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February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday

February Memory Verse – Matthew 6:12

“and forgive us of our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko

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 “We Fall Down”

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 819 Psalm 99**

L: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: **The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.**

L: Let then praise your great and wondrous name!

P: **Holy is the Lord!**

L: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

P: **... you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

L: Extol the Lord our God. Worship at the Lord’s footstool!

P: **Holy is the Lord!**

L: Moses and Aaron were among God’s priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God’s name.

P: **They cried to the Lord, who answered them, who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.**

L: They kept God’s testimonies, and the statutes God gave them.

P: **O Lord, our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

L: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

P: **Surely the Lord our God is holy!**

***UNISON PRAYER No. 889 “Prayer of Affirmation”**

***HYMN No. 176 “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”**

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

DEDICATION HYMN No. 143 **“On Eagles Wings”**

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

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for Race for Grace. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 10:45 “In the Light of the Lord”

WORD OF GOD 2 Peter 1:16-21

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Morning Star”

***DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 349 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

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 Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON “Jesus Transfigures Us”

***HYMN No. 2272 “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Spanish Trumpet Joy”**

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

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 20 Sunday: 8:15 - 74 10:45 - 87

SERVING YOU TODAY

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

10:45 – Tim & Laurie Saporito

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Virginia Ives

10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser

10:45 - Penny Brant, Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the worship services. The attendants today are Stephanie Blissman & Sara Hawley. 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 today are presented:

- in memory of Marion and Dick Fetter from Chuck and Toni Fetter.

- in memory of William Swope & in honor of Jean Swope from Lori Swope

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: Membership classes for those wishing to join our church, and those who would like a refresher course about the United Methodist Church, will take place during the Sunday School hour from Sunday, February 19th through Sunday, March 26th. The Confirmation class will be joining the Membership class for these sessions. Pastor Bruce will also be leading these sessions.

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, February 26

Prayer Shawl Dedication

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Confirmation Class

9:30 Membership Class

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 SonShiners

6:00 Talent Show

Monday, February 27

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball - A

Tuesday, February 28

5:30 NA

6:15 TOPS

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday/First day of Lent

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service

(First United Church of Christ, Main Street)

7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 2

5:00 Irwin Rotary Chili Cook-off

6:15 C Bells

6:30 NA

7:15 Choir

Saturday, March 4

Gym in use all day

6:00 Alternative Worship Service

7:00 Christian Singles

Next Sunday, March 5

Communion

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Confirmation Class

9:30 Membership Class

10:45 Worship Service

9:30 Limited soups available for take out

12:15 SonShiners

12:30 Soup Luncheon

Upcoming Dates To Remember

March 1 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

March 2 – Irwin Rotary Chili Cook-off

March 5 – Soup Luncheon

March 8 – Women's Book Study (new session begins)

TALENT SHOW: Yippee! We are going to have a talent show this evening at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. It's not too late to share a talent with us. Let's have fun and laugh together. Invite your neighbors to come, too. After the Talent Show please join us for refreshments.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection for the next two Sundays will be given to "Race for Grace." 10th Annual *Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk* will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Norwin High School. Go to www.reflectionsofgrace.org for more information on the race or to read Grace's story.

Gideons: 2/19- \$116.50

"HEARTS TO GOD, HANDS TO WORK MINISTRY": Today Pastor Judy will be dedicating prayer shawls, quilts, scarves, afghans, baby hats & blankets and/or pocket prayer shawls for the 3 services! If you know of someone who is in need of God's Loving Comfort, please take an item to them.

Hearts to God



Hands to Work

Many thanks for the hands & hearts who have created these items and to those who will be delivering them. Please direct any questions to: Burnetta Green, Kate Schlander, or Cindi Painter.



Join us on Sunday March 5th after the second service for a soup and sandwich luncheon. Not only will you sample some great soups, you will get to enjoy some fellowship with other church members. We will have limited soups available after the first service for take-out. Take-out soup will be sold for \$4 per container. If you would like a sandwich to go with your soup, the cost will be \$5. Soup makers – look for the sign-up poster in the Narthex. We can't do it without your great soups!

A CALL FOR PRAYER WARRIORS! Pastor Bruce is organizing an *Army of Prayer Warriors*. His challenge is to enlist members of our congregation to commit to the daily task of praying for a particular list of people from our church family. You will be given a "Prayer Warrior's Prayer Assignment Book" with guidelines for this program. Every 6 months you will receive a new list of prayer concerns and booklet. If you are interested in becoming one of FUMC's Prayer Warriors please see Pastor Bruce. He will give you more information on the program.



UPPER ROOM: The March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available in the narthex. Holy Week devotions are in this issue. This small devotional helps us gain a deeper spiritual experience. Pick one up today.

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

“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 ***

March 1st	Topic: “God the Creator of All”	Speaker: Rev. Carlisle Lloyd
March 8th	Topic: “Jesus, an Incarnate Son”	Speaker: Rev. Brenda Barnes
March 15th	Topic: “A Ghost the Works Within Us”	Speaker: Abraham Sandler
March 22th	Topic: “The Living Body of Christ on Earth”	Speaker: Rev. Al Kimmel
March 29th	Topic: “How Humiliating”	Speaker: Rev. Nick Poole
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

EVERYBODY LOVES EASTER CANDY!!! The Church Easter candy sale for 2017 is starting on Sunday, February 26th. We will have order forms 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 19th, 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 (April 9th) and will be available by family. 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.



Thank you, The FUMC Finance Committee

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY - SAVE THE DATE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 9:00 am

Each volunteer will be assigned a project area to work on your own or in small groups. Please bring your bucket and rags! All help will be used and appreciated! We have a large, old church and all areas need cleaned out and scrubbed down.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Rudy 724-493-3734

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Please see the clipboard that is being passed today for the following opportunities for service: 1) People to perform in and bring cookies to the talent show tonight, and 2) Volunteers to assist with the monthly coffee hours; If you do not get the clipboard and would like to volunteer, please come to the organ to tell Dianne.

CALLING ALL WOMEN. . . Wednesday, March 8th is your next opportunity to join the Women’s Bible/Book Study. We meet every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. During this session, we will explore the Apostles’ Creed. Adam Hamilton, the author of Creed, will help us explore not only what Christians believe, but also why it matters. You may purchase Creed online at Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com. You may also purchase a book at our first gathering on Wednesday, March 8th for \$12.50.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bonnie Judy (724) 622-8459 or Becky Platt (412) 445-9833. Please plan on joining us, you WILL be blessed!

We express our Christian sympathy to the families and friends of:

Jean L. Florek who passed away on Sunday, February 19th.

Paul D. Bickerstaff who passed away on Monday, February 20th.

May God comfort and strengthen these families.