



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 4, 2014

2nd Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion Sunday

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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

10:45 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” – Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our God hears our prayers.

P: O Lord, I pray, save my life!

L: Our God blesses us with abundance.

P: O Lord, I pray, give me life!

L: Our God’s love and covenant are steadfast and true.

P: O Lord, I pray, accept my sacrifice – a sacrifice of thanksgiving, praise, and worship.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Fellow Traveler, you meet us as we walk the roads of life and reveal to us mighty things. You call us to change our lives and to depend upon you. You teach us the greatest, deepest mysteries, and reveal the truth of your promised grace. Open our ears to hear your words, and open our hearts to burn with your truth, that mutual love may burst forth among all people here on earth. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 539** **“O Spirit of the Living God”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM **10:45 “Exalt the Lord”– Chancel Choir**

***RESPONSIVE READING No 837** **Psalm 116**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of wonder and mystery: You walk alongside us on the journey of our lives; yet like those on the Emmaus road, we spend most of our journey oblivious to your presence. Like them, we are so focused on our own fears and uncertainties, we miss that the world is becoming something new with every step. Bless, gracious Lord, the gifts we give this morning. We thank you for the privilege of participating in your world-changing plans. We pray in the risen Savior's name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 613 “O thou Who This Mysterious Bread”
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) Luke 24:13-35**

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. 369 “Blessed Assurance”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Trumpet Voluntary in D”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, May 4

2nd Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Temple Bells & SonShiners
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 District Conference

Tuesday, May 6

6:15 TOPS
6:30 Witness
7:00 Outreach
7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 7

7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, May 8

6:15 C Bells
7:15 Choir

Friday, May 9

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
Gym Closed

Saturday, May 10

10:00 Food Bank – help needed
Anne Strong Memorial Service
12:30 Visitation in the Parlor
2:30 Memorial Service

Next Sunday, May 11

3rd 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Mark your calendars for this "heavenly" dessert day!



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

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to the Greensburg District to help with local programming.

Native American Ministries: 4/27/2014 - \$262.20

OUR 2014 GREENSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held today here at the First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin PA 15642 beginning at 4 p.m. The conference will flow along the same lines as last year. There will **not** be a meal in conjunction with the conference.



The Methodist Men will have their famous chicken dinner on Thursday, May 15th 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.

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS: We will continue to collect belts, shoes, clothing, scarves, hats, shoes and bedding until the end of the year! The mission partners in the conference center will be giving our church a check for 50% of the value/weight of the items collected. This money will be put in to our church campership fund to reimburse any monies that were used for campers this year. Our church gives 30% of the total cost of the camp they've chosen to campers that attend this church.



It is not too late to register for camp! Turn in your completed registration form to Debbie in the church office. She will send a church check along with your form to whatever camp you have selected. Please let us know if there is any additional hardship or monies needed, as all the camps have financial aid available. I would encourage everyone to go camping...it's the best week of summer!

2014 RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP: The dates for this year's work trip are June 22-25. Planning has started for the mission trip. We will know on April 29th what the project will be and the family that we will help. We would love for you to be a part of this year's team - either at the work site or in the kitchen. To 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. Fill out the form and place it in our mail slot "Osterman" in the office. I need the forms returned by May 12th.

Envelopes are in the pews if you would like to donate to the Worktrip. We will also designate the Children's Offerings on May 18th and May 25th to be used for the Worktrip.

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 and let them know the name of the graduate and the details of their graduation.

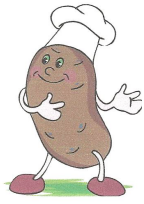


Remodeling Project



THE NEW RESTROOMS ARE FINISHED! One of the Trustees' projects this year was to update the restroom on the gym level. What was formerly the ladies restroom (near the kitchen) was completely gutted, beautifully renovated, and is now three separate restrooms which will be available for use by everyone. While they are all handicapped accessible, the largest of the three restrooms is also wheelchair accessible. Thank you to the Trustees for seeing that this much needed project was completed.

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.



SPUD BAR: The Outreach committee is sponsoring its 4th annual Spud Bar on Sunday, May 18th. 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 4th year the best. Don't forget to invite family and friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



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!

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