

**Are you New to CCUPC?** Visiting with us for the first time? We are excited you joined us for worship. To connect with us and learn more about our church family, text **WELCOME** to **724-906-4624**. You are also encouraged to sign in on the registration pad passed in your pew and provide your contact information.

**Sunday Sign-Ups Wrap-Up Today!** What are “Sunday Sign-Ups?” The Stewardship Committee has prepared sign-up sheets designating all the Sunday School classes, committees, ministry teams, and focus groups that are available for your participation this program year. These classes, committees, ministry teams and focus groups are a great way to grow in your Christian faith and understanding, while meeting new people and serving your church. Check out the booklet that is located on the tables in the Greeting Area and then sign up!! When signing your children up for Sunday School, please fill out the Registration/Medical form found on the children’s Sunday School sign up table.

\*\*Please note that in addition to our existing committees, ministry teams and study options, we have included a sign-up sheet for those who may be interested to assist in our **KFC (Kids For Christ)** time during worship. You do not need to have a child or children in that age group to participate. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way.

**Did you know?????** CCUPC has several items of durable medical equipment that can be borrowed from the church - shower seats, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. If you or someone you know is in need, please feel free to check out our inventory before you explore purchasing or renting one of your own.

“*Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens....*” One of our “*favorite things*” to do is sing in the choir! It's time to tune up those vocal cords for our fast-approaching Fall season! **Choir rehearsals** begin this **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 PM** in our sanctuary. Ages high school and up are welcome.

**Kids' choir** announcements will be made soon... so stay tuned! See our directors Mindy Cable or Kris Hattman if you have any questions.

**DON'T FORGET** that the **Scrip Gift Card Center** is open every Sunday before and after worship in the Greeting Area. You can purchase retail gift cards from the inventory, or place orders for specific cards that can be picked up the following week. Scrip cards allow you to support the mission of our church without spending any additional money. Order forms are available on a table in the Greeting Area.

**You can help our Sunday School Program . . .** the Sunday School program at CCUPC is asking for monetary donations to purchase supplies for the **Star Achievement Store** that's offered four times during the program year. This optional incentive program for students in Preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade gives kids an opportunity to earn “extra credit” awards by achieving certain age-appropriate goals in class such as: praying aloud, memorizing Bible verses, the Ten Commandments, and The Lord's Prayer, etc; or bringing a friend to Sunday School. These awards can be redeemed for prizes during one of the four shopping dates at the Star Achievement Store. Your monetary donations can be put in a pew envelope marked “Star Achievement” and placed in the offering plate. *The students thank you!*

### THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/3</b>	<b>Sunday Sign-Ups</b> <i>Pray for Mauritania</i>	
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am		Lemonade on the Lawn Village J	Outside
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/4</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> <i>Church office is closed</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/6</b>		
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/10</b>		
		<i>Pray for Mauritius</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	All Over
10:00 am		Worship/Baptism	Sanctuary
11:30 am		Church Picnic @ Warrendale Park	

### A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- Our church will celebrate the **re-start** of our **program year** next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with the kick-off of Sunday School beginning at 9:00 AM. Also join us for our annual **church picnic**. Details are below.
- The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will meet on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.
- The next **Communion** date will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, World Communion Sunday.

**It's picnic time!** Please join us Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for great food and plenty of fun at Warrendale Park. The picnic will be from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Please bring a side dish or salad. Hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts and beverages will be provided. (Yes, it is a Steeler's game day but the game will be playing on a sound system and an iPad!)

Notice is hereby given for a **meeting of the congregation** of the Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church to be held, Sunday, September 17, 2017, following worship. The meeting will address the following items: reception of and action on the report of the Nominating Committee, approval of the pastors' terms of call, and a report on the 2016 budget process.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to those affected by Hurricane Harvey, go to the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** website ([pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org)) or call 1-800-872-3283 to donate by phone. You can also send your donation to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700. Designate your gift to “DR000169-Harvey”.

