



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**April 24, 2016**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter      Reception of New Members**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Brown**

**10:45 – Tracy Hawley**

**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**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

**“On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** As the sun rises in the morning,

**P:** .... let all creation worship God!

**L:** From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

**P:** ... let all creation lift high the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

**L:** You alone are worthy of our praise, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

**P:** You alone make all things new.

**L:** All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

**P:** Amen.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. As we gather in this place, may our hearts be open to hear your voice, may our eyes be open to see your glory, and may our minds be open to perceive the word you have for each one of us. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. Holy Spirit, speak to us, guide us, and fall gently upon us, we pray. Amen**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 62**

**“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS** (*Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for “CURED.” Please see the announcement for more details.*)

**ANTHEM 8:15 “The Holy City” - Connie Bickerstaff**  
**10:45 “The Holy City” - Chancel Choir**

**SCRIPTURE READING Acts 11:1-18**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY “My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**  
**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)**  
**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Eternal God, you are the great “I Am.” We approach you with humility. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the salvation you have won for us in Christ. May we find joy as we freely give our prayers and presence, gifts and service to support the ministry and mission of the church. Let us be refreshed by the water flowing forth from your spring of life to people in our community and around the world. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 500 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**  
*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) John 13:31-35**

**MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 2223 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

**MUSIC OF PARTING “Festive March”**

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

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*We express our Christian sympathy to the families of:*

LaVerne Halza who passed away on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Laura Baxter who passed away on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

*May God comfort and strengthen their families and friends.*

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## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 22      Sunday 8:15 – 60      10:45 – 70

### SERVING YOU SUNDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup>

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Mike, Anne, Charlie & Philip Osborn  
10:45 – Phyllis Brickel & Burnetta Green

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Men’s Group      10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 - Fritz Runser      10:45 - Josh Burger, Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the service.

The Attendants today are Donna Weber & Dawn Capecci.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers today are presented in memory of Heidi Frye Halvin by Joel & Sue Frye.

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED** for many Sundays throughout the year. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any Sunday, please fill in an “Altar Flower” order form or contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901. Each arrangement is \$25.00 and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service.

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**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Two attendants are needed each Sunday to look after the children, ages 0 – 5 years (some a little older), so that their parents may enjoy the 10:45 AM worship service. It is not necessary for you to be in the nursery every week. You can either be added to the roster as part of the rotation or tell Kim when you are available. If you are interested in helping in the nursery please contact Kim Platt at 724-863-6838.

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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

#### Today, Sunday, April 24

##### Reception of New Members

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship & Reception of New Members  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
9:30 New Members Class  
10:45 Worship & Reception of New Members  
12:15 SonShiners  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

#### Monday, April 25

6:30 Grief Support

#### Tuesday, April 26

6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Church Council  
7:30 NA

#### Wednesday, April 27

7:00 Women’s Book Study  
7:00 Yoga

#### Thursday, April 28

7:00 Disciple  
7:00 Choir

#### Saturday, April 30

6:00 Alternative Worship

#### Next Sunday, May 1

##### Communion Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 SonShiners  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

## ANOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** The Children’s Collection today will be given to “CURED” (Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Disease.) The following information explaining this disease and organization comes from Laurie Yanos.

*“My daughter, Megan, has a rare disease called Eosinophilic Esophagitis. The white blood cells that are in the bone marrow come out like ‘pac man’ and attack the food she eats. It makes the esophagus swell and causes vomiting that cannot be stopped without an emergency room visit for drugs and IV’s.*

*Eosinophilic Esophagitis is a progressive disease. Megan has a very limited amount of food’s she can eat and must drink a medical formula. One day she can eat a certain food, and all of a sudden, her body attacks it, further limiting what she can eat. She can never eat the foods in a restaurant or at a wedding or party because of cross contamination. She always has to carry her own food with her wherever she goes.*

There is no cure at this time for Eosinophilic Esophagitis. CURED is a non-profit organization started by a mother in her home. 100% of the donations go to research for a cure.

Thank you for any help you can give, Laurie Yanos”

There are a few flyers on the office half door or you may go to their website at [www.curedfoundation.org](http://www.curedfoundation.org) for more information on CURED.

