Evangelical United Methodist Church
157 East Water Street, Middletown, Pa.
Second Sunday of Easter – April 3, 2016
“Seeking and Sharing the Light of Christ”

Moments of Welcome
Greeting our Brethren
Updates from our “Announcement Bench”
Minute for Staff Parish Relations Committee

Seeking Companionship, We Come
Prelude “Psalm XIX” B. Marcello
Entrance of the Light and Word
Choral Introit “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

* Call to Worship
Let come into this holy space, for it is our Upper Room today,
 a place where we celebrate the birth of our Lord,
 a room where we share the Last Supper with Him,
 a spot where we rejoice in His resurrection and ours, too.
Let us come to the Upper Room again, and welcome His Presence!

* Hymn of Adoration “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” vs 1,2,4 #139

* Invocation

Seeking Forgiveness, We Listen
Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 150 RR #862
Prayer of Confession
O Lord Jesus, You are the one, who has risen from the grave;
and desires to come among us. We yearn for your appearances,
however we confess that we make personal demands on when you
come, or set forth requirements that you must comply, so we will see
you. Please forgive our narrow minded criteria about your presence
among us; and open our hearts to your many different appearances.

Moment of Silent Prayer
Reading of the Epistle: Acts 5:27-32
Moments with our Children
Praying the Lord’s Prayer (sins) and Sharing God’s Goodies
After this moment, children grades kindergarten through fifth grade
are welcome to go downstairs for Children’s church.

Morning Anthem “Come to the Table” Robert Lau
Sharing of our Gifts and our Offerings
Offertory “In A Quiet Garden” L. Stairs
As the offering plate is passed, please place the green
prayer request cards and visitors cards in the plate.

* Doxology #95
Prayer Concerns for our Brethren
(refer to our Compassion and Concerns for our Brethren)
Choral Response “He Is Lord”
Reading from the Gospel: John 20:19-31
Morning Message “Peace Be With You”

* Hymn of Faith “Thine Be the Glory” #308

Seeking Forgiveness, We Kneel
Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Words of Invitation
The Great Thanksgiving UMH page 15
Breaking the Bread and Sharing of the Cup
(Will receive the Holy Sacrament in the pews)

Sharing the Light, We Witness
* Hymn of Dedication “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #420
* Benediction
* Choral Blessing “Let All Things Now Living”
* Going Forth with the Light and Word

* Postlude “Thine Is The Glory” G. F. Handel

Our Altar flowers today are given in memory of Carl and Dorothy
Gruber presented by Their Family.

Worship Assistants for Today
Greeters …………Eleanor Jane Sankey, Earl and Donna Haddock
Head Usher ………………………………………………… Scott Green
Lay Liturgist ………………………………………………… Selena Stoker
Nursery Caregivers ……………… Gloria Clouser, Vickie Hubbard
(The nursery is for children 4 years old and under)
Compassion and Concerns for Our Brethren

Updates and Changes
Joyce Gass – Spring Creek, room 126A
Betty Hoke – home
Peggy Crow and Family – Bill Mortimore’s Uncle
Bunny Daub & Family – son Clint - Brain tumor – Friend of Barb Allman
Kaleb - 5 week old grandson of Mike Harris’s Friend - illness
Dorothy Laverty – mother of Julie Kupp – started new cancer therapy
Mary Ann Rowland – waiting for kidney transplant

Recent Illness and Surgeries
Tim Heckman – son-in-law of Gail and Don Hossier
Ashley Eldridge – friend of the Burkholders
Mother & Wife with experimental medical treatments
Bill Schneck – uncle of Jennifer Williams/Shirley Jones
Robert Allen – friend of the Mortimore’s – stomach cancer
Janice Shelly – friend of Bob Clouser – Guillain Barre Syndrome

Living with Cancer
Tim Morgan – challenges with cancer
Mindy Etter – wife of Erich Schlicher’s co-worker
Richard “Sonny” Hiester – Linda Boughter – friend of Pearl Hoch
Lee Killian – treatments for cancer – Annie Millar Desmond
Cheryl Achenbach & Bon Brubaker, friends of Donna Keller
Friends of Pastor Bob - Sandy Mellott & Mike Warfel - cancer
Michael Rhoads – nephew of Ethel Angeloff - cancer
Mark Smith – nephew of Nancy Heaton – cancer

