

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday

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 **“Prepare the Way” - Chancel Choir**

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Matthew (Steve Halza) & Judas Iscariot (Bryan Campbell)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Give thanks to God,

P: ... whose steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give praise to the one who comes in God's name.

P: We wave our palms in praise and celebration.

L: This is the day that our God has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad. **Hosanna!**

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of steadfast love, we celebrate the coming of your Messiah with glad songs and hosannas. We wave our palms and cheer. May we wholeheartedly celebrate the life, the foreboding, and the love and grace that this day symbolizes, even while clouds gather on the horizon. As we hear a familiar story told once more, open our hearts to receive these words anew, that they may shape our lives and faith. Amen

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

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for the “Eastbrook Mission Barn”

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM **“All Glory, Laud and Honor” - Cathedral Bells**

RESPONSIVE READING No. 839 **Psalm 118**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Sing Hosannas to the King”

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who lay their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 280 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

The 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) Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 166 “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Ride On, O King, Ride On!”**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be given to The Eastbrook Mission Barn which is one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots across the United States. In 2000, Eastbrook United Methodist Church acquired a former dairy barn as part of its purchase of a new parsonage. In 2008, the church began using the heated office space to store UMCOR cleaning buckets. Today, it is dedicated to storing relief supplies year-round, as well as to providing a work space for volunteers.

Eastbrook Mission Barn: 3/22 - \$227.00

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY is April 12. We will continue the celebration of the joyous Easter season at both services with Holy Humor Hat Day. Start planning for your creative headpiece to wear during the services.

This year there also will be a potluck luncheon in the gym after the 10:45 AM service. Everyone should bring a “humorous” dish to pass (enough for 10 – 12 people). This could be a silly variation on a “normal” dish (green eggs and ham?) or a normal dish with a humorous name (name cards will be provided) or presented in a

humorous way. Use your imagination. The church will supply plates, cups, plastic ware, and drinks. During the luncheon we will have a hat fashion show of all your creations.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 Confirmation Class
- 9:30 Easter Party
- 10:45 Worship
- 1:00 Gym in use
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
- 2:30 LLS Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

7:00 Living Last Supper

Friday, April 3

12:00 Noon – Walk of the Cross
(See schedule in the announcements)

Saturday, April 4

12:00 Noon - Visitation with the Hazel Hawley Family
1:00 Hazel Hawley Memorial Service
6:00 Alternative Worship

Monday, March 30

- 7:00 District Office Meeting
- 7:00 Dartball –make up games

Tuesday, March 31

- No Men’s Work Group
- 7:00 Living Last Supper
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 1

- 11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
@ United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
- 7:00 Yoga

Next Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 Confirmation Class
- 9:30 Easter Party
- 10:45 Worship
- No Youth Group Meetings
- No Music Group Practices

There will be no rehearsals for SonShiners and Temple Bells until April 19th.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER is this week. The performances will be on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM. Please attend and invite someone to attend with you. Cookies are needed for the reception on Tuesday night. Cookies may be left in the parlor kitchen any time until Tuesday evening. Thank you for your part in making our guests feel welcome.



SUMMER CAMP NEWS... Camp Brochures are in! Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny and Jumonville offer new camps each year. Pick up a booklet in the narthex for information on any of these three UM Church Camps and submit your registration form to the church office.

2015 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services

Promises, Promises, Promises: God Redeems Us

Sponsored by the 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 starts at 12:30PM

Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron – Signer: Connie Bridgeman

Wednesday, April 1 – Topic: The New Covenant

Speaker: Dr. Ronald Wakeman

***Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille – Cost - \$6.00**

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, April 3, 2015

SCHEDULE:

THEME:

Implements of the Passion

SPEAKER:

12:15PM

Matthew 27:24-26

(The Whip)

First United Church of Christ
400 Main Street
724-863-0430

Bruce Anthony

724-834-0567

12:45PM

Mark 15:16-20

(The Crown)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Main Street
724-863-7350

Ray Lyon

724-864-1581

1:15PM

Matthew 27:57-61

(The Robe)

First Presbyterian Church
617 Main Street
724-863-5910

Nick Poole

412-980-0401

1:45PM

Luke 23: 32-47

(The Cross)

First Assembly of God Church
501 Oak Street
724-863-2500

Ron Durika

2:15PM

John 19:31-37

(The Spear)

Bethel AME Church
304 Walnut Street
724-863-5254

Doug Burns

2:45PM

Mark 15:42-47

(The Shroud)

First United Methodist Church
310 Oak Street
724-863-6858

Patrick Ewing