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**January 5, 2014**  
**Epiphany 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**

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past (a New Years Hymn)”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Jesus came to call us his brothers and sisters.

**P:** We are the children of God.

**L:** Jesus came that we might know the Father.

**P:** We are the children of God.

**L:** Jesus came to tear the veil that separated us from God.

**P:** We are the children of God.

**L:** Jesus came that we might be adopted into his family.

**P:** We are the children of God.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Jesus, we are sorry for not recognizing you when you came to earth. We know that you lived among us, experienced the life that we experience, and yet we missed you. In our humanity, we thought we needed a king. We didn't realize we needed a humble Savior. We are sorry we did not recognize you yesterday when our lives were interrupted by life events. We're sorry that we did not recognize you today. When life goes well, we chalk it up to good fortune or our own success. When someone is hurting, we don't see you hurting along with them. You are all around, ever-present and yet we don't see you. We pray that we will recognize you today, tomorrow, the rest of the week and the rest of our lives. Open our eyes that we may see. Thank you for always being near. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 254 “We Three Kings”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

**ANTHEM 8:15 “Jesus, the Light of the World”**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*PRAYER OF LIGHT**

Strong covenant God, save us from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with sensitiveness, with understanding, and with imagination. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

**\*SONG OF LIGHT No. 2173 (TFWS) "Shine. Jesus. Shine"**

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

**OFFERTORY "Follow the Brightest Star"**

**\*DOXOLOGY "Christmas Doxology"**

**"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**

God in the stars and in the stables: like the wise men in the gospel story, our journey has brought us once again into the light and warmth of your presence. We bring gifts, as they did, but in the light of your overwhelming generosity, they seem not more than tokens. Remind us of the power that you can infuse in the gifts we offer with loving hearts, and let us be changed by the giving, even as the wise men were changed. We pray it in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas"**

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 John 1:1-18**

**SERMON**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

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

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

**BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"**

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, January 5**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**Communion**

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

**Monday, January 6**

7:00 Dartball

**Tuesday, January 7**

5:30 Gym in use  
6:15 TOPS  
6:30 SPRC  
6:30 Witness  
7:00 Outreach  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, January 8**

10:00 Women’s Bible Study  
11:00 Staff Meeting  
Office closed until 1:00 PM  
7:00 Women’s Book Study

**Thursday, January 9**

5:30 Gym in use  
6:15 C Bells  
7:00 Disciple 3  
7:00 Nurture  
7:15 Choir

**Friday, January 10**

9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed  
FISH & CHIPS lock-in at Hot Shots in Mt. Pleasant.

**Saturday, January 11**

10:00 Food Bank – help needed

**Next Sunday, January 12**

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:00 Un-hanging of the Greens  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
4:00 Temple Bells  
4:45 SonShiners

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY – CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS**

If you brought a candle, please put your name on the bottom of it. We will light the candles during the service. After the service, come up, take a different candle home with you, and throughout the year, pray for the family or individual whose name is on the bottom of that candle. Extra candles are available if you forgot to bring one.

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**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE:** Free Income Tax Service will again be offered for taxpayers in this area who have low and moderate incomes. This assistance will come from IRS trained volunteer tax councilors who will help in the preparation of Federal and State income tax returns, and for those who qualify, PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms. Tax payers are asked to bring a copy of 2012’s Federal and State returns along with all of their 2013 tax records and property tax receipts. You must also bring a photo ID and proof of Social Security numbers. This service will be offered from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at:

- North Huntingdon Townhouse
- Tuesday & Thursday, February 4 – April 5
- St. Regis RC Church, Trafford
- Alternating Mondays, beginning February 3
- Jeannette Senior Center (by appointment 724-527-3200)
- Wednesdays, February 5 – April 9
- Penn Township Library (by appointment 724-744-4414 ext 0)
- Every Friday, February 7 – April 11 (excluding March 7)

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## FOR OUR YOUTH

**FISH & CHIPS:** will be at NORMAL time this Sunday from 2 to 4 at Irwin. We were going to have a combined youth group this day but now we are not.

**HOT SHOTS LOCK-IN:** On January 10<sup>th</sup> Fish -N- Chips will be attending the GDY Hot Shots Lock-In at Hot Shots Sports Arena in Mount Pleasant PA. The program will begin with a group game and transition into a devotional and worship time. After the devotional and worship time students can either participate in the organized games or take advantage of the other facilities at Hot Shots. Roller Blades will be available to those who would like to skate. Students may bring some extra cash for the concession stands and arcade. The price for this event is \$15.00. We will be meeting at FUMC at 9:45 PM on January 10<sup>th</sup> and returning at 8:30 AM on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**FRUIT SALE:** We will not be having a fruit sale this year. However, if you are interested in ordering a case of fruit from the Herminie United Methodist Church, you can do so by calling 724-446-7200 by January 8, 2104 to place your order. Grapefruit and oranges are both \$17.00 per box. See Pastor David about the pick-up on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**Fellowship Night will be January 15th at 6:30 pm down in the Gym. Please sign up on the clipboard so that we can be sure to prepare enough food. Our theme this month is a Luau! Join us for some good food & games, and help out with a service project for our church and also for a prison ministry. All are welcome!**

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**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/>

Project Happy Feet – 12/15/13 - \$222.00 12/22/13 - \$288.28 12/29/13 - \$118.88

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**ALL 2013 RECEIPTS:** Any receipts for items that you may have bought for the church and wish to be reimbursed for or have credit for on your annual giving statement must be turned in by January 15, 2014. After January 15<sup>th</sup> the 2013 financial records will be closed and all credits will go toward the 2014.

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Our next class will meet again on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We are completing our study of the women who lived during the time of the Divided Kingdom, and whose stories are written in the Bible in the books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings. Any woman wanting to know more about the Bible is welcome to attend our informal monthly class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.

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**The Women's Book Study will meet at 7:00 pm up in the Youth Room on Wednesday, January 8th to resume our study of Esther. All women are invited. Hope to see you there!**

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**UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS:** After the second service next Sunday the Witness committee would like everyone who can to stay and help un-decorate our church. For more details please contact Dianne Runser.

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**LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! MURDER?** The Outreach committee is planning a murder mystery play and dinner for February. The play is entitled *Suspect Hollywood* and during the auditions for the blockbuster hit, *The Perils of the Prodigal Son*, someone gets murdered.

We want your help, so we're putting out a casting call for a total of nine actors. We need 4 male, 3 female and 2 either male or female roles. No experience necessary.