



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Camp Sunday

February Memory Verse – Matthew 5:44

*“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*

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WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Laurie Saporito

10:45 – Peggy Kooser

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*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** “Morning Has Broken”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 756 Psalm 25:1-10**

**L:** To you, O Lord, I will lift up my soul.

**P:** O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

**L:** Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

**P:** ... let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

**L:** Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**P:** ... teach me your paths.

**L:** Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

**P:** ... for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**L:** Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**P:** Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**L:** Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way, and teaches them their way.

**P:** All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the Lord’s covenant and testimonies.

**\*HYMN No. 269** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**No. 2233** “This Is Where Children Belong”

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to our camping program. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 10:45 "Rainbow Valentine" - SonShiners**

**WORD OF GOD 1 Peter 3:18-22**

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

**OFFERTORY "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"**

**\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>)**

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 494 "Kum Ba Yah"**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."  
For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."**

**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**

**\*WORD OF GOD Mark 1:9-15**

**SERMON "This Is a Test"**

**\*HYMN No. 572 "Pass It On"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING Postlude on "The Glory of These Forty Days"**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

***The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.***

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### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 20      Sunday: 8:15 - 62    10:45 – 83**

### **SERVING YOU TODAY**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Bob & Alice Hubert

10:45 – Bruce, Melanie, Lindsay & Caleb Smith

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Men's Group      10:45 – Bryan & Kela Campbell

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John and Bernie Johnston

10:45 – Josh Burger, Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week are presented in memory of Irwin Depp's birthday from Dot and her family.

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**The "I NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH" outreach ministry needs volunteers!**



Do you love to drive and have a car? Use that car for the good of the Body of Christ! We are going to be offering a ministry to the community where we will be offering rides to church to anyone who needs one.

Curious? Want to know more? Join Pastor Stephen, today, February 18th, at 12:00 pm (after late service) in the "Assembly Room", which is the central room next to Pastor's office. There is a slight twist ... and it's very exciting! If you have any interest, come hear the plan! If you cannot make it to the meeting, contact Pastor Stephen at [pastormannion@gmail.com](mailto:pastormannion@gmail.com), or 412-610-3289.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Regular Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday**

**Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

**Today, Sunday, February 18**

**Camp Sunday**

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:00 "I Need a Ride to Church" Meeting
- 12:15 Sonshiners

**Monday, February 19**

No Dartball

**Tuesday, February 20**

6:15 TOPS

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, February 21**

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service at

1<sup>st</sup> United Church of Christ

400 Main Street, Irwin

1:00 Bible Study

5:00 Youth Center

6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support

6:30 Women's Book Study

7:00 UM Men

7:00 SPRC

**Thursday, February 22**

**Newsletter Deadline**

- 6:15 C Bells
- 6:30 Daisy Scouts Meeting
- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir
- 8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

**Saturday, February 24**

6:00 Contemporary Worship

**Next Sunday, February 25**

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 Sonshiners

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** All articles for the *March 2018 newsletter* are due in the office by Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email your articles to [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) or leave a hardcopy of your article in the church office. Articles not received by February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be printed in the April Newsletter.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/18/2018**

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** The Children's Collection today will be used for our camping program. Including our ladies from the Women's Retreat, 27 campers were helped last year! Your donations will be used to help our campers experience learning, fellowship, and fun during an exciting time at our Christian camps!

Race for Grace – 2/11/2018 - \$114.00

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**Camp Sunday is today!!!** Ahhhh...that means today you'll be hearing about what's new this year at our camps! Today is also the last day to order hoagies, pizzas or pepperoni rolls for our February Camp Fundraiser! The order forms are on the camp table in the narthex. Ingredients are listed for each of the different hoagies that are offered. All products are \$7 and will be available next Sunday, February 25 following both services. Please do not put any order forms in the offering plate. There is a box on the camp table to collect the completed forms. Payment is due when you pick up your order. Checks should be made payable to First UM. If you can't order today, plan to order next month. We will have one fundraiser a month, through May. All monies go to the General Camp Fund. Thank you for your support!



Today is also the Sunday you'll be hearing the kids sing a camp song about the fruits of the spirit...**LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF CONTROL**...so pretend you're a camper and sing along with them! After the service enjoy some s'more snacks, bugs on a log, hot chocolate and coffee in the parlor!

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**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE:** The Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship will host a program with the theme "What, Who, and Where" at 11:30 AM each Wednesday in Lent. The services will be held at First United Church of Christ, 400 Main Street, Irwin. For more details call 724-863-0430.

