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**April 1, 2018**

**Easter Sunday      Holy Communion**

**April Memory Verse – James 4:7**

***“Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”***

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**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Sandy Lehner**

**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.**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**EASTER DRAMA/ BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**Mary Magdalene (Kelly Smith), Jesus (Jason Kirsch), angel (Chris Ghrist)**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: The Lord be with you.**

**P: And also with you.**

**L: He is risen!**

**P: He is risen indeed!**

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

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to our Ronald McDonald House. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM    “Alleluia, Jesus is King” - Chancel Choir**

**WORD OF GOD    1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY      “Intermezzo on ‘Now the Green Blade Riseth’”**

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

**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)**

**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 310 “He Lives”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”

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

**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

**\*WORD OF GOD John 20:1-18**

**SERMON “Simon Says”**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT**

**(All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Thine Is the Glory”**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.*

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 17 Sunday: 8:15 - 71 10:45 – 105**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Connie Fontana & Barbara Ceresa

10:45 – Lee Stewart

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Tom Lehner

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – John Johnston, Bernie Johnston

10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger

**NURSERY:** Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. 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.

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**LAY SCHOLARSHIP FORMS FOR WORK TRIP** - We are going to try and submit the lay scholarship forms to help defray some of the cost for the team attending the work trip (food and rooms at Alderson Broaddus University). The scholarship forms are on the desk in the church office. We will not know until right before we leave if monies are available. The completed forms can be given to Patty Osterman or placed in our mail slot in the church office. We need to have the completed forms by today, April 1st- Easter. Thank you

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Regular Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on 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](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)  
*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

**Today, Sunday, April 1**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Holy Communion**  
8:00 Prayer  
8:15 Worship Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship Service  
No SonShiner Practice

**Thursday, April 5**  
6:15 C Bells  
6:30 Daisy Scouts  
6:30 NA  
7:15 Choir

**Saturday, April 7**  
6:00 Contemporary Worship

**Monday, April 2**  
**Office Closed**  
7:00 Dartball - Away

**Next Sunday, April 8**  
**Holy Humor Sunday**  
**Coffee Hour**  
8:00 Prayer  
8:15 Worship Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship Service  
No SonShiner Practice

**Tuesday, April 3**  
**Office Closed**  
7:30 NA  
6:00 Adult Study Group  
7:00 Outreach

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will reopen on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wednesday, April 4**  
1:00 Bible Study  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Youth

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/1/2018**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** The Children’s Collection this week will be given to *Ronald McDonald House*. A Ronald McDonald House is that “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. The RMHC Global Policy is that families are never turned away; if it’s not possible to pay, the fee is waived.

<http://www.rmhc.org/ronald-mcdonald-house>  
**Ronald McDonald House** 3/25/2018 - \$143.00

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**Youth Center** will continue all summer! Join us each Wednesday from 5-8pm. All students grade 6-12 welcome! **Fish and Chips** (Youth Church)! Join us Sunday mornings! See the youth page on the website for the schedule.

**Idlewild!** Mark your calendar for June 3rd for our summer launch trip to Idlewild and Soak Zone. Stay tuned for how to get the half-price tickets!

**Youth Sunday** coming April 29th. The youth will do both services that week! Come to Fish and Chips to learn how you can participate!

**Volunteers Needed!** The youth center has grown and is in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, or have a question, contact Pastor Stephen at 412-610-3289 or [pastormannion@gmail.com](mailto:pastormannion@gmail.com).

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**TAKEOUT SPUD BAR:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a takeout spud bar on April 22nd. Spuds, toppings and some sweet treats will be available after both services Sunday morning.



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**PRAYER WARRIORS UNITE!** We are just about ready to begin this vital prayer ministry and the devil has been fighting us all the way. If you are willing to pray for a list of people that you will be given – daily – then sign up or let Suzanne Shade know @724-221-2190 or text her. There will be an anointing service to kick off the prayer warrior ministry.

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**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join us to run, walk or cheer! Complete race details can be found at [reflectionsofgrace.org](http://reflectionsofgrace.org) Currently, online registration is \$25 (plus fee). Online registration closes April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information about the FUMC Team, please contact Anne at [annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com) or 724-744-7278.

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**The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY**



Did you ever want to learn to quilt or volunteer your time for a good cause? We have just the mission activity for you. The Stitch in Faith Quilting Ministry meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. To find our sewing room make a right at the top of the stairs, through the double doors and straight ahead. (If you turn left it leads to the balcony) If you have any questions see Mary Reed (instructor) or Cindi Painter.

We have several baby prayer quilts dedicated and are available in the basket next to the Prayer Shawls in the Sanctuary. (During Holy Week they will be in the Little Parlor next to Pastor Judy’s office.)

