



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

April 23, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship
2nd Sunday of Easter
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"



ACTS 2:22-24

Death
Could Not
Hold Him

* Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

** Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*.

WE GATHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Welcome Tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle.)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

No. 306

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Life, submitting to death, You conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Because of the resurrection of Jesus, as a sign of the new life offered to us this day, greet one another with the affirmation “*Christ is risen!*” responding to your neighbor “*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*”

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

**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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

No. 880

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45)

“In Joseph’s Lovely Garden”
arr. Clarence Dickinson

Chancel Choir,
with Laura Cronin, Soloist

CALL TO PRAYER

“**In the Garden**” *refrain*

No. 314

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

(You are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail.)

MORNING PRAYER

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.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC
(8:30 & 10:45)

“Morning Has Broken”
Yusuf Islam

Laura Cronin, Soloist

WE HEAR THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

PSALTER

UMH 748 response 1

Psalm 16:5-11

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

God of Grace

Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, 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

*HYMN OF FAITH

“The Day of Resurrection”

No. 303

(The children are invited to come forward during the last verse)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (Page 119 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“DON’T CHANGE THE SUBJECT”

Jill Croushore, preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Thine Be the Glory”

No. 308

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **“Alleluia, Alleluia”**

No. 162

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*POSTLUDE

March in D

David Johnson

“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”



EKKLESIA – A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM April 29

FEATURES: TOM SHIRER, PIANO

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and congratulations upon his graduation from the PA State Police Academy to *Trooper Travis M. Turkalj* from the Turkalj Family.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

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| ORGANIST: | - Valerie Stipcak | |
| LITURGIST: | - Dennis Kennedy | |
| ACOLYTE: | - Angel Sinick | |
| ALTAR GUILD: | - Barb Tucci | |
| COFFEE HOUR: | - Diane Miller | NEXT WEEK: Kim Greco |
| GREETERS: | - Sherry Miller | NEXT WEEK: Diane Miller |
| NURSERY: | - Jean Faust & Sharon Ross | |
| SOUND SYSTEM: | - Ron States | |
| TECH TEAM: | - (8:30) Jan Stewart | (10:45) Tracy Barr |
| USHERS: | - (8:30) Bill Conrad and George Fagert | |
| | - (10:45) Ryan Barr, Chloe Fontanazza, Callysta Fontanazza,
Aidan Hartman, Michelle Savage, Kasey Storkel | |

Please lift our friends and church family in prayers:

Our shut-ins, those in military service and all with special needs: (Please write prayer concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)

Prayer & Health Concerns: George Fagert; Ellen Brigg's sister, Diane Perry; Andrew Armstrong, on a Navy ship in the Mediterranean; Ken Keiser; Dave McDowell; Shirley Kahler; Micah; Beverly Bliss's brother, Brad Switzer; Beverly Bliss; Mary Mackenzie Bliss; Vivian Engel's sister, Beulah Brown; Martha Nash's daughter-in-law, Rilla; Don Christoff; Ruth Hughes; Sharon Detar.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND CARE CENTER MEMBERS:

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| Paramount Sr. Living | Charles (Dick) Smith |
| Brookdale Latrobe: | Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter |
| Greensburg Care Center: | Alice Murphy, Marilyn Cornell |
| RNC: | Art Faust |
| Weatherwood Manor: | Helen Wolfgang |
| HOME: | Charleen Ringler |

LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-3:30 PM - Fridays 8 AM-12:00 PM

Sun. 4/23 **Read - Romans 1:1-17**
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes-Chapel
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour-Sanctuary Hall
9:30 AM - Preschool-Nursery; Children's Sunday School-Third Floor; Confirmation Class-Third Floor; Youth-Third Floor; Among Friends-Heritage Room; Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library
2:00 PM - Holocaust Community Memorial Service-Cong. Emanu-El Israel
6:00 PM - Youth-Café

DROP OFF DONATIONS FOR RUMMAGE SALE ALL WEEK

Mon. 4/24 **Read - Romans 2:1-16**
5:30 PM - Hospitality-Library 6:00 PM-Boy Scouts-FH
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR 7:00 PM-SPRC

Tues. 4/25 **Read - Romans 3:19-31**
9:30 AM - Pastor's Morning Bible Study-Library

Wed. 4/26 **Read - Romans 4:1-12**
- National Administrative Professionals Day
6:30 PM - Pastor's Evening Bible Study-Library

