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January 15, 2017

Second Sunday after Epiphany Sunday

January Memory Verse – Psalm 46:10

“Be still and know that I am God.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Jason Kirsch 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***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 **“I Will Run to You”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 774** **Psalm 40:1-3**

L: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

RESPONSIVE READING

L: Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

P: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

P: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and erect barriers of division.

P: Lord, we confess to you.

L: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word ...

P: ... we have built up walls of prejudice.

L: Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy ...

P: ... we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

L: Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

***HYMN No. 156** **“I Love to Tell the Story”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to Bethany House.

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM **8:15 “I Have Decided” – Connie Bickerstaff**

10:45 "I Have Decided" - Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Serenity"

***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**

***HYMN No. 344 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: "Praise the Lord."
For our concerns we say: "Lord, hear our prayers."

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 John 1:35-42

SERMON "Ringgg, Ringgg!"

***HYMN No. 2165 (TFWS) "Cry of My Heart"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "Another Year Is Dawning"**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.
The altar rail is always open.*

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18 Sunday: 8:15 - 54 10:45 - 75

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Gayle Roberts, Julie & John Gurowski
10:45 - Bruce, Melanie, Lindsay & Caleb Smith

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 - Men's Group 10:45 - Tom Lehner

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

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the worship services. The attendant today is Kim Platt. In the event that no attendants are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers today are in honor of Wendell and Sara Campbell's 67th wedding anniversary and are presented by their family.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Office - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 AM - Noon on Friday

Pastor Bruce - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

Today, Sunday, January 15

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 Un-hanging of the Greens
12:15 SonShiners

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King’s Birthday Observance
Office Closed
7:00 Dartball - A

Tuesday, January 17

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Finance
7:30 NA

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support Group
7:00 UM Men
7:00 Women’s Book Study

Thursday, January 19

6:15 C Bells
6:30 NA
7:15 Choir

Friday January 20

Gym Closed

Saturday, January 21

Gym Closed
9:00 Church Cleaning (see announcement)
6:00 Alternative Worship Service

Next Sunday, January 22

Newsletter Deadline
8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 SonShiners

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please plan to stay after today's 10:45 AM service to help put the Christmas decorations away for another year. Many hands make light (and fast) work.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY-SAVE THE DATE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Each volunteer will be assigned a project area to work on your own or in small groups. Please bring your bucket and rags! All help will be used and appreciated! We have a large old church and all areas need cleaned out and scrubbed down.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Rudy 724-493-3734

Upcoming Dates To Remember

January 23 – Grief Support (6:30)
January 25 – Bible Study (1:00) Healing Service (6:00)
January 31 – Church Council (7:00)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.bhaweab.org/>

Bethany House 1/8 - \$230.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM here at the church. The primary task of the Finance Committee is to propose, raise, manage, and distribute the resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation.

Our Finance Committee members for 2017 are: Ed Caswell, Nellie Brown, Debbie Massimino, Debbie Weaver, Debbie Marino, Bill Hawley, Bill Park, Kelly Smith, Liz Collins, Alan Painter, and Kyle Bryan.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: All information for the February 2017 Newsletter is due in the office by today, January 22nd. Please email (preferred) your information to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or write it down and leave a copy on the office desk. Please do not call to submit your information. Any information not received by today will be published in the March 2017 Newsletter.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, February 5th and run through Sunday, April 9th. The classes will be held during the Sunday School hour and Pastor Bruce will be the instructor. Youth who are interested in attending the Confirmation classes in preparation for becoming a member of our church should contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com) or the church office (724-863-6858.)

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: Membership classes for those wishing to join our church, and those who would like a refresher course about the United Methodist Church, will take place during the Sunday School hour from Sunday, February 19th through Sunday, March 26th. The Confirmation class will be joining the Membership class for these sessions. Pastor Bruce will also be leading these sessions.

OUTREACH THANKYOU: The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Angel Tree program. Christmas was made a little merrier for 20 families in our area because of your generous donations.

CANCELING SUNDAY SERVICES: Unless state officials declare a “State of Emergency” which requires all non-emergency personnel to stay off the roads, services will be held here at FUMC. Please evaluate the roads in your area to determine if they are safely passable. If you are not comfortable traveling on the roads surrounding your house, please stay safe and stay home.

In the event that Pastor Bruce does cancel services, he will contact the area TV stations, provide them with the cancellation code for our church, and give them specific information. The cancellation will then be listed with others in the area.

Please do not call the church to see if services are being held. This takes our custodian away from his tasks of preparing the building for services, clearing snow and ice and spreading salt on the sidewalks, and in every way ensuring that our property is safe for our worshipers and the community.

Winter weather is always unpredictable. All-in-all, please use your best judgment, err on the side of caution, and stay safe.

Committee Chairs – If you cancel your meeting please remember to contact the custodian ... if possible by 4:00 PM. They are paid to prepare the church for your meeting and stay while people are in the building. If no one is meeting, they are making a special trip, sometimes in very bad weather, to be here for no reason. Again, if you cancel your meeting please remember to contact the custodian.

YOUTH MINISTER JOB OPENING: Are you a motivated, grace-filled Christian looking for part-time work? Join our team at Irwin First United Methodist Church! This position is roughly 20 hours/week and includes planning/coordinating/promoting activities with our youth and their friends to increase their faith. Activities include weekly youth group meetings, periodic youth events (fellowship, service projects, retreats), and some assistance with high school Sunday School. Personal commitment to Christ; working with youth using creativity, understanding, & kindness; Biblical worldview; and strong organizational/communication/team-building skills are necessary. Music/guitar skills, preaching capabilities, and computer/multi-media skills are a plus. Future potential growth into additional areas of ministry are available if mutually agreeable! Please send resume & cover letter to: Irwin First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, Pa 15642. Or email: fumc.debbie.offmgr@comcast.net
Any questions, please call the church office at 724-863-6858

ATTENTION ALL LADIES! The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on May 13, 2017 and I need your help. I need people to take on the task of decorating a table according to the theme. The theme this year is “Mothers and daughters through the years” and the tables would need to be decorated in a decade of your choice. Any decade from the 20’s to the present. Also, I could use help in other areas of the dinner. I do have entertainment scheduled. If you have questions please call Dawn Capecci @ 412-651-2503

HOSPITAL CALLS: The area hospitals will no longer call the church to let us know when our parishioners are in the hospital. If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call the office or Pastor Bruce to let us know. We will need the name of the patient, the hospital and the room number if available. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all.

*Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation
if he doesn't know there is a need.*



Winter can be beautiful and fun. It can also be dangerous. The guidelines below come from the American Red Cross.

As temperatures drop this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people can take to stay safe during the cold weather.

- 1. Layer up!** Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
- 2. Don't forget your furry friends.** Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
- 3. Remember the three feet rule.** If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away – things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.
- 4. Requires supervision** – Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.

- 5. Don't catch fire!** If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
- 6. Protect your pipes.** Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
- 7. Better safe than sorry.** Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.
- 8. The kitchen is for cooking.** Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- 9. Use generators outside.** Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.
- 10. Knowledge is power.** Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

For more information on how to stay safe during the cold weather, visit [winter storm safety](http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Top-Ten-Red-Cross-Cold-Weather-Safety-Tips).

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We would like to add one more tip.

Please check on your elderly neighbors and the shut-ins in your area. Call them to be sure they are OK, make sure their sidewalks are clear of snow and ice, make some soup or a batch of cookies to take to them. Let them know that they have not been forgotten.