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**HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRY**

Did you ever want to learn to knit or crochet? Every Sunday we meet in the Little Parlor from 9:30 to 10:30. It’s a relaxed class--a short devotional, some sharing all the while we work with yarn. If you want to learn how to knit/crochet or if you have any questions, see Burnetta Green or Cindi Painter. We make Prayer Shawls & Scarves, Lap Afghans, larger Afghans, capes, pocket Prayer Shawls, Prayer Circles, baby hats, baby blankets and slippers. There are several items dedicated and in the Sanctuary. (During Holy Week they will be in the Little Parlor next to Pastor Judy’s office.)



Many thanks for the beautiful works donated and dedicated March 11<sup>th</sup>. These items are prayerfully made & our prayer is for the receiver to feel the touch of God’s Unconditional Love!

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**SOLES4SOULS:** In the month of April, the Outreach Committee will collect new and gently used shoes for Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity, founded in 2006, that collects new and used shoes and redistributes them through direct donations to people in need and through micro-enterprise partners. Since they began, Soles4Souls has distributed over 30 million pairs of shoes to people in over 127 countries. Shoes of any type are welcomed for kids to adult from sandals to boots! Please donate shoes by placing them in the basket in the Narthex.



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**LEVEL GREEN LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE**

Level Green Community Building, 123 Murrysville Road, Trafford, PA  
Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon to 5 PM.

Contact [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org) or call 1-866-366-6771 for an appointment.

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**HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY:** We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday at both services on the Sunday after Easter, April 8. What IS Holy Humor Sunday?

The idea behind it is that God played the greatest practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. One website about this special Sunday states:



“Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

“From time to time in our earthly lives, many of us have been dead - from illness, depression, physical injuries, emotional wounds, the loss of loved ones, financial losses - and yet have come alive and endured while looking forward to the Great Resurrection.

Laughter releases tension, and we have enough of that these days. We all need to stop taking ourselves so seriously. We need to recognize that this is really God's world, and He has so much in store for us. We put too much emphasis on what's wrong and what's bad with it.

As a part of the festivities, we are proclaiming April 8 as Holy Humor Headpiece Day. We are asking everyone in attendance to wear SOMETHING on their head and the BRIGHTEST COLORED CLOTHING in their closet. 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!

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**AARP'S TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY** program will be available to seniors throughout Westmoreland County between now and April 15 at the following dates and locations:

- Delmont: April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cloverleaf Community Center, 200 Cloverleaf Drive.
- Greensburg: Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maplewood United Presbyterian Church, 108 Woodland Road.
- Youngwood: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westmoreland County Community College, 145 Pavilion Lane.
- North Huntingdon: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Huntingdon Townhouse, 11279 Center Highway.

Taxpayers must bring accurate records, income, interest and dividend statements and copies of their 2016 federal and state tax returns. Tax returns will be prepared by volunteers from the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

<http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/13468672-74/aarp-tax-help-available-at-locations-throughout-westmoreland>

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**“Two Bucks Campaign”!** Thank You for the **Two Buck Campaign** Response!

The Finance Committee wants to say THANK YOU for your response with the Two Buck Campaign. Your prayers, commitment and contributions in helping our Church meet the 2018 Connectional Apportionment deficit is very appreciated. In case you need a Commitment card, they are available in the narthex literature stand. Before signing your card, pray about your commitment then sign it and place in the offering plate. The April offering envelopes will have a line for you to indicate your Two Buck Campaign gift.

Please continue to pray for this campaign, encourage each other and support the 2018 Connectional Apportionment.

His Blessings Abound!

In Christ, The Finance Committee

**To date we have 30 pledges which, when paid, will total \$4,190.00.**

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**REMINDER!** We have a beautiful church with many wonderful fellowship areas. While our custodians try to accommodate requests from groups meeting in our building, they have numerous jobs to do on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of each group meeting here to:

- ... set up their area
- ... clean up the area when they are finished (including wiping off tables & countertops, mopping the floor, placing trash in the trash can, running the vacuum, etc.)
- ... take any used towels or dishcloths home to launder and then return them to where they belong.
- ... contact the church office or custodian with any problems that arise while using the building.

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**Camp Fundraiser...**We will be doing two more months of selling hoagies, pizzas and pepperoni rolls! The April Sale is going on now through April 15th with the delivery date being Sunday, April 22nd. All proceeds go to the General Camp Fund. Order forms can be found on the Camp Table in the narthex. The pizzas and pepperoni rolls can be frozen and eaten at a later time! We sold 75 items in February and 60 items in March. Thank you for supporting our campers!

Register now for any camp you are planning to attend to hold your spot. Many camps fill up quickly. Camp brochures are on the Camp Table in the narthex. Our church pays 40% of the total cost for any church member. Additional monies can be given through Jumonville, Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods, so don't let the cost keep you from going! **There is nothing s'more fun than camp!**

Questions: Contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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*We express our Christian sympathy to Laura Willby and her family with the death of her father, David L. Willby. Mr. Willby passed away on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. May God put his comforting arms around them.*

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. 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.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098.

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