

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

Rev. Richard Luciotti, Interim Pastor
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Mark Herr, Organist/Christian Education Coordinator
Lindy Bennetch, Financial Secretary
Elicia Frank, Custodian
Lee Ann Kurash, Church Secretary
Our website: www.myerstownuccchurch.org

Appreciation to the following people who assisted with today's service:

10:00 AM	Opening church:	Mark Herr
	Greeters:	Dawn Hassler
	Worship Leader/Liturgist:	Margo McQuate
	Ushers:	Jeff and Holly Rosen Jared Rosen Leah Rosen Kenny Patrick
	Sound Technician:	Paulie McQuate
	Counting Team:	Lee and Mary Smith

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

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March 10, 2019

Worship Time 10:00 am

First Sunday of Lent

Prelude *Improvisation on 'Adore Te'* Léon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

Leader: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

People: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: God says to us: 'Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth.'

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge..

*Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #82

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, strengthen us in our ability to resist the temptations we encounter in our everyday lives. Awaken us to the angels in our lives; our families, friends, neighbors, strangers, events, pastors. Awaken us to all those you work through to provide wisdom and strength when we are faced with temptation. We pray this prayer in Jesus' name, the one who strengthens our hearts and minds. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson is from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

First Fruits and Tithes

26 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 4:1-13

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

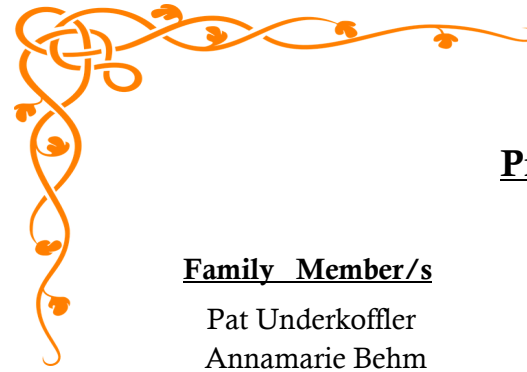
5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

One: Here ends the Gospel reading. It is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)



Prayer List

Family Member/s

Pat Underkoffler
Annamarie Behm

Friends

Ralph Woynarowski - husband of Carol (Zeller)
C.J. Leininger - friend of Phyllis Keith
Katie Long - friend of Phyllis Keith
Evelyn Rudy - friend of Ed and Candy Hibshman

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

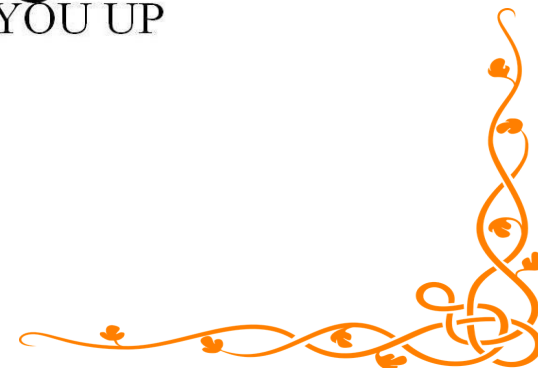
Family Members

Nancy Brown
Ellen Goodyear
Karen Wagner

Friends

Suzanne Fritsch - mother of Stephen Fritsch
Betty and Bill Gracely - mother and father of
Margo McQuate

Prayer
♥ *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
HE WILL LIFT YOU UP



Announcements (cont'd)

Stewardship Report for Sunday, March 3, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$
	Our Church's Wider Mission	\$
	Church Improvement Fund	\$
	Hope Fund	\$

Attendance:



The Message - 'It's There'

Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* #560

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Offertory *Meditation on 'Loving Spirit' (hymn #135)* Franklin Ritter

*Offertory Response *I Come with Joy* #706

*The UCC Statement of Faith (on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

*Closing Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* #252

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *Lead Me to Calvary* #253
(verse 1)

Moments of Meditation (seated)

Postlude *Blessed Be the Lord* David Paxton



**Today: First Sunday of Lent
Gift Card orders delivered**

**This Week: Monday: Strong Bones 8:30 am in the social hall
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Scouts 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the social hall
Thursday: Strong Bones 8:30 am in the social hall
Community Meal - 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the social hall
Friday:**

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## Announcements

**LCCM donation item for the month of March is crackers, saltines or Ritz.** Please place donations in the box provided in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Williams at 717/866-9482.

**Upper Room Ladies Bible study meets each Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Library,** except the 2nd Thursday of the months when the Community Meal is being served. Please see the bulletin for updated information. You may contact Marcia Bicher at 717/866-6401.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 23rd, which will be the LCCM Annual Lenten Breakfast!** Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, an inspiring message and entertainment. And the opportunity to mingle and worship with friends from the surrounding community. Come and bring a friend. See Carolyn Williams for tickets.

\*\*Please let us know of **anyone** who would enjoy a 'Sharing Our Love' card shower. We can announce it in the bulletin anytime. This is a great opportunity to reach out with a simple card or short note to lift someone's spirit and let them know they are loved and not forgotten. Please see Emily Frantz or contact the office by phone or email to set up a card shower.

**Important Christian Education dates:**

**Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 14 during the Sunday School hour and would include (as last year) children through the youth classes.**

**Summer Adventure - Sunday, July 7 though Thursday, July 11 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Theme is "Lava Lava Island...Where Jesus' Love Flows."**

**Our next Community Meal is this Thursday, March 14, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the social hall.** We will be serving baked chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, roll/butter and whoopie pies for dessert. Please join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship. If you'd like to help with the meal in any way, please contact Mark Herr at 717/572-7734 or Carolyn Williams at 717/866-9482.

Don't forget to get your **Lenten Devotionals**, which are available on the counter in the Gathering Area. There are Family Activity booklets called Together with Jesus for our families with children and a teen/adult devotional called The Saving Passion: Inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen. Please see Emily Frantz with any questions.

A 'Sharing Our Love' card shower has been requested for Bill and Nancy Brown. Please send all cards and notes to:

Bill and Nancy Brown  
39 Temple Road  
Richland, PA 17087

We have openings for **Altar Flowers for March 24 and 31st.** If you would like to place flowers In Memory of or In Honor of your loved ones, please contact Betty Arnold at 717/866-5329.

## Announcements (cont'd)

### Stewardship Report for Sunday, March 3, 2019

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| <b>Offerings:</b> | <b>General Fund</b>               | <b>\$ 3,842</b> |
|                   | <b>Our Church's Wider Mission</b> | <b>\$ 155</b>   |
|                   | <b>Church Improvement Fund</b>    | <b>\$ 523</b>   |
|                   | <b>Hope Fund</b>                  | <b>\$ 21</b>    |

**Attendance: 78**

**\*Reminder -- Next Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 am the Congregation Assessment Team will speak to the congregation on the findings of the survey we completed last summer.**

**Christian Education meeting will be Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 am.**