

Community Easter Egg Hunt

(on the front lawn)

Saturday,
March 24
@ 10 a.m.
(egg hunt begins at 10:30)

- Refreshments
- Balloon Artists
- Face Painting
- AND over 2000 Eggs!

PLUS, a special performance
by the Startown PE Club
Unicyclers!



First United Methodist Church

March 11, 2018 (4th Sunday of Lent) 9:00 a.m.

Song of Praise

Welcome

Song of Praise

Song of Preparation

Message

Holy Communion

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ,

redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit

make us one with Christ, one with each other,

and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Service of Giving

Closing Blessing

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 13 at 7 p.m.

As a reminder these meetings are OPEN to the whole congregation. Please join us!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Debbie Propst and Family, Brenda Saunders, The Orange Family, The Family of Louise Barkley, The Family of Carmen Spencer

Military: Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Todd Houtz, Michael Howard, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

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First United Methodist Church

March 11, 2018 (4th Sunday of Lent)

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

We welcome all who worship with us today, and we are glad that you have joined us as we come together to praise God. Your presence is appreciated and we invite you to worship with us again.

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Dwaine Morgan (8:30)

Joe Beaman (11:00)

Leader: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: In spite of our impatient grumbling,
despite our attraction to the shadows:

People: Christ's light shines in us!

Leader: When we think our hands our empty,
when we have no music in our souls:

**People: the Spirit fills us with glad songs,
and creates us for good works!**

*Hymn, No. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verses 4 & 5 a capella)

To mark the season of Lent as time of penitence and preparation, we are joining congregations around the country in singing part of our congregational songs a capella (without instrumental accompaniment). By singing a capella, we are offering to God ourselves in our most basic form. Soli Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory.

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 The Apostles' Creed (8:30 & 11:00)

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.

*The Gloria Patri (11:00)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*



Anthem *When in Our Music God is Glorified** C.V. Stanford
arr. Bruce Neswick
*Anthem given to the Music Library to the glory of God
and in honor of Ken Simmon's years of ministry in the Chancel Choir

Invitation to Prayer (11:00)
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.
The 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.

Children's Sermon (11:00) Julie Braswell

*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 77 (11:00 verse 1 and refrain)
Children 3 years old-2nd grade are invited to follow the leaders downstairs to the Children's Dept.

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, they power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Scripture: Mark 12:1-12 NT Pg. 48
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene
Journey of Stones: The Rejected Cornerstone

Moment of Reflection (11:00)

Service of Giving (11:00) *Simple Gifts* (Handbells) Shaker Melody
arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

*Doxology Hymn, No. 95 (11:00)
During the season of Lent, we will sing an Alleluia-free version of the doxology. The discipline of "burying the Alleluia" until its renewing reappearance on Easter has been practiced by Christians since the Middle Ages.

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

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

*Hymn, No. 419 (11:00) *I Am Thine, O Lord*
During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to lay your stone at the foot of the cross and kneel at the altar in prayer.

*Benediction (11:00)

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity (11:00)

*Postlude (11:00)

Holy Communion (8:30)
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make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Service of Giving (8:30)

*Benediction (8:30)
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen
Number 6:24-26



Please grab a stone each week as you enter worship today. Hold the stone as you sing, as you pray, as you receive communion, as you give, as you listen to the Word read and the message proclaimed.

youth The Youth are meeting TODAY from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact Lisa Johnson at 381-9337 for more information.

Nurseries: For children up to 4 years
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon (Level 1)



Sunday School: For children 2 years - 5th Grade from 10 - 10:45 a.m. on Level 1
Children's Church: Children K to 2nd Grade leave the Sanctuary for a worship enrichment program during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. Children may be picked up after worship in the Children's Church Room located on Level 1.
Children's Sunday Sacks: Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall; filled with quiet activities for little hands.

We're glad you're here!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I am interested in membership
- I would like a visit from the minister
- I am going to the hospital
- Please note my change of address
- Visitor

PRAYER REQUEST

Please place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.

I ask your prayers for:

Prayer Request:

May we send this person a note of encouragement? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please include their address:

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin? ___ yes ___ no

Person making request _____

Phone _____