

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

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

WE GATHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST!

QUIET MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Arioso" - J. S. Bach

INTROIT (9:30 & 11:00)

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

*HYMN No. 304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

CALL TO WORSHIP No. 741

OUR JOYOUS RESPONSE No. 66 "Heleluyan"

OPENING PRAYER

God of all life and beauty, we come before you with hallelujahs for your lasting Easter joy. God of all majesty and compassion, we come before you with praise for your all-encompassing love. On this Native American Sunday, we join our sisters and brothers of the Iroquois nation in their traditional Thanksgiving prayer: Today we have gathered, and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People. Now our minds are one. Now we turn our thoughts to the Creator, or Great Spirit, and send greetings and thanks for the gifts of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life is here on this Mother Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our choicest words of greetings and thanks to the Creator. Now our minds are one. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC (9:30 & 11:00)

WE HONOR AND GLORIFY THE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"Sanctuary"- James Southbridge

*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. 2115 (FWS)

"Christ Has Risen"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 (8:00)

"Open-minded Witnesses Wanted"

SERMON (9:30 & 11:00)

Linda Loomis

James Welsch

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN No. 2184 (FWS)

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 2085 (FWS)

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Everlasting Victory" - Humphry Turner

*People standing, if able

The Scripture for next week is: Psalm 23

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

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Cupernall.

The rosebud on the altar honors the birth of, **Kayleigh Joy**, daughter of **Jen** and **Mark Hegreness** on April 12, 2009. Proud grandparents are **Kathy** and **David Kline**.

For our service of worship

WORSHIP LEADER: Linda Loomis

CHOIR DIRECTOR: James Welsch

ACOLYTE: 9:30 Jody Pulimoottil

GREETERS: 8:00 David & Margaret Henes; 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
11:00 AM Confirmation Class
4:00 PM Joyful Noise Concert
6:30 PM Alleluia Choir
8:00 PM Compline Service
- MONDAY:** 12:30 PM Senior Nutrition Luncheon
5:30 PM Olivebranch
3:00 PM Prayer Partners
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 AM Quilting Group
1:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study
7:00 PM Girls Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 PM Parent discussion group
6:30 PM Spirit Singers
7:00 PM Disciple 1 class
7:00 PM Children's Bell Choir
7:45 PM Sr. High/ Adult Bell Choir
- THURSDAY:** 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
- FRIDAY:** 5:30 PM Praise Band
7:00 PM LIFE Youth Ministry



Native

American

Ministries

Sunday

**LIVERPOOL FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Russell C. Hall
Rev. Penny Hart
Rev. Shirley Moore-Krackhardt



What's Up Downstairs?

News of our Sunday Morning Christian Education Program

This Week—On this Sunday in Easter season, teachers will help students understand the presence of the Risen Savior as He walks among his followers, assuring them of His presence and urging them to continue to do the work they have already

been called to do.

Camp Registration—Students will gather for a presentation about summer camp at Casowasco and Aldersgate. Some of our young people who have enjoyed the United Methodist camping experience will share their enthusiasm. Earlybird registration ends May 1. Next week, a special offering will be taken to help provide “Camperships” to ensure that all our students may participate regardless of financial situation. Like all things, the price of a week at camp is much higher than it “used to be,” ranging from \$300 to \$400.

Bible Skills—Vicki Odell’s third graders are treated to breakfast today in celebration of their having mastered skills in how to use their bibles, which were given to them by the members of this church in the fall.

Looking Ahead—A strong program of education, music and activities continues through the end of the school year. Some key dates are: May 10, Mothers Day, with special activity in church; June 7, Confirmation Sunday, and June 21, Appreciation Day/ Fathers Day.

PowerPoint video presentations

Joe Karins who has been developing and running the PowerPoint video presentations used during the Sunday morning services, is leaving the area. We want to thank Joe for all the effort he put forth to help us apply this new technology to our worship. With Joe leaving, however, a replacement is needed for this position that pays \$25/week. For anyone in the congregation who might be interested, a copy of the position guide may be obtained from Martha Miller.

Returning home during the past week: Ward Bury, Gloria Black & Margaret Henes

Betty Davison is at Green Point Room #112, 150 Old Liverpool Rd., Liverpool, NY 13088

Betty Lowe will be moving to Buckley Landing at the end of this month. She has an organ and sheet music to give away. Please call Jim at 656-7293 for information.

