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March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March Memory Verse – John 14:27

Peace I leave with you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Chris Ghrist

10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

10:45 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” - Cathedral Bells

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

James, the Greater (Josh Burger), Thaddaeus (Kyle Bryan)

***CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 53:4-6**

L: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

P: Thank you Jesus.

L: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

P: Thank you Jesus.

L: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

P: Thank you Jesus

All: Amen

***HYMN No. 157 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

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

ANTHEM 8:15 “Take Me Up the Hill” - Missy Andrison
10:45 “See the Lamb” - SonShiners, Hannah Platt (soloist)

WORD OF GOD James 5:13-16

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”
10:45 “Take Me Up the Hill” - Missy Andrison

***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. 297 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”
For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

***WORD OF GOD John 12:20-33**

SERMON “The Power of the Cross”

***HYMN No. 415 “Take Up Thy Cross”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Come Away to the Skies”**

***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 – 20 Sunday: 8:15 - 62 10:45 – 59

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – John & Julie Gurowski
10:45 – Gloria Hathaway

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin 10:45 – Lou Berta

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 my husband, William McCune from Shirley McCune.

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, March 18

Hoagie/Pizza/Pepperoni Roll Pick-up

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 Sonshiners
- 2:30 Work Trip Meeting
- 6:00 LLS rehearsal
(full cast, recorded Music)

Monday, March 19

7:00 Dartball - Away

Tuesday, March 20

- 9:00 Men's Work Team
- 6:00 NA
- 6:00 Adult Study Group

Wednesday, March 21

- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Office closed until 1:00
- 11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service at
1st United Church of Christ
400 Main Street, Irwin
- 1:00 Bible Study
- 5:00 Youth Center
- 6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support
- 7:00 UM Men
- 7:00 Women's Book Study
- 7:00 NOW meeting**

(Postcards for the NOW meeting stated

Wednesday, March 31st. Please note that the meeting is Wednesday, March 21st.)

Thursday, March 22

Newsletter Deadline

- 6:15 C Bells
- 6:30 NA
- 6:30 Daisy Scouts
- 7:15 Choir
- 8:15 LLS Choir

Saturday, March 24

- Gym in use
- 6:00 Contemporary Worship

Next Sunday, March 25

Easter Candy Pick-up

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School - Passover Seder
(see announcement)
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 LLS Set-up
- 1:00 Gym in use
- 6:00 LLS Dress Rehearsal

April Newsletter articles are due in the office by Thursday, March 22nd. Articles received after that date will be printed in the May Newsletter. Hard copies can be dropped off in the church office or emailed to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net

PREPARE YOURSELF! HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY IS UPON US! On Sunday, April 8th, we will continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season. Plan to wear a "Holy Humor hat" that day – SOMETHING on your head. Also, try to wear something bright and cheerful. Show our joy to the world!



ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/18/2018

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collections this week will be given to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). UMCOR is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Its work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

UMCOR 3/11/2018 - \$103.50

Wednesday, March 21st - 7:00 NOW meeting - Postcards for the NOW meeting stated Wednesday, March 31st. Please note that the meeting is **Wednesday, March 21**.

Camp Fundraiser...The hoagies, pizzas and pepperoni rolls are in! They can be picked up today in the room off the narthex following both services. We sold 60 items for the March sale, so thank you for supporting our campers! The April sale is going on now and delivery date for that sale will be Sunday, April 22. Please pick up an order form on the camp table in the narthex. Also...Get registered for camp, 'cause nothing is s'more fun than camp!!! Questions...contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

2018 MISSION WORK TRIP INFORMATION MEETING - SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 2:30. This Sunday we will be having an information meeting about this year's work trip at 2:30 in the Assemble Room (off the parlor). This meeting is open to old and new members of the work team. An explanation of the new time format will be explained. Also information about the lay scholarship forms (due back April 1st- Easter), clearances for new members, and t-shirts will be available. If you can't attend the meeting and are interested in participating in the work trip contact Jack and Pat Osterman at email- namretsojp@gmail.com or phone 724-863-2796



Coming Soon! The Passover Seder is meant to be a learning experience for children of all ages! It is a story that began over three thousand years ago when the children of Israel were slaves to the Pharaoh in Egypt. Join us on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) during the Sunday School hour 9:30 to 10:30 down in the gymnasium as we step back in time once again to remember and encounter the Exodus ... a hands on journey to freedom. Come! Choose the Lamb!

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.

11TH ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE - APRIL 7TH

Please join us to run, walk or cheer! Complete race details can be found at reflectionsofgrace.org Currently, online registration is \$25 (plus fee). Online registration closes April 2nd. For more information about the FUMC Team, please contact Anne at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

EASTER BASKETS: Check out the poster in the Narthex and take a few post-it notes to help us fill Easter food (and treat) baskets. We will be helping both Sheridan Terrace backpack families and foodbank families. All donations are due back to church on March 25th, Palm Sunday.

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.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE LIVING LAST SUPPER CHOIR. They do not need to attend our church. The final choir rehearsal is at 8:15 this Thursday.

