

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, Sunday, July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM -Worship Service

WORSHIP LEADER: *Deb Loftus*

GREETER: *Dianne LeSueur*

USHERS: *Chris VanDervort & Leslie Buckingham*

TUESDAY, July 28

Pizza Hut Fundraiser -All day

8:00 AM -Food Bank Packing

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

WEDNESDAY, July 29

Food Bank Sign-up and Distribution

6:30 PM -Worship Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, August 1

Work Day at 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, August 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM -Church Picnic at Leechburg-Gilpin Park



UPCOMING MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 5 Nomination Comm. Mtg at 6 p.m.

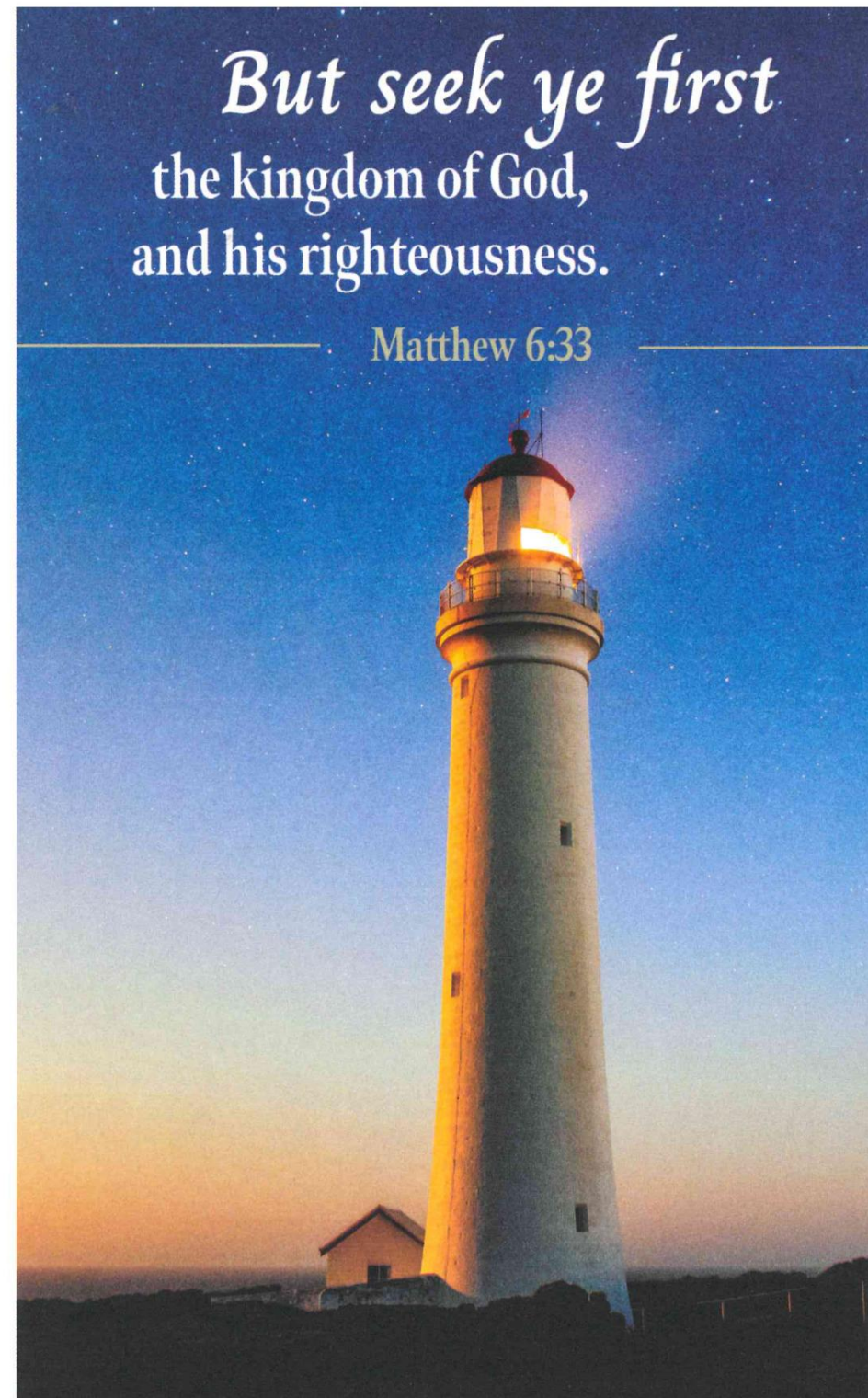
Thursday, August 13 Blood Drive

Saturday, August 15 Men's Ministry Breakfast

Wednesday, August 19 Casual Church



The ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my 49th wedding anniversary on July 16th by Ron Borland.



First United Methodist Church

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

Rev. Sara J. Wrona, Pastor
Gloria Womer & Don Sheaffer Co-Lay Leaders
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Ninth 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 "Be Thou My Vision" #451 v. 1

❖Call to Worship

With profound happiness, we welcome one another.

