

**October 16, 2016 Laity Sunday 8:30 & 10:45**

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

**Hymn 395 Take time to be holy** (stanzas 1, 2 and 4, seated) *Holiness*

**Hymn 441 What does the Lord require** (stanzas 1-3) *Sharpthorne*

**Greeting** Robert Mallery

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to Him and bless His name, for the Lord is good.**

Leader: His loving kindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Prayer of Illumination** 8:30 Robert Mallery 10:45 Linda Minnotte

Leader: O Lord, we bless your name, your holy name, pouring out our songs and our lives before you.

**People: We thank you for the privilege of gathering together before you, standing before your throne, as your people, your church, and by Your Word made flesh, set free from the power of sin and death. We bless your name, O God!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, now move among us through the words you have inspired, and the testimonies of our lives. Move among us, and help us remember who we are, your church, gathered from people of every age, in every tribe, every nation, every language and every culture, and made one people together in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise 558 We are the church** (stanzas 1-3, standing) *Port Jervis*

**Invitation to Thanksgiving and Confession** 8:30 Cindy Biery

10:45 Cleon and Vera Jane Cornes

Leader: We will go, Lord, into the world, telling and retelling the story with other believers, taking the gospel and making disciples among all the peoples with whom we come in contact. We will go, knowing you will be with us.

You, O God, to whom we would in these moments, pour out our lives in service and in thanksgiving.

But we know the barriers that stand in our way.

We cannot pour ourselves out to you fully as individuals with unconfessed sin in our lives. We cannot pour ourselves out to you fully as your body when we are in conflict with others.

So hear our confession, forgive and deliver us, and give us courage to offer your peace to one another.

Leader: We have sinned against you and each other, Lord.

We have not lived worshipfully.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.** (Silence)

Leader: We have not loved you wholly. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not lived worshipfully.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.** (Silence)

Leader: We have not denied ourselves and taken up our own cross daily.

We have not lived worshipfully.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.** (Silence)

Leader: We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you. We have not lived worshipfully.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.** (Silence)

Leader: We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives.

We have not lived worshipfully.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession** (Silence)

Leader: The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins, and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

**… TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**The Sign of Peace** *Please pass the peace to your neighbors as a sign of reconciliation and love.*

Leader: As forgiven and reconciled people, share Christ’s peace with one another The peace of Christ be always with you.  
 People: And also with you.

Gathering Song *James Ritchie*

This, this is where children belong,

welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:

This is where children belong.

WORDS AND MUSIC: James Ritchie ©1999 Abingdon Press

**Message for Young Disciples**

All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward. After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise** in the Welcome Center. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

**… TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES …**

**Offertory** 8:30 Cindy Biery 10:45 Stacey Rosleck

Leader: Forgiven and reconciled to God and one another, let us offer our gifts and our thanks to God!

**Offertory Solo** 8:30 It is well with my soul *setting by J. Bert Carlson*

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 *Spiritual, arr. Paul Sjolund*

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya.

1. Someone's prayin', Lord, Kumbaya 2. Someone's cryin', Lord, Kumbaya.

3. Someone's singin', Lord, Kumbaya 4. Sing alleluia, Lord!

**Offertory Prayer**

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**1. Worship as Love** - To put the love of God and neighbor above all else

Scripture: Matthew 22: 37-39 Sally Munro

37He said to him, “’You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38This is the greatest and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Testimony Kathy Michael

**Hymn 549** **Where charity and love prevail** *St. Peter*

**1. (Read) Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;**

**brought here together by Christ's love are we thus bound.**

**2. (Sing) With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;**

**let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.**

**2. Worship as Discipline** – To embody God’s love individually

Scripture: Matthew 16:24

24Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Testimony Clark Remington

**Hymn 415 Take up thy cross** *Germany*

**1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be;**

**deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."**

**3. Worship Calls Us to Justice** – To live God’s love through our actions

Scripture: Micah 6:8

8He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Testimony Sara Mercer

**Hymn 441 What does the Lord require** *Sharpthorne*

**1. What does the Lord require for praise and offering?**

**What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?**

**Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.**

**4. Worship Calls Us to Evangelism -** ­ To go and take God’s love into the world

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Testimony Kirk Lowe

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn of Commitment 571 Go, make of all disciples** *Lancashire*

**Blessing and Benediction**

Leader: Go out into the world, denying yourself, and proclaim God’s love, justice, and good news in all that you say and do.

