



First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City March 2020 Newsletter

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LENTEN CALENDAR

Sunday, March 22, 2019

The Way of the Cross will be received at FUMC from Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church on March 22 and delivered to First Church of God the following Sunday

Palm Sunday, April, 5 2020

Worship Service at 11:00 am

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Community Worship Service at Trinity Lutheran Church
207 Spring Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117 | 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Worship Service at 11:00 am

No Sunday School

Easter Sunrise Service at Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church
266 Slippery Rock Dr., Ellwood City, PA 16117 | 6:30 am

*For more information please contact our church office at 724-758-6278
416 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117*

Daylight Saving Time ~ March 8, 2020

Don't forget to turn your clocks *forward* 1 hour Saturday night!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” ~ 1 Peter 1:3

INTERCESSORY PRAYER



“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have obtained the requests made of him”.

1 John 5:14-15 NRSV

Please pray for all spoken requests, all those afflicted among us with health concerns, our shut-ins, our nation, our ministry leaders, our pastor Rev. Angelique Bradford, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the continued growth of our church family both spiritually and physically.

If you have any specific prayer requests that you would like to be included within the weekly bulletin, please contact the church secretary by calling 724-758-6278 or email secretary@firstumcec.org. Thank you!

Opportunity to Serve In Ministry ~As believers in Jesus Christ we seek to live out Christ commandment which is to *"Love one another just as I have love you....by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another"* John 13: 34-35 NRSV

If you are interested in Caring & Visitation Ministry which provides hearing and responding to the care related needs of our Congregation, please contact Pastor Angelique for further details.

Visitation ~ If you would like a Pastoral Care visit or know someone who is homebound, in a nursing homes, or has experienced social or spiritual isolation. Please call our Administrative Office at 724-758-6278 to request a Pastoral Care visit from our Pastor, Rev. Angelique Bradford.

Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before/after worship

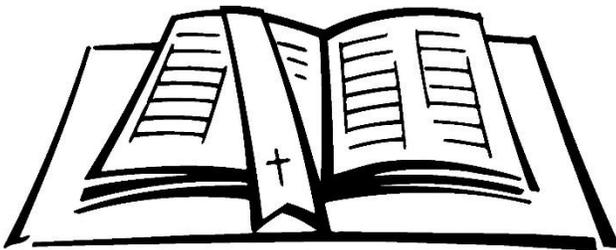


We have a new display of CareNotes located near the mailboxes. CareNotes are small booklets that offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting, among other topics. Please stop by and pick one up.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

The daily readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations for the full three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. These readings complement the Sunday and festival readings: Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead; Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

Sunday, March 1, 2020:	First Sunday in Lent
Monday, March 2, 2020:	Psalms 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
Tuesday, March 3, 2020:	Psalms 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Wednesday, March 4, 2020:	Psalms 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14
Thursday, March 5, 2020:	Psalms 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
Friday, March 6, 2020:	Psalms 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
Saturday, March 7, 2020:	Psalms 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10
Sunday, March 8, 2020:	Second Sunday in Lent
Monday, March 9, 2020:	Psalms 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday, March 10, 2020:	Psalms 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13
Wednesday, March 11, 2020:	Psalms 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11
Thursday, March 12, 2020:	Psalms 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23
Friday, March 13, 2020:	Psalms 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday, March 14, 2020:	Psalms 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6
Sunday, March 15, 2020:	Third Sunday in Lent
Monday, March 16, 2020:	Psalms 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13
Tuesday, March 17, 2020:	Psalms 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
Wednesday, March 18, 2020:	Psalms 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39
Thursday, March 19, 2020:	Psalms 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32
Friday, March 20, 2020:	Psalms 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9
Saturday, March 21, 2020:	Psalms 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9
Sunday, March 22, 2020:	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Monday, March 23, 2020:	Psalms 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20
Tuesday, March 24, 2020:	Psalms 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14
Wednesday, March 25, 2020:	Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday, March 25, 2020:	Psalms 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34
Thursday, March 26, 2020:	Psalms 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11
Friday, March 27, 2020:	Psalms 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
Saturday, March 28, 2020:	Psalms 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53
Sunday, March 29, 2020:	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Monday, March 30, 2020:	Psalms 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
Tuesday, March 31, 2020:	Psalms 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10