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**Cranberry Community  
United Presbyterian Church**



September 3, 2017

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** **A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

#### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.” Psalm 105:2-4

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

**“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”**

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalm 37:7

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

The Call to Worship

#### WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

\*A Song of Praise

**“Thy Word”**

Chorus

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way,  
Still, you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near;  
Please be near me to the end. Chorus**

**I will not forget Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side,  
And I will love you to the end. Chorus**

**Nothing will I fear as long as you are near;  
Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.**

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER**

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, We confess that we have defied You and we have turned from Your intended goodness. The world that You love is far from our hearts and the promises that You have made are distant from our minds. Make us witnesses to Your glory once again. Incline our hearts to serve You and to obey Your commands; strengthen us with the perseverance of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and encourage us with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. In Your peace and mercy we pray all things. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Glorifying God **“We Will Glorify”**

*We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.*

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God’s People

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE WORSHIP IN GIVING**

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory Julie Kerr

**“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

\*Praising God #556 **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION**

The Greeting *(Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope)*

The Children’s Lesson and Prayer *(The children may come forward)*

*(The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni)*

*(KFC will start back up next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. In the mean time, students are encouraged to worship with their families. We have worship materials available to provide guided activities related to worship.)*

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

**“WHERE ARE THE HEROES AND HEROINES?”**

**GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

\*A Closing Hymn #327 **“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

**“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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*The vases of flowers are given by Marlene Burt to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband, Robert Burt on the anniversary of his birthday.*

*The basket of flowers is given by Doug and Dara Marner to the glory of God, and in celebration of Dara’s birthday, and the JOY that Natalie and Wes are home!*

***Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:***

Tasha Beaver (Lorraine & Ken Harbusch), Kelly DePalma (Gary & Kim Pugh), Marietta Eklund (Howard Eklund), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Sue Kirkland (Nancy MacFarlane/Kelly Stebor), Kim Long (Nancy Hodges), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Phyllis Pugh (Gary & Kim Pugh), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (Vera Rubinosky), Adam & Alasdair Smith (Lisa Smith), Karen Snyder (Harry Snyder), and Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie).

Vera Rubinosky shares her sincere THANKSGIVING for the cards, phone calls, meals, and visits to Dave as he continues to recover from a stroke.

Mark and Kelly Stebor share their JOY that Jordan and Addie (their son and daughter-in-law) were here last weekend to attend their baby shower. Prayers for a healthy pregnancy and delivery in mid-October.

Esther Suppa THANKS the congregation for the cards and prayers during her illness. She is overwhelmed by all, and truly appreciates each and every one.

Lillian Grundler is a resident of UPMC Cranberry Place, and would love to have visitors between the hours of 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

**I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim**

In the community in which I served before accepting the call here was a mega-church, one which had been designed to appeal to less-traditional people. In some respects, I applauded their attempts to reach the unchurched who were not much interested in other types of churches. On the other hand, I was often appalled at their scuttling of some very important symbols or traditions which have been held in high esteem for so many years by traditionalists. In particular, I was saddened to see in their worship center (not called a sanctuary) that there was no display of a cross. The only cross I could find was one in their greeting area, but not one where they worshiped.

Wojciech Witold Jaruzelski served as prime minister of Poland from 1981-1985. His government had ordered crucifixes removed from classroom walls, just as they had been banned in factories, hospitals, and other public institutions. Catholic bishops attacked the ban that had stirred waves of anger and resentment all across Poland. Ultimately the government relented, insisting that the law remain on the books, but agreeing not to press for removal of the crucifixes, particularly in the schoolrooms.

But one zealous Communist school administrator in Garwolin decided that the law was the law. So one evening he had seven large crucifixes removed from lecture halls where they had hung since the schools founding in the twenties. Days later, a group of parents entered the school and hung more crosses. The administrator promptly had these taken down as well. The next day two-thirds of the school's six hundred students staged a sit-in. When heavily armed riot police arrived, the students were forced into the streets. Then they marched, crucifixes held high, to a nearby church where they were joined by twenty-five hundred other students from nearby schools for a morning of prayer in support of the protest. Soldiers surrounded the church. But the pictures from inside of students holding crosses high above their heads flashed around the world. So did the words of the priest who delivered the message to the weeping congregation that morning. “There is no Poland without a cross.”

Likewise, what church would be a church without its central symbol being displayed in the place where people worship the crucified One?

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Pastor Jim will once again be participating in a **WALK FOR HAITI** on September 9<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the ministry of FLM Haiti. He would love to take your money for this wonderful mission enterprise. You may give him your cash or a check made out to: FLM Haiti. Last year you supported him with \$600 in donations.

**Visitors...Please Help!**

If you are a **visitor** worshipping with us today, we’d like to ask you to do us a big favor. Help us discover which of our advertising dollars are doing the most good by telling us how you found our church. When the register pad is passed to you, please fill out not only your contact information, but also check the appropriate box that tells us how you heard of us.