

Happening This Week

Tuesday: SPRC meeting, 7 pm—zoom

Wednesday: Trustees, 7 pm

Blessing of the Backpacks

You are invited to join us on Sunday, August 22nd for our Blessing of the Backpacks worship service. Children of any age are invited to bring their backpacks to church this day as we seek to support all of those who look to the dawning of a new school year – celebrating students, families, teachers, staff and administration.

Volunteer Opportunities

GREETERS are needed for Sunday morning. If you can help please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or on the table in the narthex. For more information contact Sue Hamilton at gigs.hamilton@gmail.com.

USHERS are needed as well. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. For more information contact Nancy Hommel at njh6@psu.edu.

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR might be for you if you'd like to see acolytes on Sunday morning. Pastor Gregg will do the training. For more information on what this entails contact him at gkohlhepp@susumc.org or Beth Evanko at evanko_renwick@juno.com.

CONCESSION STAND WORKERS to work our concession stand for the home football games at Beaver Stadium.

Proceeds from the concession stand are a large contributor to our budget needs (usually over \$20,000). So please contact Pam and Todd to let them know if you're interested in working the stand this Fall.

Please note you do not need to volunteer for the entire season. If you can help at only one (or two) games it would be great. See the August newsletter for a list of home games.

Here is our contact information: arbomt@gmail.com or 814 880-3452
Pam's cell, 814 883-3448 Todd's cell, 814-238-2230 home.

Park Forest Village United Methodist Church

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost
9:15 am



Pastor Gregg Kohlhepp

*Our Mission is to provide a place for worship,
fellowship and mission outreach.*

***For pastoral care contact Pastor Gregg at gkohlhepp@susumc.org or
814-404-0701.***

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude “Father, Almighty, Bless Us” Flemming
Welcome/Announcements

****Call to Worship** (based on Palm 111)

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

**Great are the works of our God –
the wise take delight in them.**

The works of the Lord are faithful and just.

**Mighty are the precepts of our God –
the wise regard them as trustworthy and true.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**Blessed are the teachings of our God –
the wise apply them in all things.**

**Come! Let us worship the Lord,
whose faithful love endures forever.**

Opening Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2, and 5) “ #92

****Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, source of wisdom and understanding, your ways lead the upright in heart. Give us wise and discerning minds, that we may seek your wisdom above earthly riches, as Solomon did after the death of his father, David. Grant us pure and grateful souls, that we may speak to one another with truth and love. Be with us in this time of worship, that we may learn to discern good from evil, and seek to live our lives guided by your wisdom and your grace. Amen.

Kid’s Time

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord Prayer

The Sacredness of Offering and Reflection

Offertory “Make Me a Channel of Blessings” L. Warriner

****Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

****Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed No. 881

****Hymn of Preparation**

“Take Time to Be Holy (verses 1 and 3) “ No. 395

Scripture Readings 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Ephesians 5:15-20

The Message

Giving Thanks (or “Life Ain’t Nothin’ But a Funny, Funny Riddle”)

Response to the Word

Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

Bless us with your gifts, O God.

Our God feeds us with the bread of life.

Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.

Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

Bless us with grateful hearts, Mighty Spirit.

****The Hymn of Dedication** “Joy to the World” No. 246

****Benediction**

****Postlude** “Praise Ye the Father” C. Gounod

***Denotes standing*