**People: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.** *Romans 15:5-6*

**Today’s Services**

**The chancel flowers** are given by Mary Birks in loving memory of her husband Neil. Today would have been his 81st birthday.

**The flowers on the altar** are given in celebration of Rob and Jane Spicher’s anniversary.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir.

**Our hymnal** and the new hymnal supplement are rich resources. As we explore newer texts and tunes we will repeat them during the month so that we are more comfortable singing them.

**Greeters 8:30** Ron Dagg **10:45** David and Barbara Watson

**Acolytes** Lydia Slater and Anna Rhoton

**Worship options for children** We encourage children to participate in the **Children’s Sermon** at both services, and in **Kids Praise** during the 10:45 service. **Nursery services** are offered in Room 204 of the Education Building. Ask ushers or greeters and follow signs for direction.

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons** Would you like to share this morning’s sermon with a friend or did you miss a Sunday? Catch up on the messages from MLUMC with a podcast of Pastor Tom’s and others’ Sunday sermons. Sermons from the past three months are at

http:// mlumc.buzzsprout.com. You can navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org, through the app, Stitcher or through iTunes

**Flower Donations** Honor or remember a loved one or friend with a Sunday flower arrangement donation. Contact Sharon Slater, 412-343-1137.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Earl Killian, Montefiore

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Jean Bouvy, McMurray Hills Manor

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Tim Watters, Baptist Home

**Convalescing at Home**

Andy Smith, Arlene Stewart

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Capt. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz   
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Adam Kmick  
PFC Brendan Lamport   
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda  
Lt. Col. Mark Patterson

Lt. Com. Scott Patterson

Lt. Col. Sean Patterson   
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz   
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes   
Capt. Azizi Wesmiller

Capt. Matthew C. Wesmiller   
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Looking to send a card? Here are some helpful addresses:**

UPMC Montefiore Hospital

3459 Fifth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Asbury Heights

700 Bower Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

McMurray Hills Manor

249 W McMurray Road

McMurray, PA 15317

Concordia Health Center

1300 Bower Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Baptist Homes

489 Castle Shannon Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15234

**Birthday Greetings**

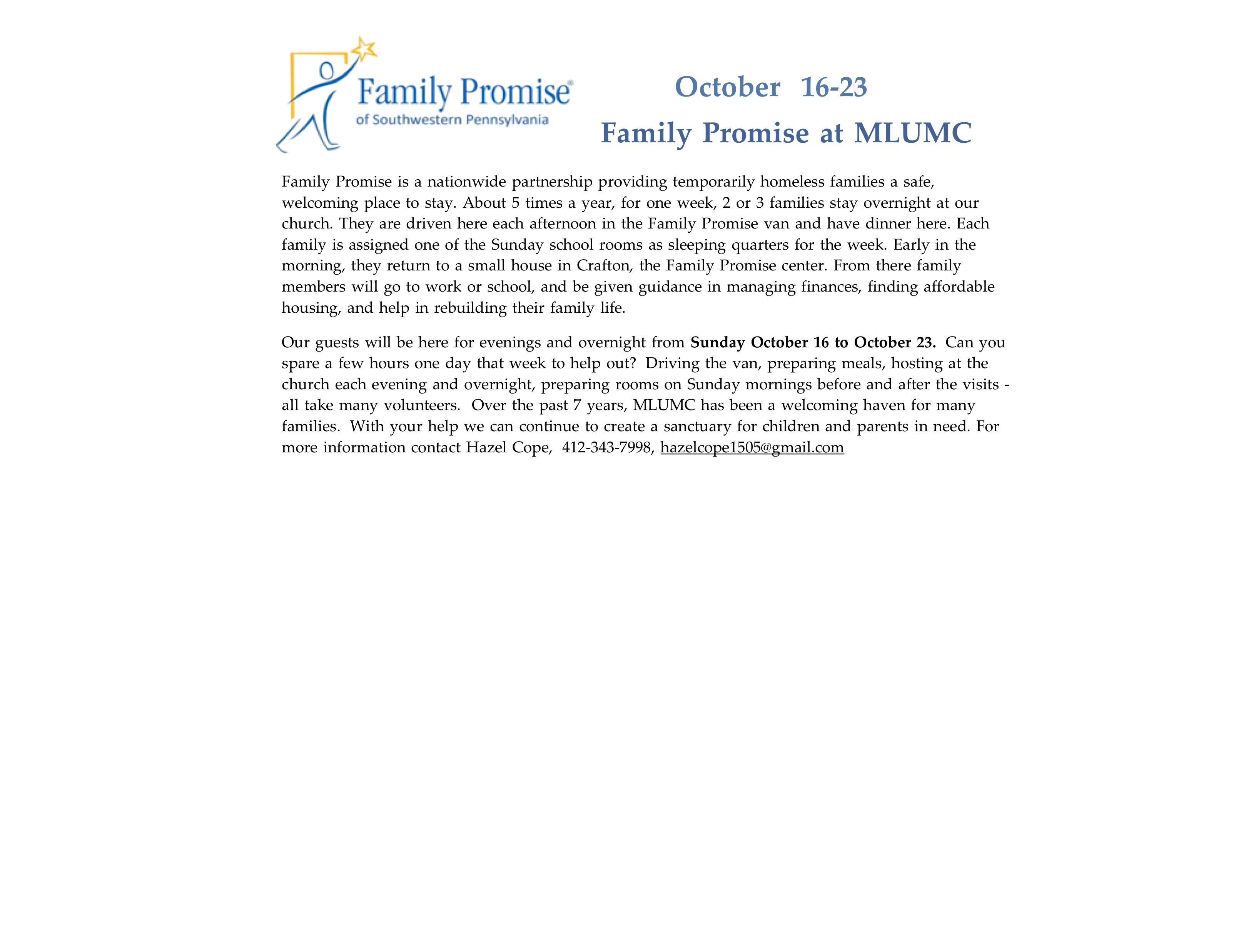
Esther Davis will be 105 years old on October 20. Birthday wishes can be sent to:

