

# Allegheny River Charge United Methodist Churches

**First United Methodist**  
 301 N. Jefferson St.  
 Kittanning PA 16201  
 (724) 548-4312  
 Service @ 10:00 AM

**Ford Memorial**  
 1024 4th Ave.  
 Ford City, PA 16226  
 (724) 763-1540  
 Service @ 11:15 AM

**Union Ave**  
 421 Union Ave.  
 Kittanning PA 16201  
 (724) 543-5012  
 Service @ 9:00 AM

**First Church - Sunday School** 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

## ALLEGHENY RIVER CHARGE \*\*NEWS TO USE\*\*

### PANCAKE DINNER AT FORD MEMORIAL

The Allegheny River Charge Churches Pancake dinner will be hosted at Ford Memorial on February 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The profits from the dinner will be donated to help support the Vacation Bible School program at First Church. We will also have a Bake Sale to be able to take some goodies home with you. The entire charge has been asked to help where they can, so we can shine the glory of Jesus to our communities and others. The Pancake Dinner began as a Ford Memorial Methodist Men's program years ago. With the joining of our churches, we hope to successfully impact even more people and programs. Hope to see you there!!

### LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT FIRST CHURCH

The Lenten Fish dinners will be February 20 and 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Covenant Center with meals served from 4:30 to 6:00. The meal will be: Fried or Baked fish or sloppy joe sandwich, baked potato, curly fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw or applesauce and a slice of pie, coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Help will be needed from 4:00 to 7:00 to set tables, seat people, complete takeouts, deliver food, serve drinks, clear & reset tables, wash dishes and clean up when people are done eating. Help cutting and boxing pies at 12:00 is also needed. If you haven't already let us know you can help, please text or call Tim Scaife, 724 664 5346, Activities chairman First Church

### COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES / LUNCHEONS

The Kittanning Ministerium is hosting Lenten Services and Luncheons during Lent. Services are held on Tuesdays with the Luncheon to follow Wednesdays. Below is a list of the Service locations which will be held at 7:00PM. All luncheons will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church at 12:00PM.

Service Date	Location	Luncheon Dates at Grace Presbyterian
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	First United Methodist Church	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	March 4 <sup>th</sup>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kittanning Church of God	March 11 <sup>th</sup>
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Living Water Church	March 18 <sup>th</sup>
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Lukes Church of Christ	March 25 <sup>th</sup>



## Allegheny River Charge of the United Methodist Church

MEDIA SONG *Solomon Ray - Goodbye Temptation (Lyrics)*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE WORSHIP BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

People: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.

Leader: We witness Jesus resist the calls of Satan that would have brought selfish gain.

People: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.

Leader: We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

People: We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

Leader: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone - God is with us.

People: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, you know the tests and trials we face. Journey with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

\* HYMN *" Be Still, My Soul "* No. 534

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

MORNING ANTHEM *" Lenten Meditation "* Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\* HYMN *" Take Time to Be Holy "* No. 395

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 4: 1-11* p. 3

SERMON *" The Promise Ahead "*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY/\*DOXOLOGY/\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us through trial and temptation. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you, even in the hard places. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

\*HYMN *" Because He Lives "* No. 364

\*Altar rail is open for prayer during the closing hymn.

\*BENEDICTION

Go, now, in the comfort and blessing of God's mercy, trusting that wherever you go, God's steadfast love surrounds you, sustains you, and supports you for the journey ahead. Amen.

\*Please stand in spirit or in body.

Ask an usher for a large print hymnal or bible or personal hearing device

15: Thankful for Jesus! 5:00-6:00pm (Zoom) 11:15 Allegheny (Zoom)  
 16: 6:30-7:30pm (Zoom) 11:15 Allegheny (Zoom)  
 17: PANCAKES 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)  
 18: 7:00-8:00pm (Zoom) 11:15 Allegheny (Zoom)  
 19: 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)  
 20: 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)  
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 25: 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)  
 26: 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)  
 27: 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)  
 28: 11:00am-12:00pm (Zoom) 4:30-6:30pm (Zoom)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COVENANT CENTER**  
**332 WATER STREET KITTANNING**

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS**  
**4:30-6:00**

**FEBRUARY 20, 27 MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**ADULT MEAL \$12---CHILD MEAL UP TO AGE 12 \$5**  
(CHILD'S MEAL HAS SMALLER PORTIONS & ICE CREAM INSTEAD OF PIE)



**CHOOSE ONE- FRIED FISH, BAKED FISH,  
SLOPPY JOE OR CHICKEN STRIPS**  
**PLUS - CHOOSE ONE - BAKED POTATO OR CURLY FRIES  
OR MAC&CHEESE**  
**PLUS - CHOOSE- COLESLAW OR APPLESAUCE**  
**ALL DINNERS INCLUDE - ROLL & PIE**  
**SERVED WITH COFFEE OR ICED TEA OR LEMONADE**  
**TAKEOUT AVAILABLE**

**FIRST CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
8:45 AM Sunday Bible School  
10:00 AM Worship

**THURSDAY, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIDAY, February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
4:30 PM Fish Dinner - CC

**MONDAY, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 AM Life Screenings (CC)  
6:00 PM Dart Ball

**SATURDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM We Surrender- CC

**TUESDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM New Found Freedom-CC  
7:00 PM Community Lenten Worship  
At First Church

**SUNDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
8:45 AM Sunday Bible School  
10:00 AM Worship

**WEDNESDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented in memory of my mother, LaCorda Bach, given by Kimberly Johnson.

THANK YOU to the following individuals for assisting with today's service:

<u>Usher Team:</u>	Asbury
<u>Scripture Reader:</u>	
<u>Worship Sound System:</u>	Carlee Beers
<u>Bell Ringer:</u>	Chris Hankey
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Olivia Green
<u>Live Stream:</u>	Brenda Beers

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

Lenten Devotionals are available on the altar rail. Pick one up for yourself, your neighbor or even a friend. You should have received a copy emailed to you if you get the newsletter emailed to you. It will also be on our Facebook page each day.