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**LIVING LAST SUPPER**

**PUBLICITY** - Please remember to pick up some yard signs, posters and pocket posters in the entry hall today. Help us to spread the word of our outreach event. Please ask permission before placing signs or posters on a property not your own.

**HELP STILL NEEDED** to iron flat tablecloths and to sell DVDs and other items before and after each performance. Please sign up on the clip board.

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**THE UM MEN'S MEETING** will be on Wednesday February 21 at 7 pm, we meet in the church parlor. For February's meeting I asked the men to read the Gospel of John and we will discuss it. As usual we will have pie and coffee after the meeting. All men are invited to attend.

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SHOE BOXES:** February's collection for is small games, footballs, soccer balls, checkers, journals, jewelry, and any item for the older age group (10 -14.)

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**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join us to run, walk or cheer! Complete race details can be found at [reflectionsofgrace.org](http://reflectionsofgrace.org) Register before March 7<sup>th</sup> for the discounted rate of \$20 (plus Eventbrite fee). On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the rate goes up to \$25 (plus fee). Online registration closes April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With our sponsorship, we receive 3 free registrations. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in one of these registrations, please contact Anne at [annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com) or 724-744-7278.

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**ATTENTION ALL SOUP MAKERS AND CAKE BAKERS!!!!**

Mark your calendars – the Outreach committee will be hosting another soup luncheon on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> after the second service. We will offer a limited number of soups available for take-out after the 8:15 service. Please check out the sign-up poster in the Narthex and let us know if you can contribute soup or a cake.



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**The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY will not meet in February.** We will resume in March weather permitting. Quilting dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning in March from 10:00-11:30. Please mark your calendars and come for a fun morning. Questions may be directed to Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.

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**The next PRAYER SHAWL/QUILT DEDICATION will be March 11th at both Sunday services.** Please see Mary Reed or Cindi Painter for a prayer card to attach. All dedicated items need to be placed on the altar rail prior to Sunday services. After the Dedication anyone is welcomed to take one if needed.



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**THE DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL is available on the table in the narthex.** This devotional is a free service provided for you. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a friend or a loved one. Donations will be accepted- insert in an envelope marked Daily Bread and place in offering plate.

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**NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP! "Good to Great in God's Eyes"**

Are you tired of the "status quo" Christian life? Do you dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion, then look no further than this group study. This study is a video/discussion study with Chip Ingram, led by Pastor Stephen.

This group begins March 6th, and will take place each Tuesday night, from 6-7 pm, for 10 weeks in the youth room. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Pastor Stephen by February 20th at 412-610-3289 or [pastormannion@gmail.com](mailto:pastormannion@gmail.com)

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**"Two Bucks Campaign"!** We are challenging 100 members to contribute \$2.00 a week above their current giving. It's equal to a cup of coffee or soft drink at a restaurant. This idea had to be a "God Thing" to develop this campaign - it's so painless and easy. A way to solve this year after year Connectional Apportionment deficit. All you need to do is be creative with your \$2.00/week commitment (above your regular giving). Your weekly envelope will soon have a designated item line for your gift for the **"Two Bucks Campaign"**. Until the new envelopes come out, here are some ways to assure that your contribution is credited to the **"Two Bucks Campaign:"**

- 1) Use the Connectional Apportionment Envelope included in our monthly giving envelopes
- 2) Indicated on your envelope **"Two Bucks Campaign"**
- 3) Indicate under Mission Share **"Two Bucks Campaign"**
- 4) Utilize a pew envelope and indicate your **"Two Bucks Campaign"** Donation.

To monitor our progress, check out the Newsletter Financial report & the Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex.

We **are** connected together, Church Family. And we **are** going to meet our Connectional Apportionment giving in 2018 with this **"Two Bucks Campaign"!**

Thank You & Blessings to You,  
The Finance Committee

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**EVERYBODY LOVES EASTER CANDY!!!** The Church Easter candy sale for 2018 is starting today. We will have order forms from *Betsy Ann Chocolates* for families and members to take home to sell to their family and friends. Orders are due back to the church no later than Sunday, March 11th, to allow enough time for the orders to be fulfilled. We will still take individual orders before and after each service in the narthex. All monies are due at the time of order. Candy will be available for pick-up on Palm

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. 35% of all sales go directly to the church. Please help to support the finances of our church by purchasing your Easter candy through our fundraiser.