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FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP



Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked to support designated ministries. On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change. These offerings help provide refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. These Special Sundays are part of our denomination-wide effort we call connectional giving. It is one of the most powerful vehicles for generosity we have. Together, our churches are making an impact all over the world.

UMCOR SUNDAY ~ March 22, 2020

UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be the focal point of a Special Sunday Service in March. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to **help**.

And when the next crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.

On this Special Sunday, March 22, 2020, our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts.

If you want to learn more about UMCOR visit: www.umcgiving.org/UMCOR

UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Native American Ministries Sunday ~ April 26, 2020

Peace with Justice Sunday ~ June 7, 2020

World Communion Sunday ~ October 4, 2020

Student Sunday ~ November 29, 2020

Don't Forget to Use Amazon Smile for Your Online Shopping

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon.com, a portion of your purchases can be donated back to the church? Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City. Just visit our unique charity link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating!

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

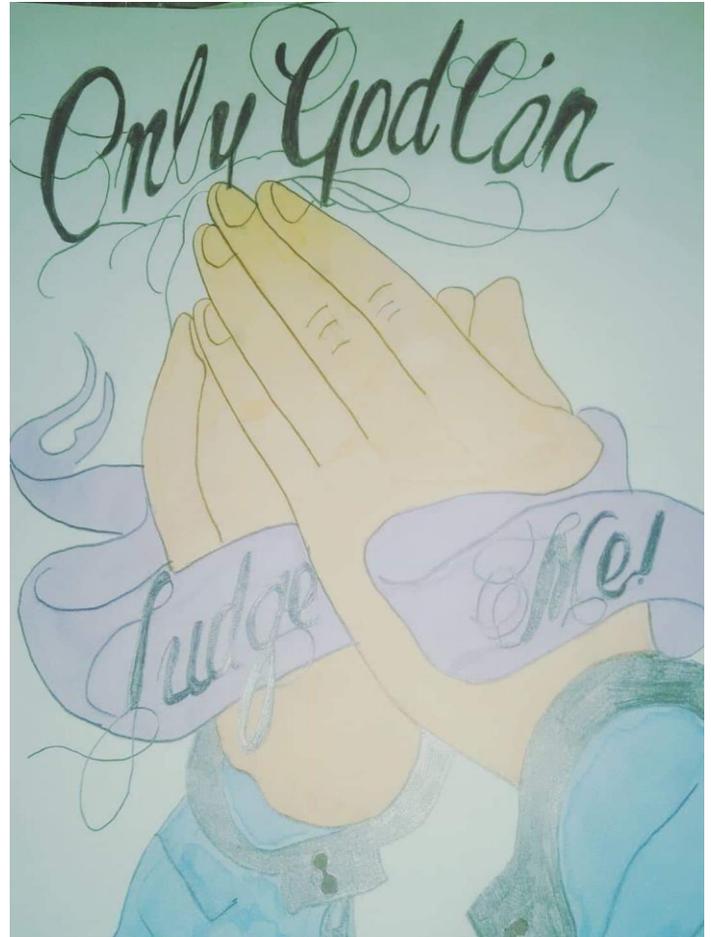
**Join Our Youth and Young Adults as they lead us in
worship Sunday,
March 29, 2020 ~ 11:00 am**

We will have a chili cookoff following the worship service. You are invited to bring your favorite chili to share, or a dessert. Invite your friends and family!

