

*“Seek the Lord and his strength,  
seek his presence continually.”  
Psalm 105 :4*



# The Outlook

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church of Waynesburg

October 2011

Dear Waynesburg First Family,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May our God continue to bless you and me in abundance. May God use you and me to further God's kingdom here in Waynesburg.

This month I would like to share with you a thought or two about peace and justice.

Peace is a state of tranquility or quiet like that found in freedom from civil disturbance. It is a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom.

Justice is the maintenance or administration of what is just (i.e. having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason) especially by the impartial adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments.

We all long for peace. We long to be safe in our home, in our cars and in our neighborhoods. We long for the world to be at peace so we can travel safely and enjoy God's beautiful creation. Yet it seems at times that there are others who don't share that dream. They seem to be more intent on taking our peace in order to get their way. Terrorists come to mind. But there are others that do it in a more subtle way by creating a crisis and insisting they have the answers. Or some by taking a stand that they believe is right and not listening or talking to those with whom they disagree. Sometimes all we can do is what Paul suggests in Romans 12:18, *Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.* New Living Translation

We all want justice. We want things to be right. We want everything to be fair; but as I often told my daughters when they were growing up, "Life isn't fair." Life doesn't always conform to the established rules. Sometimes this happens because the established rules, formal or informal, aren't just. Sometimes it happens because people don't want to conform to the established rules. (We call that sin if those rules have been established by God.)

Yet, God expects us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, so that we can be filled. God expects us to be peacemakers: so that we may be called the children of God. We are to pursue peace and justice.

In order to pursue peace and justice we must be obedient to God. Only God can provide peace. Only God can provide justice. We are not able to provide either because we are not perfect and most of the time we think only of ourselves. Jesus said, *"If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me."* Matthew 10:39, the Message

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Gary

**Pastor Gary Grau's Office Hours: Varied (see bulletin)**

**Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-12:30 pm.**

**Please join us for Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 10:45 am**

**Sunday School 9:30 am — Children and Adults**

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## Scriptures and Sermons for October

2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Keith Rieder preaching

9<sup>th</sup> Job 32:1-10 “the spirit”

16<sup>th</sup> Job 42:2 “a faultfinder”

23<sup>rd</sup> Micah 1:1-17 “Transgression and Sins”

30<sup>th</sup> Nahum 1:15 “Peace!”

## Food for Thought

God’s Word Goes Forth: Pursue Peace and Justice.

Working for Heaven in two thousand eleven!

## Confirmation Class

We will be receiving the Confirmation Class into membership on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at the 10:45 service.

## *The Gathering*

Sunday, October 23, 7:00 P.M., at “Jeremiah’s.”

“Jeremiah’s” is a beautiful banquet hall located on the second floor above Jumper’s Junction restaurant, right beside CONSOL Park (where the Wild Things Play). Here is the address for “Jeremiah’s”: 2111 North Franklin Drive Washington, PA 15301

The October 23<sup>rd</sup> **Gathering** will feature *Zeitgeist*, a powerful ministry of music and drama offered by **Valerie and John Mize**. If you attended the district picnic in August, you experienced a portion of Valerie and John’s ministry. At the October **Gathering**, Valerie and John will offer an extended and refreshed presentation entitled *HYMNSTORY* (which will focus on different hymns than the hymns that were included at the district picnic presentation). Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to experience some of the church’s hymns in a way that you have never experienced them before.

**ALSO, PLEASE COME TO OCTOBER’S Gathering PREPARED TO SUPPORT A LOVE OFFERING THAT WILL BE GIVEN IN ITS ENTIRETY TO VALERIE AND JOHN AS THEY CONTINUE IN THE MINISTRY OF ZEITGEIST DRAMA.**

Dates for upcoming **Gatherings**:

Sunday, November 20–7:00 PM

Sunday, December 18–7:00 PM

## Faith Promise

From its humble beginnings, walking the streets of London with thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and addicts, reaching out to save souls for Christ, the Salvation Army now is active in virtually every corner of the world.

