

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 13, 2014

Palm Sunday

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Krista Brown 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ANTHEM “Prepare the Way” - Chancel Choir

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Matthew & Judas Iscariot

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come into God’s house with thanksgiving and praise.

P: We come in the name of Jesus, God’s Son.

L: Come into God’s house with worship and prayer.

P: Where would we be without your love, O God? With all that we have, and with all that we are, we praise your holy name, Lord.

L: Blessed are you who come in the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed are you who gather in Christ’s name.

L: Bring yourselves before him, all you who love him. See how humble he is? He will receive you.

P: Save us, Jesus; save us now! Hosanna to the son of David!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Jesus, on this day when you were welcomed as king, we remember that in one week’s time you were scorned and reviled by the same people who greeted you with shouts of praise and adoration; on this day when you were greeted with hosannas, we remember that your closest followers denied that they knew you, and abandoned you as you faced the cross. We are astonished at the complete and utter failure of human love. In the light of our failure, we are even more astonished that through you, God’s love for all humanity is made manifest. We have nowhere to dwell but in your love. Amen

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM "God Is So Good" - SonShiners

RESPONSIVE READING "Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

P: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

P: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: **This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

P: **O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

L: The Lord is God, who has given us light.

P: **Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

P: **O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*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

Merciful God, once again we add our voices to the throngs who, across the ages, have shouted "Hosanna!" at the coming of your Son. Some meant it and followed. Some were simply there because it was something to see. Others would later add their voices to the ones that shouted "Crucify Him!" May our songs, may our prayers, and may our gifts this morning reflect our deepest desire to be more than spectators. May we truly be followers of your Son, the Savior. In his name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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) Matthew 21:1-11 (Please Stand)

SERMON

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Celebration on ‘Warrenton’”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 Worship

12:00 Set up for Living Last Supper

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

No Temple Bells or SonShiners

6:00 Drama Rehearsal – Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 Living Last Supper

7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 16

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service

United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, April 17

7:00 Living Last Supper

Friday, April 18

7:30 AM Community Good Friday Breakfast

– see announcement

12:15 Walk of the Cross

– see announcement

Next Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

No FISH & CHIPS meetings

NO Music Group Practices

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

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.

Irwin VFD Ambulance Service: 4/6/2014 - \$291.13

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!

GRADUATION SUNDAY: On Sunday June 1st, we will be celebrating Graduation Sunday. Immediately following the 10:45 service, all are invited to join the graduates in the gym to offer congratulations, and share in a time of fellowship. We will again be serving a nacho bar and cake. Please join us and show your support for our graduates and celebrate all they have accomplished as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

It is our wish to honor all those graduating this year so if you or a family member is graduating High school or college please contact the church office and let them know the name of the graduate and the details of their graduation.

2014 RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP: The dates for this year's work trip are June 22-25. Planning has started for the mission trip. We will know on April 29th what the project will be and the family that we will help. We would love for you to be a part of this year's team - either at the work site or in the kitchen. To help defray some of the cost for our room and food - there are lay grant scholarship forms located on the desk in the church office. Fill out the form and place it in our mail slot "Osterman" in the office. I need the forms returned by May 12th.

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 includes breakfast and a message by The Good News Blues. See Pastor David to purchase your tickets.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the third annual Holy Humor Sunday at both services on the Sunday after Easter, April 27. As a part of the festivities, we are proclaiming it "Holy Humor Headpiece Day." We are asking everyone in attendance to wear SOMETHING on their head. Feel free to be as silly as you can. This is a chance for everyone to relax, smile, even (GASP!) LAUGH in church! Celebrate the joy we find in our faith!

EASTER BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED: All donations for the Easter baskets are due in today. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile outreach to our community.

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS...our collection bin has arrived!

great response of donations of gently used clothing! Wow...there must be organized closets out there! If you haven't had a chance to clean out your have time! **We will continue to collect belts, shoes, clothing, scarves, hats, until the end of the year!** The mission partners in the conference center will church a check for 50% of the value/weight of the items collected. This to our church campership fund to reimburse any monies that were used for campers this year. Our church gives 30% of the total cost of the camp they've chosen to campers that attend this church. It is not too late to register for camp! If you get your monies paid by May 1st, you can save \$10! Decide which camp you'd like to attend. Turn in your completed registration form to Debbie in the church office. She will send a church check along with your form to whatever camp you have selected. Please let us know if there is any additional hardship or monies needed, as all the camps have financial aid available. I would encourage everyone to go camping...it's the best week of summer!



Thank you for the quite a few closet yet, you still shoes and bedding be giving our money will be put in

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS FRIDAY, April 18, 2014

THEME: Luke: Prophecy and Fulfillment

12:15PM Luke 1:1-4

1:45PM Luke 9:28-36

First United Church of Christ
400 Main Street
724-863-0430

12:45PM Luke 1:46-55

(A Great Reversal in Progress)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Main Street
724-863-7350

1:15PM Luke 3:21-22

(Baptized to do the Father's Will)
First Presbyterian Church
617 Main Street
724-863-5910

First Assembly of God Church
501 Oak Street
724-863-2500

2:15PM Luke 23:44-49

(Innocent Killed)
Bethel AME Church
304 Walnut Street
724-863-5254

2:45PM Luke 24:44-49

(Everything Written – Must be Fulfilled)
First United Methodist Church
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