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Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry

**April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

8:15 “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

10:45 “Meditation in G” - Cathedral Bells

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

James, the Greater (Josh Burger)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 848 “Psalm 130”**

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice!

P: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

P: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshiped.

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord’s word I hope;

P: ... my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

P: And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 261 “Lord of the Dance”**

***UNISON PRAYER No. 881 “The Apostles’ Creed”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for the American Red Cross.

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 - “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” – Dianne Runser

10:45 - “The Cross Medley” – Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Romans 8:6-11

ANOINTING OF PASTOR STEPHEN

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Land of Rest”

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old 100th)**

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2158 “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”**

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 11:1-15

SERMON “Things Are Not Always What They Appear to Be”

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 707 “Hymn of Promise”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Song of Life”**

***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: 20 Sunday: 8:15 - 76 10:45 – 88

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Connie Fontana & Barb Ceresa
10:45 – Lee Stewart & Lois Kuhn

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 worship services. In the event that no attendants are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this morning are presented by Bob & Alice Hubert in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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 2

Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 SonShiners
12:30 Gym in use
3:30 LLS Cast – Full Cast, recorded music

Monday, April 3

7:00 Dartball – Make-up

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
(First United Church of Christ, Main Street)
1:00 Bible Study
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Youth Group

Thursday, April 6

6:15 C Bells
6:30 NA
7:15 Choir
8:15 LLS Choir

Saturday, April 8

6:00 Contemporary Worship Service
The Christian Singles Group will not meet until
April 29th.

Next Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 Living Last Supper Set up
3:30 Living Last Supper Dress Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this week will be given to the *American Red Cross*. The *American Red Cross* exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. Our network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world, through five key service areas:

Disaster Relief: The Red Cross responds to approximately 70,000 disasters in the United States every year, ranging from home fires that affect a single family to hurricanes that affect tens of thousands, to earthquakes that impact millions.

Supporting America's Military Families: The Red Cross helps military members, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to the challenges of military service. Emergency communications, training, support to wounded warriors and veterans, and access to community resources help an average of 150,000 military families and veterans annually.

Lifesaving Blood: Your donations of blood are what make the American Red Cross the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the U.S. Each year, nearly 4 million people donate blood through the Red Cross, helping to provide more than 40% of America's blood supply.

Health and Safety Services: The Red Cross is the nation's leading provider of health and safety courses, such as CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard training. Each year, more than 9 million Americans participate in our training programs, including first responders, educators, babysitters, and people who want to be prepared to help others in an emergency.

International Services: The American Red Cross is part of the world's largest humanitarian network with 13 million volunteers in 187 countries. Working together, we help respond to disasters, build safer communities, and teach the rules of war. Each year, we reach an average of more than 100 million people across the globe.

<http://www.redcross.org/what-we-do>

One Great Hour of Sharing: 3/26- \$235.15



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DARTBALL TEAM! Our team has made it to the playoffs. They will be competing on Monday at a Circleville UMC. Good luck guys!

A Simple Truth:



...You Are Loved!

You are invited to hear the story of God's great love for you, followed by our annual Egg Hunt on Palm Sun., Apr. 9th, 9:30-10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Remember the wonderful story of Holy Week/Easter & talk about Christian symbols. The egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. All ages welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping – just meet at 9:30 in the Elementary room to assist. (Tiny tots meet in Mrs. Weber's toddler room across from the nursery for a mini-hunt.)

Friends are always welcome!

Kick off Holy Week by hearing the story of our Christian faith in one exciting session!

Hope to see you on April 9th!

NEW SMALL GROUP!

"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. 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!

WORK TRIP ADULT MEMBERS NEEDING CLEARANCES: All adults or youth 18 years old and will be out of high school this year who want to go on the work trip need to have a child abuse clearance and a criminal record check. Forms are in the office on the desk or they can be obtained on line.

Act 34 - PA criminal clearance- <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

Requester: First United Methodist Church 310 Oak Street Irwin, PA 15642-3558
724-863-6858

Check church

Act 151 - PA child abuse clearance - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

Check volunteer

WORK TRIP TEAM MEMBERS - LAY GRANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: I do not know if monies are available from the conference for financial assistance in attending the work trip this year. All we can do is apply and see if there is some funding. Some years there has been money and other years there has not. I would like families with multiple people attending, youth, and any other individuals needing assistance in attending to consider filling out an application. Never should anyone not attend the work trip because of money. Our church family has been very generous in supporting our members and many have sponsored someone in the past.

