

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

724-863-6858

www.irwinfirstumc.org

irwinfirstumc@comcast.net

Rev. David S. Lake – Pastor

Zaq Phillips – Youth Minister

Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry

**Teacher**



**Appreciation**

---

**May 18, 2014**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Teacher Appreciation 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**      **“Jesus Loves Me”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** God calls us in the midst of our lives:

**P:** "Pause a while and know that I am God."

**L:** God calls us from our lofty ambitions, our self-importance, from our occupations with marvels and matters beyond our scope:

**P:** "Let be and learn that I am God."

**L:** Come, behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

**P:** God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in time of trouble.

**L:** People of God, hope in our God.

**P:** Enough for us to calm and quiet our souls like a child quieted at its mother's breast.

**L:** God is with us, now and forevermore!

**P:** Amen.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy, merciful, builder of eternity, you have filled us with the desire to know you, and to live in the refuge of your embrace. You have shown us your face in the face of Jesus, your Holy Child, the one who has promised to do whatever we ask in his name. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may stand like your servant, Stephen, as witnesses to your love. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 558**      **“We Are the Church”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**ANTHEM**      **8:15** “Let The River Flow” –

**10:45** “Let The River Flow” - Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE READING No 764 Psalm 31: 1-16**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY “Commemoration”**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God, our unshakeable foundation! So much in our lives is in a constant state of change, the new becoming old so quickly. We need to be reminded of that which is the cornerstone of our lives – the Risen Christ! As we offer our gifts to you, remind us that your love, and the compassion, humility, hunger for justice the Christ taught us as disciples are constants. Help us to be open to new things, new ideas, and new ways to serve you, keeping Christ as our cornerstone! In his wonderful name, we pray. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 397 “I Need Thee Every Hour”  
*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) 1 Peter 2:2-10**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 530 “Are Ye Able”**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Come We that Love the Lord”**

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**GREETINGS FROM THE BYKOTA CLASS! (Be Ye Kind One To Another, Ephesians 4:32) We meet in the Parlor from 9:30 – 10:30 AM each Sunday. Our class continues through the summer months as well as the rest of the year, and is open to adults of all ages. We will be studying Paul’s letters in lessons from the “Journey through the Bible” series. We offer a warm welcome to any adult who would like to visit or join our class.**

Here’s hoping to see you on Sunday.

\*\*\*\*\*

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, 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 20**

6:15 TOPS

7:00 Church Council

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, May 21**

7:00 Women's Book Study

7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, May 22**

7:15 Choir

**Next Sunday, May 25**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

4:00 Temple Bells

\*\*\*\*\*

**SPUD BAR:** The Outreach committee is sponsoring its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spud Bar on today. 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. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



\*\*\*\*\*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The Vacation Bible School meeting scheduled for today has been changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers to help with VBS are desperately needed. VBS is July 14 -18.

\*\*\*\*\*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY:** Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be celebrated today. Please take a moment to thank our Sunday School teachers for their dedication and service to our church.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*

**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** The Children's Collections this week will be given to the Worktrip team to help defer the cost of their upcoming trip to Philippi, WV. Please see the announcement below for more details on this year's trip.

Blackburn Center: 5/1/2014 - \$239.90

\*\*\*\*\*

**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 Marsha and Lucy are sharing a room. We will also be taking a complete bedroom set down with us to place in the new bedroom. If you would like to

contribute to the mission project, envelopes are in the pews. A budget of \$4500.00 will probably be realized to complete the project. Check the poster in the narthex showing the planned room and updates on donations to the project.

\*\*\*\*\*

**ETHNIC FOOD FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW...**Mark your calendars to attend this event along Main Street in Irwin on Saturday, June 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM. The Finance Committee will be selling strawberry shortcake and we'll be giving away bottled water with our church labels on them. If you are a part of the Finance Any others can help with donations of angel food cake and cases of bottled water.

\*\*\*\*\*

**CAMPING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!!!** All registered campers should have received a packet in the mail with information regarding check in time, what is owed and your health card. Your completed health card is due back to the camp one week before your event. There are still some openings at the three camps if you're not registered yet...**AND** there is still campership money available for funding! Once you go camping, you'll want to go back each year! I'm headed to Grandma & Me Camp in only 77 days...time to start packing!!!

\*\*\*\*\*

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:** Monroeville United Methodist Church is commemorating Mental Health Awareness Month by inviting all churches and the community to a "Night to Enlighten," on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come together to learn more about mental illness, to identify symptoms, to learn where to turn for help. A panel of mental health professionals, including the Medical Director of re:solve Crisis Network, will speak about mental illness generally and will answer questions from the audience.

This forum will be held at Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center road, Monroeville PA 15146. For more information, please call the church office at 412-372-7474, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Today is Teacher Appreciation Sunday and we would like to extend a special thank you to all of our Sunday school teachers and helpers for the great job they do in spreading God's word to our students!*



\*\*\*\*\*



**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM:** 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).

\*\*\*\*\*

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

It is our wish to honor all those graduating this year so if you or 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.



celebrating  
are invited to join  
time of fellowship.  
and show your  
accomplished as

a family member is

\*\*\*\*\*