



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 4, 2018

Third 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 “The Wonderful Cross”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

John (Ed Lorenc), Simon, the Zealot (David Walker)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 750 Psalm 19:1-8**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

P: ... yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

L: In them God has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

P: ... the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

L: ... the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

P: ... the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

***HYMN No. 577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

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

ANTHEM 8:15 “The Lord’s Prayer” – Missy Andrison

10:45 “The Lord’s Prayer” – Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Offertory on 'Picardy'

***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. 395** “Take Time to Be Holy”

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 2:13-22**

SERMON “In the Name of Jesus”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

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

***HYMN No. 504** “The Old Rugged Cross”

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** “Festive Postlude on 'Cwm Rhondda'”

***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 – 22 Sunday: 8:15 - 75 10:45 – 81

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Barbara Ceresa & Connie Fontana

10:45 – Lee Stewart & Ethel Rosenberg

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 Sandy Kucherer and Tim Valeri from Neil and Rebecca.

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.

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 4

Communion

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:15 Soup Sale (Limited number of soups available for take-out)

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 Sonshiners

12:15 Soup Luncheon

Easter Flower orders due

Monday, March 5

7:00 Dartball - A

Tuesday, March 6

Office closed for annual audit

6:15 TOPS

6:00 NA

Wednesday, March 7

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service at

1st United Church of Christ

400 Main Street, Irwin

1:00 Bible Study

5:00 Youth Center

7:00 Women's Book Study

Thursday, March 8

6:15 C Bells

6:30 NA

6:30 Daisy Scouts

7:15 Choir

8:15 LLS Choir

Friday, March 9

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

Gym closed

Saturday, March 10

9:00 Food Bank – help needed

12:00 LLS rehearsal

(full cast, blocking – no music)

Next Sunday, March 11

Prayer Shawl Dedication

Coffee Hour after each service

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 Sonshiners

Easter Candy orders due

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/4/2018

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this will be given to "Race for Grace." 11th Annual Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk will be held Saturday, April 7th at the Norwin High School.

Please join us to run, walk or cheer! Complete race details and registration information can be found at reflectionsofgrace.org. Our team name is "FUMC Irwin". Register before March 7th for the discounted rate of \$20 (plus Eventbrite fee). On March 7th, the rate goes up to \$25 (plus fee). Online registration closes April 2nd. With our sponsorship we receive 3 free registrations. They will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interest in one of these registrations or have other questions, please contact Anne at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

Go to www.reflectionsofgrace.org for more information on the race or to read Grace's story.

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.

HELP STILL NEEDED to iron flat tablecloths and to sell DVDs and other items before and after each performance. Please sign up on the clip board.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE LIVING LAST SUPPER CHOIR. They do not need to attend our church. Rehearsals are at 8:15 on Thursdays March 8, 15 and 22.

NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP! "Good to Great in God's Eyes"

Are you tired of the "status quo" Christian life? Do you dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion, then look no further than this group study. This study is a video/discussion study with Chip Ingram, led by Pastor Stephen.

This group begins March 6th, and will take place each Tuesday night, from 6-7 pm, for 10 weeks in the youth room. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Pastor Stephen by February 20th at 412-610-3289 or pastormannion@gmail.com

The next PRAYER SHAWL/QUILT DEDICATION will be March 11th at both Sunday services. Please see Mary Reed or Cindi Painter for a prayer card to attach. All dedicated items need to be placed on the altar rail prior to Sunday services. After the Dedication anyone is welcomed to take one if needed.



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 Palm Sunday (March 25th).



The STITCH IN FAITH QUILTING MINISTRY will resume their meetings, weather permitting, on Wednesday, March 14th. Quilting dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10:00-11:30. Please mark your calendars and come for a fun morning. Questions may be directed to Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.

THE DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL is available on the table in the narthex. This devotional is a free service provided for you. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a friend or a loved one. Donations will be accepted- insert in an envelope marked Daily Bread and place in offering plate.

UPPER ROOM FOR MARCH/APRIL: The March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available in the Narthex. Find inspiration for personal meditation and devotions. This Lenten issue is a rich resource on inviting God into your life. Large print editions are also available.



EVERYBODY LOVES EASTER CANDY!!! The Church Easter candy sale for 2018 is starting today. We will have order forms from *Betsy Ann Chocolates* 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 11th**, 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,

March 23rd. 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.

“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.

To monitor our progress, check out the Newsletter Financial report & the Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex.

We **are** connected together, Church Family. And we **are** going to meet our Connectional Apportionment giving in 2018 with this **“Two Bucks Campaign”!**

Thank You & Blessings to You, The Finance Committee

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 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.** Thank you

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



Camp Fundraiser - Thank you to everyone that supported our February Fundraiser. We sold 74 hoagies, pizzas and pepperoni rolls. Orders are now being taken for our March fundraiser. The orders are due on March 11th. The delivery date for the next sale is Sunday, March 18th. Order forms are on the camp table in the narthex. Questions regarding summer camp or the fundraiser - Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

Get registered for camp ... cause nothing is s'more fun than camp!

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!

The **“I NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH”**

outreach ministry needs volunteers!



Do you love to drive and have a car? Use that car for the good of the Body of Christ! We are going to be offering a ministry to the community where we will be offering rides to church to anyone who needs one. Curious? Want to know more? Contact Pastor Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com, or 412-610-3289 for more details.

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST MEN:



WORK DAY MARCH 13TH 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 IS ON 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.



CONGRATULATIONS to Dan & Lindsay (Marino) Easley on the birth of their daughter, Avery Elizabeth Easley. Avery was born on Wednesday, February 28th. She is the granddaughter of Dave & Debbie Marino and the great granddaughter of Louise Kemble. May God's blessings be on Avery and her family.

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. 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.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098.