



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 16, 2014

Second Sunday in Lent

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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LENTEN CANDLE

Bartholomew/Nathaniel, James the Lesser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

L: What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And, give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 383 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM 8:15 – “God So Loved the World” –

10:45 - “God So Loved the World” – Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 844 Psalm 121

***SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV) Genesis 12:1-4: Romans 4:1-5. 13-17**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Hymn"

***DOXOLOGY**

**"We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee."**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 2025 "As the Deer"

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 3:1-17 (*Please Stand*)**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 369 "Blessed Assurance"**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Praise Him with Trumpets"**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
2:00 Lay Ministry School
(Community UMC)
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 Drama Rehearsal – Lectern Side

Monday, March 17

12:00 Happy Methodist Group
7:00 Dartball Playoffs

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 Men's Work Team
5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 19

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
5:30 Gym in use
6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, March 20

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:15 Choir
7:30 UM Men

Friday, March 21

9:00 Mezzanine in use

Saturday, March 22

Newsletter Deadline
1:00 Gym in use

Next Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday in Lent/Baptism

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Soup Lunch
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
2:00 Lay Ministry School
(Community UMC)
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 Drama Rehearsal – Full Cast

***Pastor David will be on vacation through
Wednesday, March 19th. If you need pastoral
assistance please call the office.***

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, March 19 2014

Topic: "Shall We Give Tribute to Ceasar?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:28

Speaker: Rev. Ron Wakeman Special Music: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will again be given to "Race for Grace." 7th Annual Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk will be held Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Norwin High School. Go to www.reflectionsofgrace.org for more information on the race or to read Grace's story.

"Race for Grace" 3/9/2014 - \$281.86

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

EASTER CANDY SALES ... today will be the last day to turn in any Wilson Candy orders. Order forms and brochures are on a table in the narthex. Checks (made payable



the office door. Easter chocolates will be available for pick up on Sunday, April 6th after both services. Thank you for supporting our Connectional Apportionment for 2014!

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS - There will be a laundry basket in the narthex to collect gently used clothing, shoes, purses, belts and hats. Please be sure to bag your donations. It's a great time to do your Spring Clean Out...and help to send some kids to camp! Thank you...from an adult camper!



CAMP REGISTRATION PROCEDURE...So you've decided on a camp that you really want to attend, but not sure how to register? Follow these 3 Easy Steps!

1. Fill out the form located in the brochure or print one from your camp's website. (There is a \$10 discount applied if you pay your balance by May 1st!)
2. Turn your form in to the church office.
3. Start preparing for the best week of your summer!

“God’s Not Dead” Movie: Colleagues in Christ,

Some of our local Latrobe churches went together and bought out a showing of Son of God, and sold out all 150 tickets during worship the First Sunday. We are hoping to try again with the next Christian movie coming out, “God’s Not Dead.” Right now we have 6 churches participating and have reservations for about 200 tickets for this movie.

The group rate is \$10.50 for a ticket, small drink & small popcorn at the Westmoreland Mall Carmike Theater, Sunday 3/23 @ 4:00pm. Regular price for this would be \$17.50. So this is a significant savings. This movie is at limited theaters for a limited time, so please don’t miss it. If your church would like to purchase a block of tickets, please let me know as soon as possible. I think this movie would be a blessing to most youth groups, as well as adults. Below is the link to the trailer. Pastor John Emigh - 724-456-5399

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mqf5gAYcFWs&feature=player_embedded#t=7

7TH ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE 5K & 1 MILE WALK will be held Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Norwin High School. Pre-race activities begin at 7:00 AM. Become a member of our church team! To register online: Step 1-www.active.com Step 2-type **Race for Grace** on Search line. Step 3-Click on Race for Grace. Step 4- Click on the " Register Now" block. Step 5-Click on "First United Methodist Church" on drop down list. Adult 5K Run, 5K Walk, or 1 Mile Walk is \$20 prior to March 1st and \$25 after. Children (12 and under) is \$15 prior to March 1st and \$20 after. Registration forms will also be available in the church office.

OUTREACH SOUP LUNCHEON: Our next soup luncheon will be held Sunday, March 23, 2014 following the second service. We are asking for soup makers, donation of cakes for desserts, and many hearty appetites!

OUR CHURCH HAS THE BEST SOUP AND DESSERT MAKERS AND WE WILL CHALLENGE ANY CHURCH TO SOUP WARS!

Soup Sale Luncheon



JUST A REMINDER ... it is the policy of our church not to mar the surfaces of the doors, the wood paneling and trim, or the walls by using tape (*other than Scotch Blue Painters Tape*), staples, putty, nails, tacks, etc. to hang items. These products tend to pull paint and varnish off the surfaces. Please do your part in keeping our building looking nice by not using such products.



TINA KIRKLAND LUNG TRANSPLANT FUNDRAISER: The Outreach committee would like you help in supporting this fundraiser. There are flyers on the bulletin board at the parking lot entrance and also on the table in the Narthex for a fundraiser at Bob Evans (*near WalMart in Greensburg,*

only) to help raise money for Tina Kirkland's lung transplant. There are 8 dates available and 15% of your bill will be donated to this cause. You must present a flyer when you check out.