First United Methodist Church

416 Crescent Ave.,
Ellwood City, PA 16117
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Art by Madison Baker



2020 Youth and Young Adult Sundays

May 31, 2020

August 31, 2020

November 29, 2020

YOUTH INFORMATION: on the web at <https://www.wpaumc.org/youthevents>

Check out all of the Youth news at <https://www.wpaumc.org/Youth>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



ROSALIND CANDY SALE

We are selling Easter Candy
Order forms for our annual candy fundraiser are located on the table in the library.
Orders and money will be due March 26 and
candy will be available for pick up at church on April 5.

MARCH MEETING

The program for the March 21 meeting of the United Methodist Women will be entitled
"Laughter Is The Best Medicine" presented by Kathleen Frickanish

We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and begin with a brunch followed by the program and
a business meeting.

All are welcome!

Clean out those closets!

The Spring Rummage Sale will be held April 2, 3 & 4.

Additional information will be posted soon!



We are still collecting *new* pillows for the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter.

Please place your pillows in the Alturistic Room.

<https://www.wpaumc.org/UMWomen>

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Mission & Evangelism Committee News

Holy Redeemer Social Services Food Panty is in need of the following items. During the month of **March** we will collect:

- baby diapers, sizes 3, 4 and 5
- paper towels
- toilet paper

Please place items in the bin located near the entry way in the church library.



A Member of the UMCOR
Relief Supply Network

226 Church Lane
New Castle, PA 16105
missionbarn@gmail.com
p: 724-856-8241

Sponsor a Child Today!

When you sponsor a child, you'll be personally connected with a boy or girl who will know your name and treasure the thought that you care. Your support of \$38 per month provides life-changing opportunities such as:

- an opportunity to attend or stay in school
- medical care, which often saves lives
 - nourishing food
- mentoring and a safe environment through a local evangelical church
 - and most important, opportunities to hear the gospel.

Compassion child sponsorship works! Millions of children have “graduated” from our program and are now responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Allow God to work through you in the life of a child in poverty. [Sponsor a child](#) today!

www.compassion.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



SUPER SATURDAY

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages 3 years – 6th grade

New children are always welcome!

We will be having a Chili Cookoff following the March 29 Youth and Young Adult Worship Service. Bring your favorite chili to share or a dessert. Invite your family and friends!

****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT****

VBS WEEK

IS

JUNE 15-19, 2020

9:00-noon

The Theme Is

*****MAKER's Station*****

**It will be a jam-packed week & summer focusing on arts, ingenuity,
music, dance & more!**

*“I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”
~ 3 John 1:4 NRSV*

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS, NEWS & INFORMATION

LENTEN PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Join us Tuesday evenings during the Lenten season for Lenten Prayer and Meditation

Beginning March 3, 2020

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

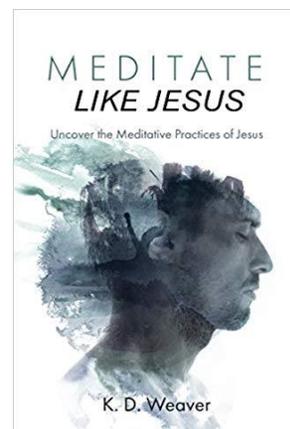
Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church
416 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117

Contact the church office at 724-758-6278
with any questions

Bring your Bible and a Journal

We will be studying from the book “Meditate Like Jesus” by K.D. Weaver.

You may order the book online (Amazon) or call the office and we will be glad to place an order for you.
(cost of book is approximately \$15.00 plus shipping)



MONTHLY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

If you missed the last meeting, you can get the study guide on the www.firstumcec.org website.

Even if you have not been able to attend yet, the door is always open.

We hope to see you there!

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Throughout the Lenten Season, two wooden crosses travel to and from the various churches in Ellwood City. On Sunday, March 22, we will be receiving a cross from Bell Memorial Church and on the following Sunday we will be taking it First Church of God. At the end of the Lenten Season, one of the crosses is taken and placed up on the top of the hill at Slippery Rock Cemetery where our community gathers for Easter Sunrise Worship.

