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April 5, 2015
Easter Sunday

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

EASTER DRAMA **“Mary at the Tomb”**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION **“We Welcome Glad Easter”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Remember the good news that Jesus promised.

P: We will not be left alone.

L: Death cannot contain the purposes of God.

P: We will rise and live with this hope.

L: Tears and weeping will be no more.

P: We will know joy and laughter again.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Rejoice for Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen indeed!

***UNISON PRAYER**

Risen Christ, Lord of life, breathe new life into us this day. Inspire us with confidence, and open our hearts anew, to receive your promise of resurrection. Speak to us once more, that we might hear your voice and recognize your presence in our midst. From the darkness of doubt, guide us into the glorious light of faith and love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 302** **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the “Eastbrook Mission Barn”

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM **“Amen and Amen”** **Chancel Choir**

RESPONSIVE READING No. 839 Psalm 118

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

***DOXOLOGY No. 94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Glorious God, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death! You raised him up to live forever. He left behind his linen wrappings -- the shroud, his grave clothes. Robed in white, Christ leads us from darkness to light. Help us to follow him, leaving behind the things of our past that obscure our horizons. We dedicate these offerings as tokens of the breaking dawn of Christ. May our gratitude shine forth by our joyfully giving of our earthly goods. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 322 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

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) Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT – All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 310 "He Lives"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "'Tis the Spring of Saints Today"**

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

*A special "thank you" to everyone who purchased flowers to adorn our church this morning.
They look beautiful!*



Each flower is marked with the owner's name. If you are taking your flower with you after the 10:45 service, please be sure to take the one with your name on it.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
No Youth Group Meetings
No Music Group Practices

Monday, April 6

The Office will be closed today
7:00 District Meeting

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 Women's Bible Study
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 District Meeting

Thursday, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

9:00 Food Bank Truck – Help Needed
Gym Closed

Saturday, April 11

Race for Grace at Norwin Stadium

8:30 District Meeting
9:30 Food Bank– Help Needed
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, April 12

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
No Music Group Practices

There will be no rehearsals for SonShiners and Temple Bells until April 19th.

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.

Eastbrook Mission Barn: 3/22 - \$227.00 3/29 - \$236.50

What a blessing to have a "full house" and share the story of God's love and an Egg Hunt! A special thank you goes out to the UMW for helping fund the event, the Harvesters

Sunday School class for the cookies & drinks, and the youth for packing & "hiding" the treats!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 10:00 AM. We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation. If you have a copy of "The Layman's Bible Handbook" please bring it to class with you along with your Bible.

Any woman wanting to know more about the Bible is welcome to attend our monthly class on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: Don't forget to wear something on your head next Sunday to celebrate Holy Humor Hat Day. After the 10:45 AM service, please come to the gym to share in a Holy Humor luncheon. Bring a humorous food dish to pass (enough for 10 - 12 servings) - or at least a NORMAL dish with a humorous name! We will have a hat fashion show during lunch. If you go to the 8:15 AM service, please return (with your hat and food) to share in the fun! Jesus lives! Be joyful!

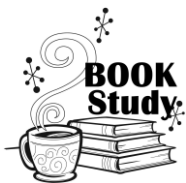


SUMMER CAMP NEWS... Camp Brochures are in! Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny and Jumonville offer new camps each year. Pick up a booklet in the narthex for information on any of these three UM Church Camps and submit your registration form to the church office.

Race For Grace: Once again, the Outreach Committee will be supporting the *Race For Grace*. This year the race is on Saturday, April 11th. Get your walking shoes on and join our team!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief.





THE WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY is currently studying a book by Max Lucado called "*Before Amen.*" They will meet at 7:00 pm up in the Youth Room this Wednesday, April 8th. Max is an excellent teacher and writer so you know it's certain to be a good study! You will need to purchase the book (not the study guide). It is available at www.christianbook.com for \$11.99 (as of March 8th), and also at Family Bookstore for a higher price.

All ladies are invited! The only requirement is that you come ready to learn and share with each other.

THE HAPPY METHODIST GROUP will meet at Rodney's Restaurant on Monday, April 20th at 1:00 PM. The Happy Methodist Group meets periodically for lunch and fellowship.