Native American Ministries Sunday

Your gifts today to the Native American Ministries help support providing shelter for victims of domestic violence, filling food pantries, starting new churches or educating native American seminary students. Your gifts are a way to honor Native Americans.

Joyful Noise Concert



Accomplished musicians from the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University will perform this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Please invite friends and neighbors to enjoy a variety of chamber music ensembles at this recital. Also, plan ahead for the final concert of this season, when world-renowned cellist Caroline Stinson will perform May 17.

Compline - Tonight

The service of Compline is celebrated the final Sunday of each month at 8 p.m. Pray and meditate in the candle-lit sanctuary as James Welsch directs an ecumenical choir, offering scripture, responses and prayer. Worshippers arrive and depart in silence, much as we did at the Maundy Thursday service.



Annual Auction - May 9

Come on out for the annual church auction on May 9, beginning with a silent auction at 6 p.m. and the main oral auction at 7 p.m.

Dr. Hall serves as auctioneer, and lots of great goods and services will be available to the highest bidder. All proceeds support the church ministries.

Items available for bidding this year include gift certificates to area businesses, home-made treats baked by some of our members, gift baskets, and many household items. Refreshments will be available for purchase. This is a great way to support our church while raising funds to support our church’s mission for Jesus Christ and the hundreds of people who benefit from our programs.

Couples Club for May

The Couples Club will meet for a light supper on Sunday, May 17th after the Joyful Noise Concert. There is a sign up for you to choose what you would like to provide for the supper. Please see Martha at the church or call Ginny Tilden at 303-4623. This is open to anyone who would like to join us.

United Methodist Men's Club

The UMM will hold their monthly meeting on May 9th. Breakfast will be served at 8:00. Jeff Haines will present a program on his mission trip to Haiti. All men are welcome.

New Member Questionnaire

Thank you to all who responded to the questionnaires mailed to people who joined our church family in 2007 and 2008. The responses have been helpful. I would like to encourage those who have not responded to please send it to the church or put it in the offering plate at your earliest convenience. Many Thanks! Pastor Shirley



Senior Fellowship Bus Trip

On May 12 the Senior Fellowship will attend "Polynesian Fire," at Michael's Banquet House in Cohoes. They will leave the church at 7:30 a.m.

The luncheon consists of a full course chicken marsala dinner, complete with strawberry shortcake for dessert. Captivating island drums fill the air as beautiful island hula dancers, in colorful traditional South Pacific costumes, take the stage. Their expressive centuries old hula dance united with the exciting fast paced Tahitian dances, makes "Polynesian Fire" a luau to be remembered. The cost per person is \$55. Please see Margaret Henes for more details or to make a reservation.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held August 10th through the 14th this year. This year's theme is Camp E.D.G.E.- Experience and Discover God Everywhere. Children will learn that their strength and might comes from God in this adventure camp-style week. Vicki Odell is directing the program this year, and is seeking volunteers to teach, and help in many other ways as well. Call her at 256-5764 if you'd like to take part in this great summer activity.



Olivebranch

Olivebranch meets April 27th for hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. (\$5). Mary Ellen Clausen, founder and director of Ophelia's Place, will present the program in the lounge at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Dinner reservations will be accepted no later than Sunday, April 26th. Turn in the tear-off to the office or call Shirley Smith 652-6186.

Olivebranch Reservation

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Opportunities for helping

Books for Bellevue

LIFE Youth Ministry and the Outreach & Missions Commission are joining together to collect gently used or new books for the students at Bellevue Academy in Syracuse. Books appropriate for students in grades 6 to 8 can be left in the labeled boxes in Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations will be used to purchase discount books. Envelopes for these gifts will be located near the boxes and can be left in the front office. The books will be collected through early June and delivered in time for students to have a book or books to take home for the summer.

Ronald McDonald House toiletry drive

Girl Scout troop 205 are conducting a toiletry drive on April 26 after the 9:30 service to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Items needed are: toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, and deodorant. Sample size from the sample bins are the best.

Church World Service project

Blanket the world with love on Mother's Day. From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen...with your help, you can provide warmth and protection to victims of disaster through Church World Service. Envelopes can be found in the pews starting May 3rd.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar every Sunday are an important part of our worship service. If you would like to give a gift of flowers to honor a loved one, a birthday or anniversary, or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or contact Cathy Temple in the church office.

Name _____ Date Flowers Wanted _____

Address _____ Phone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____