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April 12, 2015

1st Sunday of Easter/Holy Humor 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 “The Promise of God’s Love”



***CALL TO LAUGHTER**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always

All: and again I say rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)

L: This is the time to rejoice!

All: What better time than now!

***OPENING PRAYER – In unison**

You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down, ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 657** “This Is the Day”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the “Irwin Ambulance Service”

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM “Smokey Mountain Gospel Medley” (both services) – Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “A Joyous Acclamation”

***DOXOLOGY No. 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Gracious God, you are faithful and just! Through the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have given great grace to us all. You call us to share the word of eternal life with others so that our joy may be complete. Light the way for us as we seek to live in fellowship with Christ. May these offerings reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN *The Altar is open during the hymn.*

“TAKE TIME TO BE FUNNY”

To the tune: “Take Time to Be Holy”

1. Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord

**Let laughter explode and have fun with God’s Word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, they lift up the meek.**

2. Take time to be silly, it’s good for the soul

**Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God’s love wash over your soul
Hea-ven-ly transcendence can be your life’s goal.**

3. For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,

**Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, rejoice in life’s ride.**



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 20: 19 -31

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING ”Hats Off, Hats Off for Jesus”**

composed by Rev. Jill E. Harvey

to the tune: WEBB (“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!”)

1. Hats off! Hats off to Jesus! He is the lamb divine.

**For we were low and sinful. But he has paid the fine.
The devil thought he’d won, but Jesus turned it o’er
By rising from the dead. We’ll fear death never more.**

2. Hats off! Hats off to Jesus! He’s conquered death and sin.

**He is the true Messiah. His light will never dim.
The good news we’ll proclaim To every hurting heart:
God’s love is ours forever; It never will depart.**



**3. Hats off! Hats off to Jesus, The Lord of life and love.
He rose again on Easter To rule with God above.
Below the devil cringes His plans have been destroyed.
Rejoice with holy laughter, And celebrate with joy**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Go Joyfully”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 12

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
12:00 Holy Humor Luncheon
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
No Music Group Practices

Monday, April 13

10:00 UM Women
6:00 Assembly Room in use
6:00 Dartball World Series - H
6:30 Grief Support

Tuesday, April 14

6:15 TOPS
6:30 Witness
7:00 Trustees
7:00 Finance
7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 15

No Yoga until May 6th

Thursday, April 16

6:15 Cathedral Bells
7:00 Disciple
7:15 Choir
7:30 UM Men

Saturday, April 17

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, April 19

3rd Sunday of Easter

Coffee Hour

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

There will be no rehearsals for SonShiners and Temple Bells until April 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be given to the Irwin VFD Ambulance Service. This is the ambulance service that responds to our calls to help those who are ill or injured while at our church.

Eastbrook Mission Barn: 3/22 - \$227.00 3/29 - \$236.50 4/5 - \$372.50

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Holy Humor Hat Day. After the 10:45 AM service, please come to the gym to share in a Holy Humor luncheon. We will have a hat fashion show during lunch. If you go to the 8:15 AM service, please return (with your hat and food) to share in the fun! Jesus lives! Be joyful!

RICHARD SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP 2015: This year's project will help the Lance family, Kathryn and David and their 14 year old son James. We will be doing a room addition on their existing mobile home for the parents. Additional work will involve replacing a bathroom window, entry door, sealing the roof, and building a small deck off of the room that we will be building. Estimate for the project material is around \$4500.00. Enclosed in the bulletin is an order form in which you can designate your donations (lumber, roofing, drywall, windows, doors) to be in memory of, in honor of, or to the glory of God. The designated materials will be marked prior to the building of the project. Work trip envelopes are located in the pews. From the message on last year's t-shirts - *the church is ready to leave the building* – again! Any questions, see Jack or Pat or George.

2015 Work Trip T-Shirt

The congregation is welcome to purchase one of the official 2015 Work Trip T-shirts. Please see the insert in the bulletin.

Orders due by Sunday, May 24, 2015, Delivery Date: Sunday, June 7, 2015
Sizes Youth Small to Adult X-Large are \$7 per shirt
Sizes Adult 2XL and 3XL are \$9 per shirt



SUMMER CAMP NEWS... Camp Brochures are in! 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief.



THE HAPPY METHODIST GROUP will meet at Rodney's Restaurant on Monday, April 20th at 1:00 PM. The Happy Methodist Group meets periodically for lunch and fellowship.

