



THE HOPEFUL HAPPENINGS

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A Superb Rally Day
Thank you to everyone!



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Please join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30!

Rev. Trip will be preaching his second sermon in the series on Pittsburgh,

**"Liminal
Glue"**

(You have time to look that word up!) Based on Psalm 133

Beatrice on the piano and Lily on the cello will play the offertory, "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" and will send us out with a song to sing all week, "In The Sweet By and By." (Barry sends out links for each musical selection each week to the musicians. Here is a link for a soul-moving expression of the last song: [//www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhNxXBTljfk&list=RDJhNxXBTljfk&start_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhNxXBTljfk&list=RDJhNxXBTljfk&start_radio=1)

David's Notes on last Sunday's sermon "Steel City Sermon."

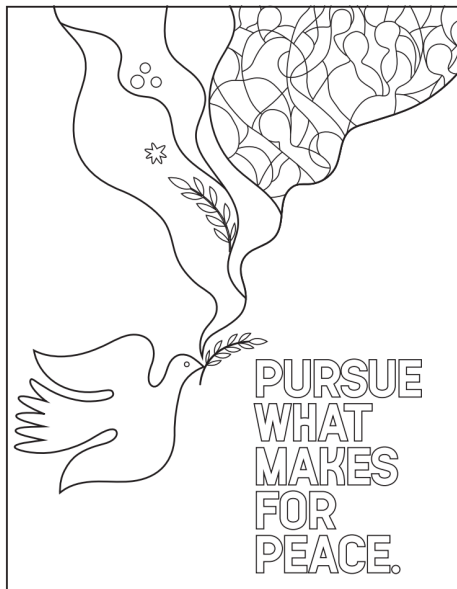
Making steel can be a metaphor for making disciples. We are raw material that needs to be refined by the Holy Spirit! We can be refined to grow, be resilient, be transformed (Romans 12:1). Could we be called a Steel City Church?

In the invitation to Communion Rev. Trip said, "This is where the burdens of the past are laid to rest and the glories of the future are claimed." Amen!



Back on July 27 we were blessed to have two special opera singers who came all the way from Coburg, Germany. Emily Lorini and Mat Husted, Janet Carlisle's daughter and son-in-law, sang passionately and professionally, lifting our hearts in worship to God! Emily sang "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace," and Mat sang "The Lord Is My Light" (Psalm 27).

Also in this picture are Beatrice Kohr, Hamner and Amy Williams, and Arnel Montgomery



I read these words from Oswald Chambers in my devotional this morning "Ministering in Everyday Opportunities." "As surely as we receive blessings from Him, He will pour out blessings through us. But whenever the blessings are not being poured out in the same measure they are received, there is a defect in our relationship with him." I can see how this applies to our gifts and joys, and also to our resources.

Last Sunday our bulletins had an insert about our Presbyterian special offerings. When you hear God call you to give above and beyond your weekly giving (tithe?), these four annual, Presbyterian special offering are a way to our blessings out to others! The Peace and Global Witness Offering is received on World Communion Sunday, October 5. Twenty-five percent of this offering remains with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. If you have ideas for this, please speak to an elder! (TO the left is a coloring page for the offering promotion.)



RALLY DAY Thank you to everyone who joined in! A special thank you to Diana and Laurie for coordinating and preparing everything, along with many helpers! Thanks to Diana for preparing lovely Gift Baskets. Where else can you purchase gift basket tickets for free??? Such delicious food, and I am applauding the desserts in particular! There was a “winner” at each table to take home a Mum plant.

People in the pictures on page 1, left to right by rows:

A. Laurie, Hilary, Janet, Alaina, Vonda, B. Diana and Laurie, C. Sam & Freda Richardson

D, Alaina, Vonda, Laurie, E. Ryan and Arnel, F. Macy and her Aunt Alyssa

G. Myrna, Bonnie & Roy/ Diana and Betty Ann, H. Beth, Myrna, Michele, Linda, Darlene, I. Bob winning the Steelers basket

J. Bill, Louise, K. Lexi, Vonda, Bob, Dan, Joe, Heather, L. Hilary and Rich



Flower pictures were taken
at Trebah Gardens in
Cornwall, England by
David Carlisle

