



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 7, 2016

5th Sunday after the Epiphany/Transfiguration Sunday/Holy Communion

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko

10:45 - Dawn Weber Capecci

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“This Little Light of Mine”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: God is mighty!

P: See the glory of the Lord.

L: God is forgiving!

P: See the glory of the Lord.

L: God is merciful!

P: See the glory of the Lord.

L: God is present!

P: See the glory of the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Revealing God, Creator of the mountain, you have shown your glory to us, that we may be transformed.

Help us be bold and strong of heart – a holy and righteous people who reflect your divine image. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 617**

“I Come with Joy”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for “Food Bank.” Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM

8:15 - “Jesus Is Lord of All” – Becky Platt

10:45 – “Jesus Is Lord of All” - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:29-35

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“All Nature Sings”

***DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
Then grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Glorious God, you graciously reveal the light of your wisdom to humankind. We stand in awe of you. In Christ, you set aside the veil that separated us from you. Your Spirit is transforming us to become more like Jesus. We thank you for entrusting the ministries of this church to our care. Use these offerings to encourage and enlighten our friends and neighbors. We pray in the name of your Son. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 396 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Altar is open during the hymn.

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 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

***SCRIPTURE (NRSV) Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)**

MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT – All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 155 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’Name”**

MUSIC OF PARTING “Recessional on 'To God Be the Glory' ”

***Those who are able, please stand**

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 18 Sunday 8:15 –70 10:45 – 103

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, February 7th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Ed & Helen Wertz 10:45 – Lois Kuhn & Lee Stewart

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Lou Berta

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser 10:45 - Josh Burger, Penny Brant

NURSERY: Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. The attendant today will be Dave & Kim Platt.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in memory Sandy Kucherer and Tim Valeri from Neil & Shelly Kucherer and Rebecca Valeri & family.

Please return the plastic flower vases when you are finished with them.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, February 7

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion/Transfiguration Sunday

Souper Bowl Sunday

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 Worship
- 12:15 Sonshiners
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, February 8

- 10:00 UM Women
- 6:30 Grief Support
- 7:00 Dartball - Home

Tuesday, February 9

- 9:00 Men's Work Team
- 6:15 TOPS
- 6:30 Witness
- 7:00 Trustees

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

- 9:30 District UM Women's Breakfast
(see flyer on the bulletin board for locations & details)
- 11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service
(at United Church of Christ on Main Street)
- 6:00 Simple Supper
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 Yoga

Thursday, February 11

- 6:15 C Bells
- 7:00 Disciple
- 7:15 Choir

Friday, February 12

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
Gym in use

Saturday, February 13

- 9:00 Food Bank – help needed
- 6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, February 14

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Coffee Hour

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 Worship

Women's Book Study: The next Women's Book Study will be on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM. There will not be a Women's Book Study on February 24th as shown on the Newsletter calendar.



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Be sure to like us on Facebook!

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for February 14th & 21st. The flowers are \$25.00 for each arrangement (\$1.00 extra if you cannot return the plastic vase) and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers for either of the above two weeks, or any other week, please fill out the order form in today's bulletin or on the table in the Narthex. For more information contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901.

ANOUNCEMENTS

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: We will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday today. The shopping cart is in the Narthex to collect your food bank items. Thank you in advance for your donations.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Our Grief Support group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. There is no fee and the support group is open to anyone in our church or community who has experienced the pain of death and needs help working through their loss and managing their grief. Please contact Becky Rudy for more information.

MINISTRY TEAMS: The last 3 weeks the sermon scripture has been from 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 13. In these chapters we read about God gifting each of us with spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. We are looking for people who feel called to visit and minister with others. We are in the planning stages of reviving our ministry teams to help with visitation and serving communion to our shut-ins. If you are interested please call the church office (724-863-6858) so we may receive your contact information.

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to our Foodbank. Over 100 families in our area attend our Foodbank each month. Most of the food items come from the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Our Foodbank coordinators use the money donated from our church to purchase additional non-perishable items to be given to those in need.

"Race for Grace" 1/24 – \$52.54 1/31 - \$286.30

GREENSBURG DISTRICT UM Women ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: The Greensburg District United Methodist Women will be hosting Ash Wednesday Communion Service (4 locations) on Wednesday, February 10th beginning at 9:30 am. A continental breakfast will follow. Reservations are requested in order to plan for the breakfast and to arrange childcare. Please call the contact person for the location you choose by February 5, 2016. Everyone is welcome! A list of locations and RSVP information is on the bulletin board at our parking lot entrance.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, THE BEGINNING OF LENT,
WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 10TH.**



The Nurture Committee is sponsoring a Simple Supper starting at 6:00 PM. It will consist of soup and bread. Everyone is welcome.



Then ...

... please join in our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 PM. Whether you come to the Simple Supper or not, you are welcome to attend the worship service.



