



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**March 8, 2015**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**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 8:15 - "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

**10:45 – "Meditation" - Cathedral Bells**

**LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY**

**John, Simon, the Zealot**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** The heavens shout out the glories of the Lord.

**P:** God's handiwork is written across the skies.

**L:** The music of creation sings throughout the earth.

**P:** Day by day, night by night, in word and in song, declare the glories of the Lord!

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Lord, as we gather together in your house, we leave the ways of the world behind. We seek only to worship you in spirit and in truth, letting nothing come between us. We want only to be enriched by your wisdom, your strength, your ways, and your love. Bless all who have come to seek you, on this, your holy day. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (page 39)**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**BAPTISM SONG "Welcome the Child"**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 77**      **“How Great Thou Art”**  
*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

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

**ANTHEM**      **8:15 “The Name”**  
**10:45 “I Worship You, O Lord” – SonShiners**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 750**      **Psalm 19**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      **“Hear Now My Humble Prayer”**

**\*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**

Holy God, Creator and Redeemer, you have commanded us to put no other gods before you. Often, our lives have demonstrated that we have done the opposite. We worship “gods” of power, wealth, beauty, popularity and self-gratification, to name only a few. As we give our gifts to you, we proclaim you as the one and only God of love, deserving of our dedication and praise. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 361 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

**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) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 3105 “In Christ Alone”**  
*The Altar is open during the hymn.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING**      **“Festivity on ‘Come Thou Fount”**

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

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**CANCELLING WORSHIP SERVICES: Unless state officials declare a “State of Emergency” which requires all non-emergency personnel to stay off the roads, worship services will be held here at FUMC.** Please evaluate the roads in your area to determine if they are safely passable. If you are not comfortable traveling on the roads surrounding your house, please stay safe and stay home.

In the event that Rev. Lake does cancel services, he will contact the area TV stations, provide them with the cancellation code for our church, and give them specific information. The cancellation will then be listed with others in the area.

Please do not call the church to see if services are being held. This takes our custodian away from his tasks of preparing the building for services, clearing snow and ice and spreading salt on the sidewalks, and in every way ensuring that our property is safe for our worshipers and the community.

Winter weather is always unpredictable. All-in-all, please use your best judgment, err on the side of caution, and stay safe.

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**  
**The Gym will be closed through Thursday, March 12**

**Today, Sunday, March 8**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent/ Baptism Sunday**  
**Daylight Savings Time begins**  
(Turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

**Coffee Hour**  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 Confirmation Class  
10:45 Worship  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
2:30 LLS Cast Rehearsal  
4:00 Temple Bells  
4:45 SonShiners

**Monday, March 9**  
10:00 UM Women  
6:00 Assembly Room in use  
6:30 Grief Support  
7:00 Dartball –A

**Tuesday, March 10**  
9:00 Men’s Work Group  
6:15 TOPS  
6:30 Witness  
7:00 Trustees  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, March 11**  
10:00 Women’s Bible Study  
11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service  
@ United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin  
7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, March 12**  
6:15 C Bells  
7:00 Disciple  
7:15 Choir  
8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

**Friday, March 13**  
9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed  
Gym Closed

**Saturday, March 7**  
9:00 Food Bank - help needed  
6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, March 15**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 Confirmation Class  
10:45 Worship  
1:00 Norwin Lions Cupcake Wars  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
2:30 LLS Cast Rehearsal  
4:00 Temple Bells  
4:45 SonShiners

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children’s collection will be for the *Meals on Wheels* program. *Meals on Wheels* focuses on caring for individuals whose diminished mobility makes it hard to shop for food, prepare meals or socialize with others. Generally programs serve adults 60 and over, although age requirements can vary by program and areas served. People who are mobile enough to join others for meals in a group setting where seniors congregate, like senior centers and cafes, are encouraged to do so; while others less mobile may qualify for home delivery.

Human Relations Day: 3/1 - \$88.00

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**SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a soup luncheon on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Get your crockpots ready! A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex for both soups and cakes. Join us after the second service on March 15<sup>th</sup> for a great lunch and fellowship.

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation. If you have a copy of "The Layman's Bible Handbook" please bring it to class with you along with your Bible.

Any woman wanting to know more about the Bible is welcome to attend our monthly class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.

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**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.

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**THE LIVING LAST SUPPER** publicity materials (yard signs, poster and "pocket posters") are available in the narthex (entrance hall). If you post your poster or yard sign on someone else's property, please be sure to ask permission first and remove the material after the performances.

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**SUMMER CAMP NEWS...** Camp Brochures are in! Camp Sunday was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> and coffee, hot chocolate, bugs on a log and indoor s'mores were served after both services! 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. You can also register online. If you register online, please contact the office to get your campership funding. Debbie, our church financial secretary will then send off your registration along with a church check for 30% of the total event payment to the camp of your choice. This will save your spot. You can make payments over the next few months, or if additional funding is needed, you can contact that camp and ask for scholarship. There are monies available for anyone to attend camp! I hope that you will experience camping this year...the best week of the summer!

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to our "Clean Clothes for Campers". This is an ongoing project and all the monies collected from donations go directly to our Campership Funding.

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**THE 3RD ANNUAL NORWIN LIONS CLUB CUBCAKE WARS**  
**Sunday, March 15, 2015 - 1:00-4:00 PM**  
**Excelsa Square at Norwin**

Contact Dina Denning at [dina@csdistore.com](mailto:dina@csdistore.com) or 724-875-7879 for more details.

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NORWIN KITTY SACK PROJECT**

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## God's Great Love for Us!



All ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Let's remember the wonderful story of Easter & talk about some Christian symbols. An egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. Adults welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping & you should also 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 March 29<sup>th</sup>!**

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### SAFE SANCTUARIES 2015

*The changes in PA law that you need to know.*

Earlier this year, Governor Corbett signed into law House Bill 435 to increase protection for children and youth in Pennsylvania. There are several aspects to HB 435 that will affect the local church.

**CORRECTION: Due to the complexity of the new PA laws surrounding HB 435, there was incorrect information initially provided. Clearances need to be obtained for volunteers beginning at age 18 (not 14).** The clearances needed are the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33), and possibly the FBI Record check if the individual has not been a PA resident for at least 10 year.

If you volunteer or are involved with the children of the church you may need to update your clearances. There is a binder in the office with the names and dates of the clearances we have on file. Please check the binder, if you are in the gray area you will need to up date your clearances. There will be forms available in the office. Please use the envelope provided and place the completed clearance forms in the office door slot. The church will pay the fees. The completed forms have your personal information on them. Please do not leave the completed forms lay on the desk or in a mailbox.

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## 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, March 11** – Topic: The Land Covenant

Speaker: Abraham Sandler

**Wednesday, March 18** – Topic: The Mosaic Covenant

Speaker: Rev. Ron Durika

**Wednesday, March 25** – Topic: The Davidic Covenant

Speaker: Sherri Pridle

**Wednesday, April 1** – Topic: The New Covenant

Speaker: Dr. Ronald Wakeman

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

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