This year's Easter sunrise worship is at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 12.



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

The community is invited to attend Good Friday worship services at Trinity Lutheran Church on Spring Avenue in Ellwood City. We will gather for worship at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity's sanctuary. The cantata “Shadows” will be used in this very holy and solemn evening. These are special and holy days in the life of our Lord and in the life of the church.

Mark them on your calendars as a part of your Lenten Journey!

**We are looking for a newsletter editor. If you have some interest, please contact the church office.*

BOY SCOUT TROOP 806

On February 9, 2020 FUMC celebrated Scouting Sunday. The boys do many activities throughout the year that benefit our church and community. Boy Scout Troop 806 meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm and Cub Scout Pack 806 meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You Boys!



Boy Scout Troop 806

Caribbean Conservation Project



In June 2021, Boy Scouts from Ellwood City Troop 806 have the opportunity to travel to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to take part in an 8-day eco-adventure. The Scouts will circumnavigate St. Thomas on a 40-foot sailing vessel while studying the plants, animals and habitats of the Caribbean Sea. In conjunction with the University of the Virgin Islands, Scouts will collect data to help preserve coral reefs and endangered sea turtles while learning how to protect marine ecosystems. Scouts will also have the opportunity to fish, snorkel, and go hiking in U.S. Virgin Islands National Park. If you are interested in donating to help the Scouts make this trip a reality, contributions can be mailed to: **Boy Scout Troop 806, 416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117**. For more information about the trip, e-mail Scoutmaster Doug Smith at kylelevisdad@yahoo.com.

Adventure with a purpose!

Pre-GC 2020 Protocol Briefings

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, the Rev. Alyce Weaver-Dunn, Director of Connectional Ministries; Rev. John R. Wilson, Conference Secretary, and Donna Vizza, chair of the WPAUMC Connectional Leadership Table, will hold five informational sessions around the Conference the week of March 22 on the proposed Protocol for Separation of the denomination.

Dates and locations for the information sessions are:

- Sunday, March 22 @ Saint Marys from 3 pm – 5:30 pm
- Monday, March 23 @ Saegertown from 6:30 pm – 9 pm
- Tuesday, March 24 @ Punxsutawney: First from 6:30 pm – 9 pm
- Wednesday, March 25 @ Crossroads: Oakdale from 6:30 pm – 9 pm
- Thursday, March 26 @ Somerset: Grace from 6:30 pm – 9 pm

The informational meetings, open to laity and clergy, will focus on the “Protocol of Separation Through Grace and Reconciliation” because those who signed it represent advocacy groups who had proposed other plans, but now unanimously support the protocol. Because they all have agreed to work together for passage of the Protocol at the May 5-15, 2020 General Conference, it seems the most likely plan to be approved. Read the protocol legislation at www.gracethroughseparation.com/legislation

There will be an opportunity for questions to provide clarification about the Protocol legislation and how our Conference will respond if it is passed. The Conference is creating a process for discernment regarding our future together in Christ. The WPA Delegation has been invited to attend the informational sessions to listen and prepare for their participation in the upcoming General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Although the other plans for restructuring the United Methodist Church will not be part of the discussion at the five Western PA briefings, information on them, along with a comparison chart, is available at the Resource UMC website resourceumc.org/en/content/gc2020-proposed-plans

Also important to know: legislation will be submitted to our Western PA Annual Conference to take place in June for the purpose of creating a Task Force whose work will be develop and implement a plan for the Annual Conference to act on the Protocol, should it pass at General Conference in May.

Keep Up With Upcoming Events - WPAUMC Conference

The website for upcoming events is: <http://www.wpaumc.org/events>.