SEE ALL THE PEOPLE: Thursday, April 19, 2018, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, Location: North Huntingdon Christ UMC, Cost: \$50 per church/charge (for up to 3 people)

Save the Date! Registration will be on the Conference website (<https://wpa-reg.brapp.com/SeeAllthePeople>) The WPA Evangelism Team is sponsoring an event in every district to help churches reach their communities and learn who they are missing. Come join us for this special event! The event, **See All The People**, will be: A day designed to help us “See All the People” in our communities, especially those we are missing. A day designed to help us create a “Big Front Porch,” to create opportunities and spaces for others who are searching. A day to explore where discipleship begins, with “Relationships!” Presenters & Content to be discussed:

Amy Wagner...WPA Congregational Renewal/Development will bring the Mission Insite Demographics for each church/charge in attendance and help attendees discover the uniqueness of their community, who they are missing.

Christine and John Zimmerman... WPA General Evangelist will share their stories of how they personally discovered their community in Corry and now are helping churches discover their communities. From discovery they will help us define practical steps that need to be taken to get us to break out of the church and into the community.

John Seth...WPA Pastor, will introduce resources from Discipleship Ministries on “See All the People” and Fuller Institutes research on how churches are “Growing Younger.”

REGISTRATION per church/charge is \$50. For up to three people. Register by your church or charge and indicate the number of people who will attend. The events are sponsored by the WPA Evangelism Team.



THE YOUTH CENTER NEEDS ANOTHER VOLUNTEER!

The youth center has grown and is in need of more volunteers. It takes place, each Wednesday, 5-8pm. If you are interested in helping out, or have a question, contact Pastor Stephen at 412-610-3289 or pastormannion@gmail.com.

LAY SCHOLARSHIP FORMS FOR WORK TRIP - We are going to try and submit the lay scholarship forms to help defray some of the cost for the team attending the work trip (food and rooms at Alderson Broaddus University). If you are unable to attend the meeting this afternoon, the forms are on the desk in the church office. We will not know until right before we leave if monies are available. The completed forms can be mailed to Patty or placed in our mail slot in the church office. We need to have the completed forms by April 1st- Easter.

Thank you

METHODIST MEN WORK DAY - MARCH 20TH AT 9:00AM. We meet downstairs in the kitchen. This is open to any man who wants to help with maintenance around our church. Lunch is provided.

METHODIST MEN'S MEETING - MARCH 21ST AT 7:00PM. We meet in the church parlor. This is open to all men. We have a short business meeting followed with a time of sharing in God's Word. We finish with pie and coffee. We will continue with our study in John. Read the Gospel of John and we will discuss anything that you find interesting in it.

“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.

Thank You & Blessings to You, The Finance Committee

To date we have 30 pledges which, when paid, will total \$4,190.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS: The Finance Committee has weekly counters who process your contribution envelopes. They open the envelopes, remove the cash/check, and then write the amount enclosed on the outside of the envelope. When the Financial Secretary receives the envelopes she only sees the total amount written by the counters, and any designation selected by the donor. She does not see the cash or checks with memo notes. The checks and money have already gone to the bank. **Any special designations wanted for your contribution and the amount you are designating need to be written on the outside of your envelope. All funds go into the General Fund unless there is a special designation marked on the front of the envelope.**

The \$2 Fund should appear on the next packet of envelopes and that will help clear up some designations. **Until then, you must write \$2 Fund and the amount of your donation on your envelope.**

Money from Altar flowers, holiday flowers, and fundraisers should always be a separate check from your regular giving. They may placed in the offering plate.

Just a reminder: the envelope company will occasionally put the envelope for the 1st Sunday of the month in with the previous month’s packet. Then again include the 1st Sunday envelope in the new packet. They do this in case there is a time delay in getting out the new set of envelopes. Do not feel obligated to fill both envelopes with the same date.

ATTENTION LAITY: LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES SCHOOL

Deadline to register: March 24, 2018

The 2018 Lay School is ready for the laity in your church to participate! Online registration is available or you can call the District Office (724-461-7178) for more information.

Dates: April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 Time: 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays

Location: McKeesport First UMC - 1406 Cornell St, McKeesport, PA 15132-4799

Graduation: will be included in the May 5 schedule

Cost: \$25/class (Minimum class size: 6, Maximum class size: 15)

These classes are appropriate for self-improvement and progressing toward certification as lay servants, lay speakers, or lay ministers.

- Basic Course (Instructors: Mr. Rich Ziegenfus & Rev. Kim Foes)
- You Can Preach! (Instructors: Rev. Michele Nagle & Mrs. Cynthia Hill)
- Leading Bible Study (Instructors: Rev. Chandler Wolf & Rev. Tim Williams)
- Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts (Instructors: Rev. Tom Kennedy & Rev. Justin Judy)
- Leading in Prayer (Rev. William Meekins & Mrs. Patty Blosat)
- Lay Servant Leader - Lead Like Jesus (Instructor: Rev. Sang Choi & Mr. Paul Huey)

REMINDER! We have a beautiful church with many wonderful fellowship areas. While our custodians try to accommodate requests from groups meeting in our building, they have numerous jobs to do on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of each group meeting here to:

set up their area

clean up the area when they are finished (including wiping off tables & countertops, mopping the floor, placing trash in the trash can, running the vacuum, etc.)

take any used towels or dishcloths home to launder and then return them to where they belong.

contact the church office or custodian with any problems that arise while using the building.
