

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2009

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST!

QUIET MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Lamb of God" - Georges Bizet

INTROIT

"Search Me Lord, and Know My Heart"

Chancel Choir

INGATHERING (Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Announcements, Mission Moment, Greeting)

*HYMN No. 145

"Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Behold, the time is now;

P: This is the day of salvation.

L: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

P: That the light of your face may shine on us.

L: May your justice shine like the sun;

P: and may the poor be lifted up.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we so often try relying on ourselves instead of you in times of trouble. But you are the source of our strength. Embrace those who suffer from illnesses of mind, body or spirit with your strength and healing presence. Comfort and encourage those who grieve. Help resolve the conflicts in our lives - with family, coworkers, neighbors. Our deepest longing is to follow you and yet we fail to live as you command. Help us not to hide from conflict, but allow it to shape us so that we might truly become more faithful disciples. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

ANTHEM (9:30)

"God is so Good"

Spirit Singers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (9:30)

JESUS CAN/NOISY OFFERING (9:30)

ANTHEM (11:00)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Chancel Choir

WE HONOR AND GLORIFY THE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY (8:00 & 9:30)

"Never Further than Thy Cross" - James Mansfield

OFFERTORY (9:30)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Praise be to God.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And with your spirit.

SERMON

"Wrong Number or Wrong Direction?"

Dr. Hall

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN NO. 121

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

"The Royal Banners" - James Mansfield

*People standing, if able

Dr. Hall, Rev. Shirley Moore-Krackhardt & Rev. Hart will share the pulpit next Sunday

The Scriptures will be Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25 & John 2:13-22

Information for our church family and guests

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SOUND ENHANCEMENT DEVICES, FOOT STOOLS, and CHILDREN'S QUIET ACTIVITY BAGS** are available from the ushers.
- **ELEVATORS** to all 3 levels are located near the front side and back doors of the church.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING** is available in the front, side, and rear parking lots.
- **SILENT PAGERS** are available for parents who have infants/toddlers in the nursery.
- **TO CONTACT US:** 604 Oswego St., Liverpool, NY • 457-5180 • liverpoolfirstumc.org

For our service of worship

WORSHIP LEADERS: 8:00 Bobbie Fordham; 9:30 Rev. Shirley Moore-Krackhardt; 11:00 Rev.

Penny Hart

CHOIR DIRECTORS: Robin Folk & James Welsch

ORGANIST: Nancy Harp

ACOLYTE: 9:30 Michael King

GREETERS: 8:00 David & Margaret Henes; 9:30 Martha Davis & Betty McCormican; 11:00 Kim Vaughn

This week at Liverpool First

- TODAY:** 8:00 AM Early Worship
9:30 & 11:00 AM Morning Worship
9:30 AM Nursery Care for infants & Sunday School for ages three to 12th grade
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
4:00 PM Joyful Noise Concert
7:00 PM Confirmation Class visits Christ Community Church
6:30 PM Alleluia Choir
- MONDAY:** 12:30 PM Senior Nutrition Luncheon
3:00 PM Prayer Partners
7:00 PM Trustees
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 AM Quilting Group
1:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study
7:00 PM Dr. Hall's Bible Study
7:00 PM Girl's Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:00-8:00 PM Wendy's Night
6:30 PM Parent discussion group
6:30 PM Evangelism Commission
6:30 PM Outreach Commission
6:30 PM Spirit Singers
7:00 PM Children's Bell Choir
7:00 PM Disciple 1 class
7:45 PM Sr. High/ Adult Bell Choir
- THURSDAY:** 10:30 AM The Who's
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- FRIDAY:** 10:00 AM Ministry Team
11:00 Communication Committee
5:30 PM Praise Band
7:00 PM LIFE Youth Ministry
- SATURDAY:** 8:00 AM Men's Club Breakfast
Hockey Game



*Second
Sunday in Lent*

LIVERPOOL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Hall

Rev. Penny Hart

Rev. Shirley Moore-Krackhardt

Milton T. Jefferson

Pastor Emeritus

What's Up Downstairs?



News of Our Sunday Morning Christian Education Program

This Week—our unified lesson comes from Matthew 16 where Jesus asks his disciples to tell him who he is. Many answers were possible—teacher, healer, friend, rabbi. Some say that Jesus is John the Baptist or Elijah. But Peter says Jesus is "...the Messiah, the son of the living God." Jesus recognizes that Peter learned this from God. Then, in verse 18, Jesus tells Peter who Peter will be: the foundation upon which the church is built. Families might talk about how they would respond if they had to say who Jesus is. What does it mean that Peter is the "rock" or foundation of the church? This lesson prepares our children for the weeks ahead, when they will learn more about the role of the disciples, especially Peter, in the ministry and betrayal of our Lord.

Breakfast ahead—Vicky O'Dell will share a celebratory breakfast with her third graders this spring when they have mastered all the techniques of using their Bibles. They continue to use their workbooks each week to master new skills.

Lent—the spice students will add to their sachet bags this week is Cinnamon, which is to signify daily contemplation and Prayer. The verse is Matthew 21:22 "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Families are encouraged to read daily during Lent from the booklets students took home from Sunday School last week.