The applications are on the desk in the church office. It will only take a few minutes to fill out the form. Place the completed form in our mail slot (second row, second from left). **DO NOT HAVE THE FORM SIGNED BY PASTOR BRUCE** - I will give him all the forms at one time. I would like the completed forms back to me by Easter, April 16th. I need to have them to conference that week to be considered for June.

Any questions - Pat Osterman email: namretsojp@gmail.com

LAY SCHOOL SPRING 2017 COURSES & REGISTRATION

Sundays: April 23 & 30, May 7, 14 & 21 (May 21 is the graduation celebration)

2:00- 5:00 PM at Latrobe UMC

Cost: \$20 - Registration deadline: April 7

(minimum enrollment of 4 people per class required)

Courses Offered:

- 1. **LEADING WORSHIP** — Focuses on the importance of exercising servant leadership while developing skills to lead worship and small groups while remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices. Instructors: Revs. Sang Choi & Tammy Falcsik
- 2. **LET’S PREACH** — Provides participants an opportunity to explore a call to preach, to review the elements of worship and the Christian year, and to recognize the lectionary as a preaching tool. Completion of the Basic Course* is a prerequisite. Instructor: Rev. Tom Kennedy

* Basic Course will not be available at this time, but will be available in future course offerings.

Registration & Payment Information:

There are 3 easy ways to register:

- 1. Register online at: www.wpaumc.org/greensburg Click on District Lay School Registration- Spring 2017 along the left hand side of the page under “Announcements”
- 2. Email completed form ([click here](#) or see attachment) to Greensburg.office@wpaumc.org
- 3. Fax completed form to 724-461-7428

There are 2 easy ways to pay:

- 1. PayPal (if registering online for a class, you have the option to use PayPal)
- 2. Mail a check to the District Office at 307 Freeport Street, Delmont, PA 15626. Make check payable to “Greensburg District” and put in the **memo line: “LSM Spring 2017**

FUMC MEMBERSHIP: Want to be a member of our church? Please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or the church office (724-963-6858.)

“WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE”

Midweek Lenten Services at First United Church of Christ on Main Street
These services are sponsored by the *Norwin Men’s Prayer Fellowship* group

11:30 AM – Hymn Sing 12:00 Noon – Worship 12:30 PM - Lunch ***

April 5th	Topic: “How Exciting”	Speaker: Shelli Prindle
April 12th	Topic: “For Ever and Ever”	Speaker: Rev. Ronald Durika

***Lunch provided (for a fee) by the Colonial Grille

Join us Wednesdays from 7-9pm!



We are in need of volunteers to provide a meal for the youth group Wednesday nights. Just something simple and yummy; such as sloppy joe's, hotdogs, mac and cheese, or pizza. Food will need to be in the youth room by 7pm on the Wednesday night you sign up for. If you can help, please sign up on the "ministry opportunities" clip board, or contact Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com/ 412-610-3289.

We really appreciate your time and generosity!

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.

RACE FOR GRACE: The 10th Annual Race for Grace will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Join our team to run or walk and support a great cause. Discounted registration ended March 7th, but you can register and be guaranteed a t-shirt until April 3rd. Check out www.reflectionsofgrace.org for complete details and registration information. Our team name is "First United Methodist Church of Irwin". Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The following opportunities for service will be on the clipboard today:

- 1) Assisting with the reception after Living Last Supper performance on April 11
- 2) Selling DVDs and other items at Living Last Supper performances April 11 and 13
- 3) Providing refreshments for Youth Group on Wednesdays (through end of school year)

The other Opportunities for Service are on a bulletin board in the narthex. Please be sure to check the board and volunteer.

- 1) Decorating for Easter (Good Friday afternoon)
- 2) Coordinating and assisting the Graduate Recognition celebration on June 4.
- 3) Coffee hour assistant (through December)

LIVING LAST SUPPER PUBLICITY -Please remember to pick up some yard signs, posters and pocket posters in the entry hall today. Help us to spread the word of our outreach event.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE: Instead of the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, the Bible Study with Pastor Bruce will now meet every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see Pastor Bruce for more information.



Tickets for the Mother/Daughter banquet will go on sale the Sunday after Easter, April 23rd.

NEW FLORIST FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: Starting April 2nd we have a new florist for altar flowers--Breitingers in White Oak. The cost will remain the same \$25.00. Please save the black vases and return to the office or set them outside the office door. (Our former florist, Gongaware & Parry, has retired and sold the property. We thank them for providing this service for us.) Hazuza's will continue to supply the Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day flowers. Please call Alice Hubert to order - 724-63-3901.

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.