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April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

April Memory Verse - John 11:35 “Jesus wept.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Chris Ghrist 10:45 – Peggy Kooser

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***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.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Prepare the Way” - Chancel Choir

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Mike Andrison (Matthew), Bryan Campbell (Judas)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 862 “Psalm 150”**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

P: ... praise God in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise God for his mighty deeds;

P: ... praise God for his exceeding greatness!

L: Praise God with trumpet sound;

P: ... praise God with lute and harp!

L: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

P: ... praise God with strings and pipe!

L: Praise God with sounding cymbals;

P: ... praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

P: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to Ronald McDonald House. Please see the announcement for more details.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Lamb of God"

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: "Old 100th)**

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 277 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

MESSAGE "Here He Comes!"

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2075 "King of Kings"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

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

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.
The altar rail is always open.*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 13 Sunday: 8:15 - 84 10:45 - 93

SERVING YOU TODAY

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 - Terry Yurcisin 10:45 - Tom Lehner

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 - Penny Brant, Josh Burger 10:45 - Penny Brant, Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the worship services. The attendents today are Kim & David Platt. In the event that no attendents are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

Today, Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 Living Last Supper Set up
3:30 Living Last Supper Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13

9:00 Food Bank Truck, help needed
6:30 NA
7:00 Living Last Supper

Friday, April 14

12:00 Walk of the Cross begins at
the Presbyterian Church on
Pennsylvania Avenue. *See announcement*

Monday, April 10

6:30 Grief Support
7:00 Dartball – Play-off – Away

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 NA
7:00 Living Last Supper

Wednesday, April 12

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
(First United Church of Christ, Main Street)
No Youth Group this week

Saturday, April 15

6:00 Contemporary Worship Service
The Christian Singles Group will not meet
until April 29th.

Next Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday/Communion

Confirmation/Reception of New Members

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

The Trustees meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 PM

The N.O.W. committee will meet Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 PM

The next SonShiners rehearsal will be April 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this week will be given to *Ronald McDonald House*. Many families travel far from home and spend several weeks or months to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children – a long time to be away or to divide a family. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having mom and dad close by for love and support. A Ronald McDonald House is that “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost.

Our Houses are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. We believe that when a child is hospitalized the love and support of family is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed. Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents also can better communicate with their child's medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed. They can also focus on the health of their child, rather than grocery shopping, cleaning or cooking meals.

When your child is sick, you want the best care possible – even if it is hundreds or thousands of miles away. The Ronald McDonald House allows families to access specialized medical treatment by providing a place to stay at little or sometimes no cost.

At every House, families can enjoy: home-cooked meals, private bedrooms & playrooms for children. Depending on the House, these services may also be available: special suites for children with suppressed immune systems, accredited education programs, recreational activities, non-clinical support services & sibling support services.

The generosity of volunteers and donors make it all possible. In return, families either stay at no cost or are asked to make a donation up to \$25 per day, depending on the House. The RMHC Global Policy is that families are never turned away; if it's not possible to pay, the fee is waived.

<http://www.rmhc.org/ronald-mcdonald-house>

American Red Cross: 3/26- \$276.00

NEW BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE: Instead of the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, the Bible Study with Pastor Bruce will now meet every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see Pastor Bruce for more information.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

One of Christianity's most significant events was brilliantly portrayed by Leonardo Da Vinci: The Last Supper. This Renaissance masterpiece is brought to life in Ruth Elaine Schram's remarkable new work, "The Living Last Supper." The music passionately captures the pathos of the event while the disciples speak, expressing their innermost thoughts with brief but poignant monologues. The congregation will participate in the special seder meal which Christians call "the Last Supper" by sharing communion with one another and with Christ and His disciples.

For the eleventh year, we will be presenting our annual drama, The Living Last Supper, on Tuesday and Thursday, April 11 and 13 at 7:00 PM.

Please plan to attend the service. It will be a memorable experience for all. The Tuesday night performance has become a popular time for members of other churches to attend, since many will have services in their own churches on Thursday night. Please help us spread the word that all are welcome. We hope for a real crowd both nights. Your personal involvement in *The Living Last Supper* as a member of the congregation will make this Lent/Easter season one you will not forget!

