



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March Memory Verse – John 14:27

Peace I leave with you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Chris Ghrist

10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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

The PRAYER SHAWL/QUILT DEDICATION will be today 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.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER CANDY! We will 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 23rd. 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.

Camp Fundraiser...Today is the last day to order the March hoagies, pizzas and pepperoni rolls. Order forms are on the camp table in the narthex. If you can't eat a hoagie, there are options to freeze some of the items for eating later. Pepperoni rolls can be frozen and heated and pizzas can be frozen and baked whenever you need them! All items are \$7.00 and the delivery date is next Sunday, March 18th. The campers thank you for your support. I'm hoping to get 74 orders again this month!

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Simon Peter (Paul Kingston), Thomas (Tom Lehner)

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

L: ¹O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!

P: ²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

L: ¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

P: ...¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

L: ¹⁹Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

P: ...²⁰he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

L: ²¹Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

P: ²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

*HYMN No. 98 “To God Be the Glory”

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

DEDICATION HYMN No. 143 “On Eagles Wings”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to our UMCOR. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 “Crown of Thorns” – Missy Andrison

10:45 “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed” - Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Numbers 21:4-9

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 “A Contemplative Prayer”

10:45 “Crown of Thorns”– Missy Andrison

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old 100th”)

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. 378 “Amazing Grace”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”

For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*WORD OF GOD John 3:14-21

SERMON “... *but now I see.*”

*HYMN No. 364

“Because He Lives

*BENEDICTION

*MUSIC OF PARTING

“The Thankful Heart Rejoices”

*Please stand if you are able

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 21 Sunday: 8:15 - 56 10:45 – 94

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko

10:45 – Donna Weber & Dawn Capecci

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin 10:45 – Lou Berta

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 honor of our Mom's, Janet Hearn, birthday from the Gurowski and Roberts families.

THE ROSE ON ALTAR is for the birth of Avery Elizabeth Easley. Avery was born on Wednesday, February 28th. She is the daughter of Dan & Lindsay (Marino) Easley, the granddaughter of Dave & Debbie Marino, and the great granddaughter of Louise Kemble. May God's blessings be on Avery and her family.

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

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

Tomorrow, March 11

Prayer Shawl Dedication

Coffee Hour after each service

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 Sonshiners

Easter Candy are orders due

Hoagie orders are due

Monday, March 12

10:00 UM Women

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball - H

Tuesday, March 13

Men's Work Team – **rescheduled**

until next week, March 20th

6:00 NA

6:00 Adult Study Group

7:00 Trustees

Wednesday, March 14

10:00 Quilting

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service at

1st United Church of Christ

400 Main Street, Irwin

Thursday, March 15

6:15 C Bells

6:30 NA

6:30 Daisy Scouts

7:15 Choir

8:15 LLS Choir

Friday, March 16

Gym in use

Saturday, March 17

Gym in use

12:00 LLS rehearsal

(full cast, recorded Music)

6:00 Contemporary Worship

Next Sunday, March 18

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 Sonshiners

2:30 Work Trip Meeting

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/11/2018

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collections this week will be given to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). UMCOR is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Its work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

Race for Grace 3/4/2018 - \$241.50

Coming Soon! The Passover Seder is meant to be a learning experience for children of all ages! It is a story that began over three thousand years ago when the children of Israel were slaves to the Pharaoh in Egypt. Join us on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) during the Sunday School hour 9:30 to 10:30 down in the gymnasium as we step back in time once again to remember and encounter the Exodus ... a hands on journey to freedom. Come! Choose the Lamb!

EASTER BASKETS: Check out the poster in the Narthex and take a few post-it notes to help us fill Easter food (and treat) baskets. We will be helping both Sheridan Terrace backpack families and foodbank families. All donations are due back to church on March 25th, Palm Sunday.

The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY will resume their meetings, weather permitting, on Wednesday, March 14th. Quilting dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month 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.

PREPARE YOURSELF! HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY IS UPON US! On Sunday, April 8th, we will continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season. Plan to wear a "Holy Humor hat" that day – SOMETHING on your head. Also, try to wear something bright and cheerful. Show our joy to the world!

