



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 23, 2014

Third Sunday in Lent

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 “Invocation (Meditation #3)”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

John & Simon, the Zealot

***Call To Worship**

Call: Come and worship! In wonder and awe let us seek the face of God.

Response: Ahh! God invites us to come just as we are.

Call: We come longing to experience God’s embrace.

Response: Ahh! God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

Call: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

Response: Ahh! God feeds us the Bread of Life.

Call: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

Response: Ahh! God quenches our thirst with living water.

Call: We come weary and worn.

Response: Ahh! God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

Call: Come and worship! In wonder and awe God reveals the divine self to us.

Response: Ahh! We come as we are and are changed by God’s love and grace.

All: Give glory to God! Hallelujah! Amen

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy and merciful God, we thank you for the gifts of the season of Lent. Thank you for the call to slow down to quiet the voices that vie for our attention so that we may be still and enjoy the deep communion of your Spirit. Thank you for the invitation to examine our hearts and lives, to take stock of our relationships, our loves and our fears. Grant us courage to name the idols that hold sway over us, and to confess the desires that distract us from your higher purposes. Thank you for a season of repentance and of preparation Empower us to resist the temptation to celebrate new life without first passing through the pain of losing and dying. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (page 39) CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM SONG “Welcome the Child”

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**
Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

**ANTHEM 8:15 - “Fill My Cup, Lord” (#3093)
 10:45 - “Fill My Cup, Lord” (#3093) - Chancel Choir**

***SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV) Exodus 17:1-7**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “God Is So Good”

***DOXOLOGY**

**“We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.”**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of hope, you have called us to walk a journey of faith. Sometimes we follow closely. Occasionally, we wander off the path to explore something new that has caught our eye; and often we forget the journey all together. Then there are times when, in fear, we want to stop moving at all, and we cower in our uncertainty. May the offering we receive this morning remind us of why we are on the journey. May it be a reaffirmation of our trust in the one who leads and encourages us. May it be used to shine light in the dark places, so that others will follow on the journey as well. In Christ’s Holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 298 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Altar is open during the hymn.

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) John 4:5-42 (Please Stand)**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Allegro”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday in Lent/Baptism

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Soup Lunch
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
2:00 Lay Ministry School
(Community UMC)
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners
5:30 Drama Rehearsal – Full Cast

Thursday, March 27

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:15 Choir

Friday, March 28

9:00 Mezzanine in use

Saturday, March 29

“Race for Grace” – Norwin High School

Next Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 Prayer Time
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(Community UMC)
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Tuesday, March 25

9:00 Men’s Work Team
5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 26

11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
United Church of Christ, Main St., Irwin
5:30 Gym in use
7:00 Contemporary Worship Meeting
7:00 Yoga

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, March 26 2014

Topic: “Whose Wife In the Resurrection?”

Scripture: Matthew 22:28

Speaker: Rev. Larry Dunn

Special Music: Diana Flowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collection today will be given to the Rosenberg family to help them begin to recover from the devastating fire on February 27th that destroyed their home.

“Race for Grace” 3/9/2014 - \$281.86 3/16/2014 – 209.15

Soup Sale Luncheon



OUTREACH SOUP LUNCHEON: Our soup luncheon will be held today following the second service. Everyone is welcome to come down and join us for some really delicious soup and great fellowship.

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPER - There will be a laundry basket in the narthex to collect gently used clothing, shoes, purses, belts and hats. **Please be sure to bag your donations.** It's a great time to do your Spring Clean Out...and help to send some kids to camp! Thank you...from an adult camper!

CAMP REGISTRATION PROCEDURE...So you've decided on a camp that you really want to attend, but not sure how to register? Follow these 3 Easy Steps!

1. Fill out the form located in the brochure or print one from your camp's website. (There is a \$10 discount applied if you pay your balance by May 1st!)
2. Turn your form in to the church office.
3. Start preparing for the best week of your summer!