There will be a reception in the assembly room after the Tuesday performance to greet our guests from the community. Cookie donations are needed. Cookies may be brought to the church any time beginning Palm Sunday (April 9).

“WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE”

Midweek Lenten Services at First United Church of Christ on Main Street
These services are sponsored by the *Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship* group

11:30 AM – Hymn Sing 12:00 Noon – Worship 12:30 PM - Lunch ***

April 12th Topic: “For Ever and Ever” Speaker: Rev. Ronald Durika

***Lunch provided (for a fee) by the Colonial Grille

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 14, 2017

Services begin at 12:15 PM at the Presbyterian Church on Pennsylvania Avenue. The walk includes a service at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Main Street, and ends with a service here at FUMC. The event will last approximately 1 ½ hours. The Norwin Ministerium is encouraging participants to park at the Presbyterian Church. They will provide a van to shuttle people back there after the service at FUMC.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Next Sunday, April 16th we will welcome the 2017 confirmands and new members into our FUMC family. A list of their names and addresses will be included in the bulletin next week. Please be sure to come and greet our newest members.

If you would like to be a member of our church, please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or the church office (724-963-6858.)



Join us Wednesdays from 7-9pm!

(The Youth group will not meet on Wednesday, April 12th)



We are in need of volunteers to provide a meal for the youth group Wednesday nights. Just something simple and yummy; such as sloppy joe's, hotdogs, mac and cheese, or pizza. Food will need to be in the youth room by 7pm on the Wednesday night you sign up for. If you can help, please sign up on the "ministry opportunities" clip board, or contact Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com or 412-610-3289.

We really appreciate your time and generosity!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The following opportunities for service will be on the clipboard today:

- 1) Assisting with the reception after Living Last Supper performance on April 11
- 2) Selling DVDs and other items at Living Last Supper performances April 11 and 13
- 3) Providing refreshments for Youth Group on Wednesdays (through end of school year)

The other Opportunities for Service are on a bulletin board in the narthex. Please be sure to check the board and volunteer.

- 1) Decorating for Easter (Good Friday afternoon)
- 2) Coordinating and assisting the Graduate Recognition celebration on June 4.
- 3) Coffee hour assistant (through December)

LIVING LAST SUPPER PUBLICITY -Please remember to pick up some yard signs, posters and pocket posters in the entry hall today. Help us to spread the word of our outreach event.



OUR MEN'S DARTBALL TEAM is continuing in the playoffs. Their next game will be on April 10th at an away location. Congratulations guys & good luck!



Camp Fundraiser Hoagie Sale...April Hoagie Sale Orders will be taken today and next Sunday, April 16th. Hoagies will be delivered after both services on Sunday, April 23rd. If you would like your sale to go towards a particular camper's account, please list that camper's name on the top of your order form. All hoagies, now ordered from Manor Grille will cost \$6.50. Cash or Check (payable to

First UM) is due when you pick up your hoagie. Thanks for helping to send our kids to camp! Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

EASTER BASKETS

The Outreach Committee will once again be supporting local families in need by providing them with food baskets with all the fixings for an Easter dinner and by providing each family with an Easter basket of sweet treats! All items for the Easter Baskets are due back to the church today. If you have not returned your items, please contact Anne Osborn (724-744-7278.)





Holy Humor Sunday
April 30, 2017

THE CHURCH OFFICE will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 14th and will be closed through Tuesday, April 18th. The office will reopen on Wednesday, April 19th at 8:00 AM.

NEW SMALL GROUP!
"Crazy Love" by Francis Chan
Led by Pastor Stephen

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Join us for this life changing video/book/Bible study. www.crazylovebook.com

When: 7:00 pm Thursday nights for 10 weeks starting on May 4th.

Where: Youth room

How to sign up: Email or call Stephen at 412-610-3289 pastormannion@gmail.com. The cost is \$20 (book and workbook). Amount can be paid at first meeting. Register by April 30th!