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.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE LIVING LAST SUPPER CHOIR. They do not need to attend our church. Rehearsals are at 8:15 on Thursdays March 8, 15 and 22.

2018 MISSION WORK TRIP INFORMATION MEETING: Sunday, March 18th at 2:30

There will be an information meeting about this year's work trip at 2:30 in the Assemble Room (off the parlor.) This meeting is open to old and new members of the work trip team. An explanation of the new time format will be explained. Also information about lay scholarship forms (due back by April 1st), clearances for new members, and t-shirts will be available. If you can't attend the meeting and are interested in participating in the work trip, contact Jack and Pat Osterman at email = namrestojp@gmail.com or phone = 724-863-2796.

"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

CONTRIBUTIONS: The Finance Committee has weekly counters who process your contribution envelopes. They open the envelopes, remove the cash/check, and then write the amount enclosed on the outside of the envelope. When the Financial Secretary receives the envelopes she only sees the total amount written by the counters, and any designation selected by the donor. She does not see the cash or checks with memo notes. The checks and money have already gone to the bank. Any special designations wanted for your contribution and the amount you are designating need to be written on the outside of your envelope. All funds go into the General Fund unless there is a special designation marked on the front of the envelope.

The \$2 Fund should appear on the next packet of envelopes and that will help clear up some designations. Until then, you must write \$2 Fund and the amount of your donation on your envelope. Thank you

Money from Altar flowers, holiday flowers, and fundraisers should always be a separate check from your regular giving. They may placed in the offering plate.

Just a reminder: the envelope company will occasionally put the envelope for the 1st Sunday of the month in with the previous month's packet. Then again include the 1st Sunday envelope in the new packet. They do this in case there is a time delay in getting out the new set of envelopes. Do not feel obligated to fill both envelopes with the same date.



FROM THE UNITED METHODIST MEN:

WORK DAY RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 20TH AT 9:00AM. We meet downstairs in the kitchen. This is open to any man who wants to help with maintenance around our church. Lunch is provided.

METHODIST MEN'S MEETING IS ON MARCH 21ST AT 7:00PM. We meet in the church parlor. This is open to all men. We have a short business meeting followed with a time of sharing in God's Word. We finish with pie and coffee. We will continue with our study in John. Read the

Gospel of John and we will discuss anything that you find interesting in it.

ATTENTION LAITY: LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES SCHOOL

Deadline to register: March 24, 2018

The 2018 Lay School is ready for the laity in your church to participate! Online registration is available or you can call the District Office (724-461-7178) for more information.

Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 Time: 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays

Location: McKeesport First UMC - 1406 Cornell St, McKeesport, PA 15132-4799

Graduation: will be included in the May 5 schedule

Cost: \$25/class (Minimum class size: 6, Maximum class size: 15)

These classes are appropriate for self-improvement and progressing toward certification as lay servants, lay speakers, or lay ministers.

- Basic Course (Instructors: Mr. Rich Ziegenfus & Rev. Kim Foos)
- You Can Preach! (Instructors: Rev. Michele Nagle & Mrs. Cynthia Hill)
- Leading Bible Study (Instructors: Rev. Chandler Wolf & Rev. Tim Williams)
- Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts (Instructors: Rev. Tom Kennedy & Rev. Justin Judy)
- Leading in Prayer (Rev. William Meekins & Mrs. Patty Blosat)
- Lay Servant Leader - Lead Like Jesus (Instructor: Rev. Sang Choi & Mr. Paul Huey)

THE YOUTH CENTER NEEDS ANOTHER VOLUNTEER!



The youth center has grown and is in need of more volunteers. It takes place, each Wednesday, 5-8pm. If you are interested in helping out, or have a question, contact Pastor Stephen at 412-610-3289 or pastormannion@gmail.com.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS EASTER GREETINGS

Please remember the following members and friends of our congregation who are in nursing homes or cannot get out of their homes. Make this an extra special time for them with a greeting from you and your family during the Easter season.