Any questions, contact Laurie Saporito -



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: We hope you'll join us for 'Pizza & a Movie Night' on April 9th at 6:30 upstairs in the Youth Room! The movie will be *The Gospel of John* – a great one to watch during this Lenten season. Sign up on the clipboard or call the office. Pizza will arrive at 6:30 and we'll eat while we watch the movie. Feel free to bring snacks. Beverages will be provided. Hope to see all of you there!!!



THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: On April 15 and 17, 2014, at 7:00 PM, the Drama Team of the First United Methodist Church, Irwin PA and special event choir (composed of both church and community singers) will be presenting *The Living Last Supper*. The performances are open to the public and there is no admission fee. If you need special arrangements for large groups, please contact the church office at 724-863-6858 or fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net.

This is the eighth year for this event and attendance has grown each year. Please plan to attend the service on either Tuesday or Thursday. Your personal involvement in *The Living Last Supper* as a member of the congregation will make this Lent/Easter season one you will not forget!

Your help is needed to publicize the event. There are posters and "pocket posters" on the table in the narthex. There are also yard signs in the assembly room. Please take some signs and place them (with owner's permission, of course) in areas where they can be seen. Good spots are where traffic must stop or, at least, slow down. Please remember where you placed the signs so that you may pick them up after the event and return them to the church for use next year, Thank you for your help.

JUST A REMINDER ... it is the policy of our church not to mar doors, the wood paneling and trim, or the walls by using tape (**Blue Painters Tape**), staples, putty, nails, tacks, etc. to hang items. to pull paint and varnish off the surfaces. Please do your part in looking nice by not using such products.



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TINA KIRKLAND LUNG TRANSPLANT FUNDRAISER: The Outreach committee would like you help in supporting this fundraiser. There are flyers on the bulletin board at the parking lot entrance and also on the table

Kirkland's lung transplant. There are 8 dates available and 15% of your bill will be donated to this cause. You must present a flyer when you check out.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GREENSBURG DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Please save the date for the Installation of the Rev. Patricia Nelson as the new Greensburg District Superintendent, Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The installation service and reception is open to everyone and will be held at the Faith United Methodist Church, 305 Freeport Street, Delmont PA 15626. More details will follow.

Yours in Christ, The Greensburg District Superintendency Committee

Upcoming 2014 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services
Questions Asked of Jesus the Last Week

Sponsored by 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 at 12:30PM
Song Leader: Fred King – Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron – Signer: Connie Bridgeman

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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 2 2014

Topic: "Which Is the Great Commandment?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:30-36

Speaker: Rev. Abraham Sandler

Special Music: TBA

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 9 2014

Topic: "What Think Ye of Christ?"

Scripture: Matthew 22:41-42

Speaker: Rev. Sherri Prindle

Special Music: TBA

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE – Wednesday, April 16 2014

Topic: "Art Thou the Son of God?"

Scripture: Matthew 26:63

Speaker: Rev. Ron Durika

Special Music: TBA

*Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille – Cost: \$5.00

GOOD FRIDAY:

Watch for details in future bulletins for the Prayer Breakfast and the Walk of the Cross.

Blackburn Center
AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Items Needed throughout the Year for the Emergency Shelter
for Battered Women and Former Residents

Kitchen

Baking pans (9" x 13", aluminum)
Can openers (hand-held)
Coffee (regular)
Coffee creamer
Cooking oil
Dish drainers
Dishes (service for 4)
Dishpans
Dishwasher detergent
Drink boxes

Flatware

Food items: any canned food, other non-perishables, etc.*

Clear plastic storage boxes with lids

Tall kitchen garbage bags
Packaged snacks for lunches
Paper products: paper towels
Paper towel holders
Skillets
Small appliances: coffee maker, knife sharpener, toaster, mixer
Spices and condiments
Zip-lock bags (1 and 2 gallon sizes)
*Food items we especially need include:
all kinds of soups, condiments
(mayonnaise, mustard and catsup), jelly,
cake and brownie mixes, canned tuna,
canned chicken and other meats, canned
or bottled juices.