Tickets for the Mother/Daughter banquet will go on sale the Sunday after Easter, April 23rd. I am in search of any pictures you might have from previous mother/daughter banquets. Please email them to me at missdawn25@yahoo.com, send them to me at 7607 Gracelyn Lane, North Huntingdon, PA 15642, or leave them in the church office. Thanks, Dawn



For more information on the following programs, contact Pastor Bruce at 724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRUCE: Held every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

HEALING SERVICE – the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES: To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

WORK TRIP ADULT MEMBERS NEEDING CLEARANCES: All adults or youth 18 years old and will be out of high school this year who want to go on the work trip need to have a child abuse clearance and a criminal record check. Forms are in the office on the desk or they can be obtained on line.

Act 34 - PA criminal clearance- <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

Requester: First United Methodist Church 310 Oak Street Irwin, PA 15642-3558
724-863-6858

Check church

Act 151 - PA child abuse clearance - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

Check volunteer

WORK TRIP TEAM MEMBERS - LAY GRANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: I do not know if monies are available from the conference for financial assistance in attending the work trip this year. All we can do is apply and see if there is some funding. Some years there has been money and other years there has not. I would like families with multiple people attending, youth, and any other individuals needing assistance in attending to consider filling out an application. Never should anyone not attend the work trip because of money. Our church family has been very generous in supporting our members and many have sponsored someone in the past.

The applications are on the desk in the church office. It will only take a few minutes to fill out the form. Place the completed form in our mail slot (second row, second from left). **DO NOT HAVE THE FORM SIGNED BY PASTOR BRUCE** - I will give him all the forms at one time. I would like the completed forms back to me by Easter, April 16th. I need to have them to conference that week to be considered for June.

Any questions - Pat Osterman email: namretsojp@gmail.com

A huge **THANK YOU** is expressed to all of the volunteers who came to the two church cleaning days. Church members and friends of the church donated approximately 140 hours of labor to clean up and clean out the church! There are noticeable improvements and everyone's contributions are appreciated. There are some small projects to be done. If you have time to work alone on a project, please contact Becky Rudy 724-493-3734. Our next Clean-Up and Clean-Out Project date will be in September for Fall cleaning and projects not yet completed. Thank you to all who have made the Clean-Up and Clean-Out Project a success!

LAY SCHOOL SPRING 2017 COURSES & REGISTRATION

Sundays: April 23 & 30, May 7, 14 & 21 (May 21 is the graduation celebration)

2:00- 5:00 PM at Latrobe UMC

Cost: \$20 - Registration deadline: April 7

(minimum enrollment of 4 people per class required)

Courses Offered:

1. **LEADING WORSHIP** — Focuses on the importance of exercising servant leadership while developing skills to lead worship and small groups while remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices. Instructors: Revs. Sang Choi & Tammy Falcsik

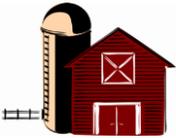
2. **LET'S PREACH** — Provides participants an opportunity to explore a call to preach, to review the elements of worship and the Christian year, and to recognize the lectionary as a preaching tool. Completion of the Basic Course* is a prerequisite. Instructor: Rev. Tom Kennedy

**Basic Course will not be available at this time, but will be available in future course offerings.*

For Registration & Payment Information contact the Greensburg District office at

www.wpaumc.org/greensburg or 724-461-7178.

BARN PARTY!



Mark your calendars for Friday, June 2nd in the evening for a beginning of summer barn party!

Activities will include eating, dancing/listening to a DJ, an organized food fight, bonfire, corn hole, and more! ***This event will be free and open to anyone in middle school or high school.*** Kick off the beginning of summer right, and PLEASE BRING FRIENDS! This is designed to be an outreach event.

More details to come! And don't forget Fish and Chips (youth group) Wednesday at 7:00pm!

CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS. If you, or someone you know, have property – a car, jewelry, stocks, bonds, or other assets – and you would like to donate these items to our church, please contact Pastor Bruce Judy or the Finance Committee. We can make arrangements for a tax deductible transfer. For more information, or to see if your items are suitable, please contact Alan Painter at 724-446-0224.

We express our Christian sympathy to the families and friends of:

Jay Boyd who passed away on March 28th

Jan Greguric who passed away on April 1st.

May God comfort and blessings be with these families.

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call the office or Pastor Bruce to let us know. We will need the name of the patient, the hospital and the room number if available. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*