Challenges of Living
Margaret Gates – moved to Upper Dauphin area
Earl Hoffman – lives at Spring Creek now
Don and Jane Goshorn – Colonial Care, Room D7
Bob Stoudt and Dottie Rider – living at Middletown Home
Bishop Jeremiah Park – caring for His whole flock of believers
Dauphin County Prison Ministry - Paul Alexander
Jack O’Donnell - regular blood transfusion
Ben Gingrich & his Mother, Erin – childhood disease
Bob Miller’s brother, Steve – hardships of life
Our Sister church in Sierra Leone - Price Memorial UM Church

In the Armed Forces
Deb Lidle’s Nephew - Adam Geschwindt – Marines
Daisy Long’s grandson – Christopher DeLena – Air Guard – stateside
John Mackey’s brother - Paul – Navy
Cathy Woodring’s cousin – Tim Parr – Navy

ANOUNCEMENTS
April 3, 2016

TODAY:
“Red Bird Mission”
9 a.m. – Sunday School
10:15 a.m. – Worship – Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. – Confirmation Class
4-6 p.m. – Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY:
2 p.m. – Stitches and Prayers Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY:
10 a.m. – Lent/Spring Bible Study
3 p.m. – Frey Village Vesper Service
6 p.m. – AA Group Book Study
6:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:
6 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop #10067
7 p.m. – Lent/Spring Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY:
“Food Bank”
9 a.m. – Sunday School
10:15 a.m. – Worship

Faithful Servants in Worship

Audio Visual .................................................. Steve Moyer
Organist ........................................................... Glenn M. Diritto
Pianist ............................................................ Charlene Walters
Senior Choir Director ..................................... Erich Schlicher
Pastor ............................................................... Robert Graybill

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LAY VISITATION: During April the following person from the Lay Visitation Committee will visit the homebound members of our church: Charlene Walters.

OUR COMMUNITY DINNER: We served 202 persons (including some volunteers) at our turkey dinner on March 21. A profit of $942.00 minus $100.00 to the church for supplies, left $842.00 to be divided four ways: $210.50 for Renovation Fund, $210.50 for Sunshine Fund, $210.50 for Dinner Committee Fund, and $210.50 to Evangelical United Methodist Church. Thanks again to everyone for all your help.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY DINNERS (4:30-6:30 p.m.):

April 11 - St. Peters Lutheran – Meatloaf
$8.00 adults; $3 for children under 12

April 18 – Evan – Stuffed Chicken Breast
$8 adults; $3 for children under 12

April 25 - Church of God – Roast Turkey
$8 adults; $4 for children under 12

LINK: The Conference Newsletter (LINK) is now available in paper form on a monthly basis. If you are interested, you make pick one up off the table located in the back of the sanctuary.

REFRESHMENT SUNDAY: is being moved from the 2nd Sunday, April 10 to the 3rd Sunday, April 17 for the month of April. This will give us a chance to meet and spend time with Pastor Paul and Judy Zieber. Pastor Paul will be our guest minister that Sunday.

NEWSLETTER: Our Spring newsletters will be mailed out the beginning May. Please have any information you would like included in the newsletter into the church office by the end of April.

STOP HUNGER NOW: will be held at Wesley on Thursday, April 21 from 6-8 p.m. Evan is looking for 20 volunteers to work one shift from 6-8 p.m. Please contact Shirley Kupp if you can help.

165TH ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS UPDATE:

3rd Sunday of each month - Minute of History - (watch for questions on the screen)

February - The pottery you ordered in February is currently being made. We will let you know as soon as we have the completed order.

April 17 - Rev. Paul Zieber, guest minister for Sunday morning service, followed by cookie refreshment time (NOTE: Cookie refreshment time has been moved from April 10 to April 17 for this month).

May 22 - Rev. James Williams, guest minister for Sunday morning service; something special for the children (NOTE: Cookie refreshment time has been moved from May 8 to May 22 for this month).

May 22 - A spiral bound edition of our church history will be available for everyone, at no charge. This was written and compiled by Sue Neiman and Suzie Rowe, our historians.

October 16 at 5:30 p.m. – 165th Anniversary Dinner Theater. The meal will be served family style; cost: $5.00. Tickets will be available September 4-25 for Evan. church family and from October 2-8 for the public.

The play will be under the direction of Paige Pavlishin. Casting will begin early summer; practice dates are October 2, 9 and 15. Watch the bulletin for more information on these activities.

CROP WALK: On Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. the Interfaith Council of Middletown will hold their spring walk for hunger. Evan is looking for 10 volunteers to walk from the Middletown Food Pantry in Royalton to Frey Village (no longer walking to the high school). Look for baskets after church for your donations.