2014 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services
Questions Asked of Jesus the Last Week

Sponsored by Men's Prayer Fellowship

at

First United Church of Christ

400 Main Street, Irwin, PA

Hymn singing starts at 11:30 AM – Preaching starts at Noon - *Lunch at 12:30PM
Song Leader: Fred King – Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron – Signer: Connie Bridgeman

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, March 26 2014

Topic: "Whose Wife In the Resurrection?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:28

Speaker: Rev. Larry Dunn Special Music: Diana Flowers

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 2 2014

Topic: "Which Is the Great Commandment?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:30-36

Speaker: Rev. Abraham Sandler Special Music: TBA

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 9 2014

Topic: "What Think Ye of Christ?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:41-42

Speaker: Rev. Sherri Prindle Special Music: TBA

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 16 2014

Topic: "Art Thou the Son of God?"

Scripture: Matthew 26:63

Speaker: Rev. Ron Durika Special Music: TBA

*Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille – Cost: \$5.00

GOOD FRIDAY:

Watch for details in future bulletins for the Prayer Breakfast and the Walk of the Cross.

Blackburn Center

AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

In 1975, a task force of the National Organization for Women met to address rape and sexual assault issues in Westmoreland County. The result was Westmoreland Alliance Against Rape whose hotline answered its first call on December 6, 1976.

Since then, what is now Blackburn Center has grown to a staff of more than 30, with an active team of volunteers. Through this growth, we have developed an array of services for adult and child victims of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as comprehensive community education and professional in-service training programs.

Over the years, Blackburn Center's mission has remained the same. Every year, thousands of people reach out for our services. Blackburn Center will continue to support victims with our shelter, counseling, and advocacy services as long as there are victims who need us. However, for our daughters and granddaughters—and for our sons and grandsons, we must work toward a better future. Blackburn Center urges members of the community to join us in our work to end domestic and sexual violence by changing their own attitudes about these crimes and challenging others to do the same.

A donation of items from the needs list (reverse side) throughout the year helps Blackburn Center sustain the shelter program, and helps to maintain the support groups the agency provides for women and children. In addition, some of these items are made available to women – and their children – who are establishing their own homes and need support with basic household items.

Please put the items that are in ***bold italics*** at the top of your shopping list, and help Blackburn Center manage donations by bringing new items. If you have used items to donate, the agency can provide a list of thrift shops in the area that make items available to Blackburn Center shelter residents at no cost to them.

For more information about donation opportunities, contact:

Blackburn Center Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 398, Greensburg, PA 15601

724-837-9540

www.blackburncenter.org

If you know of someone who needs Blackburn Center's services, call the 24/7 Hotline: 724-836-1122 or 1-888-832-2272.

OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GROUP will be collecting items for the Blackburn Center from now until Sunday, April 6th. An area will be set up in the Narthex to collect your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Blackburn Center
AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Items Needed throughout the Year for the Emergency Shelter
for Battered Women and Former Residents

Kitchen

Baking pans (9" x 13", aluminum)
Can openers (hand-held)
Coffee (regular)
Coffee creamer
Cooking oil
Dish drainers
Dishes (service for 4)
Dishpans
Dishwasher detergent
Drink boxes

Flatware

Food items: any canned food, other non-perishables, etc.*

Clear plastic storage boxes with lids

Tall kitchen garbage bags
Packaged snacks for lunches
Paper products: paper towels
Paper towel holders
Skillets
Small appliances: coffee maker, knife sharpener, toaster, mixer
Spices and condiments
Zip-lock bags (1 and 2 gallon sizes)

*Food items we especially need include:
all kinds of soups, condiments
(mayonnaise, mustard and catsup), jelly,
cake and brownie mixes, canned tuna,
canned chicken and other meats, canned
or bottled juices.

Bathroom

Bath mats
Paper products: toilet paper
Plungers
Shower curtains and rings
Soap dispensers
Toilet brushes
Bath Towels (durable)
Wastebaskets

Bedroom

Alarm clocks
Bed pillows
Bed-in-a-bag sets
Body wash (family size)
Nightgowns (women's one-size fits all)
Pajamas (summer-weight women's one-size-fits-most & extra-large sizes; children's sizes infant to 2T)
Shampoo and Conditioner (family size)
Sleep shirts (large & extra-large)
Wastebaskets

Personal Care

Hotel-size items are no longer needed.

Miscellaneous

Baby monitors

Bottled water
Brooms
Buckets
Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Extension cords

Flashlights

Gasoline cards (GetGo & Sheetz)

Gift cards (Walmart or Target)

Hair dryers

Laundry detergent
Mops
Nasal aspirators
Outdoor garbage bags
Pull-up diapers (larger sizes)
Sweat suits (all adult sizes)

Telephones

Tool kits

Umbrellas

Underpants (women's, teen boy and under size 12 boy)

EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS

All plants - \$8.00

Deadline to order – March 30, 2014

(no orders taken after this date)

Lilies: # ____ **Mums:** Yellow # ____ Lavender # ____ Mixed # ____

Tulips: Orange # ____ Pink # ____ Red # ____

Total number ordered _____ Amount Paid _____

I will: Pick up my plant (within 48 hrs) ___ Leave plant for shut-in ___

Please Print

Flowers in Memory of: _____

Flowers in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Designated Memorial Gifts (any amount)

Kingston VBS \$ _____

Living Memorial Gift \$ _____

Total Memorial Gifts \$ _____



Please Print:

Memorial in Memory of: _____

Memorial in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Please place payment in a separate envelope
from you regular giving.
Mark the envelope "Easter Flowers and Memorials"