

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday

MONDAY, March 26

6:30 PM - Small Group (at the Parsonage)

TUESDAY, March 27

11:00 AM - Volunteers pack for Food Bank

6:30 PM - Women's Prayer Group (Upstairs Chapel)

7:15 PM - Finance Committee (Upstairs Classroom)

WEDNESDAY, March 28

10-11:00 AM - Food Bank Distribution

3:15 PM - Bible Discovery (Fellowship Hall)

6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

7:00 PM - Al-Anon (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, March 29 ~ Holy Thursday

7:00 PM - Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar Service

FRIDAY, March 30 ~ Good Friday

10:00 AM - Make Sandwiches for Pittsburgh Homeless

12:30 PM - Community Good Friday Svc (at Cross Roads Presby)

SUNDAY, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday

7:30 AM - Sunrise Service (at Cross Roads Presbyterian)

- **NO** Early Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship Service (**Sacrament of Holy Communion**)

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**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

**March 18, 2018**

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| 8:30 Early Service ..... | 31     | Current Exp.....                | \$ 3,350.47 |
| 11:00 AM Service .....   | 62     | Connectional Appt. ....         | 352.00      |
| S.S. Attendance.....     | 31     |                                 | \$ 3,967.47 |
| Weekly Avg.....          | 93     | Sunday School Avg .....         | 32          |
| Bldg. & Repair .....     | 313.00 | Renovation Phase II .....       | 265.00      |
| Missions.....            | 120.00 | Lenten Box.....                 | 260.50      |
| PATH .....               | 10.00  | Renovation (in lieu lily) ..... | 30.00       |
| Easter Offering .....    | 10.00  | Bible Discovery.....            | 20.00       |
| Stop Hunger .....        | 100.00 | Earl Rose (General Fund) .      | 425.00      |

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| 2018 Connectional Apportionment Asking - \$21,688<br>Amount received as of 3/11/2018 - \$ 4,710.66 (21.7%)<br>Amount still due Conference - \$17,329.34 |
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| Renovation Fund Phase II Loan - \$60,000<br>Amount still due Credit Union 2/28/2018 - \$41,375.43 |
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*March 25, 2018 ~ Palm Sunday  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

# First United Methodist Church

"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"

**Rev. Jerrad R. Peterman, Pastor**  
**Lori A. Klingensmith, Choir Director**

LFUMC.org  
Office: 724-845-8761

**8:30 a.m.**  
**Jo Ellen Stewart, Reader**

**Marilyn R. Oldfield, Pianist**  
**Gail E. Varine, Organist**

LFUMC251@comcast.net  
Pastor's Cell: 724-833-3247

**11:00 a.m.**  
**Terry L. Snyder, Reader**

*As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

- **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are in the pew racks and will be collected during the opening hymn.
- The **NURSERY** is available upstairs in the Educational Building for parents who feel the need to take their children there.
- **ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the Overflow Area for those children who wish to remain in the service.
- **GUESTS** – Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit. We hope you will join us again.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

**P: We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"**

L: But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

**P: Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.**

L: Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

**P: Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always.**

**AMEN.**

❖HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278

### ◇❖OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day! Amen.

FIRST READING John 19:28-30 page 944

◇CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Jerrad

MORNING PRAYER (and The Lord's Prayer in unison)

◇ANTHEM "Hallelujah!"

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(During the cold and flu season, please feel free to extend a verbal greeting to your neighbor.)*

◇❖PRAISE "Above All"

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:31-37 page 944

SERIES: "God's Action in Symbols of the Crucifixion"  
from "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado

SYMBOLS 9 & 10: **The Wine-Soaked Sponge & Blood & Water**

◇RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS 1 John 3:16-18

◇OFFERTORY

◇❖DOXOLOGY #95

◇❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

❖HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" #361

❖BENEDICTION

❖COMMUNITY BLESSING "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" #277

POSTLUDE

❖Congregation please stand, if able ~ ◇Denotes 11:00am service only

The **ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.



The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James & Philomena Newhouse and Ken Borowski by Mario & Elaine Ciuffoletti.