



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

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 – Nellie Wiancko

10:45 – Barb Worthington

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.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Prepare the Way” - Chancel Choir

Jesus (Jason Kirsch) and SonShiners

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Mike Andrison (Matthew), Bryan Campbell (Judas)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 167 Philippians 2:5-11**

L: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

P: ... but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.

L: And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

P: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

L: ... that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

P: ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

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

***CELEBRATION HYMN No. 2075 “King of Kings”**

ANTHEM “Messiah Comes” Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Psalm 100

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

***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. 277 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

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 11:1-11**

SERMON "The Triumphant Entry"

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2069 "All Hail King Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "With Palms Before Him Went"**

***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 - 63 10:45 – 88

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Mike, Anne, Philip & Charlie Osborn
10:45 – Kathy & Alyssa Wagner

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

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – John Johnston, Bernie Johnston
10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger

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.

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.

EASTER BASKETS: All donations are due back to church today. If you haven't returned the items you selected please contact Anne Osborn at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

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.

Today, Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday
Easter Candy Pick-up
8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School - Passover Seder
(see announcement)
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 LLS Set-up
1:00 Gym in use
6:00 LLS Dress Rehearsal

Monday, March 26

6:30 Grief Support
7:00 Dartball - Home

Tuesday, March 27

6:00 NA
6:00 Adult Study Group
7:00 Living Last Supper

Wednesday, March 28

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service at
1st United Church of Christ
400 Main Street, Irwin
No Youth Center
6:00 Healing Service

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday
6:30 NA
7:00 Living Last Supper

Friday, March 30

Good Friday
Irwin Walk of the Cross
12:15 - First Presbyterian Church – 617 Main St.
12:45 - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – 502 Main St.
1:15 - First United Methodist Church – 310 Oak St.

Saturday, March 31

6:00 Contemporary Worship

Next Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday
8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 3rd. We will reopen on Wednesday, April 4th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/25/2018

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection this week will be given to *Ronald McDonald House*. A Ronald McDonald House is that “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost the RMHC Global Policy is that families are never turned away; if it’s not possible to pay, the fee is waived.

<http://www.rmhc.org/ronald-mcdonald-house>

UMCOR 3/11/2018 - \$103.50 3/18/18 - \$131.50

LAY SCHOLARSHIP FORMS FOR WORK TRIP - We are going to try and submit the lay scholarship forms to help defray some of the cost for the team attending the work trip (food and rooms at Alderson Broaddus University). If you are unable to attend the meeting this afternoon, the forms are on the desk in the church office. We will not know until right before we leave if monies are available. The completed forms can be mailed to Patty or placed in our mail slot in the church office. We need to have the completed forms by April 1st- Easter.

Thank you



Youth Center will continue all summer! Join us each Wednesday from 5-8pm. All students grade 6-12 welcome! **No youth center Holy week!**

Fish and Chips (Youth Church)! Join us Sunday mornings! See the youth page on the website for the schedule.

Idlewild! Mark your calendar for June 3rd for our summer launch trip to Idlewild and Soak

Zone. Stay tuned for how to get the half-price tickets!

Youth Sunday coming April 29th. The youth will do both services that week! Come to Fish and Chips to learn how you can participate!

Volunteers Needed! The youth center has grown and is in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, or have a question, contact Pastor Stephen at 412-610-3289 or pastormannion@gmail.com.



Camp Fundraiser... We will be doing two more months of selling hoagies, pizzas and pepperoni rolls! The April Sale is going on now through April 15th with the delivery date being Sunday, April 22nd. All proceeds go to the General Camp Fund. Order forms can be found on the Camp Table in the narthex. The pizzas and pepperoni rolls can be frozen and eaten at a later time! We sold 75 items in February and 60 items in March. Thank you for supporting our campers!

Register now for any camp you are planning to attend to hold your spot. Many camps fill up quickly.

Camp brochures are on the Camp Table in the narthex. Our church pays 40% of the total cost for any church member. Additional monies can be given through Jumonville, Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods, so don't let the cost keep you from going! **There is nothing s'more fun than camp!**

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

PRAYER WARRIORS UNITE! We are just about ready to begin this vital prayer ministry and the devil has been fighting us all the way. If you are willing to pray for a list of people that you will be given – daily – then sign up or let Suzanne Shade know @724-221-2190 or text her. There will be an anointing service to kick off the prayer warrior ministry.