Esther Davis

Fair Oaks #403

2200 W. Liberty Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15226



Family Promise, a nationwide partnership providing temporary homeless families a place to stay, is staying at our church this week. Our guests are here for evenings and overnight, starting today, Sun. Oct. 16 to next Sunday, Oct. 23. Volunteers are needed to drive a van, prepare meals, host at the church on evenings and overnight and prepare the rooms. Help create a sanctuary for children and parents in need. For more information, contact Hazel Cope, 412-343-7998 or hazelcope1505@gmail.com.

**Welcome our new Bishop** The Western PA Conference of the UMC is inviting all to the Service of Welcome and Celebration for Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Crossfire Campus of the First UMC of Butler. It's at 1802 N. Main St. Ext., Butler, PA 16001 (the corner of Route 8 N and Mercer Road). Childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years is available by reservation. Email the number of children and their ages to [bmcneish@butlerfumc.com](mailto:bmcneish@butlerfumc.com) by October 19.

**Holiday Poll** Last week a Holiday Poll was distributed during services in order to gather church goers’ opinions on service times for theupcoming holiday season. As you may be aware, both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year. Your opinion helps the church maximize attendance on both of these special Sundays. If you did not receive or fill out a poll last Sunday, you can get the poll in the narthex of the sanctuary and at the entrance to Sanner Chapel.



**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**Family Promise Week 10/16 through 10/23**

**SUNDAY 10/16**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages/Coffee Café Various/Brookline Parlor

10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

Kids Praise Welcome Center

12:30 pm Youth Group leaves for Trax Farms Asbury Center

4:30 pm Youth Choir Choir Room

6:30 pm BSA Eagle Board Review Various

**MONDAY 10/17**

7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Asbury

7:30 pm Community Events and Outreach Welcome Center

**TUESDAY 10/18**

6 pm Terrific Tuesday Asbury Center

7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

**WEDNESDAY 10/19**

7 pm Koinonia UMW Welcome Center

7 pm Church Council Mixers

**THURSDAY 10/20**

9:30 am UMW Esther Circle Providence Point

9:30 am UMW Circle Faith Wesley Hall

11:30 am UMW Rebecca Welcome Center

6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

7 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting Welcome Center

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**FRIDAY 10/21**

9:30 am Women’s Bible Study Room 102