



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 10, 2016

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Kyle Bryan

10:45 - Peggy Kooser

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 **“Glorious Light”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: A voice comes from heaven and calls us beloved.

P: **Water washes over us and we are changed.**

L: A voice tells us we are precious in God’s sight.

P: **Our love, praise, and gratitude greet the Spirit who blesses us in baptism.**

L: Let us worship the One who calls from the water – the God of love and transformation.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of love, in this time of worship, help us hear you claim us as your own as you call us beloved; help us claim our own identity as precious and honored, even in the face of voices that tell us differently. As we reaffirm our baptism this day, remind us who we are and whose we are. Strengthen us to do your work in this world, transforming our fragmented communities into your Beloved Community – which Jesus preached and lived. 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 the “Bethany House.” Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 10:45 “Spirit of God” - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 761 Psalm 29

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

***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**

God, our heavenly Father, you welcome us as sons and daughters through baptism in Christ. Your Holy Spirit lives in our hearts and burns away what is not pleasing to you. Just as Jesus turned to you in prayer, help us to seek your will continually. May our offerings support the work of this church, lifting up your hope and new life in our community. We dedicate ourselves to serving you through your beloved Son, Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 252 “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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 3:15-17, 21-22**

MESSAGE

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THANKSGIVING

L: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

P: We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 571 “Go, Make of All Disciples”**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”**

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 35 Sunday 8:15 – 56 10:45 – 80

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, January 10th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Dave & Debbie Marino

10:45 – Sandy Daugherty & Wanda Halavan

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin 10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

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 Kyle & Katrina Bryan.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in honor of Wendell and Sara Campbell's 65th anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, January 10

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Coffee Hour

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 Sonshiners

12:30 Un-hanging of the greens

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Monday, January 11

10:00 UM Women

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 District Meeting

7:00 Dartball - Away

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 Men's Work Team

6:15 TOPS

6:30 Witness

7:00 Trustees

7:00 Finance

7:30 NA

Wednesday, January 13

5:30 Gym in use

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, January 14

6:15 C Bells

7:00 Disciple

7:15 Choir

Friday, January 15

Gym in use

Saturday, January 16

7:00AM-9:00PM Bob Evan's Fundraiser

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, January 17

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Soup Luncheon

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 Sonshiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

ANOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Following is the list of committees meeting this week and a brief discription of their responsibilities. **Please remember that these are committees - made up of multiple members, not just one person. It is unfair to confront individual committee members about issues with the church, especially when they are here to worship our Lord and to fellowship with other Christians.**

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for ways to improve our church, you may:

1. write a note and place it in the slot in the office door. The office staff will make sure that the committee gets it prior to their meeting.
2. attend the meeting to voice your concerns to the committee. Only committee members can vote on an issue.
3. volunteer to become a member of the committee so you can help improve our church.

Witness (Tuesday @ 6:30 PM) The Witness Committee shall give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts of sharing of personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, and service; communications; lay speaking ministries; and other means that give expressions of witness for Jesus Christ. Their main areas in our church are: Prayer Chain, Bulletin Ministry (sending weekly bulletins to shut-ins), Sound Techs,

Eucharistic Ministry, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Communion, Flowers, Liturgical Dance, Music Ministry, Nursery, Greeters, Ushers.

Trustees (Tuesday @ 7:00 PM) - Supervise and maintain all property belonging to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective.

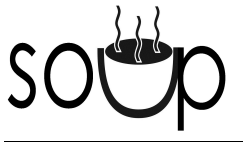
Finance (Tuesday @ 7:00 PM) - propose, raise, manage, and distribute the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation.

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: This week our children’s collection will be given to Bethany House, in the impoverished community of Northview Heights in North Pittsburgh. This is one of the organizations supported by the Greensburg District. Their mission is to prepare children, youth, and adults of that community, academically, socially, economically, and spiritually for lifelong learning, achievement, health and prosperity. They work to provide quality supplemental education to children in preschool to the age of 18. Their focus is on those whose means do not allow for extra educational endeavors. <http://www.bhawebsite.org/>

“Bethany House” 1/3 - \$216.82

“UNHANGING” OF THE GREENS: We will be taking down the decorations on today. We always get more people to decorate than we do to put everything away. (Just like at home, isn’t it?) Please come and help us put Christmas “to bed”.

FRUIT SALE: The Finance Committee is sponsoring a fruit sale this year. All proceeds from the sale will help with the Unified Budget. There will be a member of the Finance Committee at a table in the Narthex after each service today to take your fruit orders. Today is the last day for orders.



SOUP LUNCHEON: The Outreach committee will be holding a soup luncheon on Sunday January 17th. The proceeds of this soup luncheon will go to the Race For Grace. So you won’t just be enjoying a sandwich and soup, you will be supporting a great cause. We will have limited soups available for dine-in or take-out after the 8:15 service and a full supply of soups after the 10:45 service. Take-out soup will also be available for \$4 per container. If you want to make a soup, just sign up in the Narthex. Any questions,

please contact Anne Osborn (annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278). Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon...Mark your new 2016 calendars now! The **3rd Saturday of every month** will be a fundraiser for our church at Bob Evans Restaurant in North Huntingdon and also in Monroeville! (We are still trying to get the Greensburg Bob Evans to participate as well.)

All you need to do is show up at the restaurant between 7 AM and 9 PM with our church flyer on these dates, and when you pay your bill, give the flyer to the cashier. The cashier will take 15% of your total bill and give it back to our church!

The flyers can be found on a table in the narthex. Please pick one up today for you, your friends and your family and enjoy dining out on Saturday, January 16th! Have a good meal, and a great dessert! If you can't make it this Saturday, then try to make it on Saturday, February 20th! Any questions on this program, please contact Laurie Saporito, Finance Chair at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All articles for the February Newsletter are due in the office by Friday, January 22, 2016. Please submit your articles by email at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or by leaving a printed copy in the office. Articles not received by January 22nd will be published in the March newsletter.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Two attendants are needed each Sunday to look after the children, ages 0 – 5 years (some a little older), so that their parents may enjoy the 10:45 AM worship service. It is not necessary for you to be in the nursery every week. With several volunteers available, there is a rotating schedule so you may only be in the nursery a few time throughout the year unless you request to be there more often.

Volunteers working with children in our church are required by law to have clearances on file in the church office. The forms are on the desk in the office and there is no charge for volunteers. If you are interested in helping as a Nursery attendant, either on a regular basis or just to fill in when someone can't be here, or have any further questions, please contact Kim Platt at 724-863-6838.

EAST END EXPRESS



SOJOURN TO CELEBRATION

Ride the Bus with Us to the Annual

**Greensburg-Pittsburgh District Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service
Sunday, January 17, 2016**

**Please meet at 2:45 pm at *The Aerobic Center* parking area at *Lynch Field*-
526 New Alexandria Rd, Greensburg PA 15601.**

The bus will depart Greensburg at 3:00 pm.

After worship and fellowship time with refreshments, the bus will depart Monroeville at 6:30 pm.

The bus ride is *FREE*** and will include: *GAMES, PRIZES, and SINGING!***

Call or text Jill @ 724-420-4154 or Rhea @ 724-953-7695 to reserve your seat before the bus is full!!!

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