Easter Altar Flowers

We invite you to honor your loved ones by purchasing flowers to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday. By purchasing plants together, we can provide beautiful plants at the best possible price. Lilies are \$8 and Azaleas are \$11 each. Please return this form with payment by March 31. A list of honored loved ones will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you for helping to provide a beautiful altar to celebrate Easter.

Easter Flower Order Form

Please order: _____ Lilies for \$8 each _____ Azaleas for \$11 each

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone #: _____

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise concert Today

Jonathan English will perform his life story in song today at 4 p.m. for Joyful Noise: Concert Series for the Community. He will sing selections from classical and American musical theater repertoires as well as songs from World War I. He will be accompanied by Nathan Sumrall, a graduate student at Setnor School of Music, S. U.

English will speak about his program, "Audio-biography of a Tenor" at 3 p.m. at the library, followed by the performance at 4 p.m. in the church. Child care provided.



Dr. Hall's Lenten Bible Study

Faith, Doubt, and Courage: In 15 Great People of Faith based upon:
John Tyson's Book,

3/10/09 Session #2 John and Charles Wesley
Read Scripture: John 3: 1-16
Read Chapter 11 in Tyson's book

3/17/09 Session #3 St. Augustine
Read Scripture: Romans 8:1-11
Read Chapter 3 in Tyson's book

3/24/09 Session #4 John Calvin
Read Scripture: Romans 8:18-30
Read Chapter 10 in Tyson's book

3/31/09 Session #5 Dietrich Bonhoffer
Read Scripture: Matthew 16:24-38
Read Chapter 13 in Tyson's book

4/7/09 Session #6 Martin Luther
Read Scripture: Romans 5:1-11
Read Chapter 9 in Tyson's book

* Discussion will focus on how these great Christians applied their faith to daily life and the meaning of their favorite scriptures.

Gifts for animals in shelters

Please help our Sunday School children collect food and supplies for the Humane Society and Kitty Corner of CNY, two local shelters. These shelters are challenged by diminishing financial support. Please take a list of needed supplies from the table in the hallway outside fellowship hall. Those who would like to make monetary donations may use an envelope from the pew. Please mark the envelope "for animal shelter" and place it in the offering. See Erin VanMarter for information.



PW Gospel Concert

Young Life and the LIFE youth ministry will host a concert with PW Gospel here March 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each (available in Fellowship Hall today) and all proceeds will go to sending youth to a Young Life camp this summer.

LFUMC night at Wendy's - March 11

Enjoy a family night out at the Wendy's restaurant on Park Street in front of the Regional Market and you will also benefit our church financially (you must go inside to order). On Wednesday, March 11, Wendy's will donate 10% of all their sales between the hours of 5 and 8 PM to Liverpool First United Methodist Church. Put this date on your calendar and tell your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about this event. This is a great example of mutually beneficial cooperation between business and church in our community.

New Member Orientation – March 15 at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining this congregation is invited to attend the New Member Orientation session March 15 at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Lounge. Learn about the activities and programs available at Liverpool First UMC, meet other new people, and prepare for the reception into the congregation, which will take place during the 9:30 a.m. service on March 22. See Dr. Hall or Pastor Shirley if you would like more information.



Roast Beef
Dinner

Roast Beef dinner March 19 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Takeouts available. Adults - \$8.00; Seniors - \$7.50; Children (6 to 12 Yrs.) - \$5.00; Children (5 and under) - FREE; Family of four and over - \$30.00

United Methodist Men's Club

UMM will be having their monthly meeting and breakfast on March 14 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Dave Figura, outdoor editor for the Post Standard, will be the guest speaker. Please make a reservation with Martha if you plan on attending. All men are welcome.



Attention Hockey Fans!

Ride the Purple Wheels bus to the War Memorial for a fun evening out with fellow members who love hockey. We have booked section 22 at ice level for the March 14 game against long-time rival the Rochester Americans. Tickets are limited for the bus ride and are \$11.00 each. See Jim or Sue Slenker Sundays in Fellowship Hall, email at jslenker@twcny.rr.com, or call 635-6761, or the church office.

In the hospital as of Friday: Bob Henning is at Strong Memorial in Rochester.

Returning home during the past week: **Cathy McAvoy**
Pamela Mackie is at Iroquois Nursing Home

It's Back!!

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for a supportive discussion on parenting. We will support each other, working together to learn what it means to be Christian parent in a challenging world. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Toukatly at 457-6613 or at toukatly@msn.com.



Senior Fellowship Luncheon - March 18

This group meets at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Come along on a visual trip to Hong Kong and Bangkok with Dave and Shirley Smith. They will share their pictures and insights from a two week adventure to the Far East to visit their son and his family.

Tax help available for seniors

The AARP provides free income tax preparation services at a number of locations including: Liverpool Public Library, 457-0310, Monday & Friday; Baldwinsville Public Library, 635-5631, Tuesday & Thursday; North Syracuse Public Library, 458-6184, Monday, Wednesday & Friday; and Salina Free Library, 454-4524, Tuesday & Thursday. Reservations are required.