In 1852, William Booth left the conventional pulpit to bring London's homeless, hungry, and poor to Christ. He wandered the streets, set up a series of evangelistic meetings under a tent in a graveyard, and preached hope and salvation. Many churches did not support Booth's work, believing some people's pasts were too terrible to be redeemed. But Booth continued his revolutionary style of preaching, converting thousands of Londoners to Christ. His followers who referred to him as the "the General" became affectionately known as the "Hallelujah Army" and after 250,000 people were converted the name was tweaked to become the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army traveled across the Atlantic Ocean and in 1879 the first meeting was held in Philadelphia. These pioneers were initially ridiculed, arrested, or attacked. It wasn't until President Grover Cleveland called for national acceptance and support, that the Salvation Army expanded nationally and around the world.

Today the Salvation Army operates several youth camps, prisoner rehabilitation, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, elderly services, thrift stores, Christmas charities, disaster relief, fights against human trafficking and pornography, and many other community services.

The Salvation Army of Greene County also has several programs designed for the people of our community. The third Thursday of every month is Produce to People. Eligible households can go to the fairgrounds from ten a.m. to noon to receive free produce. The Greene County Salvation Army operates a Kids Birthday Club, Coupon Exchange, Emergency Diapers, Emergency Utility and Rent Assistance, and assists with Project Bundle-Up.

You can make a difference by donating. The Salvation Army accepts donations of money, food, clothing, air miles, and vehicles. You can volunteer with the Kettle Campaign, ringing bells at Christmastime, or with the Disaster Response Team. Produce to People can always use more volunteers to pass out food.

To learn more about the Greene County Salvation Army programs or ways to give and volunteer, please take a brochure in the narthex or give them a call at 724-852-1479.

## United Methodist Women

The UM women met on September 14th. Various items of business were taken care of, including sponsoring a child from Zimbabwe for a year, as suggested when Alice Souders gave a report in May of her mission trip there. Notes of thanks for recent donations have been received from Young Life, WWJD, Good Neighbor Lunch, and ACTS board.

The October meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12th, at the Greene Co. Career and Technology Center (former Vo-Tech school.) Dan Wagner will give a foods demonstration along with some of his students. There is a \$10.00 fee that can be paid from the treasury if needed for members, and will be paid for guests. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. Deadline to reserve a seat is Sunday, October 9th. Janet Robinson is the circle leader, and members are Betty Phillips, Helyn Dambach, Irene Gapen, Mary Ann Grau, and Eileen Lang.

### Birthday Card Shower

A birthday card shower is being held for Joyce Johnston by her family. Her birthday is October 17th. If you wish to join others in sending her a card, please send to: Joyce Johnston, PO Box 326, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

### Youth Group Calendar

- Sun., Oct. 1st
- Pittsburgh Project Work Day
- Sat., Oct. 22nd
- Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.
- Kennywood Fright Night



### **Church Clean-Up Day**

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m.

@ First United Methodist

Spend a few hours helping to spruce up the church and get rid of some junk. We have so much great space we can't use because it's filled with stuff!

We are asking for a small donation or a couple of dollars to help buy pizza if you can. There will be cleaning and junk removal projects for all ages and abilities.

## Wooden Crosses for Sale

The Antioch Connection will be selling wooden crosses as a fund raiser but also because of their symbolic beautiful. A gentleman who is connected with one of our church members began selling the crosses when he was out of work. He has since become employed but has numerous crosses remaining.

There are a variety of crosses available and we have a bunch of the small triple crosses which are cash and carry. The remaining items on display can be ordered and will be delivered well in advance of Easter (no shipping charges).

### Crosses for sale

Walnut Desk Cross \$15

Cherry Single Cross \$25

Walnut Single Cross \$25

Large Triple Cross \$35

Small Triple Cross \$20

Watch for a display table around the church or contact any of the Antioch members to purchase one of these crosses.