“CURED” 4/17 - \$133.50

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**RECEPTION OF MEW MEMBERS:** Today we will have the Reception of New Members. Please make the newest members to our church family feel welcome. Anyone interested in joining our church is urged to contact Pastor David or the office.

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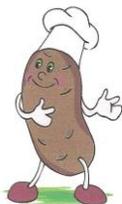
**MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS:** Today is the last day to order Mother’s Day flowers. These beautiful geraniums are available in six different colors. They are \$7.00 per pot. Please use the order form found in your bulletin or on the table in the Narthex. Payment is due with your order.

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief. Please contact Becky Rudy for more information.

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**Outreach Spud Bar:** Come hungry to church on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The outreach committee will be hosting our annual spud bar - a huge baked potato with all kinds of topping and some sweet dessert! Take-out will be available after the 8:15am service. Dine-in and take-out will be available after the 10:45am service. The proceeds will be split between our community outreach and the work trip. Hope to see you there.



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*Do you know ...*

... which committee of our church oversees the administration and programs of the church.  
(Please see the answer further on in the bulletin.)

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**Ladies Spring Tea Party**

The women of the church are invited to a Ladies Spring Tea sponsored by the United Methodist Women. This will take place at our church on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. A light lunch will be served.

The speaker for this event will be Ellen Marsili. Ellen will be talking about Herbal Tea Blends.

This is a thank you from the United Methodist Women. We hope you can attend and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship. There will be a sign up for the tea after the Saturday services on April 30th, May 7th and May 14th. Sunday tea sign up will be after both services on May 1st, May 8th, and May 15th.

This will be for ladies of the church 18yrs and older.



*Tea Party*

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**CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE:** Like us on Facebook! If you share something posted on the church Facebook page, it will be broadcast to all your friends, and all their friends, and all their... You get the idea. Spread the good news of God’s work in our community and in our church!

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**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?** If not, make sure you take a brochure home with you today and decide which camp you'd like to attend this year! Last year we had 15 campers from this church, so hoping more will experience the excitement! Once you go, you will be hooked on camping! It's the best week of the summer! Try something new this year and meet new friends! There are monies available for anyone that wants to attend!

contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 [orcts72@hotmail.com](mailto:orcts72@hotmail.com)

*Tea Party*

any college students looking for summer work? Camp Allegheny still needs a few male counselors intern. Apply at [campallegheny.org](http://campallegheny.org). Jumonville also needs summer staff. Contact [jumonville.org](http://jumonville.org) for information. It can be a rewarding summer filled with excitement...and make some money while you're having fun!

\*\*\*\*\* **“Do you know” Answer** \*\*\*\*\*

**Church Council:** The primary task of the Church Council is to lead the congregation in long-range planning and in carrying out its program so that people are received into its fellowship, encouraged in strengthening their relationship with God, and supported as they seek to live as Christian disciples.

**Responsibilities**

1. To serve as the executive agency of the charge conference, overseeing the administration and programs of the congregation.
2. To study the hopes, concerns, and needs of people in the community (including the congregation) to determine how you might serve them and how they may serve one another as Christian disciples.
3. To initiate planning, establish goals and objectives, develop programs, and evaluate effectiveness of the ministry and mission of the congregation.
4. To plan and carry out programs which fulfill the congregation’s ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness.
5. To encourage understanding of a commitment to inclusiveness in the life of the congregation.
6. To provide for effective pastoral and lay leadership for the mission and ministry of the congregation.
7. To recommend to the Charge Conference the compensation, housing needs, and benefits for the pastor(s) and other staff after receiving recommendations from the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.
8. To fill vacancies in positions between meetings of the Charge Conference, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Leadership.
9. To provide for financial support, physical facilities, and the legal obligations of the local congregation.
10. To be responsible for the congregation’s relations to appropriate District and Annual Conference programs and structures.
11. To be accountable to the Charge Conference.

So ... if you have a question, comment, or a complaint concerning the administration of the church or church programming, please plan to attend a Church Council meeting. While, if you are not an elected committee member you will not be permitted to vote on any issues, you can let your voice be heard.

***The next Church Council Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.***

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