



Remember Those

Who Served

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6th Sunday of Easter

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 “Standing on the Promises”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Gather us in, God of love.

P: Blessed be God, who calls us to love.

L: Gather us in, God of love.

P: Blessed be Christ, who shows us the way.

L: Gather us in, God of love.

P: Blessed be the Spirit of truth, who reveals fullness of life.

L: Gather us in, God of love, and be with us as we worship.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Refiner’s Fire, purify our lives like precious silver, that our hearts may be made ready to receive all the love you offer. Burn away our fears and our instincts for revenge, that we may go through fire and the water of our baptism and come out the other side abiding in your truth. In times of suffering return us to thoughts of you and your commandment to love one another, that everything we do may be honorable and just. In your Holy name, we pray. Amen

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

DEDICATION HYMN No. 143 “On Eagles Wings”

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 696** “America the Beautiful”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM 8:15 “I Choose Jesus”
10:45 “Jesus Saves” - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No 790 Psalm 66:8-20

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 “Lento (from Fantasia)”
10:45 “I Choose Jesus”

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Gracious and holy God, as we make this offering to you this morning, help us to keep our lives focused on you. Remind us in the midst of our struggles, when we are feeling lost and forgotten, that we are not orphans, that we stand in the warmth of your love. Help us be inspired this day to take the good news of that love and the hope of Christ's resurrection beyond this church, to people who desperately need to hear the words of hope and be touched by the strength of your compassion. In Christ's Holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 700 “Abide with Me”
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) John 14:15-21**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 364 “Because He Lives”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

***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 25

6th Sunday of Easter

Prayer Shawl Dedication

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Office Closed

10:00 Irwin Parade

Tuesday, May 27

6:15 TOPS

7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 Good Grief

7:00 Women's Book Study

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, May 29

7:00 Choir

Next Sunday, June 1

7th Sunday of Easter/Communion

Graduation Recognition/Youth Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Adult Sunday School

10:45 Worship

12:00 Graduation Reception

12:30 VBS Meeting

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

VACATION TIME IS HERE!

Pastor David will be on vacation this week. If you are in need of pastoral assistance, please contact the church office.

Our church secretary will be taking some time off at the end of May and in June. Listed below are the dates that bulletin material must be submitted for printing:

For Sunday, June 1 - material is needed by Monday, May 26th.

For Sunday, June 8 - material is needed by Thursday, June 5th.

For Sundays, June 15 & 22 – material for both Sundays is needed by Monday, June 9th.

Should you have an announcement or other information for the congregation that does not make these deadlines, please write it down and put it on the lectern for the worship hosts to announce.

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.

Worktrip: 5/18/2014 - \$118.37

PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION: We will have our dedication of crocheted and knitted hats, shawls, and wraps today at both services. Thank you to all who support our ministry of "Hearts to God, Hands to Work."

GRADUATION SUNDAY: On Sunday June 1st, 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 by Monday, May 26th and let them know the name of the graduate and the details of their graduation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting immediately following the second service on June 1st. Anyone helping with VBS is asked to attend. For more information please contact Penny Brant. The meeting will be in the room downstairs off the gym during/following the graduation celebration.

THE SONSHINERS AND TEMPLE BELLS SWIM PARTY/PICNIC will be on May 31 at 3 PM. Please contact Dianne Runser to let us know you are coming and what food you can bring to share.

FUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT: September 13-14th we will be having a retreat at Camp Jumonville open to all women of the church. We will be meeting at Irwin First UMC 8:30 am on Saturday and returning around 1:30 or 2:00pm on Sunday. Our group will be staying at the Inn in Jumonville. The Inn is air-conditioned with each room including 2 double beds and a bathroom. (<http://www.jumonville.org/fl.inn.html>). The cost for each person (2 in a room) will be under \$100. The cost at this time includes lodging and 3 meals (lunch, dinner, breakfast). The specific theme for this weekend is still being worked out. This weekend will be a time for study, worship, reflection, fellowship, and renewal. **A \$25 deposit for each person will be due by June 8th, checks can be made out to the church and given to the church office.**

ETHNIC FOOD FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW: Save the date...Saturday, June 14th - take a stroll down Main Street in Irwin! Our church will be represented this year! The Finance Committee will set up a table and be selling strawberry shortcake and offering free bottled water with our church label on it. The Festival starts at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM. There will be many foods offered along with craft items for sale. We are still in need of donations of angel food cakes (bought or homemade). Cases of water can also be donated

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!!!

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.

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

WORK TRIP TEAM MEMBERS: There will be a meeting next Sunday, June 8th for the work team. Members and parents of the teens going on the trip are encouraged to attend. It will be at 9:30 in the Kawanis room downstairs. Information packets/ permission slips will be handed out at this time. An email will be sent prior to the meeting about what will be discussed.



MEMORIAL DAY

Remember those who served.