



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

March Memory Verse – Luke 1:37

“No word of God will ever fail.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Krista Brown

10:45 – Barb Worthington

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.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION 8:15 “Footsteps of Jesus”

10:45 “Ah! Holy Jesus” Cathedral Bells

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 844 Psalm 121**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

P: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

P: Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep,

L: The Lord is your keeper;

P: ... the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

L: The sun shall not smite you by day,

P: ... nor the moon by night.

L: The Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.

P: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 98 “To God Be the Glory”**

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

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for our camping program.

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 “He Touched Me” - Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 “You Are!” - SonShiners

WORD OF GOD

Genesis 12:1-4

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

***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. 2056 “God Is So Good”**

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 3:14-17

SERMON “Lift High the Cross”

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 364 “Because He Lives”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Postlude on 'The Glory of These Forty Days'”
*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: 22 Sunday: 8:15 - 60 10:45 – 82

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Cindi Painter
10:45 – Dot Depp & Donna Weber

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Lou Berta

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. The attendant today is Lindsay Smith . In the event that no attendents are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

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

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

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, March 12

- 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

Monday, March 13

- 10:00 UM Women
- 6:30 Grief Support
- 7:00 Dartball - H

Tuesday, March 14

- Office Closed**
- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 15

- 11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
(First United Church of Christ, Main Street)
- 6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support
- 7:00 UM Men

Thursday, March 16

- 6:15 C Bells
- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir
- 8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

Friday, March 17

- Gym in use – Scrap Booking

Saturday, March 18

- Gym in use – Scrap Booking
- 11:00 LLS Cast – Pulpit Side
- 6:00 Alternative Worship Service
- 7:00 Christian Singles

Next Sunday, March 19

- 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

Upcoming Dates To Remember
(please see the announcements in the bulletin)

March 19 – Scout Recognition Sunday
 March 20 – Happy Methodist Group Lunch
 March 25 – Church Cleaning Day
 April 3 – Race for Grace

NEXT SUNDAY IS SCOUT RECOGNITION SUNDAY. If you are active in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts at any level, either as a scout or an adult, please wear your uniform or insignia next week so that you can be recognized during the worship services.

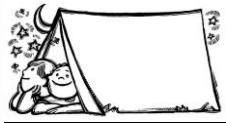
FROM THE FOOD BANK: We want to thank everyone who donated to the Food Bank for Souper Bowl Sunday. We received a total of 250 items and \$220.50 from the Children’s Cup Collection. Thanks to all of you for being so caring and thoughtful to help our needy clients.

God Bless, Phill & Sandy and Missy & Jason

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be used for our camping program. Last year we helped 9 campers pay for their time at camp. Your donations will be used to help our campers experience learning, fellowship, and fun during an exciting time at our Christian camps!

Irwin Ambulance: 3/5- \$199.00



Camp Fundraiser... Help our kids go to camp this summer by buying a hoagie or two! **Today is the last day to order the March hoagies.** The hoagies will be available for pick up on Sunday, March 19th following both services. If you know of a camper, please put their name at the top of your order form and their account will receive credit for the sale. If you don't know of a camper, your proceeds will go to the General Campership Fund of our

church. Thanks for your support!

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

THE HAPPY METHODIST GROUP will be meeting at Rodney's restaurant on March 20th at 1:00 PM for lunch. Past and present members of our group are welcome. Please RSVP to Wendell & Sara Campbell (412-751-9767) by the March 18th.

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 or call the office. He will give you more information on the program.



"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 15th	Topic: "A Ghost the Works Within Us"	Speaker: Abraham Sandler
March 22nd	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

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

I would like to invite parents, anyone considering volunteering with the youth, and anyone who is just curious, to join the students at youth group this Wednesday March 15th at 7pm. This week I will be sharing the direction I would like to take the youth group, including vision, mission, and some ideas I have which I think will really create some excitement and be a catalyst of real growth.

I hope to see you there!

Stephen

If you have any questions, contact Stephen at 412-610-3289 (don't be afraid to leave a message) or at pastormannion@gmail.com



**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

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.

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

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.*