



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 “Lead Me to the Cross”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

James, the Greater & Thaddeus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Coming from places that have seen better days ...

P: ... **God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.**

L: Coming with our breath taken away by grief ...

P: ... **the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.**

L: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure ...

P: ... **Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk – places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 77**

“How Great Thou Art”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM 8:15 “The Table”

10:45 “The Table” – Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE READING No. 848 “Psalm 130**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Adoramus Te”

***DOXOLOGY**

**“We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.”**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Holy God of power and mystery: Your prophets had visions of dry bones putting on flesh and returning to life at the sound of your word being spoken. We long to hear words that will bring us back to life, that will revitalize the church in our dryness. You have spoken these words to us already, through your Son. If we will see the world with Christ's compassion, if we will act with Christ's love and concern, if we will give of ourselves as he gave of himself for us, you will raise us up and bring life to your church. May our offering this morning be testimony to our longing to renewed in this holy season. We pray in the Savior's name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 378 “Amazing Grace”
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) Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “March in D”**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be given to the Irwin VFD Ambulance Service. This is the ambulance service that responds to our calls to help those who are ill or injured while at our the church.

One Great Hour of Sharing: 3/30/2014 - \$285.25

It's finally here!
The Story of God's Great Love for Us
&
An Egg Hunt!



All ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th, 9:30 to 10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Let's remember the wonderful story of Easter & talk about some Christian symbols. An egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. Adults welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping & you should also meet at 9:30 in the Elementary room to assist. (Tiny tots meet in Mrs. Weber's toddler room across from the nursery for a mini-hunt.)

Friends are always welcome!

Kick off Holy Week by hearing the story of our Christian faith in one exciting session!

Hope to see you on April 13th!

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: On April 15 and 17, 2014, at 7:00 PM, the Drama Team of the First United Methodist Church, Irwin PA and special event choir (composed of both church and community singers) will be presenting *The Living Last Supper*. The performances are open to the public and there is no admission fee. If you need special arrangements for large groups, please contact the church office at 724-863-6858 or fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net.

This is the eighth year for this event and attendance has grown each year. Please plan to attend the service on either Tuesday or Thursday. Your personal involvement in *The Living Last Supper* as a member of the congregation will make this Lent/Easter season one you will not forget!

Your help is needed to publicize the event. There are posters and "pocket posters" on the table in the narthex. There are also yard signs in the assembly room. Please take some signs and place them (with owner's permission, of course) in areas where they can be seen. Good spots are where traffic must stop or, at least, slow down. Please remember where you placed the signs so that you may pick them up after the event and return them to the church for use next year, Thank you for your help.

Upcoming 2014 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services

Questions Asked of Jesus the Last Week

Sponsored by Men's Prayer Fellowship at

First United Church of Christ

400 Main Street, Irwin, PA

Hymn singing starts at 11:30 AM – Preaching starts at Noon - *Lunch at 12:30PM

Song Leader: Fred King – Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron – Signer: Connie Bridgeman

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 16 2014

Topic: “Art Thou the Son of God?”

Scripture: Matthew 26:63

Speaker: Rev. Ron Durika

Special Music: TBA

*Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille – Cost: \$5.00

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Norwin Christian Church, 9610 Barnes Lake Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. (724-863-2141) at 7:30 AM. The cost is \$11.00 and the menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fries, Coffee Cakes, Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea. The message will be by The Good News Blues.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS: Friday, April 18, 2014, beginning at 12:15 at United Church of Christ on Main Street. The final service will begin at 2:45 here at FUMC. The theme this year is: *Luke: Prophecy and Fulfillment.*

WILSON EASTER CANDY ORDERS ARE IN! If you ordered any chocolates, please pick them up in the narthex today. A table is set up and you can visit this table following either service. Any orders that are not picked up will be placed in the office and can be picked up through the week. The Finance Committee thanks you for supporting this fundraiser! A profit of \$230 was put towards our 2014 Connectional Apportionment from this sale!

EASTER BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED: Once again, the Outreach Committee is putting together Easter baskets for families in need. We will be giving each family a basket of food for their dinner and a basket of traditional Easter goodies for them to enjoy. A poster with a list of needed items is in the Narthex. Please sign up to contribute to these baskets. All donations will be due back to the church on Palm Sunday (April 13th).



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: We hope you’ll join us for ‘Pizza & a Movie Night’ on April 9th at 6:30 upstairs in the Youth Room! The movie will be *The Gospel of John* – a great one to watch during this Lenten season. Sign up on the clipboard or call the office. Pizza will arrive at 6:30 and we’ll eat while we watch the movie. Feel free to bring snacks. Beverages will be provided. Hope to see all of you there!!!

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GREENSBURG DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Please save the date for the Installation of the Rev. Patricia Nelson as the new Greensburg District Superintendent, Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The installation service and reception is open to everyone and will be held at the Faith United Methodist Church, 305 Freeport Street, Delmont PA 15626. More details will follow.

Yours in Christ, The Greensburg District Superintendency Committee

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.

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPER...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!



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship
- No FISH & CHIPS
- 2:00 Lay Ministry School
(Community UMC)
- 4:00 Temple Bells
- 4:45 SonShiners
- 5:30 Drama Rehearsal – Full Cast
- 6:00 Irwin/Greensburg Youth at Irwin

Monday, April 7

- 10:00 UM Women
- 6:00 Dartball Round Robin

Tuesday, April 8

- 9:00 Men's Work Team
- 6:15 TOPS
- 6:30 Witness
- 7:00 Trustees
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 9

- 11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
- 5:30 Gym in use
- 6:30 Fellowship Night
- 7:00 Yoga

Thursday, April 10

- 10:00 Gym in use
- 6:15 C Bells
- 7:00 Disciple 3
- 7:15 Choir

Friday, April 11

- 9:00 Foodbank Truck (help needed)
- Gym Closed

Saturday, April 12

- 9:00 Foodbank Truck (help needed)

Next Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship
- 12:00 Set up for Living Last Supper
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
- No Temple Bells or SonShiners
- 6:00 Drama Rehearsal – Dress Rehearsal

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 9 2014

Topic: "What Think Ye of Christ?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:41-42

Speaker: Rev. Sherri Prindle

Special Music: TBA
