

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.
We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,
whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty,
whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom,
and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.
Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

Please share the joy of the resurrection by greeting your neighbor and saying, “Christ is risen.” Neighbors, please respond, “Christ is risen indeed.” Then say together, “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

**I Can Only Imagine
Callysta & Chloe Fontanazza, Duet**

arr. Don Marsh

CALL TO PRAYER

Like a Child (stanza 3)

No. 2092

Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a child here to stay, Jesus comes. Like a child we receive all that love can conceive, like a child we believe, Jesus comes.

(You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand 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.

TO HEAR THE WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

In the Garden

No. 314

(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TRANSFORMATION

Chloe Fontanazza

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Walter Brueggemann, adapted

Holy God, in this precious hour, we pause and gather to hear your word. We break from our work and from our play. We move from our fears that overwhelm and from our ambitions that are too strong. Free us from every distraction, that we may focus to listen, that we may hear, that we may change. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 56:1-4

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Jesus
Halo Choir

arr. Richard Kingsmore

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Page 198 New Testament Pew Bible)

Philippians 3:12-21

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON (8:30)
(10:45)

PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL
FRAGILE WORLD

Riley Hirst
Callysta Fontanazza

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. David Cherwien

*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

God, we offer these financial gifts along with our spiritual gifts and talents because we are thankful for our salvation. May our offerings bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

AND DEPART FOR SERVICE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 155

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*POSTLUDE Easter Hymn arr. Austin Lovelace
The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of
Bernice Meadows by Sue and Ed Meadows.

THE CARNATIONS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Dot-Ann Sutter,
mother of Helen Turkalj, who went on to eternal life on March 26, 2018. and Eleanor
Laughlin who passed away on April 3, 2018.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God and in honor of
Helen Harrison's birthday by Kerry Thompson & Evelyn Makarsky.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

ACOLYTE:	- Angel Sinick	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Pam Swank	
COFFEE HOUR:	- Debbie Mikita	NEXT WEEK: Val Uschock
GREETERS:	- Brian Kleber	NEXT WEEK: Pam Swank
LITURGIST:	- Aidan Hartman	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Tim Willcox	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Kelly Fullman	(10:45) Cheryl Lennert
USHERS:	- (8:30 & 10:45) Ryan Barr, Kevin Savage, Angel Sinick, Destiny Sinick, Sam Tipton.	

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: Mary Stillman; Ryan Exton; Sue Meadows; Celeste Cindric-Gray; Lee Malloy; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay & family; Mike Olbeter; and Nancy Gavach

Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home and care center members:

Brookdale Latrobe:	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
Greensburg Care Center:	Pearl Crowell, Alice Murphy
Westmoreland Manor:	Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt
Home:	Art Faust, Charleen Ringler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

Sun. 4/8

Read - 1 Peter 1:1-25

8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes - Chapel
9:30 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall
6:00 PM - Youth Group - 3rd Floor

Mon. 4/9

Read - 1 Peter 2:1-25

6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Daisies/Brownies - North Hall
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 4/10

Read - 1 Peter 3:1-22

9:30 AM - Bible Study - Library
1:00 PM - SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Wed. 4/11

Read - 1 Peter 4:1-19

5:00 PM - SPHS Support Group - Lounge
6:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
7:30 PM - Christian Education Meeting - North Hall

Thurs. 4/12

Read - 1 Peter 5:1-14

11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Food Bank Setup - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary
6:00 PM - Transformer Choir - North Hall
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room
6:30 PM - Halo Choir - Choir Room
6:30 PM - Kids Rock - North Hall
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study - Library
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Fri. 4/13

Read - 2 Peter 1:1-21

8:00 AM - Food Bank - Fellowship Hall

Sat. 4/14

Read - 2 Peter 2:1-22

7:00 PM - Ekklesia Worship-Sanctuary

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY is April 15, 2018. Special envelopes are included in your offering envelope packets and are available on the ushers' cabinet in the rear of the sanctuary.

FOOD BANK is in need of items for the share table. If you are able to assist please bring your items to the church by Thursday, April 12. Your help is greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, April 21 at Faith United Methodist Church in Delmont. Brunch begins at 9:30 AM with the meeting following at 10 AM. The following lay persons are encouraged to attend: elected lay members, lay members to Annual Conference, lay leader, council chairperson, and UMW president.

HEALING IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Father William Kiel, a recently retired priest from the Diocese of Greensburg, will offer a service for healing on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Arona United Methodist Church, 2037 Main St, Arona PA 15617. Father Kiel has offered healing services since 1994, bringing spiritual, emotional, and physical healing to many people. A Mount Pleasant native, he entered seminary at the age of 46 after serving as a biology teacher for 23 years at Greensburg-Salem High School. He was ordained to the priesthood in May of 1993. Father Kiel himself experienced the gift of healing when his longtime back injury was healed at a prayer service at St. Pius Church in Pittsburgh. For additional information, please contact Pastor Bruce Anthony at 724-610-5485 or Apollos22@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATES:- The UMW will be sponsoring the following events:

Spring Salad Supper - May 1, 6:00 pm

Rummage Sale - May 19, 9:00 am - 12 noon

Pancake Breakfast - September 2, 9:00 am - 12 noon



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - April 14, 2018

FEATURES: LINDA ROSE, PIANO

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Greensburg

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC. 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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YOUTH WEEKEND PARTICIPANTS

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Chloe Fontanazza
Aidan Hartman
Jordan Hirst
Riley Hirst
Kevin Savage
Angel Sinick
Destiny Sinick
Kasey Storkel
Sam Tipton

**Thank you for your service to God
In worship this weekend!**

THANKS

Congregation Appreciation Event and Dinner

Sunday, April 22, 2018 • 4:00 PM

Please RSVP by signing the clipboard
in the Sanctuary Hall.



STUFFED PORK CHOP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

5—7 pm

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREENSBURG

ADULTS - \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10 - \$5.00

Tickets available from Outreach Committee Members
and the church office.

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee and UMW.
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