

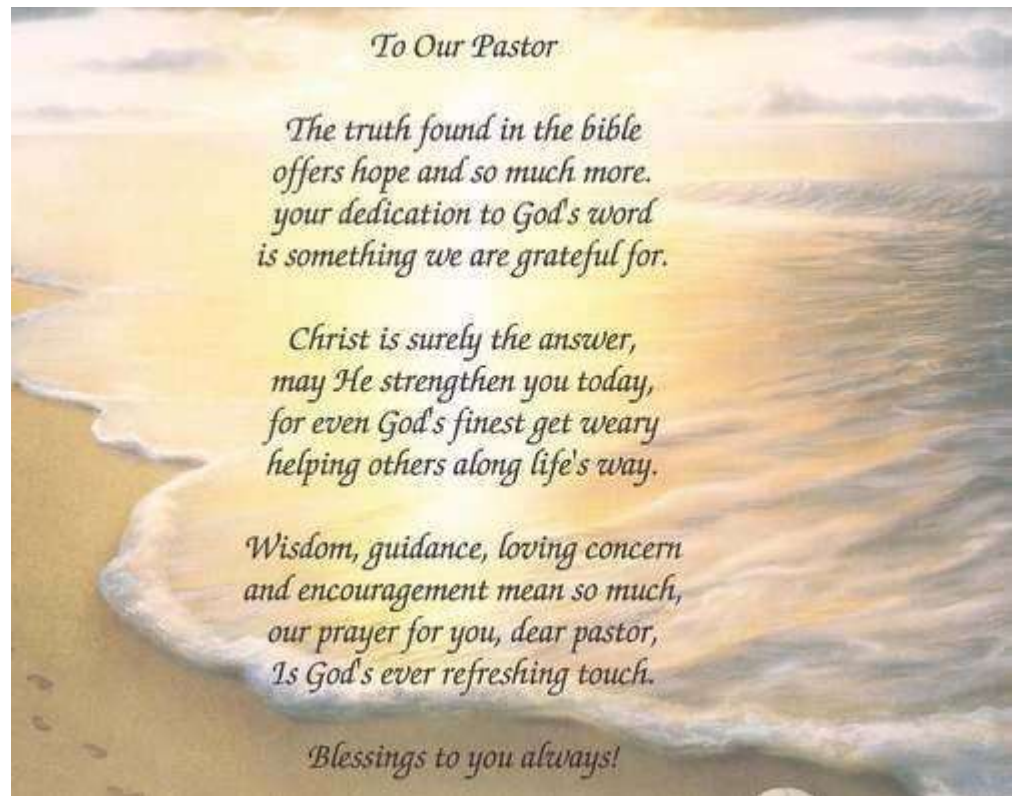


First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City October 2020 Newsletter

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month



*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”
Galations 6:9*

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians to love God and all people. On Laity Sunday, we lift up the vocation of all (lay and clergy) to follow Jesus Christ and lead others to him.



All Saints Days

Sunday, November 1, 2020



In the United Methodist Church, the first Sunday in November is usually a combination observance of two major feasts: All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2). Whereas All Saints Day commemorates the great historical forerunners to our faith, All Souls Day helps us remember some of the “everyday saints” who have gone before us and have entered into God’s rest. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1, 2020. If you have a loved one that you would like to be included during this time of remembrance, please contact the church office at 724-758-6278

Church Council/Trustee Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2020

2020 HUMC/FUMCEC Church Conference

Thursday, November 5, 2020 | 6:00 pm @ FUMC



If you would like to orders altar flowers for a specific Sunday, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in joining our Church Family, see or call Pastor Angelique at 724-758-6278 or email pastor@firstumcec.org to begin new membership classes.

Call the church office at (724) 758-6278 and we will mail you a copy of the Upper Room.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER



“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have obtained the requests made of him”.

1 John 5:14-15 NRSV

Prayer Concerns

Brenda and Rick Lance

The beautiful 3 year old baby girl, Skyla, who has undergone transplant surgery

Mrs. Bonnie Milne

Jennifer Milne

Pam

Mrs. Carol Kingston & Family

Our Shut-ins

President & Mrs. Trump and other White House Officials who have recently been diagnosed with COVID-19

The upcoming election

Racial Injustice & Inequality

Strained Relationships

Our Nation

Healthcare & Essential Workers

The Wildfires in Washington State, California

Those working tirelessly to contain the fires

Victims of gun violence

First United Methodist Church Ellwood City

Homewood United Methodist Church

Those struggling with spiritual and social isolation due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Those suffering from Cancer

Those struggling with acceptance

The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and all its ministries

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, her family, The Cabinet, and the work of her hands

Our Nation

If you have any specific prayer requests that you would like to be included within the weekly bulletin, please contact the church secretary by calling 724-758-6278, email secretary@firstumcec.org or pastor@firstumcec.org. Thank you!