11TH ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE – APRIL 7TH

Please join us to run, walk or cheer! Complete race details can be found at reflectionsofgrace.org Currently, online registration is \$25 (plus fee). Online registration closes April 2nd. For more information about the FUMC Team, please contact Anne at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.



The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY

Did you ever want to learn to quilt or volunteer your time for a good cause? We have just the mission activity for you. The Stitch in Faith Quilting Ministry meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 on the 3rd floor. To find our sewing room make a right at the top of the stairs, through the double doors and straight ahead. (If you turn left it leads to the balcony) If you have any questions see Mary

Reed (instructor) or Cindi Painter.

We have several baby prayer quilts dedicated and are available in the basket next to the Prayer Shawls in the Sanctuary. (During Holy Week they will be in the Little Parlor next to Pastor Judy's office.)

HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRY

Did you ever want to learn to knit or crochet? Every Sunday we meet in the Little Parlor from 9:30 to 10:30. It's a relaxed class--a short devotional, some sharing all the while we work with yarn. If you want to learn how to knit/crochet or if you have any questions, see Burnetta Green or Cindi Painter.



We make Prayer Shawls & Scarves, Lap Afghans, larger Afghans, capes, pocket Prayer Shawls, Prayer Circles, baby hats, baby blankets and slippers. There are several items dedicated and in the Sanctuary. (During Holy Week they will be in the Little Parlor next to Pastor Judy's office.)

Many thanks for the beautiful works donated and dedicated March 11th.

These items are prayerfully made & our prayer is for the receiver to feel the touch of God's Unconditional Love!



TAKEOUT SPUD BAR: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a takeout spud bar on April 22nd. Spuds, toppings and some sweet treats will be available after both services Sunday morning.

Soles4Souls In the month of April, the Outreach Committee will collect new and gently used shoes for Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity, founded in 2006, that collects new and used shoes and redistributes them through direct donations to people in need and through micro-enterprise partners. Since they began, Soles4Souls has distributed over 30 million pairs of shoes to people in over 127 countries. Shoes of any type are welcomed for kids to adult from sandals to boots! Please donate shoes by placing them in the basket in the Narthex.



LEVEL GREEN LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Level Green Community Building, 123 Murrysville Road, Trafford, PA

Monday, April 2nd, Noon to 5 PM.

Contact centralbloodbank.org or call 1-866-366-6771 for an appointment.



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday at both services on the Sunday after Easter, April 8. What IS Holy Humor Sunday?

The idea behind it is that God played the greatest practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. One website about this special Sunday states:

“Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

“From time to time in our earthly lives, many of us have been dead - from illness, depression, physical injuries, emotional wounds, the loss of loved ones, financial losses - and yet have come alive and endured while looking forward to the Great Resurrection.

Laughter releases tension, and we have enough of that these days. We all need to stop taking ourselves so seriously. We need to recognize that this is really God's world, and He has so much in store for us. We put too much emphasis on what's wrong and what's bad with it.

As a part of the festivities, we are proclaiming April 8 as Holy Humor Headpiece Day. We are asking everyone in attendance to wear SOMETHING on their head and the BRIGHTEST COLORED CLOTHING in their closet. Feel free to be as silly as you can. This is a chance for everyone to relax, smile, even (GASP!) LAUGH in church! Celebrate the joy we find in our faith!

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. The final choir rehearsal is at 8:15 this Thursday.

“Two Bucks Campaign”! Thank You for the **Two Buck Campaign** Response!

The Finance Committee wants to say THANK YOU for your response with the Two Buck Campaign. Your prayers, commitment and contributions in helping our Church meet the 2018 Connectional Apportionment deficit is very appreciated. In case you need a Commitment card, they are available in the narthex literature stand. Before signing your card, pray about your commitment then sign it and place in the offering plate. The April offering envelopes will have a line for you to indicate your Two Buck Campaign gift.

Please continue to pray for this campaign, encourage each other and support the 2018 Connectional Apportionment.

His Blessings Abound!

In Christ, The Finance Committee

To date we have 30 pledges which, when paid, will total \$4,190.00.

REMINDER! We have a beautiful church with many wonderful fellowship areas. While our custodians try to accommodate requests from groups meeting in our building, they have numerous jobs to do on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of each group meeting here to:

- set up their area
- clean up the area when they are finished (including wiping off tables & countertops, mopping the floor, placing trash in the trash can, running the vacuum, etc.)
- take any used towels or dishcloths home to launder and then return them to where they belong.
- contact the church office or custodian with any problems that arise while using the building.

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.
