



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**February 14, 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko 10:45 - Dawn Capecci**

**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 “Oh, How I Love Jesus”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**P:** You are my refuge and my fortress. You are my God in whom I trust.

**L:** Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.

**P:** No evil shall befall us. No scourge shall come near our tents.

**L:** Those who love the Lord, God will deliver. God protects those who know the name of the Lord. God saves them and honors them in times of trouble.

**P:** Show us our salvation, O God. Show us your favor as we offer you our worship.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place, draw near to us, O God. As we seek the shelter of your refuge, as we celebrate the bounty of your provision, hearken to our need, Holy One. Transform this time and place into our land of milk and honey – a land where you are among us, a land where your mighty hand and your outstretched arm protect us, a land where you alone are worthy of our worship and service. We ask this in the saving name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 117 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for “Bethany House.” Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 8:15 “How Could You Say No” - Becky Platt**

**10:45 “All Night, All Day” - SonShiners**

**SCRIPTURE READING            Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

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

**OFFERTORY            “Wonderful Words”**

**\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old 100<sup>th</sup>)**

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**O Lord, our God, you help us throughout our lives. It is by your faithfulness and generosity that we receive what we need. Today, we are mindful of those who are refugees, those who need a home, and those looking for work. In gratitude, we celebrate the bounty you have given. Receive this offering as our first fruits to bless others through the mission of this congregation. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**

*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 4:1-13**

**MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 714    “I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

**MUSIC OF PARTING            “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

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

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 35      Sunday 8:15 – 77      10:45 – 74**

**Ash Wednesday - 45**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Tim & Laurie Saporito  
10:45 – Ethel Rosenburg & Burnetta Green

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

**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 attendants today will be Jean Halza & John Weber.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers today are presented in honor of all of our military personnel, both past and present.

**\*Please return the plastic flower vases when you are finished with them.\***  
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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, February 14**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Coffee Hour**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 Sonshiners  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS

**Monday, February 15**

7:00 Dartball - Home

**Tuesday, February 16**

6:15 TOPS  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, February 17**

11:30 Mid-week Lenten Service  
(United Church of Christ, Main St)  
5:30 Gym in use  
7:00 UM Men  
7:00 Women's Book Study  
7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, February 18**

6:15 C Bells  
7:00 Disciple  
7:15 Choir  
8:15 LLS Choir

**Saturday, February 20**

7:00AM – 9:00PM  
Bob Evan's Fundraiser  
(See "Finance" announcement)  
8:30 DBOM

**Next Sunday, February 21**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 Sonshiners  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
2:30 Living Last Supper Rehearsal  
Pulpit Side

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**IrwinFirstUMC** *Be sure to like us on Facebook!*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** Bethany House, McKeesport. The following letter from Keith Murphy (director of Bethany House, McKeesport) was forwarded to the District churches from District Superintendent, Pat Nelson:

*I am writing this to seek possible resources to support one of the fastest and one of the most critical mission's in the Mon-Valley that is located in McKeesport. Through a great blessing from the Pittsburgh Diocese Bethany House Academy now has an Elementary School that we call "The Healthy Village Learning Institute". With the most recent killing of a 17 year old and a 15 year old getting shot and injured we believe that we must stand on the front line in protecting the children and youth in McKeesport and the surrounding areas.*

<http://triblive.com/news/alleggheny/9201776-74/police-mckeesport-county#axz3nccB1BfC>

*I have invested all my disposable income into this sacred space and will be paying to have the 2nd furnace up and running to the tune of \$2,348.00 that the Bethany House budget can't fund. Additionally, I have painted every painted space in the sacred space and provided all furnishings (my African collection of Art, Artifacts, and Drums) to create a unique space that can and will promote diversity, In a little over a year of operating we have seen over 1,500 folk come through our doors to participate in various functions and as a result we see the need to expand by preparing the 3 additional floors inside the building.*

*Thanks so very much,*

*Keith Murphy, Director at Bethany House, McKeesport*

(Please contact Keith directly with any questions. His contact information is [kmurphy8084@icloud.com](mailto:kmurphy8084@icloud.com) )

“Food Bank:” 2/7/2016 - \$386.10

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Hearts to God



Hands to Work

**HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD** will be having a dedication on today during the 8:15 and 10:45 services. It just seems to be appropriate to have a dedication on Valentine’s Day. The heart is a symbol of Love for Valentine’s Day and so it is our symbol for this, your ministry, “Hands to Work, Hearts to God.” It is our hope that anyone who has a need for a shawl, quilt, scarf, sweater, baby blanket and/or hat will be able to take a Love Gift to your Loved One (s).

Those who have items to be dedicated, please see Burnetta, Leanna, Kate or Cindi for a prayer card to complete for the dedication.

Thank you in advance.

Also ...

Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry have several “Pocket Prayer Shawls” knitted/or crocheted for anyone who would like one for themselves. These pocket prayer shawls were made with prayers and peaceful thoughts ... may you find God’s warmth as you hold it in your hand. Many thanks to Donna Weber who shared this idea. She received one from Vesta, New York, Christ the King Lutheran Church. Thank you Donna.

