



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 2, 2014

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion

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 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Climb the mountain of God and wait ... wait for God's glory, which shines like the sun.

P: We will climb the mountain of God and wait for the dawn.

L: Climb the mountain of God and wait ... wait to see Jesus as he truly is.

P: We will climb the mountain of God and wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

L: Climb the mountain of God and wait ... wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

P: We will climb the mountain of God and wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

L: Climb the mountain of God and wait ... wait to behold God's glory.

P: We will climb the mountain of God and wait to see God's light shining like the sun.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Source of Light and Love, as you appeared to your servant Moses like a devouring fire on Mount Sinai, so appear to us in power and might during our time of worship; as you revealed to Christ's disciples the light within their beloved friend and master, so reveal your light to us in acts of Christian love and sharing during our time together. Transform us with the light of your hope and love, that our souls might shine your light through Christ, our Light, into a world shrouded in darkness and despair. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 176 “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM 8:15 – “Be Thou My Vision”

10:45 – “We Lift the Light of Hope” - Chancel Choir

***SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV) Matthew 17:1-9 (Please Stand)**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

***DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

“These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Holy and transforming God, far too often we have wanted keep you up on a mountain, uninvolved in the decisions we make or the way we respond to one another. Through Christ, you lead us down, back into the world. You push us back into life that we might see you in the opportunities to extend love and grace to those who suffer, thinking they are beyond the reach of your love. May the gifts we give now move from being an act of worship to an act of compassion, finding places where they can be the balm that heals. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 351 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”
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) 2 Peter 1:16-21**
SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT – (All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 371 “I Stand Amazed in the Presence”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “‘Duke Street’ Variations”**

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

We express our Christian sympathy to Norma Swope and her family with the death of her husband, William W. Swope who passed away on Wednesday, February 26th.
May God comfort and bless them.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: A number of members did not receive envelopes this month. We are not sure why, possibly the weather played a part in it. If you did not receive envelopes, please use an old envelope you may have at home or use an envelope out of the pew pocket. Make sure your name is on the outside, especially if it contains cash. If you do not know your envelope number we will look it up in the office. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this Sundays will be given as a love gift to Rose & Josh Rosenberg and their children. The Rosenbergs lost their house in a fire on Thursday. While they were not home at the time of the fire and are safe, their two dogs perished in the fire.

Disability Awareness 2/23/14 - \$323.81

Next Sunday, March 9th ...



PLEASE SIGN IN: For insurance purposes, please sign in the volunteer booklet whenever you are in the building at times other than for regular group meetings. Church Mutual Insurance Company insists that we keep a log of everyone who is in the church outside of regular worship services and regular meetings. There is a sign-in booklet on the half door at the office and also in the kitchen on the gym level.



DO YOU DO CARPENTRY FINISHING WORK? The Trustees are looking for a carpenter to do some finishing work around the church. If you are interested or know someone who can do finishing work, please contact one of the Trustees or the church office.

7TH ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE 5K & 1 MILE WALK will be held Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Norwin High School. Pre-race activities begin at 7:00 AM. Become a member of our church team! To register online: Step 1-www.active.com Step 2-type **Race for Grace** on Search line. Step 3-Click on Race for Grace. Step 4- Click on the " Register Now" block. Step 5-Click on "First United Methodist Church" on drop down list. Adult 5K Run, 5K Walk, or 1 Mile Walk is \$20 prior to March 1st and \$25 after. Children (12 and under) is \$15 prior to March 1st and \$20 after. Registration forms will also be available in the church office.

WOMAN'S BOOK STUDY - The next study, "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado, begins on March 12th at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. Please join us - all ladies are welcome!

THE UPPER ROOM daily devotion for March and April is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Lenten devotionals begin in this issue. Pick one up this morning.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NEED A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY GIFT FOR ANYONE THE YEAR? There are left over RADA black handle paring knives vegetable peelers in the church office. There are envelopes inside the your money in and then drop it in the church door slot. Please mark it The paring knives are \$4.50 and the vegetable peelers are \$6.00. Monies from this sale will continue to go to our Connectional Apportionment for 2014 (Mission Share).



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and black handle
box for you to put
RADA Cutlery.

Think Spring...and Think Easter! The Wilson Candies brochures are in! The Finance Committee will be selling Easter candy starting today through Sunday, March 16th. Brochures and order forms are available on a table in the narthex. There are 33 irresistible items to choose from...so please encourage any family members, co-workers, neighbors and friends to order their Easter chocolates from us! After all...who doesn't love chocolate! All checks can be made payable to First United Methodist. Please deposit all money and order forms in the door slot of the church office. Return the color brochure to the Finance Mailbox in the church office so we can recycle them. We will make copies of order forms as needed. Candy orders will be available after both services on April 6th. A 30% profit will be made on this sale and all proceeds will go towards our Connectional Apportionments (Mission Share) for 2014.

Thank you in advance for your support on this fundraiser!

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm. Join us in the gym for a simple meal of soup and bread as we begin our Lenten journeys. Then move up to the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00. We hope to see many of you there. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the office.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE: Free Income Tax Service will again be offered for taxpayers in this area who have low and moderate incomes. This assistance will come from IRS trained volunteer tax councilors who will help in the preparation of Federal and State income tax returns, and for those who qualify, PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board at the parking lot entrance for more details, places, dates, and times.



CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS - There will be a laundry basket in the narthex to collect gently used clothing, shoes, purses, belts and hats. **Please be sure to bag your donations.** Our Mission Partner from the conference center will be delivering a bin to our church by the end of February. This bin will be situated on the Children's Sunday School level - Preschool classroom. You can either drop items in the laundry basket, or use the bin! It's a great time to do your Spring Clean Out...and help to send some kids to camp! Thank you...from an adult camper!

CAMP REGISTRATION PROCEDURE...So you've decided on a camp that you really want to attend, but not sure how to register? Follow these 3 Easy Steps!

1. Fill out the form located in the brochure or print one from your camp's website. (There is a \$10 discount applied if you pay your balance by May 1st!)
2. Turn your form in to the church office.
3. Start preparing for the best week of your summer!

FROM THE GREENSBURG DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST: Wednesday, March 5, 2014: A list of locations for the breakfast is posted on the bulletin board. All Ash Wednesday Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

Mark your calendars...

Spring Meeting: April 5, 2014 at Delmont: Faith UMC – Speaker: Kathy Clark
Day Apart: September 3, 2014 at Camp Allegheny – Speaker: Luella Krieger
Fall Meeting: October 16, 2014 at Murrysville: First UMC – Speaker: TBA



OUTREACH SOUP LUNCHEON: Our next soup luncheon will be held Sunday, March 23, 2014 following the second service. We are asking for soup makers, donation of cakes for desserts, and many hearty appetites!

OUR CHURCH HAS THE BEST SOUP AND DESSERT MAKERS AND WE WILL CHALLENGE ANY CHURCH TO SOUP WARS!

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, March 2
8th Sunday after Epiphany**

Holy Communion

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
No FISH & CHIPS
No Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

Monday, March 3

7:00 Dartball -H

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 Men's Work Team
5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:00 Outreach
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 5

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
6:30 Fellowship Soup & Salad
6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, March 6

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:00 Nurture
7:15 Choir

Friday, March 7

6:30 Gym in use

Saturday, March 8

Gym in use

Next Sunday, March 9

9th Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
2:00 Lay Ministry School (Community UMC)
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners



Sunday, March 9, 2014

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