Visitation ~ If you would like a Pastoral Care visit or know someone who is homebound, in a nursing homes, or has experienced social or spiritual isolation, please call our Administrative Office at 724-758-6278 to request a Pastoral Care visit from our Pastor, Rev. Angelique Bradford.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY SUNDAY READINGS

October 4, 2020 -18th Sunday after Pentecost
Ex 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Ps 19 (UMH 750);
Phil 3:4b-14; Mt 21:33–46 Season of Saints
Oct 4-Nov.1 World Communion Sunday

October 11, 2020 -19th Sunday after Pentecost
Ex 32:1–14; Ps 106:1–6, 19–23 (UMH 829);
Phil 4:1–9; Mt 22:1–14
Children’s Sabbath: Fri. Oct 16—Sun. Oct 18

October 18, 2020 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 33:12–23; Ps 99 (UMH 819);
Children’s Sabbath 1 Thess 1:1–10;
Matthew 22:15–22 Laity Sunday

October 25, 2020 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Deut 34:1–12; Ps 90:1–6, 13–17 (UMH 789);
1 Thess 2:1–8; Mt 22:34–46

October 31: Reformation Day



*Taken from umcdiscipleship.org
2020 Revised Common Lectionary*

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP



Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked to support designated ministries. On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change. These offerings help provide refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. These Special Sundays are part of our denomination-wide effort we call connectional giving. It is one of the most powerful vehicles for generosity we have. Together, our churches are making an impact all over the world.

RAISING UP NEW LEADERS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

World Communion Sunday – October 4, 2020

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6, we will receive a special offering to support scholars in their education. Because of our giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six Special Sunday offerings. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training.

As we come together to receive Holy Communion along with Christians around the world, we recognize our unity and shared commitment to building God's kingdom on earth. Together, we help raise up new leaders around the world, equipping them to be agents of change.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Student Sunday ~ November 29, 2020

Support your favourite
charitable organization

You shop. Amazon gives

Welcome to
amazon smile
smile.amazon.com

0.5% of your eligible
purchase goes to the charity
of your choice

Don't Forget to Use Amazon Smile for Your Online Shopping

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon.com, a portion of your purchases can be donated back to the church? Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City. Just visit our unique charity link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Take your kids to church.....

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad woman gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in one hand and your make-up bag in the other. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If its raining, get wet. If its cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mama.

He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the goldfish and the apple juice and the filling of their little bellies and hearts. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So take them. Carry all of their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study.

Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. Its not dependent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think?

A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the dance studio or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know its a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extra curricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return back void.

Take them to church. (*Facebook page from Simple Life in New Wilmington, PA*)

2020 Youth and Young Adult Sunday

November 29, 2020

YOUTH INFORMATION: on the web at <https://www.wpaumc.org/youthevents>

Check out all of the Youth news at <https://www.wpaumc.org/Youth>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



**UMW Meetings will resume in 2021
on the third Saturday of each month.**

We look forward to being together again soon!



Western PA Conference United Methodist Women
Virtual Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2020, 9:30-11 am
Zoom Webinar Hosted by Linda Thayer, President

Keynote Presentation

There's Nothing Selfish about Self Care
Rev. Debra Flint, LCSW, The Quiet Retreat Center

Worship and Memorial Service

Soul Care is Essential
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Renee Mikell

Virtual Workshop Sessions

12 pm: *Trauma and the Brain*, Rev. Debra Flint
1 pm: *The Future of United Methodist Women in Western PA*
Linda Thayer

Register at www.wpaumc.org/UMWomen

You'll also find *Caring for Others* videos and resources there.

Although we looked forward to gathering in person in October, for the safety of all, the Conference UMW board made the difficult decision to move to a virtual format. We hope you will join us either individually or with a small group for this inspiring day! We look forward to seeing you in person at future United Methodist Women events.

Keep up-to-date with the latest UMW news and resources.....

<https://www.wpaumc.org/UMWomen>

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Holy Redeemer Social Services and Food Bank is in need of monetary donations as well as non-perishable food donations at this time.

tuna, pasta, sauce, canned fruit, canned soups, paper products

You can place your donations in the box in the Narthex.

You may place monetary donations in the offering plate marked “Food Bank”.

226 Church Lane
New Castle, PA 16105
missionbarn@gmail.com
p: 724-856-8241
eastbrookmissionbarn.org
Facebook: Eastbrook Mission Barn



A Member of the UMCOR
Relief Supply Network

The YELLOW RIBBON GIRLS Need Our Help!



As has happened with many non-profits, Covid-19 has affected the quantity of donations given to the Yellow Ribbon Girls. This wonderful local organization needs our help to continue their support of our deployed soldiers. The Christmas season is approaching and they are looking for items to fill thousands of stockings.

