



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**January 3, 2016**

**Epiphany Sunday/Communion Sunday**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Kyle Bryan 10:45 - Tracy Hawley**

**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 “There's a Song in the Air”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

**P:** We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

**L:** The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

**P:** The darkness what surrounds us is gone!

**L:** Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

**P:** Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith; to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 245 “The First Noel”**

*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 8:15 “Just One Star” - Kelly Smith  
10:45 “Just One Star” - Chancel Choir**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 795 Psalm 72**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY “The Golden Carol”**

**\*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**

(tune: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.  
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,  
As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 254 “We Three Kings”**

*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) Matthew 2:1-12**

**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. 219 “What Child Is This”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

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

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 18      Sunday 8:15 – 44      10:45 – 79**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin      10:45 – Tom Lehner

**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 and Katrina Bryan.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers today are presented in honor of Bill and Elaine Mays’ 64th anniversary.

*The rose on the altar is presented in honor of the birth of Bryson Tyler Mains, son of Cameron & Allison (Shupe) Mains. Bryson was born at Westmoreland Hospital on December 27<sup>th</sup>. David & Mary Shupe are his proud grandparents. Congratulations & God bless all of them.*

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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**A SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held today, January 3, 2016 after the 10:45 worship service. The sole purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2016 budget. No other business will be conducted at the meeting.

#### Today, January 3

##### Epiphany Sunday/Communion

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 Church Council Meeting  
12:30 Choir Christmas Party

#### Monday, January 4

7:00 Dartball

#### Tuesday, January 5

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

#### Wednesday, January 6

7:00 Yoga

#### Thursday, January 7

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

#### Friday, January 8

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed  
Gym Closed

#### Saturday, January 9

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

#### Next Sunday, 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

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## 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.bhaweb.org/>

*“American Red Cross”* 12/20 - \$275.50 12/27 - \$90.60

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**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.

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**“UNHANGING” OF THE GREENS:** We will be taking down the decorations on Sunday, January 10, 2016. 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”.

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**FRUIT SALE:** The Finance Committee is sponsoring a fruit sale this year. All proceeds from the sale will help with the Unified Budget. Please use the purple order form found in your Newsletter or on the table in the Narthex for you order. Orders are due Sunday, January 10, 2016.

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**DIRECTORY PICTURES:** This is the last Sunday to have your picture taken for the directory. All you need to do is come to the front of the sanctuary after each service, complete a card and smile. If you need to make other arrangements, please see Dianne or Penny Brant.

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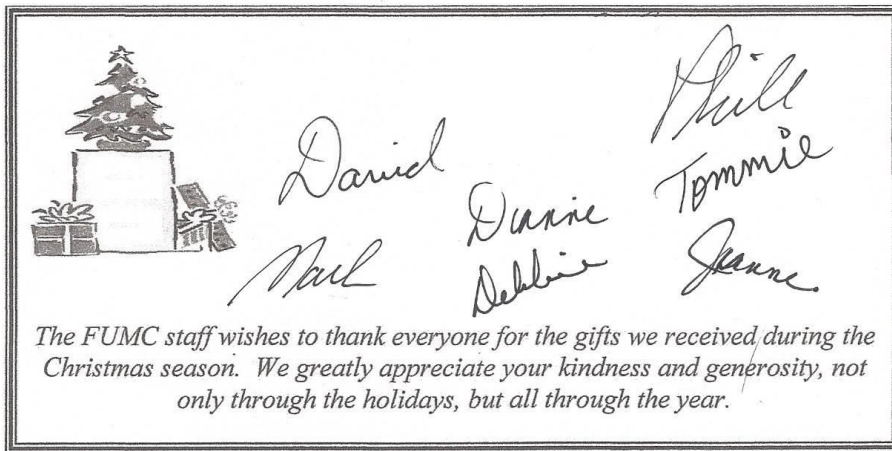
**NEW CHRISTMAS TREES NEEDED FOR THE SANCTUARY:** The 9-foot Christmas trees in our sanctuary look beautiful as always. However, they were erected this year with tape and a lot of prayer! They will need to be replaced after this season. We have people who will be scouring the after-Christmas sales for the best buy, however, we need donations to purchase the new trees. If you would like to donate towards the Christmas trees, perhaps as a memorial donation, please place your donation in a pew envelope and put in the offering tray or send your donation to the church office. Please mark "Trees" on the envelope or your check. Thanks for your help.

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**SOUP LUNCHEON:** Our first soup luncheon of the year will be on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We still have room for more soup makers – sign up in the Narthex!



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# FRUIT SALE

The Finance Committee is sponsoring a fruit sale this year. All proceeds from the sale will help with the Unified Budget.

**Ruby Red Grapefruit - \$18.00/ full box**

20 pounds...16-24 per full box

Orchard fresh

Rich in Vitamin C, Seedless

**Navel Oranges - \$18.50/ full box**

20 pounds...28-40 per full box

Sugar Sweet, Ready to Eat

**Combination Box - \$18.50/box**

Half Grapefruit / Half Oranges

*Can't eat all that fruit?*

You can order either a half box of grapefruit or a half box of oranges.

**(No combination boxes)**

**Price per Half box - \$9.25**

**Place your order and include payment. Please make checks payable to "FUMC"**

**Last day to order is Sunday, January 10, 2016.**

Delivery will be here at the church around January 31, 2016.

Questions? Call Debbie Weaver at 724-863-4236.

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Quantity Full Box	Quantity Half Box (\$9.25)
<b>Ruby Red Grapefruit - \$18.00</b>		
<b>Navel Oranges - \$18.50</b>		
<b>Half &amp; Half (Full box only) - \$18.50</b>		

**Total Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_



