



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 30, 2014

Fourth 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 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

10:45 “God So Loved the World” - Cathedral Bells

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Simon Peter & Thomas

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God ...

P: ...we will turn on the light.

L: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace ...

P: ...we will turn on the light.

L: When our vision dims due to the darkness within ...

P: ...we will turn on the light.

L: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

P: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

L: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

P: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, who created us in God’s own image, we are grateful for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us, and for all that you will do through us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open your ears to hear familiar words in new ways – ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 451**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

**ANTHEM 8:15 "I Am His Lamb" –
10:45 "I Am His Lamb" – Chancel Choir**

***RESPONSIVE READING No. 754 "Psalm 23**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "To Walk in Faith"

***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, our shepherd, you provide for us in all things so that we shall not want for the things that will sustain us: food, water, air, and your love. Help us remember as we bring our gifts to your altar how easy it is to confuse ourselves about what is really needed for a full life. As you help us grow in generosity, give us a clearer vision of the things that clutter our lives, that clog the streams that you send our way. Help us grow in our trusting you to guide us, and let us find the joy and satisfaction in faithfully following. We pray this in the name of your son, the good shepherd. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PRAYER HYMN No. 474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
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) Ephesians 5:8-14

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Toccata Jubiloso"**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 30

Fourth 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 – Full Cast

Thursday, April 3

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:00 Nurture
7:15 Choir

Friday, April 4

9:00 Mezzanine in use

Next Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
No FISH & CHIPS
2:00 Lay Ministry School
(Community UMC)
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 Drama Rehearsal – Full Cast
6:00 Irwin/Greensburg Youth at Irwin

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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
7:30 Contemporary Worship Meeting

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

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GREENSBURG DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Please save the date for the Installation of the Rev. Patricia Nelson as the new Greensburg District Superintendent, Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The installation service and reception is open to everyone and will be held at the Faith United Methodist Church, 305 Freeport Street, Delmont PA 15626. More details will follow.

Yours in Christ, The Greensburg District Superintendency Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be given to the *One Great Hour of Sharing*. For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR’s ministry of relief and hope. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. **UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds**, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist. Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR’s administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to under-funded programs, where

they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: We hope you'll join us for 'Pizza & a Movie Night' on April 9th at 6:30 upstairs in the Youth Room! The movie will be *The Gospel of John* – a great one to watch during this Lenten season. Sign up on the clipboard or call the office. Pizza will arrive at 6:30 and we'll eat while we watch the movie. Feel free to bring snacks. Beverages will be provided. Hope to see all of you there!!!



EASTER BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED: Once again, the Outreach Committee is putting together Easter baskets for families in need. We will be giving each family a basket of food for their dinner and a basket of traditional Easter goodies for them to enjoy. A poster with a list of needed items is in the Narthex. Please sign up to contribute to these baskets. All donations will be due back to the church on Palm Sunday (April 13th). Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile outreach to our community.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: On Wednesday evenings are the Women's Book Study meetings – every other week or so. We're currently working through the book and the scriptures together on a study from Max Lucado titled *He Chose the Nails*. Our next meeting is April 2nd at 7:00 pm upstairs in the Youth Room. Women of all ages are invited to join in.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: On April 15 and 17, 2014, at 7:00 PM, the Drama Team of the First United Methodist Church, Irwin PA and special event choir (composed of both church and community singers) will be presenting *The Living Last Supper*. The performances are open to the public and there is no admission fee. If you need special arrangements for large groups, please contact the church office at 724-863-6858 or fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net.

This is the eighth year for this event and attendance has grown each year. Please plan to attend the service on either Tuesday or Thursday. 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!

Your help is needed to publicize the event. There are posters and "pocket posters" on the table in the narthex. There are also yard signs in the assembly room. Please take some signs and place them (with owner's permission, of course) in areas where they can be seen. Good spots are where traffic must stop or, at least, slow down. Please remember where you placed the signs so that you may pick them up after the event and return them to the church for use next year, Thank you for your help.

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.

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!

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!

Upcoming 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

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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 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Norwin Christian Church, 9610 Barnes Lake Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. (724-863-2141) at 7:30 AM. The cost is \$11.00 and the menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fries, Coffee Cakes, Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea. The message will be by The Good News Blues.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS: Friday, April 18, 2014, beginning at 12:15 at United Church of Christ on Main Street. The final service will begin at 2:45 here at FUMC. The theme this year is: *Luke: Prophecy and Fulfillment.*

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"

**It's finally here!
The Story of God's Great Love for Us
&
An Egg Hunt!**



All ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th, 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 April 13th!

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.

A SHOWER OF GIFTS FOR BLACKBURN CENTER: 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 "Shower Gifts." Thank you in advance for your generosity.