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**UNITED METHODIST MEN** ---- will have their first meeting of the year on February 17, at 7:00 pm. Along with our regular business meeting and, of course, refreshments we will have a time of devotions during our fellowship. This coming Wednesday we will explore “*The things I taught my dog taught me.*” We invite every man to join us for this light-hearted lesson. You do not need to be a United Methodist to attend. We will meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

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**MINISTRY TEAMS:** The last 3 weeks the sermon scripture has been from 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 13. In these chapters we read about God gifting each of us with spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. We are looking for people who feel called to visit and minister with others. We are in the planning stages of reviving our ministry teams to help with visitation and serving communion to our shut-ins. If you are interested please call the church office (724-863-6858) so we may receive your contact information.

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**UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS** has interesting information about the United Methodist Church, the Bible, Christian symbols, and numerous other subjects. Currently they are featuring a “Lent & Easter Quiz” which helps test your knowledge of this holy season. Each day there is a new question and the answer will explain some details you may not have known about Lent & Easter. It’s fun and informational and there is no test at the end! Why not give it a try and add this to your daily devotions for the Lenten season? You can find United Methodist Communications at [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) . To find the “Lent & Easter Quiz” go to <http://www.umc.org/topics/topic-lent-and-easter> scroll down the page, and click on the “Lent & Easter Quiz” icon. Have fun!

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are needed for February 21<sup>st</sup>. The flowers are \$25.00 for each arrangement (\$1.00 extra if you cannot return the plastic vase) and you may take them with you after the 10:45 worship service. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers for the above two weeks, or any other week, please fill out an order form found on the table in the Narthex. For more information contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901.

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**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Thank you to everyone that ordered fruit from our fruit sale! Our profit was \$131.75!

Our Easter Candy Sale is now underway. This year we are ordering from *McFeelys Gourmet Chocolates* located across the street from our church. Order forms were included in your February newsletter or there are extra ones available on the table in the narthex. Please place all orders and checks (payable to FUMC) in the office door slot by **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Reminder...Our Dining Out Day at Bob Evans is this **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. You can now eat at the North Huntingdon, Monroeville or Greensburg restaurant that day from 7 AM to 9 PM. You must bring the flyer that was included in your February newsletter for our church to get the 15% of your total bill. Extra flyers are in the narthex if needed.

On this Valentine's Day...Love your God, Love your Church, Love your Family, Love your Neighbor and Love your Enemy...then love them for 364 more days!

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**2016 Community Mid-Week Lenten Services**  
***"Fruits of the Spirit"***

Sponsored by the Men's Prayer Fellowship at  
First United Church of Christ, 400 Main Street, Irwin, PA  
Hymn singing - 11:30 AM                      Worship - Noon

\*Lunch available (fee) at 12:30PM

Song Leader: Hervey Steiner Pianist: Jimmie Ruth Caughron  
Signer: Connie Bridgeman

**Wednesday, February 17**

Topic: Kindness & Goodness                      Speaker: Abraham Sandler

**Wednesday, February 24**

Topic: Joy                      Speaker: Shelli Prindle

**Wednesday, March 2**

Topic: Patience & Gentleness                      Speaker: Rev. Nick Poole

**Wednesday, March 9**

Topic: Faithfulness                      Speaker: Dr. Ronald Wakeman

**Wednesday, March 16**

Topic: Self-Control                      Speaker: Rev. Al Kimmel

**Wednesday, March 23**

Topic: Peace                      Speaker Rev. Ron Durikz

**\*Lunch is provided by Colonial Grille for a fee.**

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**RACE FOR GRACE:** The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *Race for Grace* is being held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and once again our church is a Silver Sponsor! Please join us to walk or run – it's easy to register. Go to [reflectionsofgrace.org](http://reflectionsofgrace.org) – on the first page, you will see an option to register for the *Race for Grace*. Just click it and you will be taken to the registration

website. Click the button for "Join A Team." Our team name is "First United Methodist Church of Irwin". If you register before March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the fee for adults is \$20 and the fee for children is \$15. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the rates increase by \$5.

Being a Silver Sponsor, we receive three free registrations. We will give out the free registrations on a first come, first serve basis – contact Anne Osborn ([annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com) or 724-744-7278) if you are interested.

The Rick Simms Memorial Work Trip Team is also looking to get past, present and future team members together to participate. Jack and Pat Osterman will lead the 1 mile walkers! We will have some 5K walkers and if you are a runner, well, we will all be cheering you on! We would love to have our church well represented. Please consider joining the Outreach Committee and the Work Trip Team to support this great cause.

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***THE LIVING LAST SUPPER:*** The *Living Last Supper* is ON! We have all the actors. Now we need your help. If you would like to sing in the choir, please come to rehearsals on Thursdays at 8:15 PM beginning February 18 (next week). Yard signs are in the assembly room near the Pastor's office. Please be sure to ask permission before posting on someone else's property. Placement near stop signs or lights are best, since people have time to read the information. Pocket posters and large posters will be available soon.

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**NURTURE:** Change of date for "Camp Sunday"! Our Camp Sunday will be on Sunday, March 13th! Remember to wear "camp clothes" that week to church. Join us after each service in the parlor for smore's and hot chocolate and pick up a 2016 camp brochure. If you've ever camped at Jumonville, Camp Allegheny or Wesley Woods and would like to share a camp story with me, or if you have any questions regarding camp registration, please call or e-mail Laurie Saporito (Camp Steward) at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.

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