



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

724-863-6858

www.irwinfirstumc.org

irwinfirstumc@comcast.net

Rev. David S. Lake – Pastor

Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry

April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Brown

10:45 – Barb Worthington

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 - "Plenty Good Room"

10:45 – "This Little Light of Mine" Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: "Come to me," Christ says.

P: We know and hear this voice.

L: "Walk with me," Christ calls.

P: We know and follow this call.

L: "Live with me," Christ says.

P: We rejoice in this promise of life.

L: Come, let us worship with Easter Joy!

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Great Shepherd, walk with us in this time of worship, as you walk with us all the days of our lives. As we sing your praises and worship your holy name, speak to us with your wisdom, call to us and lead us home. Open our eyes and enlighten our minds, that we might hear your word and grow in our faith. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 181 "Ye Servants of God"**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for "CURED." Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 - "He Restores My Soul" – Kelly Smith

10:45 - "He Restores My Soul" – Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 754 Psalm 23

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Meditation on 'The Lord's My Shepherd'"

***DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination. Thank you for all of the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church. You have sent into our lives kind Christians who have encouraged us in beautiful ways. Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit. May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 128

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

The 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)**

Acts 9:36-43

MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 733 “Marching to Zion”**

MUSIC OF PARTING “Welcome Happy Morning”

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

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

Todd Walters who passed away on Saturday, April 9th. Todd is the grandson of Edith Bush.

James Zona who passed away on Tuesday, April 12th.

May God’s comforting arms surround these families.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 20 Sunday 8:15 – 61 10:45 – 71

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, April 10th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Norene Spitznogle

10:45 – Lee Stewart & Lois Kuhn

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

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

NURSERY: Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the service.

The Attendants today are Lori Loughner & John Weber.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED for April 24th & May 1st. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any Sunday, please fill in an “Altar Flower” order form or contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901. Each arrangement is \$25.00 and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 17

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
9:30 New Members Class
10:45 Worship
12:15 SonShiners
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 Men's Work Team
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 UM Men
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, April 21

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

Saturday, April 23

Reception of New Members
5:00 New Members Class
6:00 Alternative Worship &
Reception of New Members

Next Sunday, April 24

Reception of New Members
8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship & Reception of New Members
9:30 Sunday School for all ages
9:30 New Members Class
10:45 Worship & Reception of New Members
12:15 SonShiners
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Do you know ...

... who was known as Methodism's American Saint?

(Please see the answer further on in the bulletin.) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection for the next two Sundays will be given to "CURED" (Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Disease.) The following information explaining this disease and organization comes from Laurie Yanos.

"My daughter, Megan, has a rare disease called Eosinophlic Esophagitis. The white blood cells that are in the bone marrow come out like 'pac man' and attack the food she eats. It makes the esophagus swell and causes vomiting that cannot be stopped without an emergency room visit for drugs and IV's.

Eosinophlic Esophagitis is a progressive disease. Megan has a very limited amount of food's she can eat and must drink a medical formula. One day she can eat a certain food, and all of a sudden, her body attacks it, further limiting what she can eat. She can never eat the foods in a restaurant or at a wedding or party because of cross contamination. She always has to carry her own food with her wherever she goes.

There is no cure at this time for Eosinophlic Esophagitis. CURED is a non-profit organization started by a mother in her home. 100% of the donations go to research for a cure.

Thank you for any help you can give, Laurie Yanos"

There are a few flyers on the office half door or you may go to their website at www.curedfoundation.org for more information on CURED.

"Native American Ministries" 4/3 - \$111.25

MEN'S WORK TEAM: The Men's Work Team will be meeting this Tuesday, April 19th to do some maintenance around the church. If you are available to help, please join them. They begin around 9:00 AM and are finished by noon. Not only do they complete projects around the church, but they have coffee and donuts and a delicious lunch! Hope to see you on Tuesday!

RECEPTION OF MEW MEMBERS: Several people have expressed interest in joining our church. Pastor David will be holding New Member classes for Saturday services on Saturdays, April 16th & 23rd at 5:00 PM with Reception of Members on Saturday, April 23rd. New Member classes for Sunday services will be on Sundays, April 17th, and 24th at 9:30 AM with Reception of Members on Sunday, April 24th. Anyone interested in joining our church is urged to contact Pastor David or the office.

UNITED METHODIST MEN - will meet on Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:00 pm. Along with our regular business meeting and refreshments we will have a time of devotions during our fellowship. We invite every man to join us for this light-hearted lesson. You do not need to be a United Methodist to attend. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

“Do you know” Answer



Bishop Francis Asbury

The Rev. Alfred T. Day III, General Commission on Archives and History: “This man has been called ‘The American Saint,’ ‘The Prophet of the Long Road.’”

In the United States, there are towns and cities, hospitals, homes, and schools, from Maine to south Georgia and beyond named for Methodist leader Francis Asbury. Asbury brought Methodism to America in 1771, and over the next 45 years, he covered some 265,000 miles on horseback, bringing the Good News to the most remote corners of the New World.

The son of working class parents in England, Asbury received little formal education. He apprenticed as a metalworker and became a local lay preacher. At age 22, John Wesley appointed him to serve as a missionary among the American settlements. His became a life on the road and Asbury never married.

Under Bishop Asbury’s direction, the Methodist Episcopal Church grew from 1,200 to 214,000 members and more than 700 ordained preachers. Among the men he ordained was Richard Allen of Philadelphia, the first African American minister in the United States.

The Rev. Alfred T. Day III: “He was a frontiersman and a pioneer. He could have given Lewis and Clark a map to follow before they embarked on their journey and told them which roads to take and which roads were dead ends. The Methodist message that he brought was that God’s love can be experienced by everyone and that once it’s experienced by everyone the Holy Spirit takes up residence in your life and makes a difference.”

Dale Patterson, General Commission on Archives and History: “There’s a statue of him in our nation’s capital. I think it’s appropriate there’s a statue here at Drew in one of our seminaries. Asbury’s road goes through all those places. Asbury was one who reached out, he traveled, he spoke to a variety of people. He was comfortable talking to the upper crust and he was comfortable talking to slaves. He was comfortable talking to backwoods poor people and shopkeepers. I think that statue reminds us that the church needs to be in all of these places, reaching out in all of these kinds of ways.”

Story found at: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/transcript-methodisms-american-saint-bishop-francis-asbury>
Picture found at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Asbury#/media/File:Appletons%27_Asbury_Francis.jpg
