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Easter Sunday

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

EASTER DRAMA “Mary at the Tomb”
(Angel, Mary & Jesus)

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Dear people, why are you crying? He is no longer dead, He is alive!

P: Dear children, who are you looking for? Jesus has risen just as he said!

L: Dear brothers and sisters, why do you still mourn? Our Savior has defeated death and claimed the victory over sin!

P: Come; let's celebrate, for he is alive!

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, on that bitter day in the garden when sin entered into the world, you began writing a story of redemption. You so desired to be in relationship with us that you set a plan in motion that would require the death of your only Son. How terribly beautiful. But, the story did not end there. In order for our redemption to be made complete, life had to triumph over sin and death. Today we celebrate that triumph, the new life we received because Jesus came alive! You raised him from the dead and now we are restored. How we thank you, God! We are so eager for the day when we will see you face to face and all will be as it was meant to be in the garden. Our hearts are full of hope and anticipation! Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**
Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM "Jesus Is Risen, Rejoice" Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE READING “Psalm 118:14-29**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "He Is Lord"

***DOXOLOGY No. 94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, 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!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of our deepest joys and Alleluias! We sing our Resurrection songs this morning, not because of a miraculous historical event, but because you continue to bring life out of death and hope out of despair! When you rolled away the stone and let light enter Christ's tomb, you entrusted each of us who follow him to be bearers of light into the dark places of our world – carriers of the inexhaustible hope into lives filled with despair. May the joy of this morning, of the triumph of the Resurrection, empower us in our living out of these tasks, and in our generosity to support others who serve in our name. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 3090 "The Easter Song" (See center page)
The Altar is open during the hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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

***SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV) Matthew 28:1-10 (Please Stand)**
SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Thine Be the Glory"**

***Those who are able, please stand.**





THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
No FISH & CHIPS meetings
NO Music Group Practices

Monday, April 21

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22

Newsletter Deadline
6:15 TOPS
7:00 Finance
7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 23

6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, April 24

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:15 Choir

Friday, April 25

9:00 Preschool
Gym in use
10:45 Youth All Night Laser Tag
in Pittsburgh

Saturday, April 26

8:30 DCOM
Gym in use

Next Sunday, April 27

1st Sunday of Easter

Holy Humor Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to The Eastbrook Mission Barn which is one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots across the United States. In 2000, Eastbrook United Methodist Church acquired a former dairy barn as part of its purchase of a new parsonage. In 2008, the church began using the heated office space to store UMCOR cleaning buckets. Today, it is dedicated to storing relief supplies year-round, as well as to providing a work space for volunteers.

Eastbrook Mission Barn: 4/13/2014 - \$225.40



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the second annual Holy Humor Sunday at both services on the Sunday after Easter, April 27th.

What is Holy Humor Sunday?

The idea behind it is that God played the greatest practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. One website about this special Sunday states: "Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our own smaller resurrections in this



world and this life." "Laughter," he said, "releases tension, and we have enough of that these days. I think we all need to stop taking ourselves so seriously. We need to recognize that this is really God's world, and He has so much in store for us. We put too much emphasis on what's wrong and what's bad with it."

As a part of the festivities, we are proclaiming April 27th as Holy Humor Headpiece Day. We are asking everyone in attendance to wear SOMETHING on their head. Feel free to be as silly as you can. This is a chance for everyone to relax, smile, even (GASP!) LAUGH in church! Celebrate the joy we find in our faith!



CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS...our collection bin has arrived! Thank you for the great response of donations of gently used clothing! Wow...there must be quite a few organized closets out there! If you haven't had a chance to clean out your closet yet, you still have time!

We will continue to collect belts, shoes, clothing, scarves, hats, shoes and bedding until the end of the year! The mission partners in the conference center will be giving our church a check for 50% of the value/weight of the items collected. This money will be put in to our church campership fund to reimburse any monies that were used for campers this year. Our church gives 30% of the total cost of the camp they've chosen to campers that attend this church. It is not too late to register for camp! If you get your monies paid by May 1st, you can save \$10! Decide which camp you'd like to attend. Turn in your completed registration form to Debbie in the church office. She will send a church check along with your form to whatever camp you have selected. Please let us know if there is any additional hardship or monies needed, as all the camps have financial aid available. I would encourage everyone to go camping...it's the best week of summer!



All Night Laser Tag

When: April 25-26

Where: Laser Storm on McKnight Road

Meeting Time: 10:45 PM at Irwin First

Cost: \$25

If you have any questions please contact Zaq Phillips at (724)454-1211 or at zphillip@eastern.edu.



The Methodist Men will have their famous chicken dinner on Thursday, May 15th from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 (under 5 years of age are free.) Only 200 tickets will be sold. See one of the Methodist Men for more information or to purchase a ticket.



2014 RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP: The dates for this year's work trip are June 22-25. Planning has started for the mission trip. We will know on April 29th what the project will be and the family that we will help. We would love for you to be a part of this year's team - either at the work site or in the kitchen. To help

defray some of the cost for our room and food - there are lay grant scholarship forms located on the desk in the church office. I need the forms returned by May 12th.



GRADUATION SUNDAY: On Sunday June 1st, we will be celebrating Graduation Sunday. Immediately following the 10:45 service, all are invited to join the graduates in the gym to offer congratulations, and share in a time of fellowship. We will again be serving a nacho bar and cake. Please join us and show your support for our graduates and celebrate all they have accomplished as they begin the next chapter in their lives. It is our wish to honor all those graduating this year so if you or a family member is graduating High school or college please contact the church office and let them know the name of the graduate and the details of their graduation.



LAST SUNDAY'S EGG HUNT & STORY WERE A WONDERFUL SUCCESS! We shared the story remembering what God has done for us followed by the hunt & refreshments. A heartfelt thank you to all who made this event possible: the youth for packing/hiding the treats, the Harvester Sunday School class for the refreshments & cookies, and the UMW for funds to purchase the treats. Thank you!



OUR 2014 GREENSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin PA 15642 beginning at 4 p.m. The conference will flow along the same lines as last year. There will **not** be a meal in conjunction with the conference.

