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April 23, 2017

First Sunday of Easter

April Memory Verse - John 11:35 “Jesus wept.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Chris Ghrist

10:45 – Tracy Hawley

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***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 “He Is Lord”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

P: **That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.**

L: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

P: **Actually we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.**

L: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

P: **May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 308 “Thine Be the Glory”**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to Native American Ministries.

Please see the announcements for more details.

ANTHEM 8:15 “We Walk By Faith” – Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 “Just As You Said” - Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD 1 Peter 1:3-9

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “When He Cometh”

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of miracles, in the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, you overturned natural laws. Thank you for the patience Jesus showed to Thomas who was afraid that it was too good to be true. You still do wonders, transforming people’s lives by your Spirit working through disciples like us. Direct our offerings to strengthen the ministries of this church, especially among people who struggle with doubt or feel distant from you. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (John 20:19-31)

***HYMN No. 332 “Spirit of Faith Come Down”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord”

For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”

PASTORAL PRYER & 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 John 20:19-31**

SERMON “Beyond a Reasonable Doubt” – Bryan Campbell

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 310 “He Lives”**

***BENEDICTION**

*** MUSIC OF PARTING “Celebration”**

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

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

The altar rail is always open.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 22 Sunday: 8:15 - 132 10:45 – 229

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Shirley McCune

10:45 – Bruce, Melanie, Lindsay & Caleb Smith

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terry Yurcisin

10:45 – Tom Lehner

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch

10:45 Penny Brant, Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. The attendents today will be Laurie Saporito & Lisa O’Reilley. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection this week will be given to Native American Ministries, one of the eight Western Pennsylvania Conference Special Offerings. Funds will be used for urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries.

Ronald McDonald House: 4/9- \$141.50 4/16 - \$295.50

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Be sure to check the clipboard and bulletin board in the narthex (entry hall) for opportunities to serve your church and your fellow Christians.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

Today, Sunday, April 23

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service

The next SonShiners rehearsal will be April 30.

Monday, April 24

- 6:30 Grief Support
- 7:00 Dartball – Round Robin - Home

Tuesday, April 25

- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:00 Church Council
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 26

- 1:00 Bible Study
- 6:00 Healing Service
- 7:00 Youth Group
- 7:00 N.O.W.

Thursday, April 27

- 6:15 C Bells
- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir

Saturday, April 29

Newsletter Deadline

- 6:00 Contemporary Worship Service
- 7:00 Christian Singles Group

Next Sunday, April 30

Holy Humor Sunday

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 SonShiners

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 – New Adult Bible Study
(Registrations needed by April 30th)

May 7 – Spud Bar to Go

May 13 – Mother & Daughter Banquet

(Please see the announcements on these events)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We express a special thank you to Bryan Campbell for delivering God’s message to us today.

PREPARE YOURSELF! HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY IS UPON US! On Sunday, April 30, we will continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season. Plan to wear a “Holy Humor hat” that day – SOMETHING on your head. Also, there will be a luncheon after the 10:45 AM service in the gym. Please bring a Holy Humor dish to pass, enough to serve 10- 12 people. Anything goes! Just make sure it is edible! Green eggs and ham, anyone?

A sign-up sheet is being passed on the clipboard so that we know how many to prepare for. Please come, even if you do not sign-up. The more the merrier!





Tickets for the Mother/Daughter banquet on May 13th will go on sale today. Tickets will be available after each service. If you have any questions or can offer your help with the banquet, please see Dawn Capecci or email her at missdawn25@yahoo.com



Camp Fundraiser Hoagie Sale... The hoagies from the April sale will be delivered after both services today. Please pay for your hoagies when you pick them up. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR ADULTS!

"Crazy Love" by Francis Chan

Led by Pastor Stephen

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. All adults are welcome to join us for this life changing video/book/Bible study. www.crazylovebook.com

When: 7:00 pm Thursday nights for 10 weeks starting on May 4th.

Where: Youth room

How to sign up: Email or call Stephen at 412-610-3289 pastormannion@gmail.com. The cost is \$20 (book and workbook). Amount can be paid at first meeting. **Register by April 30th!**

For more information on the following programs, contact Pastor Bruce at 724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRUCE: Held every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

HEALING SERVICE – the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES: To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS. If you, or someone you know, have property – a car, jewelry, stocks, bonds, or other assets – and you would like to donate these items to our church, please contact Pastor Bruce Judy or the Finance Committee. We can make arrangements for a tax deductible transfer. For more information, or to see if your items are suitable, please contact Alan Painter at 724-446-0224.



SPUD BAR TO GO

Mark your calendar! We will be having a takeout spud bar after both services on Sunday, May 7th. Check upcoming bulletins for details.

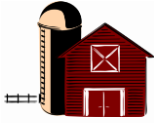
MUSICIANS WANTED

Are you interested in being a part of the Saturday night worship team (6pm service)? We are in need of musicians (on guitar, keyboard, or percussion) who are willing to play/sing on a regular or semi-regular basis.

Interested persons should have the following qualities:

- Ability to independently learn 5 or 6 songs in a week
- Willingness to arrive at 4:30 on Saturday to practice
- Ability to play from chord sheets
- Familiarity with current contemporary worship music would be a plus
- Ability to sing harmonies would be a plus as well.

If you are interested please talk to Laura (Saturday night worship leader) sometime at a Saturday night service. You can also contact the office and they will forward your information to Laura.



BARN PARTY!

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 2nd in the evening for a beginning of summer barn party! Activities will include eating, dancing/listening to a DJ, an organized food fight, bonfire, corn hole, and more! **This event will be free and open to anyone in middle school or high school.** Kick off the beginning of summer right, and PLEASE BRING FRIENDS! This is designed to be an outreach event.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

In case you missed last Sunday, the following people are the newest additions to our FUMC family:

Transferring in:

Carol Ackerman & Bethany Ackerman (and son, Lucas)
251 Proter Drive, Irwin, PA 15642

Jeff & Vicki Herman
121 Tanglewood Court, Irwin, PA 15642

Profession of Faith:

Lonny Vogel
1341 Reed Street, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642
724-875-1975

Our 2017 Confirmation Class:

Savannah Lorenc – daughter of Edward & Theresa Lorenc
Alexander Riffer – son of Kirk & Dana Riffer
Kyle Lander – son of Leonard & Sally Lander
Axel Reed – son of Raymond & Joellynn Reed
Benjamin Bergman – son of Robert & Amy Bergman

Our Youth Minister:

Stephen Mannion
5946 Barnes Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102
412-610-3289
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Please be sure to greet our newest members and welcome them into our church.

ARE YOUR DOGS PROPERLY LICENSED? ARE YOUR DOGS AND CATS PROPERLY VACCINATED?

According to an article in the Tribune Review, dog wardens will canvas Westmoreland County over the next two weeks to ensure pet owners have current licenses and rabies vaccinations for their dogs and current vaccinations for their non-feral cats. Dog owners can purchase licenses online at www.co.westmoreland.pa.us. Licenses also are available at the county treasurer's office, located at 2 North Main St., Suite 110, Greensburg, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or by mailing an application and payment to that office.

For additional information, call the treasurer's office at 724-830-3175.

<http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12214365-74/dog-license-checks-start-next-week-in-westmoreland-co>