



First United Methodist Church  
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September 2, 2018

Green

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*The life of the Spirit is not our life, but the life of God within us. ~Teresa of Avila*

*\*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 "Into His Courts with Praise" Organ  
 Ellen Jane Lorenz

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: God has given us this day for praise!

**P: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!**

L: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

**P: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!**

L: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

**P: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH No. 103

OPENING PRAYER (L)

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM "I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry" Thomas Carr  
 John Ylvisaker

MORNING OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Organ  
 Robert Hughes/Based on Tune *Arlington* by Thomas A. Arne

\* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Wendy Watt

\* PRAYER HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH No. 454

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE James 1:17-27

SERMON "Looking in the Mirror" Rev. Thomas D. Carr

\* CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH No. 399

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE "Postlude in B Flat" Organ  
 Franz Liszt/Arranged by Rob Roy Perry

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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 and in honor of John and Rose Ward's 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 4.



*Dorothy Infantino  
517 Highland Ave.  
Punxsutawney, PA 15767*

Our Keeping In Touch person for this week is Dorothy Infantino. Keep in touch with a card, and remember her in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are: Naomi Bailey, Jim Beck, Tammy Richko  
 Acolyte: Mattie Gritzer  
 Liturgist: Wendy Watt  
 Ministers: Every Member  
 Pastor: Thomas D. Carr  
 Pastor Emeritus: Leo C. Cramer  
 Lay Leaders: Kim Tagliaferre  
 Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist: Mona Cramer  
 Chancel Choir Director: Jackie Stitt  
 Administrative Assistant: Leah Carr

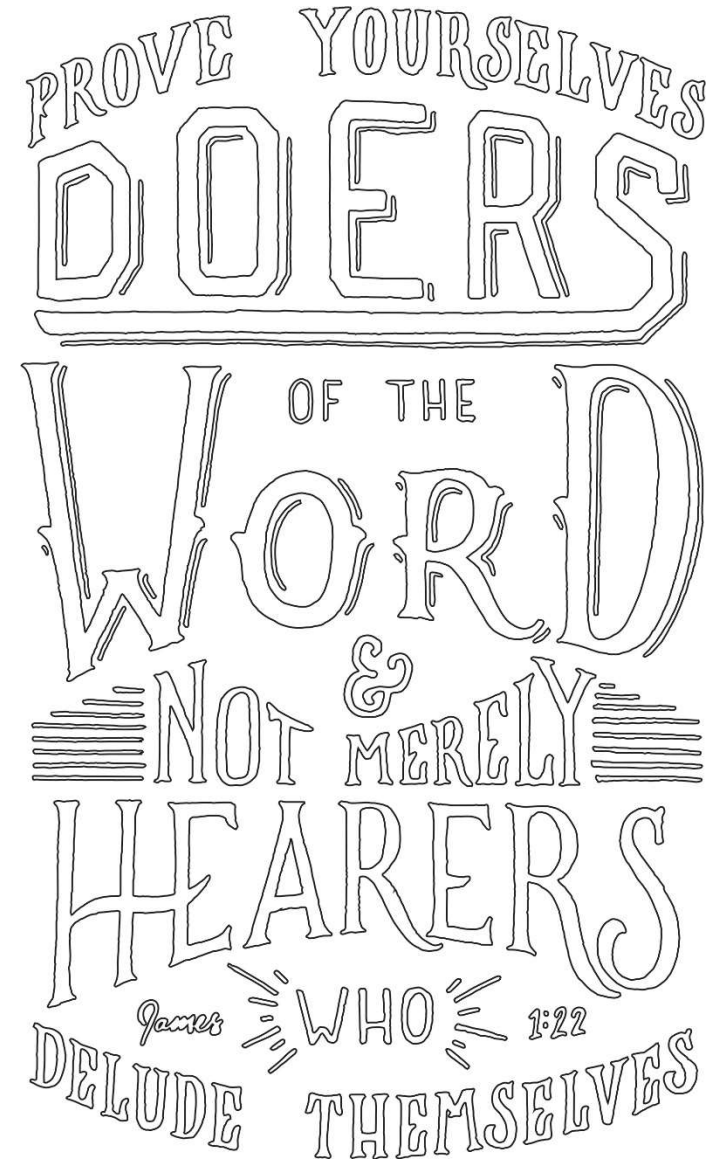
Attendance Last Week:  
 Sunday School 35  
 Communion Service 32+Morning Worship 58=90

**Budget Report**

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,109.17
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,049.75
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$318.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,368.50
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$105,711.88
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$103,292.91
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$12,720.26
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$116,013.17

**Traditional Morning Worship Service**

10:45



The First United Methodist Church  
 Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania  
 Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor  
 Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

*\*More information below*

Today, September 2

- 8:15 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Morning Worship

Monday, September 3

**Happy Labor Day!** – Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 4

- 9:00 am Knitting with Friends
- 6:00 pm **Safety Team**

Wednesday, September 5

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 am Sharing Group
- 6:00 pm **Handbell Choir\***
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir\***

Thursday, September 6

- 7:00 pm **Education Committee**

Saturday, September 8

- 12:00 pm **Youth Group Kickoff\***

Sunday, September 9

- 8:15 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 6:00 pm **Bible Study\***

\*Our **music programs** will be starting up again this week! The Handbell Choir will be practicing every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 5. The Chancel Choir will be practicing every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., also beginning September 5. Both groups invite anyone who is interested to attend! 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.

\*Saturday September 8 at noon **all youth** at First UMC, Reynoldsville and Grace UMC, Sykesville are invited to meet at First United Methodist to plan the 2018 Youth year. After speaking with Pastor Tom, we've agreed

to join groups! Plan what you want, and we'll get the year started! Any questions ask Pastor Tom at 653-8593, or Pastor Drew at 249-2047!

\*The Sunday evening Bible Study will be starting up again next week. There will childcare provided for those who need it.

This year's **Women's Retreat**, "God's Grace," will be Saturday, September 22 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.

Leah will be attending the **Clergy Spouse Retreat** in September this year. The **mission project** for this year is collecting craft supplies for the Ruth M. Smith Center, a UMW institute ministering to the needs of children, adults, and families. The supplies that are being collected are:

- Construction paper
- Glue
- Stickers
- Paint
- Pencils
- Coloring books
- Paint brushes

If you are willing to donate any of these supplies, please bring them to the church no later than Wednesday, September 19. A box will be placed in the adult Sunday School room for these items. Thank you.

**Lost & Found:** Hearing aid batteries, Subway Gift Card

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

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

Email: [pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org](mailto:pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org)

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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

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*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*