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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2015

Renew Our Congregation

Gather

Grow

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music
(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)
The Entrance of the Light
Welcome
Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

*Gathering Music

All: Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, Let the breath of the Spi-rit breath on me. Let it breathe on me, let it breath on me, Let the breath of God now breathe on me.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #421 "We Gather Together"

Reading of Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

<u>All</u>: Loving Creator, you made us to praise you, to sing your glory in the marvels of the world. Yet, so often, we find our mouths filled with complaints and our words accompanying a whine.

- We complain about the weather, and we complain about not having enough enough money or time or patience.
- We complain about other drivers, teachers, students, neighbors, roads and the list goes on and on.

Holy God, restore our perspective, lessen our fear and fill our hearts, our love and our voices with praise. In the saving name of Jesus. Amen.

Silence

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

*Act of Praise.....#760 (Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen) Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen) Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen! Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Yes! Jesus Loves Me" (Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Sermon: "The Thankful Life"

*Hymn: #41 "I Thank You Jesus"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of peace is lit in honor of Rick Miller's Dad and Vietnam Veteran USMC Corporal Frank J. Stoppa, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"	
Pray, pray, pray for peace within our world	
Pray, pray, pray for peace within our souls	
Pray, pray, pray for love and unity	
Quiet our busy hearts, Pray, pray, pray	
Pray, pray, pray	

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

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Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #419 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response

All: While I'm work-ing, God, in your vineyard here I can-not serve with-out you near;
O come, bless-ed Spi-rit, so close to me
That I may feel you breathe on me.

*Postlude

Brian and Bella Long are participants in today's service.

The Congregation	Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison	Pastor
Irina Thomas	Organist and Keyboard
Kelly Millar	Choir Director
Rheba Salac	Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson	Sexton

Did you know that CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty? Our Annual CROP Walk will be on October 4 at Bushy Run Battlefield. We are aiming high this year, hopefully to exceed \$8,000. This will bring \$2,000 back to our community food banks, since 25% of the funds raised supports local issues of hunger. Please plan on walking or sponsoring a walker. Registration is at 1:30PM. The Walk begins at 2:00. There is a 1 mile and a 5K or you can just stroll around the park.

This week:

There are no meetings this week, but there WILL be Bible Study on Saturday at the Murrysville Panera at 9:00AM.

Looking ahead: Our annual Corn Roast and Barbecue will be held on September 20 at 3PM with dinner at 5PM. You don't want to miss the fabulous food and fun that we have at this event. Please, bring a guest! This is a great way to know get to know the friends of

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ. There is an invitation inserted in today's bulletin that you can pass onto a friend. Don't forget to bring a covered dish, salad or dessert!

Attendance for August 9: 56 Offering for August 9: \$2,976.00

Sunday, August 30 is the Hill's Church Ice Cream Cruise on the Gateway Clipper. The Cruise begins at 1PM and returns about 3PM. Adults: \$25, Children 12/under: \$12 for the Cruise, Ice Cream Sundae and Magic Show. Call 724-327-3050 or 412-956-5252 for tickets. The Clipper Dock is at Station Square (Route 837/Carson Street, Southside, Pittsburgh) Enter and follow signs to Station Square Parking Lots.

Take me out to the Ball Game! Saturday, September 5 at 7PM the Washington Wild Things play the Windy City Thunderbolts at the CONSOL Energy Park, 1 Washington Federal Way, Washington, PA 15301. Adult tickets are \$10 with youth under 18 free when you register. First 1,000 guests receive a free T-shirt. The UCC Choir organized by Pastor Meredith will sing "God Bless America" before the game. Registration/payment forms are on the back table in the Sanctuary and due today, August 16.

We are continuing our summer mission project to assemble Church World Service hygiene kits. To date we have received 6 kits and we thank our generous donors. To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need (new items):

- •One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
 •Six standard size Band-Aids®
- •One washcloth •One nail clipper
- •One wide-tooth comb (must be wide-tooth)
- •One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- •One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Consider assembling one or more kits, and give them to Joyfa Kelly before September 6.

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Youth Ministries

Our Penn West Conference is pleased to welcome Valarie Poole as our new Associate for Youth Ministry. She serves as the Director of Christian Education at First Reformed UCC in Greensburg and is a graduate of the Penn West Academy for Ministry. Valarie would like to create a database of youth and young adults who want to be involved in youth ministry in the Conference. To sign up for this database, go to: http://www.pennwest.org/content/youth-ministries.html# and click "Here" under Youth Ministries for the online form. Announcements may be sent to: pennwestyouth@gmail.com. You can Like our new page on Facebook: Penn West Conference Youth!

As a Partner in Faith Formation, Valarie has already advised our Christian Education Committee as we incorporate technology as a tool in Faith Formation.

One of the things on the horizon that we are asking people to put on their calendars is the United Church of Christ National Youth Event, which is scheduled for July 26-29, 2016 at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details about this exciting event in the future!

New PWC Bookstore: Our Partners in Faith Formation are excited to announce that we are in the process of establishing a new bookstore! We are hoping to have it open sometime later this year at First Reformed UCC, home of the new Penn West Conference Office. The store will be a year-round resource for our congregations and members. Watch for updates at: www.pennwest.org and plan to visit or contact us for reading and resources.

