

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 24 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM -Sunday school

10:00 AM -Worship Service

MONDAY, April 25

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, April 26

7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, April 27 *Office Closed*

THURSDAY, April 28

6:30 PM -Cooperative VBS Meeting

7:00 PM -Al-Anon Meeting

SUNDAY, May 1 Native American Ministries Sunday

9:00 AM - Sunday school

10:00 AM - Worship Service

11:00 AM - Mission Outreach Takeout Luncheon

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A special thank you to the choir and Gail for their dedication and beautiful music during Holy Week. Thank you for sharing your God given talents! Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! A special thank you also goes out to the men running the sound system for us! We couldn't do this without your help! -Lori



The Choir would like to display photos of your mothers on the Power Point during their anthem in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be apart of this please email a digital photo to the office by Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you only have a physical copy of the photo please bring it to the office to be scanned by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call the office.



The choir will be taking the summer off. If you would like to do special music please contact Lori or Lisa at the church office.



**“HAVE YOU BELIEVED  
BECAUSE YOU  
HAVE SEEN ME?  
BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO HAVE NOT  
SEEN AND YET  
HAVE COME  
TO BELIEVE.”**

**JOHN 20:29**

# First United Methodist Church

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## 2nd Sunday of Easter

❖ Congregation please stand, (if you are able)

Prelude

***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.***

❖ Centering Chorus "Up from the Grave He Arose" (Refrain) #322

❖ Call to Worship

Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

**Break forth into joy! Sing together! God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.**

We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair -

**Now we know victory over death!**

**Now we know joy over despair!**

For God has raised Christ from the grave!

**The tomb is empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!**

❖ Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" #304

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

❖ Gloria Patri #70  
Anthem "When He Calls (I'll Fly Away)"  
Children's Moment Pastor Sara  
Sung Prayer of Illumination "Thy Word Is A Lamp" (Refx2) #601  
New Testament Lesson Acts 5:2-32 (NRSV) #951  
❖ Hymn "Breath on Me, Breath of God" #420  
❖ Gospel Lesson John 20:10-31 (NRSV) #944  
Message "From Doubt to Belief" Rev. Sara J. Wrona  
Offertory Reflection  
❖ Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication  
❖ Hymn "O Sons & Daughters, Let Us Sing" (V.1,6,7,8,9) #317  
Greetings & Announcements  
❖ Benediction  
❖ Community Blessing "He Lives" (Refrain) #310  
Postlude

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The **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God in honor and celebration of Lisa's 40th birthday. Love, Mom & Dad.

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An Abiding memorial has been given in loving memory of:

✠ Jane Nigro
by Margie Shoemaker

A memorial has been given to the Choir Fund in loving memory of:

✠ Wayne Bowser
by Gloria Womer

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The Outreach Mission Team will be having a Takeout Luncheon following the 10am worship service on May 1st. Side dishes: Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, & Oriental Salad. Sandwiches: Egg Salad, Turkey Ham Spread, Roast Beef & Cheese, Chipped Ham & Cheese, and Salami & Provolone.

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Announcements from the Outreach/Mission Team

We would like to thank everyone for your support during our Ham give away. We were able to give out 54 hams this year!!! We also thank you for supporting our luncheons which help us continue to feed our community.

We will be making bag lunches for the LHS Staff on May 10th at 9:30 a.m., please mark your calendars if you would like to help.

We will be having a meeting on May 10th at 10:30 am. If you are interested in joining our team, come and do God's work by serving others.

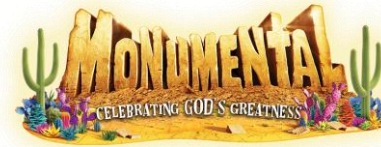
We are looking for people to help with the Crockpot Ministry for May. If you're interested in helping, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Lori at 724-845-8109.

We will be making sandwiches for the community this summer on June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th at 9:30am. If you would like to join us, we would love to have your help! We look forward to seeing you as we continue to be God's hands and feet!

Thank you for your support in all our outreach projects!



Save the date - Saturday July 9, 2022 Kiski River Kayak / Canoe Paddle Trip. The plan is to paddle from Avonmore to Roaring Run. We will be on the water for 3 -4 hours. You can bring your own boat or rent one for the day. A sign up sheet will be provided at the church in the near future with added details.



We will be doing cooperative VBS with Hebron Lutheran & First Evangelical Lutheran in the mornings of June 20-24th. We are using the "Monumental" theme from Group Publishing. We need volunteers to help with: decorating, leading crafts/science, games, snacks, and other stuff!

Let Pastor Sara know if you have any questions or want to get involved with VBS this summer. :)



The choir will practice Monday, May 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 6:45 pm. If you have 1 hour a week and enjoy singing come join us on Monday nights. I can't wait to see you all!



The Diner's Club will meet on Thursday, May 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the Villa. Please call in reservations to June Womer (724-845-1607) or the church office.



The Vandergrift Area Meals on Wheels is looking to expand service to Leechburg. This will only be possible if they have additional drivers. If you would be interested in helping them expand this vital and needed ministry, please contact Sarabeth Stopansky at 724-831-8112.



The First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Leechburg is in need of gently used children's clothing donations for their clothing closet. All other clothing, shoes, and handbag donations are welcome. Please wash all clothes before donating. If you have any questions please call their church office 724-845-7518.





COT* Awareness Walk Introduction

The COT Central Office is organizing a COT Awareness Walk for Saturday, May 14, 2022. Our local walk will be held at Northmoreland Park, 280 Markle Road, Apollo at 10:00 A.M. We will meet at Pavilion #11 to sign in. The walk will be at your pace around the path of the lake. This event is intended to raise money for both the COT Central Office and the local COT sites.

In cooperation with Bethel United Methodist Church in Lower Burrell, we are hosting a walk in our local area to raise awareness. Part of our goal in raising awareness of the COT program is that we can build a base of support and knowledge in the hopes of having a site here in Western Pennsylvania in the future.

If you register by April 22nd, you will receive a t-shirt in time for the walk.

Here is the link for online registration:

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/communiotransforma/event/846328/>

*Communities of Transformation is the ministry that Katy Wrona oversees in the Alabama – West Florida Conference of the UMC.

Support the Humanitarian Response in the Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

