



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent/Holy Communion

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 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Bartholomew/Nathaniel & James the Lesser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All who revere the Lord ...

P: ... **Praise God!**

L: All who are Jacob’s descendants ...

P: ... **Honor God!**

L: All who are Israel’s offspring ...

P: ... **Stand in awe of God!**

L: All who have come to Irwin First United Methodist Church ...

P: ... **Worship God today!**

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of Abram and Sarai, you offered the hope and promise of a blessing – a child of their own late in life, a child of their own when nothing on earth pointed to an abundant future. You transform lives and shower grace upon all generations. God of Abraham and Sarah, through your servants you show us what faith looks like. Help us give up our dependence on worldly logic, that we may rest fully in your promise of new life. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 553**

“And Are We Yet Alive”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for the Human Relations Day. Please see the announcement for more details.)

**ANTHEM 8:15 - "Hungry, I Come" –
10:45 - "Hungry, I Come" – Chancel Choir**

RESPONSIVE READING No. 752 Psalm 22

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Just As I Am"

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of infinite patience and compassion, we pray that today we will offer not only our gifts of money, but also our gifts of ourselves. We think of ourselves as followers of Christ, but we realize in this holy season that, too rarely, we deny ourselves in living out our discipleship. We have risked little and sacrificed even less for you. Our prayer today is that we might find the faith and courage to love you more than life itself. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 424 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

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 (NRSV) Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT – All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 438 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"**

The Altar is open during the hymn.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal"**

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Alternative Worship – 17 Sunday 8:15 – 51 10:45 – 84

CANCELLING SUNDAY SERVICES: Unless state officials declare a "State of Emergency" which requires all non-emergency personnel to stay off the roads, Sunday service will be held here at FUMC.

Please evaluate the roads in your area to determine if they are safely passable. If you are not comfortable traveling on the roads surrounding your house, please stay safe and stay home.

In the event that Rev. Lake does cancel services, he will contact the area TV stations, provide them with the cancellation code for our church, and give them specific information. The cancellation will then be listed with others in the area.

Please do not call the church to see if services are being held. This takes our custodian away from his tasks of preparing the building for services, clearing snow and ice and spreading salt on the sidewalks, and in every way ensuring that our property is safe for our worshipers and the community.

Winter weather is always unpredictable. All-in-all, please use your best judgment, err on the side of caution, and stay safe.

SAFE SANCTUARIES 2015

The changes in PA law that you need to know.

Earlier this year, Governor Corbett signed into law House Bill 435 to increase protection for children and youth in Pennsylvania. There are several aspects to HB 435 that will affect the local church.

Beginning at age 14, all volunteers dealing with children, youth and vulnerable adults will be required to have clearances. ***If they have been a Pennsylvania resident for at least ten years***, volunteers will now need to have the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33). ***If they have not been a PA resident for at least 10 years***, they will also be required to obtain an FBI clearance. ***These clearances will now have to be updated every three years.***

If you volunteer or are involved with the children of the church you may need to update your clearances. There is a binder in the office with the names and dates of the clearances we have on file. Please check the binder, if you are in the gray area you will need to update your clearances. There will be forms available in the office. Please use the envelope provided, and place the completed clearance forms in the office door slot. The church will pay the fees. The completed forms have your personal information on them, Please do not leave the completed forms lay on the desk or in a mailbox.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent

Communion

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
12:00 SonShiners
2:30 LLS Cast Rehearsal
No FISH & CHIPS
No Temple Bells

Monday, March 2

7:00 Dartball –A

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 Men's Work Group
6:15 TOPS
7:00 Outreach
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 4

Church Audit – Office closed until 1:00 PM

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
@ United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, March 5

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple
7:15 Choir
8:15 Living Last Supper Choir

Friday, March 6

5:00-7:00PM Spud Bar

Saturday, March 7

Gym closed through Thursday, March 12
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, March 8

3rd Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time begins

(Turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: This week our children's collection will be for Human Relations Day, which is one of the Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. It encourages social justice and work with at-risk youth. It supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs..

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called "the least of these." Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas' poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God's children to realize their potential.

Equipping The United Methodist Church to Be the Church

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, allows the work of folks like Bruce and Becky Ballou to build relationships with those teens in Texas. Your gift allows Montey Payne to lead recovering addicts towards healing. And your gift helps Rev. Steve Burr find work for ex-offenders.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

Will You Support the Ministry of Christ Among Those on the Margins?

Will you continue to support Human Relations Day? Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities' self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

Rev. I Maliik Safir, whose church works with those gripped by addiction in Little Rock, sums up the work of Human Relations Day by recalling Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan: "to meet the poor, the disadvantaged and the underserved at the places where others have robbed them and help them to recover from the wounds of social inequality."

Prison Outreach Ministry: 2/15 - \$110.50 2/22 - \$136.11

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: Living Last Supper yard signs may be picked up. If you still have a sign from previous years, you may place it any time after that day. Please be sure to ask permission before placing a sign on someone else's property.

Also,

Living Last Supper publicity materials (yard signs, poster and "pocket posters") are available in the narthex (entrance hall). If you post your poster or yard sign on someone else's property, please be sure to ask permission first and remove the material after the performances.



SPUD BAR – We are planning a spud bar on Friday Evening, March 6th, 5PM to 7PM to include drinks & dessert. This is a part of the "Church Talents" Fund Raising & proceeds from the dinner will go to our church.



SUMMER CAMP NEWS... Camp Brochures are in! Camp Sunday was held on February 8th and coffee, hot chocolate, bugs on a log and indoor s'mores were served after both services! Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny and Jumonville offer new camps each year. Pick up a booklet in the narthex for information on any of these three UM Church Camps and submit your registration form to the church office. You can also register online. If you register online, please contact the office to get your campership funding. Debbie, our church financial secretary will then send off your registration along with a church check for 30% of the total event payment to the camp of your choice. This will

spot. You can make payments over the next few months, or if additional funding is needed, you can at camp and ask for scholarship. There are monies available for anyone to attend camp! I hope that experience camping this year...the best week of the summer!

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to our "Clean Clothes for Campers". This is an ongoing project and all the monies collected from donations go directly to our Campership Funding.

2015 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services

Promises, Promises, Promises: God Redeems Us

Sponsored by the Men's Prayer Fellowship at

First United Church of Christ, 400 Main Street, Irwin, PA

Hymn singing starts at 11:30 AM – Preaching starts at Noon – *Lunch starts at 12:30PM

Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron – Signer: Connie Bridgeman

Wednesday, March 4 – Topic: The Abrahamic Covenant Speaker: Rev. Edward Kimmel

Wednesday, March 11 – Topic: The Land Covenant Speaker: Abraham Sandler

Wednesday, March 18 – Topic: The Mosaic Covenant Speaker: Rev. Ron Durika

Wednesday, March 25 – Topic: The Davidic Covenant Speaker: Sherri Pridle

Wednesday, April 1 – Topic: The New Covenant Speaker: Dr. Ronald Wakeman

***Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille – Cost - \$6.00**



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8th.

“Spring ahead” one hour!
