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**December 2, 2018**

**First Sunday in Advent - HOPE**

**December Memory Verse – II Timothy 1:7**

*“God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, of love, and of a sound mind.”*

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

**WORSHIP HOST: 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 “When Love Crossed Over”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 241 – Isaiah 40:3 (UM Book of Worship)**

**L:** A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

**P:** ... make a straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**WREATH LIGHTERS:**

**8:15 – Bryan family (Kyle, Katrina, Charles, Michael)**

**10:45 – Marilyn Roche & Anthony Scozio**

**RESPONSE:** Lord God, help us not to be so focused on finding perfection in this season that we miss out on the hope that only you can bring to us. Amen.

**Hymn No. 204 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**

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

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be used for our Youth Group SPARK participation.*

*Please see the announcements for more details.)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**10:45 – “God with Us, Emmanuel” – Chancel Choir**

**WORD OF GOD**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

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

**OFFERTORY “He Shall Feed His Flock”**

**\*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**

**HYMN No. 2232 “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”  
For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

**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 Luke 21:25-36**

**SERMON “Hope”**

**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. 213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC OF PARTING “Variations on ‘Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus’”**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

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**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**USHER TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Lou Berta**

**SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John & Bernie Johnston  
10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are presented in memory of Robin Brown from  
Connie Bickerstaff.**

**ADVENT COFFEE HOUR COORDINATORS:**

**8:15 – Beverly McDonald & Bernie Johnston 10:45 – Marilyn Roche & Anthony Scozio**

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Office Hours: 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**

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

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

**Today, Sunday, December 2**

**Holy Communion**  
**Coffee Hour after each service**

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School  
    Gift Give-away
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:30 Congregational Dinner
- 1:30 SonShiners/Temple Chimes
- 2:00 Crafts

**Monday, December 3**

- 6:00 Cub Scouts
- 7:00 Dartball - H

**Tuesday, December 4**

- 7:00 Outreach
- 7:30 NA

**Wednesday, December 5**

- 9:30-11:30 Salvation Army
- 5:00 Youth Center

**Thursday, December 6**

- 6:15 Cathedral Bells
- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir

**Friday, December 7**

- 5:00 Irwin Cookie Tour
- 6:00-7:00 FUMC Open House  
    & Candlelight Walk

**Saturday, December 8**

- 9:00 – Noon Community Christmas Give-Away
- 6:00 Contemporary Worship
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Youth Center

**Next Sunday, December 9**

**Coffee Hour after each service**

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School  
    Gift Give-away
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 SonShiners/Temple Chimes
- 7:00 Irwin Male Chorus

**December 30 will be "Wear Your Christmas Sweater to Church Day"**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 12/2/2018**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** This week the Children’s Collection will be given to the Youth group to help defray the cost of their participation in the *SPARK* youth rally.

**January 11-13, 2019 at Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh**

*SPARK* is Western Pa UMC's annual youth rally. It is for youth in 6-12th grade and their leaders. It is an entire weekend of worship, messages, and fun (we also throw in a whole lot of Jesus too)!

Prices are \$185 per person. Registration cost includes two nights at the Sheraton, all the programming, evening activities, breakouts, and a shirt! The price also includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and lunch on Saturday.



**Speaker - Dr. Duffy Robbins**



**Music by Big Al Cherry**



**Worship by Joshua Price**

Our FUMC Youth Group will be attending *SPARK*. They will be having fundraisers in the coming weeks to help pay for their registration. Please support them in this effort if you can.

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**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** – The Advent devotional, “2018 Journey to Bethlehem,” has been such an overwhelming success that additional copies have been printed. They are on the table in the Narthex and you are welcome to pick one up for your family. We want to thank Debbie Andrison for the wonderful job she did collecting and collating the information and art work into the devotional. And also for creating the beautiful cover picture using our balcony as the manger in the Nativity scene.

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Signups have started for the children's Christmas Eve 5:30 Service! I will once again be on the balcony outside of the Sunday School classes for anyone interested in signing up for a part in the play. This will be a fun production as we help the Grinch find the Christ in Christmas! I would love to have lots of who boys and who girls come join us as we perform a Christian take of Dr. Seuss's popular Christmas story, The Grinch! As always, we will have one rehearsal right after second service on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you! Lisa O'Reilly ☐

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**THANK YOU:** I want to thank the outreach committee for the gift card. It will be very useful. I also want to tell my church family that I miss you all so very much. All of you have given me so much love over the years and you welcomed Mischa immediately with open arms. I am still praying for everyone. May God bless you always. Suzanne Shade

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**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree is up and ready to go! Check out the angels and stars. The stars are for grocery gift cards to help families with the cost of holiday meals. Angels will have a child's name with their wishlist and clothing size. For wishlist items, please stick to a \$25 budget. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to church by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap gift cards. Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn (724-744-7278 or [annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com)). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**“THE LORD PROVIDES”**

To our Church Family,  
Just a friendly reminder from the Finance Committee to prayerfully complete and submit your 2019 Commitment Cards and turn them as soon as possible. They can be placed in the offering plates or turned in to the Church Office by the deadline. Thank You.  
*Matthew 6:33, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”*

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**WE'RE SPRUCING UP OUR NARTHEX!** It's time to get ready for the holidays so we will be cleaning up the Narthex. All the easels and tables will be moved to the Assembly Room on the Sanctuary level. Our Visitor Center will also be moved to the Assembly Room. These moves will be on a permanent basis and will provide a neater look to our Narthex and also more room to view the displays. Please visit the Assembly Room each week to see what's new.

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**Attention, SOS - Help to all who "Stitch with thread or yarn" !!!** We have a critically low supply of Prayer Quilts, Shawls and Lap Afghans. Our next Dedication will be Sunday, December 16th at both services. Please see Mary Reed or Cindi Painter for a Dedication Card to be attached. Thank You and God Bless!

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**IRWIN MALE CHORUS:** The Irwin Male Chorus, under the direction of Forrest Moore, will present a concert of sacred and seasonal music in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 PM. The public is invited. Cookies are needed for the reception in our gym following the concert. Cookies may be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning.

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Each year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee collects contributions from our congregation toward Christmas bonuses for our dedicated Church Staff. Please join the SPRC in showing our appreciation for their work by contributing using the envelopes marked "Staff Christmas." Envelopes will be available through Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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**CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY - DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

We are looking for any donations including Christmas gifts, toys, household items, lightly used clothes, decorations. Donations will be collected in marked boxes in back of Narthex or can be dropped off stage right in Gymnasium.

December 7<sup>th</sup> setting up in Gymnasium starting at 5:30.

Volunteers needed, please contact. Lonny Vogel 724-875-1975 if interested.

Give Away December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 till Noon

Volunteers needed for greeting and wrapping up at noon

Please join us for the fun, fellowship, and Christmas giving spirit!

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. 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.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

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