Thurs. 4/27 **Read - Romans 4:13-25**
8:30 AM - Circuit Rider Assembly-FH
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
11:30 AM - Food Bank Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon-Delmont
6:00 PM - Halo Choir-Choir Room 6:00 PM-Chancel Chanters-Sanctuary
6:00-7:30 PM - Transformer Choir & Kids Rock-Program Practice
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers-Bell Room
6:30 PM - Student Bible Study-Library
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room

Fri. 4/28 **Read - Romans 5:1-21**

Sat. 4/29 **Read - Romans 6:1-23**
9:00 AM-1:00 PM - UMW Rummage Sale-FH
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY 4/30/17:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 3rd Sunday of Easter-Youth Sunday
Read: Luke 24:13-35
Sermon: ***"On the Road"***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for April is “Ecology”. Please do your part and RECYCLE! Look for appropriate colored recycling containers throughout the church.

THANK YOU for supporting the *Redeemer Christian Foundation*, which provides the safety of a Christian school environment to children on the streets in the Middle East. Last week’s pocket change collection was \$415 and provides love, hope and a nourishing meal each day.

The 29th Annual **WESTMORELAND COUNTY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE** in Observance of Yom HaShoah is **TODAY** at 2:00 PM at Congregation Emanuel-El Israel. The service is free and open to the public. This year’s service will feature the lighting of eight candles; six in memory of the six million Jews who dies during the Holocaust; one for the liberators; and one for 21st century victims of genocide.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY is **April 30**. Your gift funds scholarships for Native American seminarians and empowers outreach within the Native American culture.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE Annual gathering of the people of the Greensburg District will be held on Sunday, **April 30** at 4 PM at the Heritage UMC in Ligonier. Everyone is welcome to participate in worship, in celebration of our collective ministry in the district, and to conduct business related to work of the church.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP - Please register soon so you get the camp and the week you want! (Camp Allegheny, Camp Jumonville, Wesley Woods). Camp registration booklets are available in the media rack. When you decide which camp/week you want to attend, please fill out the registration form and submit it to the camp with your deposit. If you need assistance or have any questions, please talk to Kathy Griffith (412.613.8569-cell).

The Confirmation Class will be participating in the “**MOMS HELPING MOMS**” **DIAPER DRIVE**. There is a diaper crisis in this area and you can help! We are asking that each family consider donating one pack of diapers, any size or brand. Starting next week, look for the “*diaper collection box*”. The collection will conclude on Mother’s Day and will be given to the Westmoreland County Children’s Bureau.

KIDS ROCK end of year picnic is Friday, **May 5** at 6:00 PM at the Millers’ House for all kids and youth from Kids Rock and Youth Bible Study. The entire family is invited. Remember to sign up to bring a picnic item.



SOCIAL ACTION PRESENTATION: “HIDDEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF US: SEX TRAFFICKING & MORE”

Presented by Ardyth Hill, Retired Pastor on Monday, **May 15**, 2017 at 6:30 PM at First UMC, Gbg. Refreshments are available and you are invited to bring a snack to share if you would like. Please RSVP to Cindy Carasia at 724.527.3639 by May 12. Everyone is Welcome!

Welcome to Greensburg First United Methodist Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC this morning. Greensburg First is a place for real people with real lives to develop and nurture a real faith. We have authentic relationships, relevant messages, and are committed to raising up the next generation as disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to know that you are loved and accepted here. Feel free to worship with us regularly and to fully participate in all our activities. If you are new to our community or are looking for a church home, please make it a point to meet one of the pastors before you leave the building. Also, help us get to know you by signing the welcome tablet. We will be happy to help you learn more about Greensburg First UMC.

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*You are cordially invited to attend a
Congregation Appreciation Event and Dinner*

on

*Sunday, the twenty first of May, 2017,
beginning with an **Organ Recital** at four-thirty in the after-
noon in the sanctuary of the
First United Methodist Church, Greensburg, PA. Dinner
will follow in Fellowship Hall.*

*Kindly R.S.V.P. to the church Office (724) 834-3111
prior to May 14, 2017.*

RUMMAGE SALE

Fellowship Hall



Saturday – April 29
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Check out our large selection of household items
such as glassware, books, candles and the many
Knick-Knacks for the home!**

**There will also be tables of gently-worn clothing
(men, ladies & children).**

Now is a good time to do some “spring cleaning” and donate your unwanted items to the rummage sale. Donations can be dropped off at the church (Maple Ave. entrance) in North Hall during office hours Mon-Thursday from 9-3 PM or in the evening from 6-8 PM or on Friday from 9-12 noon starting **April 23**. Thank you!