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April 30, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

“Holy Humor Sunday”

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

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko

10:45 – Tracy Hawley

GATHERING & WELCOME

PASTOR

L: Knock knock,

P: who's there?

L: Lettuce.

P: Lettuce who?

L: Lettuce pray.

OPENING PRAYER “Prayer To the God Of Laughter”

Lord of laughter, open our eyes to see through the absurdities of this brazen century and to confront them with good humour rather than faithless despair. Help us to smile while the wealthy worry or the politicians strut and dissemble. Give us the grace to chuckle at technological vain-glory or the self-praise of the entertainment industry. When ignorance poses as dogmatic, scientific wisdom, or the devil’s slaves pretend to be angels of light, enable us to laugh heartily with the faith and daring that is born of your Easter victory.

Lord of laughter, when we take ourselves too seriously, laugh at us until we come to our senses. For your love’s sake; Amen

PASTOR

L: Knock knock,

P: who's there?

L: Luke.

P: Luke who?

L: Look all around you at the smiles on your neighbors.

***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 “Modal Mallets” Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO LAUGHTER**

L: Blow the trumpets; play the lute and harp;

P: Shake the tambourine; hear the strings and pipe;

L: Dance — we praise God!

P: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Joy to the World” (*Congregation see insert*)

1. Joy to the World, the Lord's alive, Awake, rejoice and sing!

It's just as He had said, He's risen from the dead.

Salvation now He brings, Salvation now He brings,

Salvation, salvation now He brings.

2. Joy to the World, the empty tomb, Proclaims a victory.

Of light compelling, A great dispelling

Of darkness in the world, Of darkness in the world,

Of darkness, of darkness in the world.

3. Joy to the World, Our Savior reigns,

Let Heaven and earth proclaim The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

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

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to our Work Trip team.

Please see the announcements for more details.

ANTHEM “Let the Sunshine In” SonShiners

L: Knock knock,

P: who's there?

L: Rita.

P: Rita who?

L: Read a Bible if you want to hear the good news.

WORD OF GOD Job 8:20-22

L: Knock knock,

P: who's there?

L: Phillip.

P: Phillip who?

L: Fill up the plate as it's passed to you.



PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Celebration Medley” Chancel Choir

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

*** HYMN “TAKE TIME TO BE FUNNY” (tune: “Take Time to Be Holy”)**

1. Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord

Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word

For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak

God loves to see smiles, they lift up the meek.

2. Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul

Too many are somber, grabbing control.

Let go and let God's love wash over your soul

Hea-ven-ly transcendence can be your life's goal.

3. For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, rejoice in life's ride.

PASTOR

L: Knock knock,

P: who's there?

L: Joyce

P: Joyce who?

L: Joys and Concerns time!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord"

For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."

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 John 15:9-12

SERMON "The Butler Did It!"

*HYMN OF PARTING "Hats Off, Hats Off for Jesus"

composed by Rev. Jill E. Harvey
to the tune: WEBB ("Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!")

1. Hats off! Hats off to Jesus! He is the lamb divine.
For we were low and sinful. But he has paid the fine.
The devil thought he'd won, but Jesus turned it o'er
By rising from the dead. We'll fear death never more.
2. Hats off! Hats off to Jesus! He's conquered death and sin.
He is the true Messiah. His light will never dim.
The good news we'll proclaim To every hurting heart:
God's love is ours forever; It never will depart.
3. Hats off! Hats off to Jesus, The Lord of life and love.
He rose again on Easter To rule with God above.
Below the devil cringes His plans have been destroyed.
Rejoice with holy laughter, And celebrate with joy!



*BENEDICTION

* MUSIC OF PARTING "Easter Fanfare"

*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: 18 Sunday: 8:15 - 63 10:45 - 86

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Mike, Anne, Philip & Charlie Osborn
10:45 - Edith Bush & Sara Campbell

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terry Yurcisin 10:45 – Tom Lehner

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – 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 Kathy & Alyssa Wagner. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers today are presented in honor of Nellie Wiancko’s birthday.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is presented in honor of William Alexander Hawley who was born on Saturday, April 22nd. He is the son of Joey & Sara Hawley and the grandson of Bill & Tracy Hawley and Tim & Diane Milam. May God bless William and his family.

HOSPITAL CALLS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call the office or Pastor Bruce to let us know. We will need the name of the patient, the hospital and the room number if available. It’s better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn’t know there is a need.*

If you would like to be a member of our church, please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or the church office (724-963-6858.)

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 30

Holy Humor Sunday

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

Thursday, May 4

- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir

Saturday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 2

- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:00 Outreach
- 7:30 NA

Next Sunday, May 7

“Spud Bar to Go” after each service

(see announcement)

Wednesday, May 3

- 1:00 Bible Study
- 7:00 Youth Group
- 7:00 Women’s Book Study

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



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Holy Humor Sunday during both services. After the 10:45 AM service, please come to the gym to share in a Holy Humor luncheon. If you go to the 8:15 AM service, please return to share in the fun! Jesus lives! Be joyful!

A special thanks to Donna Weber, Dawn Weber and Dot Depp for coordinating our Holy Humor lunch today. Please stay, even if you did not sign up last Sunday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collections this week will be given to the Worktrip team to help defer the cost of their upcoming trip to Philippi, WV. Please see the announcement below for more details on this year's trip.