Many Christians attend special Ash Wednesday church services. Clergy usually place blessed ashes in form of the cross on individuals' foreheads to remind them of mortality, sorrow for sins, change, and forgiveness.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lenten discipline for observant Christians. It is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for receiving or reaffirming baptism at Easter. For some Christians, Lent is a time to think about one's life choices and mortality, as well as reflect on life directions. It serves as a wakeup call for some Christians. There are also those who choose this time of the year to donate to charities or take part in charity events as a way to get close to God.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/ash-wednesday>

NURTURE: Change of date for "Camp Sunday"! Our Camp Sunday will be on Sunday, March 13th! Remember to wear "camp clothes" that week to church. Join us after each service in the parlor for smore's and hot chocolate and pick up a 2016 camp brochure. If you've ever camped at Jumonville, Camp Allegheny or Wesley Woods and would like to share a camp story with me, or if you have any questions regarding camp registration, please call or e-mail Laurie Saporito (Camp Steward) at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.

“NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS WEEK” is the week of February 14th each year and is an opportunity to thank the special group of men and women who are cared for every day in VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes. One way of helping to honor these heroes of our nation is to send Valentines to them. We have several Valentine cards available on the table in the Narthex or you may send your own addressed to, “Dear Veteran” and mail it to VA Pittsburgh, 1010 Delafield Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. The staff at the local VA facilities will hand them out to the Veterans. *You'll help to put a smile on a Veteran's face!*





RACE FOR GRACE: The 9th Annual Race For Grace is being held on April 2nd and once again our church is a Silver Sponsor! Please join us to walk or run – it's easy to register. Go to reflectionsofgrace.org – on the first page, you will see an option to register for the Race For Grace. Just

click it and you will be taken to the registration website. Click the button for “Join A Team.” Our team name is “First United Methodist Church of Irwin”. If you register before March 2nd, the fee for adults is \$20 and the fee for children is \$15. On March 2nd, the rates increase by \$5.

Being a Silver Sponsor, we receive three free registrations. We will give out the free registrations on a first come, first serve basis – contact Anne Osborn (annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278) if you are interested.

The Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip Team is also looking to get past, present and future team members together to participate. Jack and Pat Osterman will lead the 1 mile walkers! We will have some 5K walkers and if you are a runner, well, we will all be cheering you on! We would love to have our church well represented. Please consider joining the Outreach Committee and the Work Trip Team to support this great cause.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: Living Last Supper yard signs will be available beginning on February 14 after each worship service. They will be in the assembly room near the coffee room. If you have signs from previous years, you may place them after February 10. Please be sure to get permission before placing signs at a business or someone else’s property. Placing signs near intersections where people need to stop or slow down is a good idea.

"Anyone interested in singing in the choir for Living Last Supper should come to rehearsals on Thursdays at 8:15 in the sanctuary beginning February 18. Non-church members are also welcome.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY SCHOOL IS COMING!! Greensburg District Lay Servant Ministries and Community UMC, Harrison City will be hosting Lay School on February 14, 21, 28, and March 6, 13, 2016. Courses will be offered for personal enrichment as well as for continuing education for Lay Servant Ministries. Brochure are available on the church office half-door and online registration is now available by going to <http://www.wpaumc.org/greensburg> Registration closes online on February 4, 2016.



HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD will be having a dedication on Sunday, February 14, 2016 during the 8:15 and 10:45 services. It just seems to be appropriate to have a dedication on Valentine’s Day. The heart is a symbol of Love for Valentine’s Day and so it is our symbol for this, your ministry, “Hands to Work, Hearts to God.” It is our hope that anyone who has a need for a shawl, quilt, scarf, sweater, baby blanket and/or hat will be able to take a Love Gift to your Loved One (s).

Those who have items to be dedicated, please see Burnetta, Leanna, Kate or Cindi for a prayer card to complete for the dedication.

Thank you in advance.

“OUR DAILY BREAD” is a 3 month devotional and can be found on the Narthex table. It is written by some well known Christian authors/pastors such as, Dr. Mart Dehaan, Dave Branon, Bill Crowder, Philip Yancey, and more. These inspirational readings include reflections/interpretations of the suggested scripture reading, a prayer, and suggestions for reading “the Bible in one year.” Take as many as you may need. If you are able to make a donation for this ministry, leave it in an envelope marked “Daily Bread” and place it in the offering plate or the church office door slot. Thank you in advance for your gift. If you have any questions, notify Alan or Cindi Painter.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS has interesting information about the United Methodist Church, the Bible, Christian symbols, and numerous other subjects. Currently they are featuring a “Lent & Easter Quiz” which helps test your knowledge of this holy season. Each day there is a new question and the answer will explain some details you may not have known about Lent & Easter. It’s fun and informational and there is no test at the end! Why not give it a try and add this to your daily devotions for the Lenten season? You can find United Methodist Communications at www.umc.org . To find the “Lent & Easter Quiz” go to <http://www.umc.org/topics/topic-lent-and-easter> scroll down the page, and click on the “Lent & Easter Quiz” icon. Have fun!