



First United Methodist Church  
 504 Jackson Street  
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March 31, 2019 Purple 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Don't let your past dictate who you are. Let it be part of who you will become. ~Unknown*

*\*Please stand if able.*

*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.*

PRELUDE "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" Organ  
 Lucy Ann Warriner/Tune: *Green Hill* by George C. Stebbins

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: Give thanks to the LORD!

**P: God's love is steadfast.**

L: God's people can testify.

**P: We are redeemed from trouble.**

L: God gathered us.

**P: When we were hungry and thirsty.**

L: When we had no home.

**P: God delivered us from our distress.**

L: Give thanks to the LORD!

**P: For all God has done for us.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH No. 57

INVOCATION (L)

**God, our Creator and Redeemer, hear us now as we come to you on behalf of your people who are hungry, without a home, caught in political strife, separated from family, or driven from their homeland. We know you hear their cries. As we gather to worship today, show us how to be your hands and feet and answer their call for help. Let us share in our wealth to be a tangible expression of your love. Spur us to action, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Hymn of Promise" Handbell Choir  
 Natalie Sleeth/Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson Reader: Tom Carr

MORNING OFFERING  
 (If you have a prayer card for the pastor, please hand it to an usher during the offering.)

OFFERTORY "Near the Cross" Organ  
 Sarah L. Poole/Quoting a Hymn by William H. Doane

\* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR UMCOR SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Thomas D. Carr

\* PRAYER HYMN "Depth of Mercy" UMH No. 355

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SERMON "The Freedom of Confession" Rev. Thomas D. Carr

\* CLOSING HYMN "Victory in Jesus" UMH No. 370

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE "Go with Joy" Organ  
 Louise E. Stairs

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Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the honor and glory of God.



Laural Hofsommer  
 PO Box 35  
 Reynoldsville, PA 15851

Our Keeping In Touch person for this week is Laural Hofsommer. Keep in touch with a card or a note, and remember her in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are:

Acolyte:

Liturgist:

Ministers:

Pastor:

Pastor Emeritus:

Lay Leaders:

Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist

Chancel Choir Director:

Administrative Assistant:

Sharon Bobal, Karen Bussard, Phillip Reiter

Russ Wells, Candy Reighn

Phillip Reiter

Every Member

Thomas D. Carr

Leo C. Cramer

Kim Tagliaferre

Mona Cramer

Jackie Stitt

Leah Carr

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School 47

Communion Service 29+Morning Worship 75=104

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,119.28
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,166.95
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$423.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,590.70
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$37,431.37
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$38,375.87
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$6,411.47
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$44,787.34

# Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45

His father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



The First United Methodist Church  
 Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania  
 Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor  
 Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, March 31

- 8:15 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 11:00 am **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hoss's Fundraiser** until 9:00 pm\*
- 2:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Grace First Youth at First UMC, Reynoldsville

Tuesday, April 2

- 9:00 am Knitting with Friends
- 2:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:00 pm **Safety Team**
- 6:15 pm Senior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 3

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 am Sharing Group
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 6

- 9:00 am **Health & Safety Fair** until 1:00 pm (See insert)

Sunday, April 7

- 8:15 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 12:00 pm **Fellowship Tureen Dinner\***
- 2:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Grace First Youth at First UMC, Reynoldsville

\*Today we will once again be having our **Fifth Sunday Hoss's Fundraiser**. Pick up a green fundraiser card at the back of the sanctuary (They are on the radiator by the entrance.) and take it with you to Hoss's on Sunday, March 31. Give the card to your server when you pay for your meal, and Hoss's will donate a portion of the cost of your meal to our church. You have a delicious meal and help the church, and there are no dishes to wash; sounds like a win-win!

\*Our **Fellowship Tureen Dinner** next Sunday will be an Easter Dinner! Ham, mashed potatoes, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite Easter dish to share. Everyone is invited!

The **Board of Trustees** will hold their **April meeting** at our **church camp** on Firetower Road on April 8 at 7 pm. This will be an opportunity for them to make a close examination of the overall condition of the church camp and begin to develop a list of all that will be necessary to care for it. The Trustees will be sharing with the congregation a report of what they find and will be seeking input for developing a plan for this property. They will be looking to consider anticipated costs to repair and maintain the church camp, as well as the overall utilization of the camp as part of our church's ministry. Please watch for future updates and information in worship, our weekly church bulletins, and future newsletters. The Trustees will be wanting to hear from YOU!

On **April 14**, we will celebrate **Palm Sunday** as ONE CHURCH in ONE WORSHIP SERVICE together at **9:30 AM!** **Sunday School Classes** will follow worship that day at **10:45 AM!** This is for **ONE SUNDAY ONLY**. There will be **NO 8:15 AM Worship** service on April 14. (We will return to our normal schedule on the following Sunday, April 21, with the addition of a Sunrise Service at 7 AM: 8:15 AM Morning Light Worship, 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes, 10:45 AM Traditional Worship) Please pass the word and join us as we celebrate being ONE Church in ONE Worship Service together!

The Chancel and Handbell Choirs will be presenting their annual Easter Cantata, "Here Is Love," on Palm Sunday, April 14, and 4:00 p.m. Please join us for this telling of the Crucifixion and Resurrection Story in voice and music. If you would like to sing with us for the cantata, practices are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Our next mission project is **Flood Buckets**. If you would like to help, you can donate money, or you can buy scrub brushes, clothes pins, or the gel air fresheners (no aerosol any more). See Barb Holcombe if you want to help with other items. Thanks!

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 (or 9:00) until Noon (or 12:30)

Email: [pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org](mailto:pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org)

Administrative Assistant's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:30 until Noon and 12:30 until 3:00

Email: [secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org](mailto:secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org)

*If someone is without a smile, give them yours. ~Unknown*



Once again, we plan to decorate the church with lilies this year for Easter Sunday, April 21, and you are invited to share in this. Please complete the form below and drop it in an offering plate or box, or on Leah's desk, along with your payment. The cost per plant is \$8.95. *The deadline for all orders is March 31. The florist sets the deadline for orders. We cannot guarantee we will be able to get a lily if your order is late.* If you need to order now and pay later, that will be fine.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# Health & Safety Fair

9:00 AM— 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 6, 2019

First United Methodist Church

Fifth & Jackson Streets

Reynoldsville

Free  
Stroke Risk  
Assessment

Don't miss these  
presentations!

Free  
Blood Pressure  
Check

9:30 AM Penn Highlands: Stroke Risk

10:00 AM Reynoldsville Fire Department: Fire Safety

10:30 AM Reynoldsville Ambulance

11:00 AM Reynoldsville Police Department: Personal Safety

11:30 AM Penn Highlands: Stroke Risk

Visit with  
Organization  
Representatives

Call: 653-8593 for more information

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Life Saving  
Information