



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Krista Brown

10:45 - Tracy Hawley

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 (with Amazing Grace)”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Eric Platt (Philip)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 766**

Psalm 32:1-5

L: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

P: **Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

P: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

L: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2088 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

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

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

ANTHEM 8:15 “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” - Missy Andrison

10:45 “Forgive Me” - Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Romans 5:12-19

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace”

***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. 2112 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON “It Is Written!”

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THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

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

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 298 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

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: 27 Sunday: 8:15 - 82 10:45 – 69

Ash Wednesday - 55

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Connie Fontana & Barb Ceresa

10:45 – Lee Stewart & Lois Kuhn

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

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser 10:45 – Kyle Bryan

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the worship services. The attendents today are John Weber and Lori Loughner. In the event that no attendents are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in memory of Grace Hansel from the Weber family.

ATTENTION High school students, middle school students, current adult volunteers, and anyone remotely considering being involved in the youth program!

My name is Stephen Mannion, the new Youth Pastor. I am very anxious to meet you all and work with you to make the youth program an impactful force in the church and in the community. I would like to have an opportunity to just sit and talk over some pizza, on me. No sign up necessary. Just show up! I look forward to meeting you all.

When: Wednesday March 8th, 7:00 pm

(Feel free to come late if you can't get there at 7)

Where: Meet at the church and walk over to Cafe Supreme

When will we be done? (I can hear the parents asking): 9:00 pm

Any questions: email Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: Membership classes for those wishing to join our church, and those who would like a refresher course about the United Methodist Church, will take place during the Sunday School hour from Sunday, February 19th through Sunday, March 26th. The Confirmation class will be joining the Membership class for these sessions. Pastor Bruce will also be leading these sessions. There is still time if you want to take membership classes.

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.

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 5

Communion

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
9:30 Membership Class
10:45 Worship Service
9:30 Limited soups available for take out
12:15 SonShiners
12:30 Soup Luncheon

Monday, March 6

7:00 Dartball - H

Tuesday, March 7

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Outreach
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 8

11:00 Staff Meeting – Office closed
11:30 Mid Week Lenten Service
(First United Church of Christ, Main Street)
1:00 Bible Study
7:00 Women's Book Study

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

9:00 Food Bank Truck (Help Needed)
Gym closed

Saturday, March 11

9:00 Food Bank (Help Needed)
11:00 LLS Cast – Lectern Side
6:00 Alternative Worship Service
7:00 Christian Singles

Next Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

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

March 8 – Women's Book Study (new session begins)

March 20 – Happy Methodist Group Lunch

March 25 – Church Cleaning Day

Join us today after the second service for a soup and sandwich luncheon. Not only will you sample some great soups, you will get to enjoy some fellowship with other church members. We will have limited soups available after the first service for take-out. Take-out soup will be sold for \$4 per container. If you would like a sandwich to go with your soup, the cost will be \$5.



Soup makers – look for the sign-up poster in the Narthex. We can't do it without your great soups!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to the Irwin VFD Ambulance Service. This is the ambulance service that responds to our calls to help those who are ill or injured while at our the church.

Race for Grace: 2/26- \$220.00

UPPER ROOM: The March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available in the narthex. Holy Week devotions are in this issue. This small devotional helps us gain a deeper spiritual experience. Pick one up today.

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. He will give you more information on the program.



CALLING ALL WOMEN. . . Wednesday, March 8th is your next opportunity to join the Women's Bible/Book Study. We meet every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. During this session, we will explore the Apostles' Creed. Adam Hamilton, the author of Creed, will help us explore not only what Christians believe, but also why it matters. You may purchase Creed online at Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com. You may also purchase a book at our first gathering on Wednesday, March 8th for \$12.50.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bonnie Judy (724) 622-8459 or Becky Platt (412) 445-9833. Please plan on joining us, you WILL be blessed!

Camp Fundraiser... Help our kids go to camp this summer by buying a hoagie or two! Orders will be taken March 5th and March 12th and 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

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

“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 8th	Topic: “Jesus, an Incarnate Son”	Speaker: Rev. Brenda Barnes
March 15th	Topic: “A Ghost the Works Within Us”	Speaker: Abraham Sandler
March 22th	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

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

**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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Please see the clipboard that is being passed today for the following opportunities for service: 1) People to perform in and bring cookies to the talent show tonight, and 2) Volunteers to assist with the monthly coffee hours; If you do not get the clipboard and would like to volunteer, please come to the organ to tell Dianne.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES! The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on May 13, 2017 Contact Dawn Capecci @ 412-651-2503 for more information or for ways you can help make the banquet a success.

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 ends 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.