



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 19, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent

March Memory Verse – Luke 1:37
“No word of God will ever fail.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Krista Brown

10:45 – Peggy Kooser

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.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

John (Ed Lorenc), Simon the Zealot (Dave Walker)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 814 “Psalm 95”**

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

P: ... let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

P: ...let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

L: For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods, in whose hands are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

P: **The sea belongs to God who made it, and the dry land, because God formed it.**

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,

P: ... let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

L: For the Lord is our God,

P: ... we are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.

L: Hear the voice of the Lord today! Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

P: **For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who err in heart, and they do not regard my ways.” Therefore I swore in my anger that they should not enter my rest.**

***UNISON PRAYER**

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for Race for Grace.
Please see the announcement for more details.)*

ANTHEM 8:15 “Fill My Cup, Lord” – Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 “Fill My Cup, Lord” – Chancel Choir

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTING PROGRAM

WORD OF GOD Romans 5:1-8

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Offertory on 'Kedron'”

***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. 361 “Rock of Ages”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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

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 John 4:39-42

SERMON “Jesus Loves Nobodies”

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “The Solid Rock”**

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

The altar rail is always open.

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 23 Sunday: 8:15 - 64 10:45 – 82

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Norene Spitznogle

10:45 – Ethel Rosenberg & Burnetta Green

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group

10:45 – Lou Berta

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch 10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger
NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the worship services. The attendents today are Donna Weber & Dawn Capecci. In the event that no attendents are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.
ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in memory June Johnston's birthday from her family.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM 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.

Today, Sunday, March 19

Scout Recognition
 8:00 Prayer
 8:15 Worship Service
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Confirmation Class
 9:30 Membership Class
 10:45 Worship Service
 12:15 SonShiners

Monday, March 20

7:00 Dartball – H
 1:00 Happy Methodist Group
 (see announcement)

Tuesday, March 21

6:15 TOPS
 7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 22

Newsletter Deadline
 11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
 (First United Church of Christ, Main Street)
 1:00 Bible Study
 7:00 Women’s Book Study
 7:00 Youth Group

Thursday, March 23

6:15 C Bells
 6:30 NA
 7:15 Choir
 8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

Saturday, March 25

9:00 Church Cleaning Day
 (see announcement)
 6:00 Contemporary Worship Service
 7:00 Christian Singles

Next Sunday, March 26

8:00 Prayer
 8:15 Worship Service
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Confirmation Class
 9:30 Membership Class
 10:45 Worship Service
 12:15 SonShiners
 12:30 Gym in use
 3:30 LLS Cast – Full Cast, blocking – no music

Upcoming Dates To Remember
(please see the announcements in the bulletin)
 March 20 – Happy Methodist Group Lunch
 March 25 – Church Cleaning Day
 April 3 – Race for Grace

FUMC MEMBERSHIP: Want to be a member of our church? Please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or the church office (724-963-6858.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection for this Sundays will be given to “Race for Grace.” 10th Annual *Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk* will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Norwin High School. Go to www.reflectionsofgrace.org for more information on the race or to read Grace’s story.

FUMC Campers: 3/12- \$119.00

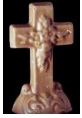
Hoagies are in!!! If you ordered a hoogie for the Camp Fundraiser, you can pick them up in the room off the narthex following both services today. Checks can be made payable to First UM. All hoagies



are \$6.50. We sold 56 hoagies in February and 48 hoagies in March. Our next sale will be April 9th and April 16th with delivery on April 23rd. Thank you for supporting our campers!

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

EASTER CANDY! Orders are due back to the church no later **today, March 19th**, 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 (April 9th) and will be available by family. 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.



Thank you, The FUMC Finance Committee

THE HAPPY METHODIST GROUP will be meeting at Rodney's restaurant on March 20th at 1:00 PM for lunch. Past and present members of our group are welcome. Please RSVP to Wendell & Sara Campbell (412-751-9767) by the March 18th.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY - SAVE THE DATE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 9:00 am

Each volunteer will be assigned a project area to work on your own or in small groups. Please bring your bucket and rags! All help will be used and appreciated! We have a large, old church and all areas need cleaned out and scrubbed down.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Rudy 724-493-3734

A CALL FOR PRAYER WARRIORS! Pastor Bruce is organizing an *Army of Prayer Warriors*. His challenge is to enlist members of our congregation to commit to the daily task of praying for a particular list of people from our church family. You will be given a "Prayer Warrior's Prayer Assignment Book" with guidelines for this program. Every 6 months you will receive a new list of prayer concerns and booklet. If you are interested in becoming one of FUMC's Prayer Warriors please see Pastor Bruce or call the office. He will give you more information on the program.



CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS. If you, or someone you know, have property – a car, jewelry, stocks, bonds, or other assets – and you would like to donate these items to our church, please contact Pastor Bruce Judy or the Finance Committee. We can make arrangements for a tax deductible transfer. For more information, or to see if your items are suitable, please contact Alan Painter at 724-446-0224.

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.

"WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE"

Midweek Lenten Services at First United Church of Christ on Main Street
These services are sponsored by the *Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship* group

11:30 AM – Hymn Sing 12:00 Noon – Worship 12:30 PM - Lunch ***

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| March 22nd | Topic: "The Living Body of Christ on Earth" | Speaker: Rev. Al Kimmel |
| March 29th | Topic: "How Humiliating" | Speaker: Rev. Nick Poole |
| April 5th | Topic: "How Exciting" | Speaker: Shelli Prindle |
| April 12th | Topic: "For Ever and Ever" | Speaker: Rev. Ronald Durika |

***Lunch provided (for a fee) by the Colonial Grille

NEW FLORIST FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: Starting April 2nd we have a new florist for altar flowers---Breitingers in White Oak. The cost will remain the same \$25.00. Please save the black vases and return to the office or set them outside the office door.(Our former florist, Gongaware & Parry, has retired and sold the property. We thank them for providing this service for us.) Hazuza's will continue to supply the Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day flowers. Please call Alice Hubert to order - 724-63-3901.

REMINDER: Youth group this Wednesday, and every Wednesday till summer break.
7:00pm till around 8:30pm
Invite friends!



If you have any questions, contact Stephen at 412-610-3289 (don't be afraid to leave a message) or at pastormannion@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The following opportunities for service will be on the clipboard today:

- 1) Assisting with the reception after Living Last Supper performance on April 11
- 2) Selling DVDs and other items at Living Last Supper performances April 11 and 13
- 3) Decorating for Easter (Good Friday afternoon)
- 4) Coordinating care packages for our college students during their finals (to be received the beginning of May)
- 5) Coordinating and assisting the Graduate Recognition celebration on June 4.
- 6) Coffee hour assistant (through December)

RACE FOR GRACE: The 10th Annual Race for Grace will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Join our team to run or walk and support a great cause. Discounted registration ended March 7th, but you can register and be guaranteed a t-shirt until April 3rd. Check out www.reflectionsofgrace.org for complete details and registration information. Our team name is "First United Methodist Church of Irwin". Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

WORK TRIP ADULT MEMBERS NEEDING CLEARANCES: All adults or youth 18 years old and will be out of high school this year who want to go on the work trip need to have a child abuse clearance and a criminal record check. Forms are in the office on the desk or they can be obtained on line.

Act 34 - PA criminal clearance- <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

Requester: First United Methodist Church 310 Oak Street Irwin, PA 15642-3558
724-863-6858

Check church

Act 151 - PA child abuse clearance - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

Check volunteer

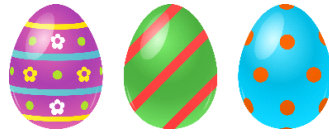
WORK TRIP TEAM MEMBERS - LAY GRANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: I do not know if monies are available from the conference for financial assistance in attending the work trip this year. All we can do is apply and see if there is some funding. Some years there has been money and other years there has not. I would like families with multiple people attending, youth, and any other individuals needing assistance in attending to consider filling out an application. Never should anyone not attend the work trip because of money. Our church family has been very generous in supporting our members and many have sponsored someone in the past.

The applications are on the desk in the church office. It will only take a few minutes to fill out the form. Place the completed form in our mail slot (second row, second from left). DO NOT HAVE THE FORM SIGNED BY PASTOR BRUCE - I will give him all the forms at one time. I would like the completed forms back to me by Easter, April 16th. I need to have them to conference that week to be considered for June.

Any questions - Pat Osterman email: namretsojp@gmail.com

A Simple Truth:

...You Are Loved!



You are invited to hear the story of God's great love for you, followed by our annual Egg Hunt on Palm Sun., Apr. 9th, 9:30-10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Remember the wonderful story of Holy Week/Easter & talk about Christian symbols. The egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. All ages welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping – just 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 9th!

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call the office or Pastor Bruce to let us know. We will need the name of the patient, the hospital and the room number if available. 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.