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April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Humor Sunday

April Memory Verse – James 4:7

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

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Sandy Lehner

10:45 – Nellie Wiancko

GATHERING & WELCOME

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 humor 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

***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 “Sunshine and Joy Medley”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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 “Deck the Halls”**

1. Deck the halls with Easter lilies,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Dance a jig and sing the sillies,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

At the devil, mean, old bloke,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

On whom God has played a joke,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

3. Merry Christians rejoice and sing,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Now's the triumph of our King,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Lord of Life is ris'n this day,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

Let the world rejoice and say,

Fa-la-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

2. Devil thought he'd won the battle,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Pranced around high in the saddle,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Did not know God's special plan,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
To resurrect the Son of Man,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

4. Songs of joy to Christ our head,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Lives again who once was dead,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Life was purchased by his loss,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!
Died our death upon the cross,
Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

No. 2233 "This Is Where Children Belong"

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to Project Happy Feet.
Please see the announcement for more details.)*

HYMN "Hark The Herald Angel Said" (Tune: Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

Hark the Herald Angel said,
Why seek Jesus with the dead?
He's not here, as you can see,
Grave cloths lie where he would be.
On your way now, tell the others,
Jesus will be with his brothers.
Sisters, too, he wants to see
on the hills of Galilee.
Hark the Herald Angel said,
He is risen from the dead.



SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:32-35

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "A Song of Life"

*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" to the 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
Heavenly 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.



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

*SERMON SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON "We Know the Ending"

*HYMN OF PARTING "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus is alive.

2. The women found no body
their spices to anoint,
Instead they found an angel,
God's message to appoint.

Verses:

1. While soldiers watched the gravesite
That quiet Sunday dawn
There came a big commotion
and then the storm was gone.

3. Go from where He isn't
to where He said He'd be.
An Eastertime reunion,
the hills of Galilee.

*BENEDICTION

* MUSIC OF PARTING "Flourish on a Festive Occasion"

*Please stand if you are able

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 26 Sunday: 8:15 - 120 10:45 – 185

SERVING YOU TODAY

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

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John and 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this morning are in honor of Bernie Fishel’s birthday from her sister, Alice.

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

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

Today, Sunday, April 8

Holy Humor Sunday

Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

Noon Shiner Practice

Monday, April 9
10:00 UM Women

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball – Make-up Games

Thursday, April 12

6:15 C Bells

6:30 Daisy Scouts

6:30 NA

7:15 Choir

Friday, April 13

9:00 Food Bank Truck – Help Needed

Gym Closed

Saturday, April 14

9:00 Food Bank– Help Needed
6:00 Contemporary Worship

Tuesday, April 10

9:00 Men’s Work Team
6:00 Adult Study Group
7:00 Trustees
7:30 NA

Next Sunday, April 15

Coffee Hour
8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 No SonShiner Practice

Wednesday, April 11

10:00 Quilting
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Youth Center
7:00 SPRC

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/8/2018

We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ronald D. Lutz. He passed away on Wednesday, April 4th. May God comfort all those whose lives he touched.

THE CHILDREN’S COLLECTION this week will be given to *Project Happy Feet*. This Greensburg District program, with the help of area schools, provides needy children in our area with shoes.

Ronald McDonald House 3/25/2018 - \$143.00 4/1/2018 - \$373.50



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday at both services today. 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.

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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TAKEOUT SPUD BAR: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a take-out spud bar after both Sunday services on April 22nd. We will have potatoes, toppings and some sweet treats for you to take home and enjoy. Look for us in the Narthex.



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.

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.



The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY - The Stitch in Faith Quilting Ministry meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 on the 3rd 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.

HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD MINISTRY

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. We make Prayer Shawls & Scarves, Lap Afghans, larger Afghans, capes, pocket Prayer Shawls, Prayer Circles, baby hats, baby blankets and slippers. If you have any questions, see Burnetta Green or Cindi Painter.

Hearts to God



Hands to Work

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CAMP

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

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.



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>

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.