Western PA Conference
The United Methodist Church Butler District
1204 Freedom Road
P.O. Box 5002 Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0002
Phone: 724-252-3198

HOMWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



AA Meetings are held every Thursday at 1:00 pm at
HUMC

OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP

Join Homewood United Methodist Church each week on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for “Open Door”. This is a time of sharing the Love of God with our neighbors and offering Radical Hospitality.

Mission Statement of Homewood United Methodist Church

“To spread the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by means of fellowship and discipleship, from our loving hearts through our giving hands”

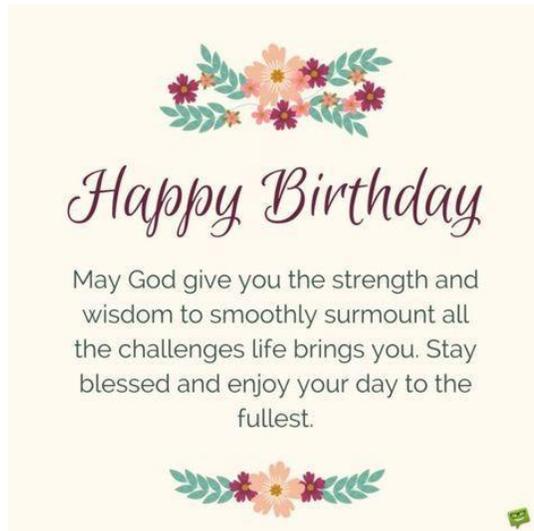
127 1st Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
(724) 846-1212



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4	Leroy Fazenbaker
4	Derick Squicquero
4	Amber Freed
6	Dani Woodhead
7	Ray Miller
8	Caleb Dwyer
8	Kailyn Hampe
10	Katarina Weingart
12	Stephen Baker
13	Jason Weingart
14	Shawn Brown
14	Robin Weaver
15	Jason Baker
16	Glenda Blinn
16	Amanda Fox
17	Candice Samlut
17	Madyson Widmaier
19	Brandon Farah
19	Billie Jo Miller
20	Jason Doughty
23	Jayden Wallace
24	Erin Lechner
25	Julie Assalone
25	Jim Reed
30	Brian Stillings



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

23	Amanda and Brian Gardner
27	Earl and Lynda Cooper
28	Wayne and Judy Hall

***Our records need updating....Please contact the church office via telephone or email with any birthday/anniversary updates.
Thank you**

A Marriage Blessing..

May your marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for many generations to come. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home throughout all the days of your lives. May you face every challenge hand-in-hand and side-by-side knowing that with God's grace, you will conquer all obstacles together. May the world be forever a better place because the two of you fell in love!

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dave Willis.org

FUMCEC CALENDAR

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - First Sunday in Lent - Communion 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC 12:30 – 4:00 pm Musical Fundraiser	2 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	3 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer & Meditation	4 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	5 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	6 World Day of Prayer	7 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall Visionary Leadership Conference - Butler
8 – Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	9 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	10 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer & Meditation	11 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	12 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	13	14 Super Saturday Bible Study 10:00 am-12:00 pm
15 – Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	16 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	17 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer & Meditation	18 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	19 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm String Instrument Program at HUMC-6:00 pm	20	21 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	23 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	24 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer & Meditation	25 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	26 Open Door Fellowship at HUMC-10:00 am AA Meeting at HUMC-1:00 pm	27	28
29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Choir 9:45 am-Sunday School 9:30 am-HUMC 11:00 am-FUMC	30 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	31 Quilters 9:00 am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer & Meditation				

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



Easter
Flowers

2020 FUMCEC EASTER FLOWERS ORDER Please use this slip to order your 2020 Easter Flowers

Name: _____

*Flowers: ___#___ x \$8.00 each = \$ Total Ordered Indicate COLOR

Tulips ___ x \$8.00 = \$ _____ ___ # Red ___ # Pink ___ # Yellow

Mums ___ x \$8.00 = \$ _____ ___ # White ___ # Yellow ___ # Purple

Hyacinths ___ x \$8.00 = \$ _____ ___ # Blue ___ # Pink

Lilies ___ x \$8.00 = \$ _____ No color option

Violets ___ x \$4.00 = \$ _____ No color option

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

In honor / memory of:

