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March 22, 2015
Fifth 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

8:15 - "Jesus Paid It All"

10:45 - "Be Thou My Vision" – Temple Bells

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

James the Greater

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: If you need a fresh start, make your need known:

P: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

L: If you feel far from God, call out in your need:

P: "Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."

L: If the cares of the world hang about your neck, plead to the Lord with all your might:

P: "Restore to me the joy of my salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

L: If you need a fresh start, turn to God, for God will hear your prayers.

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of the unknown, our souls are troubled until they find their rest in you. Afraid that we have not truly lived, we fear our own mortality and the deaths of those dear to us. Help us to face the future unafraid, that we may know in the very marrow of our bones the truth of Christ's words: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, renew us in the knowledge that you are drawing all people to yourself. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for the "Eastbrook Mission Barn"

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 - "Enter Paradise"
10:45 - "The Love of Christ"– Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 785 Psalm 51

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 - "Softly and Tenderly"
10:45 – "Enter Paradise"

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Holy God of love and compassion, we continue to make our way through the Lenten journey. Your prophet reminded your people that there would come a time when your covenant would be written, not on stone tablets, but on our hearts. We, whom Christ has touched, long to know that your covenant has been written in us. Remind us, that we will find assurance as we reflect your grace in our lives. As we give our gifts this morning, help us to treat others with grace, to love extravagantly and forgive generously. We pray in the wonderful name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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) Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 368 "My Hope Is Built"**

The Altar is open during the hymn.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING Postlude on 'Deo Gracias'"**

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

2015 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services

Promises, Promises, Promises: God Redeems Us

Sponsored by the 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 starts at 12:30PM

Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron – Signer: Connie Bridgeman

Wednesday, March 25 – Topic: The Davidic Covenant

Speaker: Sherri Pridle

Wednesday, April 1 – Topic: The New Covenant

Speaker: Dr. Ronald Wakeman

***Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille – Cost - \$6.00**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 22

6th Sunday in Lent

Newsletter Deadline

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

Monday, March 23

6:30 Grief Support Group
7:00 Dartball –make up games

Tuesday, March 24

No Men's Work Group
5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 25

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
@ United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, March 26

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple
7:15 Choir
7:30 UM Men
8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

Friday, March 27

Confirmands going to the Conference Center

Saturday, March 28

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
9:30 Easter Party
10:45 Worship
1:00 Gym in use
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
2:30 LLS Dress Rehearsal
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to The Eastbrook Mission Barn which is one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots across the United States. In 2000, Eastbrook United Methodist Church acquired a former dairy barn as part of its purchase of a new parsonage. In 2008, the church began using the heated office space to store UMCOR cleaning buckets. Today, it is dedicated to storing relief supplies year-round, as well as to providing a work space for volunteers.

Spring!

New Life!

God's Great Love for Us!

All ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 29th, 9:30 to 10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Let's remember the wonderful story of Easter & talk about some Christian symbols. An egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. Adults welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping & you should also meet at 9:30 in the Elementary room to assist. (Tiny tots meet in Mrs. Weber's toddler room across from the nursery for a mini-hunt.)



Friends are always welcome!

**Kick off Holy Week by hearing the story of our Christian faith in one exciting session!
Hope to see you on March 29th!**

BASKETS: Check out the poster in the Narthex and take a few post-it notes to help us fill Easter baskets for local families. In addition to providing food for an Easter meal, we will be providing baskets for the children of the family with fun treats! This holiday we are supporting both Sheridan Terrace backpack families and the neediest of the food bank clients. Donations are due back to church on Palm Sunday (3/29). Thank you for your support of these local families.

THE NEXT WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY is a book by Max Lucado called "*Before Amen*" and it looks really good! We'll begin on March 25th at 7 pm up in the Youth Room, and the study will last at least 4 weeks. Max is an excellent teacher and writer so you know it's certain to be a good study! You will need to purchase the book (not the study guide). It is available at www.christianbook.com for \$11.99 (as of March 8th), and also at Family Bookstore for a higher price.

All ladies are invited! The only requirement is that you come ready to learn and share with each other.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY is April 12. We will continue the celebration of the joyous Easter season at both services with Holy Humor Hat Day. Start planning for your creative headpiece to wear during the services.

This year there also will be a potluck luncheon in the gym after the 10:45 AM service. Everyone should bring a "humorous" dish to pass (enough for 10 – 12 people). This could be a silly variation on a "normal" dish (green eggs and ham?) or a normal dish with a humorous name (name cards will be provided) or presented in a humorous way. Use your imagination. The church will supply plates, cups, plastic ware, and drinks. During the luncheon we will have a hat fashion show of all your creations.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER publicity materials (yard signs, poster and "pocket posters") are available in the narthex (entrance hall). If you post your poster or yard sign on someone else's property, please be sure to ask permission first and remove the material after the performances.



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.