Bathroom

Bath mats
Paper products: toilet paper
Plungers
Shower curtains and rings
Soap dispensers
Toilet brushes
Bath Towels (durable)
Wastebaskets

Bedroom

Alarm clocks
Bed pillows
Bed-in-a-bag sets
Body wash (family size)
Nightgowns (women's one-size fits all)
Pajamas (summer-weight women's one-size-fits-most & extra-large sizes; children's sizes infant to 2T)
Shampoo and Conditioner (family size)
Sleep shirts (large & extra-large)
Wastebaskets

Personal Care

Hotel-size items are no longer needed.

Miscellaneous

Baby monitors

Bottled water
Brooms
Buckets
Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Extension cords

Flashlights

Gasoline cards (GetGo & Sheetz)

Gift cards (Walmart or Target)

Hair dryers

Laundry detergent
Mops
Nasal aspirators
Outdoor garbage bags
Pull-up diapers (larger sizes)
Sweat suits (all adult sizes)

Telephones

Tool kits

Umbrellas

Underpants (women's, teen boy and under size 12 boy)

Blackburn Center
AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

In 1975, a task force of the National Organization for Women met to address rape and sexual assault issues in Westmoreland County. The result was Westmoreland Alliance Against Rape whose hotline answered its first call on December 6, 1976.

Since then, what is now Blackburn Center has grown to a staff of more than 30, with an active team of volunteers. Through this growth, we have developed an array of services for adult and child victims of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as comprehensive community education and professional in-service training programs.

Over the years, Blackburn Center's mission has remained the same. Every year, thousands of people reach out for our services. Blackburn Center will continue to support victims with our shelter, counseling, and advocacy services as long as there are victims who need us. However, for our daughters and granddaughters—and for our sons and grandsons, we must work toward a better future. Blackburn Center urges members of the community to join us in our work to end domestic and sexual violence by changing their own attitudes about these crimes and challenging others to do the same.

A donation of items from the needs list (reverse side) throughout the year helps Blackburn Center sustain the shelter program, and helps to maintain the support groups the agency provides for women and children. In addition, some of these items are made available to women – and their children – who are establishing their own homes and need support with basic household items.

Please put the items that are in ***bold italics*** at the top of your shopping list, and help Blackburn Center manage donations by bringing new items. If you have used items to donate, the agency can provide a list of thrift shops in the area that make items available to Blackburn Center shelter residents at no cost to them.

For more information about donation opportunities, contact:

Blackburn Center Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 398, Greensburg, PA 15601

724-837-9540

www.blackburncenter.org

If you know of someone who needs Blackburn Center's services,
call the 24/7 Hotline: 724-836-1122 or 1-888-832-2272.

A SHOWER OF GIFTS FOR BLACKBURN CENTER: Our United Methodist Women's group will be collecting items for the Blackburn Center from now until Sunday, April 6th. An area will be set up in the Narthex to collect your "Shower Gifts." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**It's finally here!
The Story of God's Great Love for Us
&
An Egg Hunt!**



All ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th, 9:30 to 10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Let's remember the wonderful story of Easter & talk about some Christian symbols. An egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. Adults welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping & you should also meet at 9:30 in the Elementary room to assist. (Tiny tots meet in Mrs. Weber's toddler room across from the nursery for a mini-hunt.)

Friends are always welcome!

**Kick off Holy Week by hearing the story of our Christian faith in one exciting session!
Hope to see you on April 13th!**

EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS

All plants - \$8.00

Deadline to order – March 30, 2014

(no orders taken after this date)

Lilies: # ____ **Mums:** Yellow # ____ Lavender # ____ Mixed # ____

Tulips: Orange # ____ Pink # ____ Red # ____

Total number ordered _____ Amount Paid _____

I will: Pick up my plant (within 48 hrs) ___ Leave plant for shut-in ___

Please Print

Flowers in Memory of: _____

Flowers in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Designated Memorial Gifts (any amount)

Kingston VBS \$ _____

Living Memorial Gift \$ _____

Total Memorial Gifts \$ _____



Please Print:

Memorial in Memory of: _____

Memorial in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Please place payment in a separate envelope
from you regular giving.
Mark the envelope "Easter Flowers and Memorials"