(please circle one)

Are you donating your flowers? _____ (Y/N) **OR** Are you taking your flowers? _____ (Y/N)

***Please return paid order to the church office by Sunday, March 22.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ellwood City Intermediate School Musical Program Pasta Dinner

\$10.00 | Take Out Available

Sunday, March 1, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall

12:30 – 4:00 pm

Come out and support Ellery Hooker, Noah Rhodes and the other intermediate school students with a pasta dinner fundraiser in support of their 2020 production of School House Rock Live Jr. See any family member of the cast for tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Holy Redeemer Parish Lenten Pizza Sale

Sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Christian Mothers

Friday – February 28

Friday – March 13

Friday – March 27

\$8.00 for a whole Red or White Pizza

Must Pre-order between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on the day of sale by calling 724-752-9350

Pick up at the Holy Redeemer Parish Catholic Center until 5:00 pm



Holy Redeemer Parish Lenten Pierogi Sale

Sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Christian Mothers

Frozen potato-cheese pierogis are now available for purchase.

Can purchase at the Parish Office or at the above Pizza Sales for \$6.00 per dozen.

25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Ellwood Area Egg Hunt Committee will be holding its 25th community Easter Egghunt for all area children ages 10 and under. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, starting at 11:00 a.m. in Ewing Park.

Every year hundreds of children swarm the park grounds to enjoy a spring day with lots of eggs, candy, and prizes for all participants.

For more info on this year's event check out their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Ellwood-Area-Egg-hunt-Committee-437874273027706/

The committee is accepting donations for this year's event and they can be mailed to Ellwood Area Egg Hunt Committee in the care of Kathy Brenner, 212 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”
– Philippians 3:14, NRSV

As we look at the history of our Christian faith and of our United Methodist Church, we see that the journey for women has helped to shape the church of today. Women have fulfilled important roles in the life of the church from the very beginning with the fledgling believers of the first century. Women took on active roles of leadership and teaching as well as hosting churches in their homes and preparing food for the believers who gathered.

This tradition carried through to our current age, thanks to the hard work of faithful believers advocating for the full participation of women in ministry.

The United Methodist Church has allowed women to live out their ministerial call among their fellow believers since the late 19th century when the first women were ordained and since 1956, when women received full clergy rights.

We encourage you to further study the Women of the United Methodist Church.

<https://www.gcsrw.org/MonitoringHistory/WomeninUMCHistory.aspx>



Susanna Wesley

The mother of Methodism?

Susanna Wesley (1669-1742) could be considered the mother of Methodism -- and not just because she was mother to John and Charles Wesley. An intelligent woman known for her organized and disciplined lifestyle, she educated her 10 children at home and devoted an hour each week to each child for private, focused conversation. Her husband, an Anglican pastor, was frequently away from home so she started holding prayer services one evening a week for the members of her household. Soon neighbors started coming, too, and then people from the nearby town – a couple hundred at a time -- to the detriment of services at the local church, whose pastor complained. It was this example of teaching and house groups that would later encourage her sons John and Charles to begin holding similar meetings. Although John Wesley never broke from the customs of his day and did not ordain women, he nevertheless provided many leadership opportunities for women in the burgeoning Methodist movement.



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**No matter who you are or
where you come from
You are Welcome Here!**

Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round.
Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship.
Church Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am-12:00 pm and Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
CLOSED Friday

How to Reach Us...

Rev. Angelique Bradford, Senior Pastor Email: pastor@firstumcec.org
Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator Email: secretary@firstumcec.org
Office Phone: 724-758-6278 Pastor's Cell Phone: 412-722-2806
Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

The Mission of the United Methodist Church

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.