

HIS LAST DAYS



HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 29 at 7 p.m.

Please make plans to join us for this special service of music and Holy Communion at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The powerfully moving musical performance titled "His Last Days" written by Dallas Holm, will feature solo, trio and group selections including: "What Will You Do?", "Hosanna," "Mary's Song," "What Kind of Man is This?" and "Rise Again." Join us as we recount and reflect on the last day's of Jesus' life on earth through music.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING DINNER

**Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 6 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**

Donations for dinner will go to help fund the Youth's Mission Trip to Blue Knob, PA.

Menu is Salad, Lasagna and Home Made Desserts, Tea and Water

Name: _____

Attending: _____

Please tear off and drop in the offering plate or bring by the church office.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

(on the front lawn)

Saturday, March 24 @ 10 a.m.

(egg hunt begins at 10:30)

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

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



PRAYER CONCERNS

The Propst Family, Jan Winebarger, Vicki Yount and Her Family, Harriett Wyatt and Her Family

Military: Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, 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 18, 2018 (5th 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

Paulette Moss (8:30)
Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene (11:00)

Leader: Walking on the path,

People: Following Jesus.

Leader: Sometimes there is joy in our step,

People: Sometimes we are not so sure.

Leader: What may lie ahead?

People: Hosannas or angry crowds?

Leader: A prayerful garden or a stark cross?

People: A holy meal or an empty place at the table?

Leader: Journeying toward Lent,

People: Please walk with us, Jesus.

*Hymn, No. 61 *Come, Thou Almighty King* (8:30 verse 1)
(11:00 verse 3 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.

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

*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.

Anthem *Lonesome Valley* by Gilbert M. Martin

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.

Mission Moment (11:00) Girl Scout Troop # 2013 Tiffany Hart
On My Honor

Children's Sermon (11:00) Rev. Greene

*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 557 (11:00 verse 1 and refrain)

Children 3 years old-2nd grade are invited to follow the leaders downstairs to the Children's Dept.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:26 OT Pg. 805
Luke 11:37-53 NT Pg. 73-74

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message *Journey of Stones: Hearts of Stone* Rev. Greene

Moment of Reflection (11:00)

Service of Giving (11:00)

*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. 352 (11:00) *It's Me, It's Me, 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)

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 (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*

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL - NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2018

We invite those who are able to join us for a congregational procession into worship next Sunday. We will gather at 10:50 a.m. outside the steps of the sanctuary. The choir will lead us into worship following the Cross and Hosanna banner as we wave our palm branches, reminiscent of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will process down both center aisles, leave our palms on the altar rail and be seated using the outer aisles. Ushers will assist with directing the congregation.



All Youth are invited to meet for lunch at noon TODAY at Blue Moon. Then at 5 p.m. TODAY, we have a **Middle School Youth & Parent Meeting** at the parsonage located at 23 West I Ave. in Newton. PDQ Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. For more info, contact Lisa Johnson at 828-381-9337 or lisadjohnson71@gmail.com.



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: K to 2nd Graders leave the Sanctuary for a worship program during the 11 a.m. service & head to the Children's Church Rm located on Level 1.

Children's Sacks: Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.

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 _____