



First United Methodist Church
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September 17, 2017

Green

15th Sunday in Kingdomtide

Christ is not only a remedy for your weariness and trouble, but he will give you an abundance of the contrary: joy and delight. ~Jonathan Edwards

**Please stand if able.*

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.

PRELUDE “Rejoice in the Lord Always” Organ
Donald F. Callender

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: Sing songs of hope and peace.

P: *God’s love and power have lifted us.*

L: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

P: *God’s mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.*

L: Thanks be to God for all God’s love and mercy.

P: *Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us. Amen.*

* PRAISE HYMN (L) “The Church’s One Foundation” UMH No. 545

OPENING PRAYER (L)

We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

ANTHEM “Gentle Shepherd” / “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Chancel Choir
William J. & Gloria Gaither / Joseph M. Scriven & Charles C. Converse

MORNING OFFERING

(If you have a prayer card for the pastor, please hand it to an usher during the offering.)

OFFERTORY “Day by Day” Organ

Lani Smith / Tune, *Blot ten Dag*, by Oscar Ahnfelt

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Leah Carr

* PRAYER HYMN “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” UMN No. 349

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives; your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christ-like ways. We are quick to carry a grudge; quick to find fault; quick to assign blame; quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in remembering that you are the One who died so that we might live in the fullness of your love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Mark 7:31-37

SERMON “Openness” Rev. Leo Yates, Jr.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* CLOSING HYMN “Forward Through the Ages” UMN No. 555

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Organ
Jeremiah E. Rankin & William G. Tomer

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Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the honor and glory of God.



Betty Lindenpitz
3296 Church St.
Reynoldsville, PA 15851

Our Keep In Touch person for today is Betty Lindenpitz. Keep in touch with a card and remember her in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are: Phillip Reiter, Sandy Reiter, Kim Tagliaferre
Acolyte: A Child of God
Liturgist: Monty Kunes
Ministers: Every Member
Pastor: Thomas D. Carr
Pastor Emeritus: Leo C. Cramer
Lay Leaders: Jenny Gordon and Kim Tagliaferre
Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist: Mona Cramer
Chancel Choir Director: Jackie Stitt
Administrative Assistant: Leah Carr

Attendance Last Week:
Sunday School 51
Communion Service 32+Morning Worship 52=84

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,426.23
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$2,608.17
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$247.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$2,855.92
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$126,770.54
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$108,550.53
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$15,570.12
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$124,120.65

Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



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Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor
Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

Choices can change our lives profoundly. The choice to mend a broken relationship, to say “yes” to a difficult assignment, to lay aside some important work to play with a child, to visit some forgotten person—these small choices may affect many lives eternally. ~Gloria Gaither

* *More below.*

Today, September 17

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Lay Servant Ministry School until 5:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Youth @ First
Bible Study—Childcare Provided

Monday, September 18

- 8:00 p.m. **SPRC meets with D.S.**

Tuesday, September 19

- 9:00 a.m. Knitting with Friends
- 2:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. **NHN Meeting**

Wednesday, September 20

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 a.m. Sharing Group
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir *
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir *

Saturday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. Women’s Retreat—All women are invited & welcome! *

Sunday, September 24

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Lay Servant Ministry School until 5:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Youth @ First

Thank you to all of the men who participated in singing the anthem and offertory. Your participation was much appreciated! –Burt Heise

* Our **music programs** have started up again! The Handbell Choir will be practicing every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will

be practicing every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Both groups invite anyone who is interested to participate! The ability to read music is NOT required. All you need is a desire to enjoy making music while having fun (we’re talking lots of laughter, here). If you have any questions, please contact Mona Cramer.

* This year’s **Women’s Retreat**, “Praise and Prayer,” will be Saturday, September 23 in Thornton Hall. This will be a time of reflection and worship with other women of faith. Bring your friends (even if they attend another church, or no church) and a covered dish to share at lunch time. Coffee tea, and donuts will be provided for a time of gathering beginning at 9:30 a.m., and the retreat will close at 2:00 p.m.

Sign Language Classes will be offered again this fall. They will run for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 26. Level One will meet from 6:30-7:30, and Level Two will meet from 7:45-8:45. The classes are free. If you wish to receive a certificate, there will be a charge for that.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors fall **Rummage Sale** will be September 29, 9am-3pm, and September 30, 9am-12pm. Please save up your unwanted items that are in GOOD condition to donate to NHN for this sale. Proceeds from the sale help fund the annual Project Warm Up. Donations can be brought to the church beginning Sunday, September 24 and placed in Thornton Hall. *Volunteers will be needed to help sort and set up throughout the week of September 24 and to help with the Rummage Sale! Please see Barb Holcombe.*

Pastor’s Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 (or 9:00) until Noon (or 12:30)

Email: pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org

Administrative Assistant’s Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:30 until Noon and 12:30 until 3:00

Email: secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org