How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

Happy are those who live in God's house!

Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.

Here we welcome both friend and stranger.

All peoples of the earth are God's children.

We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.

Together we extol the name of our God.

Open your hearts to receive new strength.

Open your lives to renewed understandings.

Surely God will equip us to face our world.

We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go. ☩

❖Opening Hymn "Standing on the Promises" #374

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

Great and mighty God, you have called us into relationship and covenant with you. With that comes your amazing grace and abundant mercy. But we often forget that it also comes with responsibility and accountability.

Give to us all that we need each day to LEAD COURAGEOUSLY wherever you send us. And wherever you send us, may we LOVE BOLDLY and SERVE JOYFULLY in your precious name. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri #70

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

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

❖New Testament Lesson Ephesians 6:10 - 20 #1020

Message "Lead Courageously" Pastor Sara J. Wrona

❖Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" #577

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 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #514
The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing #467 Refrain
"Trust and Obey"

Postlude

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The first Sunday of each month we will collect a special offering for Rise Against hunger. **The packing event is on Saturday, September 12th. We are the host for this year's event.**

Money raised so far: \$1,300.00
Money still needed: \$700.00

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!

NURSERY POLICY

The nursery is available for children from birth through 1st grade. Children must be accompanied by a family member who is at least 18 years and older. Children are not permitted in areas other than the nursery while upstairs in the education wing.

COOLING STATION

The Trustee Committee approved the church fellowship hall being used as a cooling station on days where the temperature is 90 degrees and above. The church will be open and available Tuesdays - Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. when needed.



ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



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:

Aaron, Tracy Albert, Alex Anto, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Brendan, Ray Bryan, Randall Campitella, Dan, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Delayne and family, Emily, Esther, Richard & Marilyn Harmon, Debbie Hill, Joshua Hobbins, Theresa Hunter, Ruth Hyer, family friends of Shawna Johns, Gil Lanzarotti, Denise Linger, Beth Learn, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Niko and family, Cindy Rimel, Carla Shaffer, Rose Sklar, Paula Smith, Tim, Victoria Taylor, Chloe Womer, and the families of Patty Biss, Gabbie Waner and Sue Harwick.

Our Homebound Members:

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

Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

Our Church Leadership

Clergy & churches with appointment changes

Central District Superintendent Rev. Deb Ackley-Killian

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

West Middlesex UMC

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

We will have our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd at the Leechburg-Gilpin Park, Pavilion #5. The service will begin at 10 am with lunch to follow. Please bring a covered dish to share, your own place settings, and a comfortable chair, if needed. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule for what you plan to bring so we don't have multiples of the same item. Hope to see you there!

WORK DAY

The Trustees have organized a work day to clean up some spaces in the church. We will be meeting at 8:00 A.M. (before it gets too hot) on Saturday, August 1st. We will be working on the stage area and in the upstairs rear classroom. We will have a small dumpster to place trash in available to us that day courtesy of Tom Johnson. A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule. Remember "many hands make light work."

POT LOVE LUNCH

We are sponsoring the Pot Love lunch at Cross Roads Presbyterian on Saturday, August 15th. We are looking for people to help with the lunch and also we need 120 brownies (without nuts or icing, please). There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule, if you can help.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

We have miscellaneous items available to the congregation after the stage cleanup. Please feel free to look at them in the fellowship hall by the back door.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Leechburg Floral has informed us that the price of altar flowers will increase to \$40 beginning on September 6th.

OLD CHAIRS

We have old chairs that are available to the congregation. A free will offering will be accepted, if possible.

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.

The team has chosen to collect items for the Baby Pantry, which provides a monthly bag of supplies for children from birth to age 3. Each bag includes a pack of diapers, a pack of baby wipes, clothing appropriate for the child's size, gender, and season, a pair of socks, as well as a book, a hygiene item, an age-appropriate toy, and an item for the mother.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

Bibs
Socks
Sippy Cups
Baby Spoons
Snack Cups
Board Books
Toys - birth to age 3 appropriate
Pacifiers (should be individually packaged)
Baby Toothbrushes (should be individually packaged)

We are NOT collecting diapers or wipes. Red Bird has donors who donate those items by the case.

Many (if not all) of these items can be purchased at the dollar store. We will be collecting these items through October 4, 2026.

BOOK STUDY

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**Don't Let the Heat Keep You from Saving
a Life – Give Blood in August.**

Give blood Aug. 1-31 to help patients this summer — and we'll thank you with a **\$15 Rewards gift card.*** **Must use code AUGUST15-2026-V when scheduling your appointment.** Schedule your appointment today! *Donor Rewards program opt-in required for gift card.*

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: UG0110175

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026

2:30PM - 6:30PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

251 MAIN ST

LEECHBURG PA 15656

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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