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February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

February Memory Verse – Matthew 5:44

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Laurie Saporito

10:45 – Peggy Kooser

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.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

8:15 “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

10:45 “The Cross Medley” - Cathedral Bells

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Bartholomew/Nathaniel (Tim Saporito), James the Lesser (Mike Osborn)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 752 Psalm 22:1-5**

L: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

P: **Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

L: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

P: **... and by night, but find no rest.**

L: Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.

P: **In you our forebears trusted; they trusted and you delivered them.**

L: To you they cried, and were saved;

P: **... in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.**

***HYMN No. 100 “God, Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us” ***

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to our camping program. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 “My Tribute” - Becky Platt

10:45 “Jesus Paid It All” - Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Genesis 17:1-7

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 "Meditation on 'Martyrdom'"

10:45 "My Tribute" - Becky Platt

***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. 415 "Take Up Thy Cross"**

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 Mark 8:31-38**

SERMON "Do You Believe It?"

***UNISON PRAYER No. 607 Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

***HYMN No. 338 "Where He Leads Me"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"**

***Please stand if you are able**

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

HYMN NOTES Our first hymn today (No.100 "God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us") was written by William Boyd Grove. Bishop Grove was born in Johnstown, Pa., and received his education at Bethany College (1951), Drew University (1954) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (1978). He served as a pastor in congregations in the Western Pennsylvania Conference, and was consecrated bishop of the West Virginia Conference in 1980. After 12 years of service in this conference, he served for four years in the Albany (N.Y.) Area before retiring from the active episcopacy in 1996. The hymn "God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us" was written as a processional hymn for his daughter's (Doug and Susan Grove-DeJarnett) wedding.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 12 Sunday: 8:15 - 61 10:45 – 77

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Mike, Anne, Philip & Charlie Osborn

10:45 – Dean, Joyce & Stephanie Blissman

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men's Group 10:45 – Bryan & Kela Campbell

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

10:45 – Josh Burger, Penny Brant

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 week are presented in memory of our Dad, Denny Hearn from the Gurowski and Roberts families.

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, February 25

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 Sonshiners

Monday, February 26

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball - A

Tuesday, February 27

6:15 TOPS

6:00 NA

Wednesday, February 28

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service at
1st United Church of Christ

400 Main Street, Irwin

5:00 Youth Center

6:00 Healing Service

6:15 C Bells

7:15 Choir

8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

Thursday, March 1

5:00 Norwin Rotary

Chili Cookoff & Wing Thing

6:30 NA

Saturday, March 3

12:00 LLS cast rehearsal - pulpit side

6:00 Contemporary Worship

Next Sunday, March 4

Communion

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:15 Soup Sale (Limited number of soups
available for take-out)

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 Sonshiners

12:15 Soup Luncheon

**Tuesday, March 6th the office will be
closed for the annual church audit.**



EVERYBODY LOVES EASTER CANDY!!! The Church Easter candy sale for 2018 is starting today. We will have order forms from *Betsy Ann Chocolates* for families and members to take home to sell to their family and friends. **Orders are due back to the church no later than Sunday, March 11th**, to allow enough time for the orders to be fulfilled. We will still take individual orders before and after each service in the narthex. All monies are due at the time of order. Candy will be available for pick-up on

Palm Sunday, March 23rd. 35% of all sales go directly to the church. Please help to support the finances of our church by purchasing your Easter candy through our fundraiser.

CAN YOU BUILD STUFF OUT OF WOOD? The youth ministry needs you! We need someone to build a gaga ball court. It shouldn't be too hard, but requires someone with a bit of know-how. You can look online to get an idea. If you think you may be able to help, please call Pastor Stephen at 412-610-3289.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/25/2018

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be used for our camping program. Including our ladies from the Women's Retreat, 27 campers were helped last year! Your donations will be used to help our campers experience learning, fellowship, and fun during an exciting time at our Christian camps!

Camping – 2/25/2018 - \$119.18

CAMP FUNDRAISER!!! Hoagies, Pizzas and Pepperoni Rolls are in! Orders can be picked up in the room off the narthex following both services. March sale delivery date is Sunday, March 18. The campers thank you for your support!



