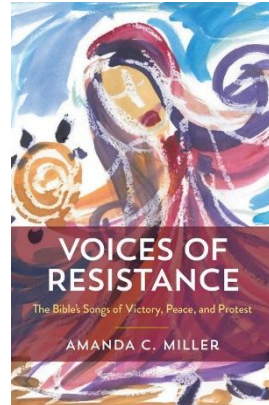
In Loving Memory of...

**Myrtle Prunty to...
Rise Against Hunger**

by June Womer

2026 Summer Bible Study Voices of Resistance

Voices of Resistance invites you to discover the powerful ways music and poetry give voice to the hopes, struggles, and faith of God's people across the ages. From ancient hymns of worship and lament to stirring proclamations of justice and love, this study uncovers how biblical songs continue to speak to us.



Through Deborah's and Hannah's songs, Mary's Magnificat, the laments of Jeremiah, the Psalms, the Christ hymn in Philippians, and the visions of worship in Revelation, you will hear the voices of our ancestors in faith and consider how their witness still calls us to live with courage and compassion. *Voices of Resistance* shows how this legacy of music, poetry, and community offers strength for the church and the world we seek to build today.

Our talented organist and choir director, Gail Varine, will be participating as her schedule allows and helping with the musical components of this study. Please notify the church office or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule by May 19. Classes will be held the following Mondays at 6:00 P.M.:

June 1, 8, 15, and 29
July 6 and 13

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

The Leechburg Food Bank is asking for used plastic bags for their food distribution. They use 300 bags every time they pack monthly. Please bring them in and put them in the overflow area. Thanks for your help!

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:

Michelle & Sutton Anthony, Alex Anto, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Brendan, Ray Bryan, M.J. Cline, Dee Coleman, Dan, Pat Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Emily, Esther, Richard & Marilyn Harmon, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Lloyd Hutchinson, Ruth Hyer, Phyllis Lamison, Gil Lazarotti, Beth Learn, Alexis Martin, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Mark Morrill, Niko and family, Rose Sklar, Paula Smith, Chloe Womer, and the families of Ronald Anderson, Nancy Morrill, Jim Novak, Myrtle Prunty, and Ethel Swarts.

Our Homebound Members:

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

All those in areas of conflict

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

First Lutheran & Cross Roads Mission Trip



The first Sunday of each month we will collect a special offering for Rise Against hunger. The packing event is on Saturday, September 12th.

WOMEN'S BANQUET

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for the upcoming Women's Banquet for Saturday, May 9th at 5 p.m. The church will be providing meat and beverages. Side dishes and desserts are needed. Also, men are needed to help with the dinner. There is a sign-up sheet for that as well.

We are asking for pictures to be submitted of you and your mom or you and your children. We will be putting together a game to play for the Women's Banquet where we have to guess who everyone is in the photos. So you may want to make it a little hard. Please turn in pictures (preferably digital) to Pam by Sunday, May 3, 2026.

MISSION BARN TRIP

The next Mission Barn trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. We will be meeting at the church at 7:30 a.m. and working from 9-12. Lunch will be somewhere on the way home. Please bring your own labeled reusable water bottles (they prefer no plastic throwaways). Because ramp work will be available, we can have up to 20 people in our group. The sign-up sheet is now available in the vestibule. Any questions, please see Lynn Sibley.

CROCKPOT MINISTRY

The dates for May are 6, 13, and 20th. Please sign up or speak with Carla, if you can help.

LEECHBURG TOWN HALL & RESOURCE FAIR

On Wednesday, May 20th at 6p.m at the Marconi Club there will be a panel of community leaders who will discuss the work of their organizations and answer questions from the public.



MISSION JOURNEY FUNDRAISING/OPPORTUNITIES:

October 11 - 16, We are going to Red Bird Mission! There are still open spots available. If you want to be a part of the team but can't join us for the week, please consider helping us financially by donating through the following opportunities: loose change collection jars and the envelope fundraiser.

T-SHIRT & SWEATSHIRT FUNDRAISER

The Witness Committee is once again sponsoring a T-shirt & Sweatshirt fundraiser. They will be the same royal blue with either the cross and flame or lighthouse logo. Order forms are in the vestibule. The fundraiser is ongoing through Sunday, May 17.



COMMUNITIES OF TRANSFORMATION
AWARENESS WALK
JUNE 13, 2026
ROARING RUN



<https://www.communitiestransformation.org/events>

REDBIRD MISSION JOURNEY
FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER
SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
4 - 6 P.M.
TICKETS \$12.00

