



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 8, 2015

5th Sunday after the Epiphany/Communion Sunday

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 8:15 – “Give Me Jesus”

10:45 - “Jubilation” – Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Call on the name of God,

P: for God has called us by name.

L: Lift your eyes and see,

P: for Christ is in this place.

L: Know that God is near,

P: for the Spirit lives in each of us gathered here.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Holy One, Creator God, renew our strength this day. Lift us up on your wings of love, and guide us with your ancient wisdom and truth. Empower us to be your people, that all may know the power of your love. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 139**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for our All kids to camp! Program. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 - “All That I Am”

10:45 - “Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song” – SonShiners

RESPONSIVE READING No. 859 Psalm 147

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 8:15 – “To You, O Lord, I Call”

10:45 – “All That I Am”

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

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

God of grace and mercy, you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. We remember this morning that Jesus’ ministry was deeply involved in both healing of people’s bodies and healing of relationships. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing – of body, of spirit, of broken relationships – to people who are in desperate need. We pray this in the holy Jesus’ name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 494 “Kum Ba Yah”

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV) Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 367 “He Touched Me”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”**

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

GREETERS – Greeters are need for both services. These friendly people stand at the door greeting all who attend our services. They welcome and provide directions to visitors. This is a job for all ages.

EASTER CANDY SALE! The Finance Committee is selling Easter chocolates from Wilson Candies. Pick up a brochure and order form on the table in the narthex. Please complete your order form and place it in the church office door slot along with your payment. Catalogs can be recycled and placed back on the table for others to use. **Orders are due by Sunday, February 22nd.** Candy will be available for pick up on Sunday, March 22nd. Proceeds from this sale will go to the church general fund.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, February 8 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Coffee Hour/Camp Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Confirmation Parent Meeting
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

Monday, February 9

10:00 UM Women
6:00 Assembly Room in use
6:30 Grief Support Group
7:00 Dartball -A

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 Men's Work Group
5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:00 Witness
7:00 Trustees
7:00 Finance
7:30 NA

Wednesday, February 11

10:00 Women's Bible Study
10:00 Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Nurture
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, February 12

5:00 Irwin Chili Cook Off and Wing Thing
6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple
7:15 Choir

Friday, February 13

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
Gym Closed

Saturday, February 14

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

Next Sunday, February 15 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prayer Shawl Dedication

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Confirmation Class
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection will be used for our All kids to camp! program.

All kids to camp!: 2/1 - \$234.02

TODAY – February 8th -"Camp Sunday"! You are encouraged to wear any camp T-shirts or sweatshirts that you have! You can also share any funny camp stories that you might. (I know there's plenty of those out there!) Hear what's new for 2015 at our three United Methodist Camps! There will be hot chocolate, s'mores and other snacks in the parlor following the services. Brochures will be available to view this year's camp calendar or you can check out the different camps on each of their websites!

Our theme this year...**All kids to camp!** We will make sure that any child that wants to go to camp will be able to go! Please continue to donate any bagged clothing to our "Clean Closets for Campers" bins that are located in the church parking lot. Monies from this project go to our campership funding. Checks that have been received so far totaled \$535.00...Awesome!

CONFIRMATION! It's that exciting time in our Christian journey when we offer confirmation class! If you are in sixth or seventh grade or older, would you like to confirm your Christian faith and grow in your walk with our Lord? Classes will cover discussing the Christian faith, studying the Bible, understanding how/why we worship, traditions & sacraments of the church, who we are as Methodists, and how we use our faith everyday. If you are interested, grab a s'more for Camper Sunday after the 10:45 service today, then head upstairs to the Youth room for a brief meeting. Sessions will begin on Sunday, February 15th during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor David at 724-863-6858.

THE NURSERY is looking for volunteers for 2015. Each week we need two attendents in the nursery during the 10:45 worship service. They are normally only scheduled three or four times a year so that no one is missing the worship service every week. There are positions available for both adults and teens. (The state of Pennsylvania and the United Methodist Church do require that anyone working with children have their Act 33 & Act 34 clearances on file in the office. The forms are available in the church office and our church will pay the fees involved in obtaining the clearances.)

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: It is time to start thinking about The Living Last Supper, which is scheduled for **March 31** and **April 2**. We are in need of someone to be in charge of the costume committee, as well as more helpers. The chairperson will coordinate the efforts of the helpers. We have enough helpers to iron costumes BEFORE February 25, but we will need helpers to help with the costumes on the performance nights. They may also be called upon to alter costumes if needed. The chairperson does not need to be able to sew, although that would be helpful. People ironing costumes should pick them up in the choir room today after worship.

Men of the church – If you would like to become a cast member or an understudy, we would love to have you.

Returning cast members need to confirm their availability with Dianne ASAP.

The set is being re-built this year. We need a few people to help build the new set panels and artistic people to help paint. If you can help with this, contact Dianne Runser or Paul Reynolds.

We will need help with the reception on Tuesday night. We will need ushers for the performances. We need people to help with the table setting. We will need many hands to erect the set on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help with the production in any way, please contact Dianne Runser (fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net, 412-372-5290) or the church office.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT SCHOOL FOR LAY SERVANT DEVELOPMENT



February 22, March 1, 8, 15

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

(4 class meetings)

Families and friends are invited for graduation and reception on March 22 at 2:00 pm at Charter Oak-Crossroads Campus.

Hosted by Charter Oak UMC, 449 Frye Farm Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Registration forms and additional information are available on the office half door.

Registration forms due to the Greensburg District Office, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642 **NO LATER than February 13, 2015**. If possible, please register online at www.wpaumc.org/greensburg

Hearts to God, Hands to Work Ministry, Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry – we are all the same. But did you know?

We have dedicated stitchers who create:

- Scarves for teens & young at heart
- Baby Hats & Blankets for the Bladen County Hospital in Elizabethtown, NC & our congregation
- Lap Quilts
- Slippers
- Shawls & Lap-afghans

Hearts to God



Hands to Work

And a few new projects in the making (UMCOR School Bags, fabric baby blankets)

Our next dedication will be February 15, 2015 at both services. Stitchers, please see Leanna, Burnetta, or Cindi for Dedication Cards before that Sunday.

Anyone who wants to stop by for a visit or wants to learn to knit or crochet, we have willing teachers – patterns, yarn & the tools you need to start. The “Comfort Room” is the 1st room on the right in the Adult Sunday School Department.

This is First UMC’s ministry and we depend on you to reach out to your loved ones in need, touch them with a scarf, slippers, hat, blanket, quilt, shawl or lap afghan ... your Church loves and cares.

EVENING BUILDING ATTENDANT: Do you know anyone who is responsible, friendly, and would like to make a little money by helping out our church? FUMC - Irwin has a need for an individual to help us out for a few hours on weekday evenings. The individual has the option of working two to four evenings per week based on a mutually agreeable schedule. The job description is security, open/lockup, snow removal, lights, stairways, setup/cleanup meetings, emergencies, assistance to people in meetings & limited cleaning.

ATTENTION LADIES: If you're a scrapbooker or crafter I am having a get together Friday evening and all day Saturday, February 20th and 21st here in the gym. It's always fun to get together with the ladies and get the creative juices flowing.