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE: The Norwin Men’s Prayer Fellowship will host a program with the theme “What, Who, and Where” at 11:30 AM each Wednesday in Lent. The services will be held at First United Church of Christ, 400 Main Street, Irwin. For more details call 724-863-0430.

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. Please ask permission before placing signs or posters on a property not your own.

HELP STILL NEEDED to iron flat tablecloths and to sell DVDs and other items before and after each performance. Please sign up on the clip board.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE LIVING LAST SUPPER CHOIR. They do not need to attend our church. Rehearsals are at 8:15 on Thursdays February 25, March 8, 15 and 22 and on WEDNESDAY February 28.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SHOE BOXES: February’s collection for is small games, footballs, soccer balls, checkers, journals, jewelry, and any item for the older age group (10 -14.)

The “I NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH” outreach ministry needs volunteers!



Do you love to drive and have a car? Use that car for the good of the Body of Christ! We are going to be offering a ministry to the community where we will be offering rides to church to anyone who needs one.

Curious? Want to know more? Contact Pastor Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com, or 412-610-3289 for more details.

UPPER ROOM FOR MARCH/APRIL

The March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available in the Narthex. Find inspiration for personal meditation and devotions. This Lenten issue is a rich resource on inviting God into your life. Large print editions are also available.



The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY will not meet in February. We will resume in March weather permitting. Quilting dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning in March from 10:00-11:30. Please mark your calendars and come for a fun morning. Questions may be directed to Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.

NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP! "Good to Great in God's Eyes"

Are you tired of the "status quo" Christian life? Do you dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion, then look no further than this group study. This study is a video/discussion study with Chip Ingram, led by Pastor Stephen.

This group begins March 6th, and will take place each Tuesday night, from 6-7 pm, for 10 weeks in the youth room. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Pastor Stephen by February 20th at 412-610-3289 or pastormannion@gmail.com

THE DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL is available on the table in the narthex. This devotional is a free service provided for you. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a friend or a loved one. Donations will be accepted- insert in an envelope marked Daily Bread and place in offering plate.

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"Two Bucks Campaign"! We are challenging 100 members to contribute \$2.00 a week above their current giving. It's equal to a cup of coffee or soft drink at a restaurant. This idea had to be a "God Thing" to develop this campaign - it's so painless and easy. A way to solve this year after year Connectional Apportionment deficit. All you need to do is be creative with your \$2.00/week commitment (above your regular giving). Your weekly envelope will soon have a designated item line for your *gift* for the **"Two Bucks Campaign"**. Until the new envelopes come out, here are some ways to assure that your contribution is credited to the **"Two Bucks Campaign:"**

- 1) Use the Connectional Apportionment Envelope included in our monthly giving envelopes
- 2) Indicated on your envelope **"Two Bucks Campaign"**
- 3) Indicate under Mission Share **"Two Bucks Campaign"**
- 4) Utilize a pew envelope and indicate your **"Two Bucks Campaign"** Donation.

To monitor our progress, check out the Newsletter Financial report & the Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex.

We **are** connected together, Church Family. And we **are** going to meet our Connectional Apportionment giving in 2018 with this **"Two Bucks Campaign"**!

Thank You & Blessings to You,
The Finance Committee

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11TH ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE – APRIL 7TH

Please join us to run, walk or cheer! Complete race details can be found at reflectionsofgrace.org Register before March 7th for the discounted rate of \$20 (plus Eventbrite fee). On March 7th, the rate goes up to \$25 (plus fee). Online registration closes April 2nd.

With our sponsorship, we receive 3 free registrations. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in one of these registrations, please contact Anne at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

ATTENTION ALL SOUP MAKERS AND CAKE BAKERS!!!!

Mark your calendars – the Outreach committee will be hosting another soup luncheon on Sunday March 4th after the second service. We will offer a limited number of soups available for take-out after the 8:15 service. Please check out the sign-up poster in the Narthex and let us know if you can contribute soup or a cake.



The next PRAYER SHAWL/QUILT DEDICATION will be March 11th at services. Please see Mary Reed or Cindi Painter for a prayer card to attach. All to be placed on the altar rail prior to Sunday services. After the Dedication to take one if needed.



both Sunday dedicated items need anyone is welcomed

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.