Some of the items needed:

Granola Bars, Nuts, Mints, Chapstick, Trail Mix, Drink Mix Sticks, Sandwich Crackers, Cracker Jack or similar types of packaged snack food, Ramen Noodles, Toothpaste, Socks and Puzzle Books.

There is also a need for monetary donations to help pay shipping costs. If you would like to help – donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate marked Yellow Ribbon Girls.



MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Please help save Christmas for our deployed troops

The Yellow Ribbon Girls and our faithful group of volunteers and supporters have been able to ship monthly care packages and BIG boxes of Christmas treasures around the world to our deployed troops for over 18 years. Sadly in 2020 almost all of our fundraisers have been canceled or postponed (We are very thankful for fundraisers that did take place as they have sustained our mission) We need your help.

The postage on last year's 300 X-L Christmas care packages was \$14,000. Our realistic goal for 2020 is to ship between 150 and 200 Christmas packages. Each box full of Christmas decorations, holiday treats, basic supplies and gifts will carry an approximate postage cost of \$50.00.

Can you adopt a deployed soldier for Christmas? Please think about it. As hard as 2020 has been on all of us at home, consider the same restrictions—no extra activities, not being able to come home for R&R and being in temperatures up to 120 degrees. Our deployed troops NEED to know they are NOT being forgotten back here at home. Can your church, business, club or workplace adopt a soldier or two? Please share this message far and wide.

The Yellow Ribbon Girls will create and ship the BIG boxes of Christmas treasure in early November. The sooner we know how many of our soldiers are adopted we can plan collections for the items to fill their stockings and provide them with basic supplies. To learn more about the Yellow Ribbon Girls, the supplies needed on a monthly basis and how you can support the troops throughout the year, visit our website at: www.yellowribbongirls.com or locate us on Facebook at: [Yellowribbongirls.Yrg](https://www.facebook.com/Yellowribbongirls.Yrg)

Please complete the form below and mail with your check of \$50.00 for each adopted care package to: Wesbanko, 600 Lawrence Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 Attn: Yellow Ribbon Girls

2020 Yellow Ribbon Girls Soldier Christmas Adoption Form

Your name _____

Your address _____

How many packages you can adopt _____ @ \$50.00 each

Please consider writing a letter to be included in the care packages you adopt. If you choose to - your mailing address or email address can be included in your message to your sol

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Even though it's been decided that we will wait a little longer to begin Sunday School, Junior Church and Super Saturdays, we are constantly thinking about the children of our church and community. We love all of you and can't wait to get together and have fun again! In the meantime, if anyone would like to make a video for us to share on Facebook, greeting the kiddos, greeting one another, sharing something exciting or inspirational, just let us know.

Also we now have an Activity Box for each child of the church. When you arrive that morning, waiting in the Narthex will be a box for each child with activities to work on during church. After church, the boxes will be returned to the Narthex. The boxes can be personalized and each child will use their own box each week. Each week, the boxes will contain a new surprise!



Please pray for the children of our church and community, for the teachers, parents and grandparents.

Luke 18:15-17

Jesus Blesses Little Children

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

WPAC BUTLER DISTRICT & ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

COVID-19 Prayer Initiative **Monday, October 5, 2020 to October 23** <https://www.wpaumc.org/daily-prayer>

You're invited to join in a Conference-wide COVID-19 Prayer Initiative that begins October 5. A daily video with scripture and prayers by the Rev. Dr. Renee Mikell and Rev. Chris Kindle will be posted on the Conference website and social media each weekday for 19 days to guide you. Invite your friends, neighbors and congregation, especially prayer groups and small groups, to join in.

Annual Conference 2020

To guard against spread of the coronavirus during the 2020 pandemic, it was not possible to hold the 2020 Annual Conference in person. Because Conference rules require in-person voting, the celebrations and business of the Conference were cared for in different ways.

- A **one-day session** was held via Zoom on **Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020**. Worship, the Bishop's State of the Church address and a financial update, as well as a question and answer time were offered during the morning. The Prayer Room was open both Friday and Saturday. Afternoon sessions allowed various ministry and affinity groups to gather online and provide updates. Reports from the Five Areas of Focus also were posted online. The sessions Prayer Team kept the Prayer Room open both Oct. 2 & 3, offering appointments or drop-in opportunities to pray.
- **Ordination and Commissioning services** will take place in 2021.

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference
The website for upcoming events is: <http://www.wpaumc.org/events>.