June Guckert 660 Kimlyn Road N Huntingdon, PA 15642	LaVerne Milner 10911 Pegwell Drive Midlothian, VA 23113
Jane Earnest Redstone Highlands 12921 Redstone Drive Apt 247 N Huntingdon, PA 15642	LaVerne Frick Golden Heights 1015 Pennsylvania Avenue Irwin, PA 15642
Marian Shank Weatherwood Manor Room 318 896 Weatherwood Lane Greensburg, PA 15601	Marge Osterman The Grove at Irwin 249 Maus Drive N Huntingdon, PA 15642
Bettie Heydt Point Pleasant Retirement Community 120 Mossie Blvd. Apt 331 North Versailles, PA 15137	Nancy Sprenger Redstone Highlands Apt 4408 12921 Redstone Drive N Huntingdon, PA 15642
Dorothy Burnside Asbury Heights 700 Bower Hill Road Pittsburgh, PA 15243	Doris Collins Golden Heights 1015 Pennsylvania Avenue Irwin, PA 15642
Sally Hildbold 147 Manchester Drive Irwin, PA 15642	Patty Hawk 206 Maple Street Irwin, PA 15642
Catherine Veverka Transitions Healthcare	Wanda Halavan Redstone Highlands Apt 384

8850 Barnes Lake Road
N Huntingdon, PA 15642
Bobbie Jones
100 Western Avenue Apt 504
Irwin, PA 15642
Josh Rosenberg
332 Butterfield Drive
N Huntingdon, PA 15642

12921 Redstone Drive
N Huntingdon, PA 15642
Bob Ursiny
c/o 93 Observatory Road
Manor, PA 15665

These addresses are correct to the best of our knowledge. If you find an incorrect address, please let the office know so we can change it in our records. Thank you.

***** **IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES** *****

Catherine Ververka ~ Transitions Healthcare, N Huntingdon
Dorothy Burnside ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon Marge Osterman ~ The Grove at Irwin
LaVerne Frick, Doris Collins ~ Golden Heights, Irwin Bob Ursiny ~ William Penn Care Center
Nancy Sprenger, Jane Earnest, Wanda Halavan ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon
Marian Shank ~ Weatherwood Manor, Greensburg

***** **CONTINUOUS PRAYERS** *****

Brent Lauffer, Kurt Wallace & Family, Casey Yanos, Megan Yanos, Marian Shank, Donna Tamilia, Ruth Painter, Cheryl McCafferty, Rick Higginbotham, Sally Hildbold, Devin Raynovich, Nancy Preus, Tammy Blackburn, Rhonda Rumbaugh, Erin Hooke, Bob Ursiny, Marlin & Evelyn Preus, Joe Lundie,
Bob & Colleen Weaver, Jennifer Nagoda, Curt Eakman, Cheryl Hildbold, Bill Hooke, Renee Jensen,
Valerie (Ressler) Miller, Wendy Dodds Brzezinski, Virginia, Lance Frye, Patty Hawk, Lois Teamann, Joan Wultsch, Jeanne Rodehaver, John (Willie) & Barb Willams

***** **THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST** *****

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.
Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Joe and Wava, Bill Grubb, Harry Countryman, Sara, Dean and Dorothy, Anita, Dave Walker,
Lois Kuhn, Mary Greene, Ginny Ives, John Weber, Sr., Josh Rosenberg, Wendell Campbell,
Lori Swope, Mark Primus, Don Austin, The Daryl Lust Family, Harry Wesley, Naomi Lillie,
The Jim Whalen Family, The Mike Morris Family, The Jessica Morrell Family, Doug Lauffer,
Bob & Natalie Fleming & Family (Missionaries in India)

***** **SERVICE PERSONNEL** *****

Brandon Doyle – Korea	Colby Shelton – Iraq	Kayla Greguric
Matt Perea – Ft. Campbell, KY	Angelo Woodrow – Naples	Ben Floyd
David Johnston – Afghanistan	Amanda Mueller – Texas	Carl Brantley
James Gallagher – Hawaii	Nicholas Park – Schofield Barracks, HI	Mark Russak
Edward Johnson III	Sara (Fletcher) Dipaolo	Jeremy Lake

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098.

The **"I NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH"** outreach ministry

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? Contact Pastor Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com, or 412-610-3289 for more details.

