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May 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

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 **“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come to the household of love, for God is love.

P: As we abide in love, we abide in God.

L: Come to the vineyard of grace, for God is gracious.

P: As we abide in the vine, we bear the fruit of salvation.

L: Come bathe in baptismal waters, for God’s Spirit awaits.

P: As we abide in God’s Spirit, we abide in peace.

L: Come to the household of love, for God is love.

P: Come! All are welcome here.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Divine Vinegrower, plant us in the soil of your love, for Christ is our vine and we are the branches. In everything we say and in everything we do, help us abide in the vine, that we may bear the fruit of your love and grace. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 79**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used to assist Greensburg District.

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 – “The Table”

10:45 - “The Table” – Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 752

Psalm 22

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

***DOXOLOGY No. 94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Gracious God, you are the vine grower, and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

The 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) Acts 8: 26-40

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 571 "Go, Make of All Disciples"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Toccatà on 'Solemnis Haec Festivas'"**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion

Spud Bar

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Confirmation Class

10:45 Worship

12:00 Temple Bells & SonShiners

12:30 VBS Meeting

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Tuesday, May 5

6:15 TOPS

6:30 Witness

7:00 Outreach

7:00 Nurture

7:30 NA

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 Women's Book Study

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, May 7

7:00 Disciple

Friday, May 8

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed

Gym Closed

Saturday, May 9

9:00 Food Bank – help needed

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Confirmation Class

10:45 Worship

No FISH & CHIPS

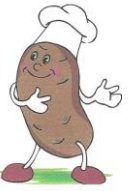
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to the Greensburg District to help with local programming.

Northwest Health Service (NHS) School Herminie: 4/26 – \$ 234.12

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS this year is Group's "*Everest-Conquering challenges with God's mighty power.*" It will run from July 13-17 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. **There will be a VBS meeting today, May 3rd at 12:30 PM.** We are looking for helpers in various stations, crew leaders & assistants. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas concerning VBS, please bring them along with you so we can all discuss them together. I'm very excited about this year's VBS and I hope you are too.

THE SPUD BAR IS BACK! The Outreach Committee will once again be baking potatoes and supplying all the toppings for you to enjoy today, May 3rd. Take-out will be available after the 8:15 service and Dine-in will be available after the 10:45 service. Your free will offering will help us with our community outreach throughout the year.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Our Witness, Outreach, and Nurture committees will be meeting on Tuesday evening. All members are urged to attend their committee meeting. If you would like to help on one of the committees, please come to the meeting and let them know. They are always looking for help with their projects.

CLEARANCE FORMS: Many people who applied for the State Police criminal background check (Act 34) and the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline, Act 33) are receiving them in the mail. Please remember that when you receive your clearances **the office staff needs to see the original and make a copy.**

LIVING LAST SUPPER YARD SIGNS: Please return your Living Last Supper yard signs. The boxes for the returns are in the narthex. If you are keeping your signs for next year, please put a note in the office or in the box with the signs. This is so we can determine how many signs need to be replaced for next year. Thanks for your help.

RICHARD SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP 2015: This year's project will help the Lance family, Kathryn and David and their 14 year old son James. We will be doing a room addition on their existing mobile home for the parents. Additional work will involve replacing a bathroom window, entry door, sealing the roof, and building a small deck off of the room that we will be building. Estimate for the project material is around \$4500.00. Enclosed in the bulletin is an order form in which you can designate your donations (lumber, roofing, drywall, windows, doors) to be in memory of, in honor of, or to the glory of God. The designated materials will be marked prior to the building of the project. Work trip envelopes are located in the pews. From the message on last year's t-shirts - *the church is ready to leave the building – again!*



2015 Work Trip T-Shirt

The congregation is welcome to purchase one of the official 2015 Work Trip T-shirts.

The order forms are on the table in the Narthex.

Orders due by Sunday, May 24, 2015, Delivery Date: Sunday, June 7, 2015

Sizes Youth Small to Adult X-Large are \$7 per shirt

Sizes Adult 2XL and 3XL are \$9 per shirt

THE UPPER ROOM: The May/June Upper Room devotionals are in the Narthex. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up today.