Western PA Conference
The United Methodist Church Butler District
1204 Freedom Road
P.O. Box 5002 Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0002
Phone: 724-252-3198
<https://www.wpaumc.org/butler>

HOMEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

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(724) 846-1212

homewoodumc@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/homewood.umc.77>

Worship Times
Sundays at 9:30 am

Prayer chapel is available for prayer and silent meditation before
Sunday morning worship

Homewood UMC Food Truck Fellowship

Steve and Benny's Chicken Shack & Mr. Taco Bron

October 24, 2020

1:00 – 6:00 pm

HUMC, 127 1st Ave., Beaver Falls, PA next to Buttermilk Falls



AA Meetings have resumed and are being held
Thursdays at 1:00 pm

For more information, contact

Mr. Bil Fenchell at 816-244-3581

You may find a list of local meetings by visiting the website at

www.aa.org

Mission Statement of Homewood United Methodist Church

“To spread the love of our Lord, Jesus
Christ, by means of fellowship and
discipleship, from our loving hearts
through our giving hands”



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sharon Nail
- 2 Brian Robinson
- 3 Cameran Gordon
- 3 Brandan Lloyd
- 4 Steven Miller
- 5 Georgia Mohr
- 5 Jack Sapp
- 7 Abby Baker
- 7 Carol Bash
- 7 Janis Postupac\
- 10 Madison Nail
- 12 John Krebs
- 13 Kevin Liu
- 14 Tim Lance
- 14 Kimberly Young
- 15 Kathy Gordon
- 16 Robert Moyer
- 17 Andrew Reed
- 17 Tyffanie Slevin
- 17 Virginia Smith
- 19 P.A. Harman
- 19 Chrissi Huzinec
- 19 Shirley Lash
- 19 Cassie Widmaier
- 20 Bill Fazenbaker
- 20 Craig Fox
- 20 Noah Rectenwald
- 20 Trudy Wigton

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 22 Dan Fenechi
- 22 Gwen Matricardi
- 22 Tayler Squicquero
- 23 Owen Miller
- 24 Kim Hudson
- 25 Elizabeth Coder
- 25 Lisa Fox
- 25 Terra Larkin
- 25 Shari Robinson
- 26 Brianne Hrabosky
- 26 Elijah Mohr
- 26 Margaret Walker
- 27 Zachary Seaburn
- 28 Bonnie Baker
- 28 Darlene Patterson
- 28 Luke Watterson
- 29 Maddox Stevens
- 31 Cindy Blaine
- 31 Jolynn Brenneman

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jeff and Kim Kellner
- 2 Lucy and Eugene Sell
- 6 Ron and Jody Burgess
- 8 Brian and Shelly Reiser
- 10 Dan and Pam Richter
- 10 Jason Skelley & Melanie Seaburn
- 11 Brian and Jenny Lange
- 12 Brian and Shari Robinson
- 13 Brianne and Tim Hrabosky
- 20 David and Elvy Kirkham
- 21 Kraig and Dani Woodhead
- 24 Jack and Kathy Sapp
- 25 Thomas and Barbara Mohr
- 31 Andy and Tiffany Young



***Our records need updating....Please contact the church office via telephone or email with any birthday/anniversary updates.**

FUMCEC CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Worship Services Communion 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	5	6 Bible Study 6:30 pm	7 Virtual Prayer 12:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship Services 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	12 Columbus Day	13 Bible Study 6:30 pm	14 Virtual Prayer 12:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Worship Services 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	19	20	21 Virtual Prayer 12:00 pm	22	23	24 HUMC Food Truck Fellowship 1:00 – 6:00 pm
25 Worship Services 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	26	27	28 Virtual Prayer 12:00 pm	29	30	31 Halloween EC Trick or Treat 5 – 7 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wurtemberg United Methodist Church

Halloween Scavenger Hunt



"Wurtemberg UMC is having a Scavenger Hunt on Sat., Oct. 31 as a fun Fall activity. Clues will be hidden around the area. Teams can be made up of families, couples, or friends sharing a vehicle (yes, vehicles will be necessary!). We will meet, sign in, and start out from Wurtemberg UMC. We would love to have some teams from First UMC join us. Email Rev. Sterling at PastorJay58@yahoo.com".

To keep up with faith-based news in the Ellwood City surrounding area visit Ellwood City's Got Faith on Facebook



GRIEF SHARE

Grief recovery groups

Join us:
Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
September 13 – December 13
Calvin Presbyterian Church
615 Crescent Ave., 724-758-4258
www.calvinbresby.com
calvinellwood@gmail.com

GRIESHARE.ORG



First United Methodist Church
416 Crescent Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117



**No matter who you are or
where you come from
You are Welcome Here!**

Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round.
Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship.
Office Hours: Monday 10:00 -1:00 & Thursday 10:00 - 2:00
Pastor's Office Hours are Remote. If you are in need of a pastoral care appointment,
please call the church office to schedule an appointment

How to Reach Us...

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Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

The Mission of the United Methodist Church

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of the United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.