Native American Ministries: 4/23 - \$95.00

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.



Tickets for the Mother/Daughter banquet on May 13th will be on sale today 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

SPUD BAR TO GO

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a takeout spud bar on May 7th after both Sunday services in the Narthex. We will have baked potatoes and all the toppings for you to take home and enjoy!



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.

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

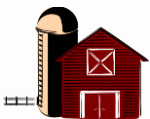
of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. All adults are welcome to join us for this life changing video/book/Bible study. www.crazylovebook.com

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!**

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.

Adult Volunteers are needed! Please contact Stephen if you can help.

***** And don't forget Fish and Chips (youth group) Wednesday at 7:00pm! *****

Last week to register!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DARTBALL TEAM! Our guys were awarded the “2nd Half National League Champs” plaque for the 2016-2017 Dartball season. In individual awards, Don Swanson was the Champ in the homeruns category, Lou Berta placed 4th in the doubles category, and Cliff Bressler placed 4th in the homeruns category. Congratulations to all the guys for a great season!



The Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip 2017



On this 25th year of the annual mission work trip, we have coveeted with Janet Andrade, a single mom, to place a new bedroom on her home. Janet has a son, 8 year old Alex, and her 16 year old nephew, Isaiah, living in a two-bedroom mobile home. This addition will be for Isaiah. We also saw the need to replace the entry stoop with steps, with an attached porch to the addition. The room will be 10' x 12' plus a large closet/storage area. A corner of the addition will be a coat and boot area just inside the door. We will also be doing some work on the roof to close some openings at its peak. The room and porch will be covered by a continuous roof.

The 2017 work team members list has mostly veterans with a few new folks who have answered the call. Please keep the family, team members, and planning team in prayer. We have coveeted to construct the solution and with you as intercessors, God may direct our hands and feet to an acceptable result. Your dedication and resolve will forever change the life of this family.

As we were talking to Janet, we mentioned some of the other families we had done similar additions for. One being just at the beginning of her road. We talked about the Lance's addition (2015) which will be similar. It turns out she is the daughter of Kathryn Lance. Small world! Janet's sister lives next door to her also.

There is a poster in the narthex, detailing the project and a drawing of the planned structure. If you would like to help “Build a Memory,” you can make a contribution for building materials, scholarships for work team members, or to help defray the cost of food. Please place your monies in a marked envelope from the bulletin or pew holders. If you wish to buy materials in Memory, Honor or to the Glory of God, there are half sheet forms to do so. All the names will be placed on the corresponding item(s) prior to installation. There will be lumber for signing in the narthex a few weeks prior to leaving, that you may add your name and or note that we will take with us. Maybe you have furniture you would like to donate to this bedroom. Isaiah's room will need a twin or full bed, nightstand, dresser and a free-standing shelf unit. If you have any laminate flooring you might want to donate for the closet/storage areas ... roughly 2' x 6' and 2' x 4'. Lighting fixtures for the room will be sconces and plug in lamps. Old wall hung cabinets could be used in the coat/boot area. If you have any items to donate, please call before bringing them to the church. We will make arrangements to get the items before we leave.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact us via email or phone. Any questions or inquiries are welcome.

In His Service, Patty & Jack Osterman Work trip coordinators

Email at namretsojp@gmail.com

Phone 724-863-2796

Community News...The Community Women's Club of Level Green is once again sponsoring its annual Safety Town Program on June 12-16 at the Level Green Presbyterian Church from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Children who are entering kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to attend. The Safety Town program is designed to teach basic safety measures, tips and awareness lessons that will keep children safe. Key topics include fire safety, school bus safety, poison awareness, stranger danger, and bike/scooter/skateboard safety. Visits will be made by Penn Township Police Department, Penn Township Ambulance, Level Green Volunteer Fire Department and First Student Bus Company. Children will also be introduced to "the Town" and will have an opportunity to learn about street safety as they drive big wheels or bikes with training wheels through the Town each day. **Personal bike helmets are required.** Through the week children are taught their full name, address, telephone number for use in emergency situations. In addition, the children will enjoy crafts, snacks, songs, workbooks and new friendships daily.

The cost is \$50 for the week and the registration deadline is **Monday, May 15th**. You do not have to live in the Penn Trafford District to attend this. Space is limited to 45 students (3 classes of 15). The Women's Club has sponsored

this program for over 30 years because we believe in educating our children to develop a safe community. To register, or if you have any questions, contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649.

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.

**THERE IS A NEW MINISTRY HERE AT IRWIN FUMC
“Stitch in Faith Ministry”**

Meeting Place: the Upper Room off the balcony
(previously the District Superintendent’s office)

Dates: Wednesday, June 7th from 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 21st from 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Ministry: We will be learning how to make prayer quilts.

What to Bring: Yourself and the desire to learn how to quilt. No experience is required. We would love for all who are able to come and join the fun!

Quilting Instructor: Mary Reed (724-864-5376)

Direct questions to: Mary Reed or Cindi Painter (724-446-0224)

THANKS YOU’S FROM THE N.O.W. COMMITTEE:

- to Donna Weber, Dawn Capecci and Melinda Walker for providing the refreshments for the Talent Show.
- to everyone involved in the Easter Egg Hunt and to everyone who donated snacks and prizes.