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**May 11, 2014**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

**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**      **“God, Give Us Christian Homes”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Christ, our shepherd, calls us here.

**P:** **God's gate of love has swung wide!**

**L:** Jesus, our brother, welcomes us home.

**P:** **The family of God embraces us all.**

**L:** Our mothering God invites us with love.

**P:** **For we are all precious sheep in God's pasture.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of love and grace, as you swing wide the gate of welcome this day, strengthen us to walk through the gate of your love and mercy. Protect us from harm as we lie down in the fields of your mercy and rise again to travel this journey of faith. Speak to us through your teachings this day, that we may devote ourselves to your guidance and feed on your life-giving word. In the beloved name of Jesus, our shepherd, we pray. 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. 381**      **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**ANTHEM**                    **8:15 - “Far Above Riches”**  
**10:45 - “Great Shepherd”– SonShiners**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING No 754            “Psalm 23”**

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

**OFFERTORY**            **8:15 - “When There’s Love at Home”**  
**10:45 - “Far Above Riches”**

**\* DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**  
**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)**  
**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Holy God, as we give these tithes and offerings to you this morning, help us to be like the sheep that know the voice of their shepherd. Guide us where you would have us go. Steer us to the work you would have us do. Unstop our ears to the pleas for justice, mercy, compassion, and hope that are all around us. Open our eyes to your vision for your kingdom here on earth! In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 561                    “Jesus, United by Thy Grace”**  
*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) Acts 2:42-47**

**SERMON**

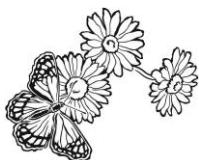
**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 557                    “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

**BENEDICTION**

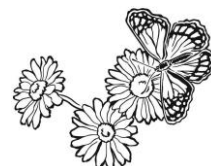
**\*MUSIC OF PARTING            “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

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

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*Thanks to the Witness Committee for the lovely  
Mother’s Day garden display in the West Transept.*



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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, May 11**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day/Baptism Sunday**  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
No Music group practices  
No Youth group meetings

**Wednesday, May 14**  
10:00 Women's Bible Study  
6:30 Good Grief  
7:00 Yoga  
**Thursday, May 15**  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Chicken Dinner  
7:15 Choir

**Monday, May 12**  
10:00 UM Women  
Program - "Mary, Mother of Jesus"  
by Nancy Wallace

**Next Sunday, May 18**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Teacher Appreciation Sunday**  
**Spud Bar** (see announcement)  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
4:00 Temple Bells

**Tuesday, May 13**  
12:00 Happy Methodist Group @ FUMC  
6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Trustees  
7:00 Disciple 3  
7:30 NA

*The Gym will be closed this week to prepare for the Chicken Dinner on Thursday.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** The Children's Collections this week will be given to Blackburn Center for use in assisting abused women & children in our area.

Greensburg District: 5/4/2014 - \$247.38

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Our next class will meet on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and will be the last of this season. At this class we will study the Book of Esther, completing our study of the women mentioned in the Old Testament. Then, in September, we will begin to study the women of the New Testament. Any woman wanting to know more about the Bible is welcome to attend our informal monthly class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.



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The Methodist Men will have their famous chicken dinner on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 (under 5 years of age are free.) Only 200 tickets will be sold. See one of the Methodist Men for more information or to purchase a ticket.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The last day for youth Sunday School classes will be May 18. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in the fall!

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**TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY:** Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to thank our Sunday School teachers for their dedication and service to our church.



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There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting immediately following the second service on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone helping with VBS is asked to attend. For more information please contact Penny Brant.

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**SPUD BAR:** The Outreach committee is sponsoring its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spud Bar on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be take out available after the 8:15 service and take out or eat in after the 10:45 service with lots of toppings to choose from. Please plan to help us make our 4<sup>th</sup> year the best. Don't forget to invite family and friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



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**2014 RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP:** The dates for this year's work trip are June 22-25. We will be building a one room addition onto the mobile home of Marsha Menear. She is a widow and has a 17 year old son, David. A friend, Lucy, is also living with them. Currently Lucy and Marsha are sharing a room. We will also be taking a complete bedroom down with us to place in the new bedroom. Envelopes are in the pews if you would like to donate to the mission trip. A budget of \$4500.00 will probably be realized to complete the project.

-To possibly help defray some of the cost for our room and food- there are lay grant scholarship forms located on the desk in the church office. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form. Place it in our church mail slot "Osterman". Forms need returned today- May 11th so that they can be turned into conference.

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**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** On Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be celebrating Graduation Sunday. Immediately following the 10:45 service, all are invited to join the graduates in the gym to offer congratulations, and share in a time of fellowship. We will again be serving a nacho bar and cake. Please join us and show your support for our graduates and celebrate all they have accomplished as they begin the next chapter in their lives.



It is our wish to honor all those graduating this year so if you or a family member is graduating High school or college please contact the church office and let them know the name of the graduate and the details of their graduation.

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**Coming soon...**The Finance Committee is participating in the Ethnic Food Festival & Craft Show on Saturday, June 14th. Come visit our church table and eat some Strawberry Shortcake! Tables will be lined up along Main Street in Irwin - more info later as to where our table will be situated. The Festival is from 9 to 3. Please contact

Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com if you can donate either a case of water or an Angel Food Cake. Mark your calendars for this "heavenly" dessert day!

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**THE UPPER ROOM** daily devotion for May and June is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up this morning.

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**GOOD NEWS FOR JUMONVILLE CAMPERS!!!** Jumonville has extended the final payment due date for camp! Last year your balance needed to be paid by May 1st, or a \$10 fee was added. This year the balance needs to be paid by **May 15th**. More good news for campers...our church still has money in the campership fund to help out any camper of any age! Please register this week so you can start counting down the days to have the best week of your summer! Swimming, Hiking, Smore's and Singing sounds like fun to me!

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**CHURCH PICNIC:** Mark your calendars now for the church picnic on August 18, 2014, at Oak Hollow Park. Please note that this is a **MONDAY EVENING**. More details to follow.

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An evening with nationally recognized youth speaker, Bill Sanders. Bill Sanders is an accomplished speaker and author who has been speaking to students and parents for over 30 years. He has authored 15 books for teens and parents and was featured in *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*. Bill is known for being able to connect with students in a relatable way and relay truths about bullying, peer-pressure, honesty, and so much more. He spoke to the Columbine community following their tragedy and can help students to process what they are feeling. This free event is open to the entire community. Bring your friends, neighbors, and anyone you know who has been affected. Let's help our Students Heal.

We are welcoming anyone who would want to hear this dynamic speaker, Bill Sanders, to attend this 'Night of Healing' at the First United Methodist Church of Murrysville @ 3916 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville. We are asking churches if they plan to bring a group, to contact First UMC by e-mail [firstumc@murrysvilleumc.org](mailto:firstumc@murrysvilleumc.org) or calling 724-327-5049. For more information, check out our website: [murrysvilleumc.org](http://murrysvilleumc.org).