



First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15 am Sunday Worship Service

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Choir- “He Is Exalted”

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; last night we wept, because we thought you were dead. This morning, like Mary in the garden, we mistake you for someone else, and ask where you have gone. But you have wakened us with sunshine, opening our eyes to daffodils and cherry blossoms, filling our ears with birdsong, filling our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen

*** Call to Worship**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

P: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

L: Open the gates of justice and righteousness, that we may give thanks to God.

P: **Today we enter the gates of the Holy One as the body of Christ.**

L: We are called to do justice and love kindness.

P: **Today is the day of celebration and promise.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

L: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

*** Hymn #302- “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Easter Words from The Cross

L: “The angel spoke to the women and said, ‘Do not be afraid.....Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead.’” (Matthew 28:5-7a) On this glorious day of Easter Sunday, all the symbols of pain and suffering are removed from the cross. In their place are the symbols of hope and love and new life. The flower has come alive from the bulb...just as we have come alive with life and new hope from our sorrow.

P: **Dear Lord, help us to realize that the powerful words – HE IS RISEN! – Is not the end of the story, but it is the**

beginning of a newness in our life; and we are grateful that you are ever present with us. Amen.

Choir- “I’ve Just Seen Jesus”

Sharing the Peace of Christ

“He is Risen! Happy Easter”

Children’s Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24/ Colossians 3:1-4/ John 20:1-18

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

“He’s Alive”

Rev. Joey Garcea

Offertory Sentence

Please use this time to register your attendance in the red booklets found at the end of each pew and pass it along your row.

Offertory

*** Doxology # 95**

*** Offering Prayer**

Most Gracious God, you proclaimed your powerful love by raising Jesus from death to eternal life. We are grateful that you forgive our sins and bring peace to all who trust in you. Help us to offer your forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships with people in our lives. May we respond to your tremendous love with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these gifts and offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen. (Acts 10:34-43)

Communion

Apostle’s Creed

*** Hymn #364 “Because He Lives”**

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

In Our Prayers

John Hamm, Glen Brunner, John Powell, Rex Felten, Eli, Bill Remrey, Jerod Wood, Savannah Jones, Wilma Brunner, Ed Arb, Susan Mangler, Judy Orn, Joan Miller, Bob Law, Joan Casselius, Elizabeth Rath, Shawn Roling, Tom Eckhardt, George Hastings, Jeremy Leitzen, Jessica Boyer, Robin Cook, Family of Cody Donahue, Military Personnel and their families

Altar Flowers

In Honor of Bill & Letty Weidman’s 65th Wedding Anniversary

**In Memory of Florence Law
Given by: Merle Law Family**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 16 Alice Torrison
21 Jim Haynes, Lauren Belander
25 Justin Belander, Tripper Carey
28 Ginny Anderson
30 Chris Nortunen

Calendar

Sunday, April 16 Happy Easter

8 am Sunrise Service
8:45 am Breakfast
9 am Egg Hunt during S.S. hour
10:15 am Worship

Monday, April 17

Telstar Deadline

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

Tuesday, April 18

4 pm Women’s Bible Study

Thursday, April 20

8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study
9 am Body & Soul Yoga

Saturday, April 22

8:30 am Weight Watchers
5 pm Worship

Sunday, April 23 Blessing of the Tractors

8 am Trustee Meeting
9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Ad Council Meeting

Monday, April 24

9 am Body & Soul Yoga

Tuesday, April 25

4 pm Women’s Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **We welcome all visitors** to our Worship time today. We are glad you're here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. **Friendly reminder** to Romana Green! You are the verifier for next Sunday!
3. If you need to get ahold of **Pastor Joey** and he is not in the office, please call him on his cell! 815-656-0362!
4. **Next Sunday, April 23rd** will be our annual Blessing of the Tractors service. **Have a tractor?** Drive it to Church!!
5. Please join us on **April 30th for our Annual UMW Sunday!!**
6. Is your child bored in church? We have **restocked the activity bags** in the back of the Sanctuary and they are welcome to use them!
7. We will be **honoring graduates in May**, please let the office know if you or your child will be graduating any level this year- elementary, high school, college.
8. **First Sunday will be May 7th** from 4-6pm. We will be at **Old Mill Park** playing kickball etc. A light picnic dinner will be served! Hope to see you all there!
9. Are you **interested in becoming an audio tech** for Sunday morning? If you are interested or would like information, please talk to Kris Yingling or Kay Cavanagh.
10. **Want to become a member?** We will be having a class starting soon. **Date is TBA.** If you or anyone you know what like to join please contact Pastor Joey or Shauna in the office.



Easter Flowers

Lilies

In Honor of our family by: Jim & Vivian Eaton
In Honor of Jeannine Mills & Bob Overcash, Dave & Alene Falk by: Falk Family
In Memory of Cody Donahue by: Sether Family
In Memory of Harold Andersen by: Andersen Family
In Memory of Darleen & Marshall Amesquita by: Andersen Family

Hyacinths

In Memory of Mary Sue & George Roberts, Jeanne Weidman by: Sether Family
In Memory of David Brinkmeier by: Dianne Brinkmeier, Denise Curtis, Janet Smith
In Memory of Lois & Bob Kendall by: Linda Jachino
In Memory of loved ones by: Glen & Susan White
In Memory of Melanie Jacobson by: Carol Canier
In Memory of Charles & Edna Dauphin, Harold & Helen Malley by: Dauphin Family
In Memory of Don & JoAnn Hoffman by: Hoffman Family
In Memory of Donna Meyer by: Charlie Meyer
In Honor of Taylor, Blake, Alyssa, Erika, Tess, Jakob, Rebeka, Sarah Kate, Cody & Lukas by: Dauphin Family
In Honor of Nedra Hulsberg by: Andersen Family
In Honor of my children & grandchildren by: Ruth Kelly

Tulips

In Memory of Tom Mills, Jon Wright & our grandparents by: Falk Family
In Memory of Fred & Barb Hottenstein by: Diane Brinkmeier, Denise Curtis, Janet Smith
In Memory of Sis Felton by: Hoffman Family
In Memory of Bob Kelly by: Mary Irons
In Honor of Jamie, Krys, Galli, Abby & Joey by: Charlie Meyer
In Honor of Chelsey & Chris Synder Wedding March 18, 2017 by: Grandma & Grandpa Beyer



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Sunday, 10:15 am

*“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*
--Jesus Christ

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