### Give Your Just Desserts

Don't forget that Saint Ann's is in need of desserts for the Good Neighbor Lunch. The desserts can be dropped off daily at Saint Ann's or given to Wayne Hart and he will deliver them for you. Saint Ann's provides lunch for low income individuals on Mondays and Thursdays and they really appreciate our continued support. This is the only hot meal that some of these folks eat all week. Previously the desserts were provided by Shop & Save but now that they are no longer in business, this is a need that we can help to meet.



### Paws before you throw that away.....

#### Recycle and get Ca\$h for Critters

The Humane Society of Greene county is now accepting, in addition to ink cartridges and used cell phones, used digital cameras, GPS units, and IPODS. These items can be dropped off at the shelter, Radio Shack or given to Connie or Wayne Hart. They will be recycled and the money earned will be used to care for the abandoned and abused animals who find their way to our care.





## October Birthdays

- 10 Rob Hegyi  
Jocelyn Lindsay  
Tucker Beale
- 11 Will Ridout  
Don Lindsay
- 13 Linda Rieder
- 14 Josh Cook
- 17 Joyce Johnston
- 18 Ann Johnson
- 19 Ben Phipps
- 21 Homer Shaffer
- 23 Becky Mankey  
Patricia Rohanna
- 25 Ronald Lemley
- 29 Kaye Smith

Did we miss anyone?  
Call the church office or send an e-mail to get your special day in the newsletter  
(724-627-5951) or:  
[firstumcpa@windstream.net](mailto:firstumcpa@windstream.net)

### New Church Website is Active

#### Read the monthly newsletter on the Website!

Go to [www.waynesburgfirst.org](http://www.waynesburgfirst.org) or [www.waynesburgumc.org](http://www.waynesburgumc.org). Each address will take you to the same website. You will be able to get the verse for the day and an Upper Room reading. If you like, you can register to hear the verse rather than read it.

The church website is fully up and running with mid-week devotions, a place for prayer requests, dates to remember, a youth page, and more. Check out upcoming events or mission opportunities to participate in. If you have anything you wish to be put on the website, send the item to the church office at [firstumcpa@windstream.net](mailto:firstumcpa@windstream.net) or drop it off. We'll get it on the website.

### Church Directories Available Now

The church directories that have been long in production are now available. They can be picked up in the entryway (Narthex). We request that one per family be taken with a contribution of \$5 each.

*Pray always ~ without ceasing!*

**Please call prayer requests to:** the church office at  
724-627-5951

If you would rather email, send them to Wayne Hart at:  
[wahart@windstream.net](mailto:wahart@windstream.net) (Subject: Prayer Ministry)



### October Announcement List

October 2.....KC Waddell  
October 9.....Rich Waddel  
October 16.....Wayne Hart  
October 23.....Kurt Gottschalk  
October 30.....Jeff Cree



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Youth Pittsburgh Project Work Day
2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 12 Noon Confirmation	3 Dartball With Crabapple Community	4	5	6 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7 5:30 PM Lindsay/Vojcsik Rehearsal	8 1:00 PM Lindsay/Vojcsik Wedding
9 12 Noon Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Greene Co. Hymn Sing @Kents Chapel	10 Dartball With Family Faith Ministries	11	12 7:00 PM UM Women Trip to the GCCTC	13 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	14	15
16 12 Noon Administrative Council 12 Noon Confirmation	17 Dartball With Bible Baptist	18	19	20 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21 5-8:30 PM Girl Scouts	22 6:00 PM Youth Group "Fright Night at Kennywood"
23 12 Noon Confirmation Class 7:00 PM The Gathering	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! Dartball @ Crabapple Comm.	25	26 5-8:30 PM Girl Scouts	27 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28	29
30 12 Noon Confirmation Class	31 Reformation Day Halloween	Dartball @ Bethlehem Baptist			Kairos Overnight	

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MONDAY, October 24th !!!!!