



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**February 1, 2015**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany/Communion 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 “No, Not One”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** What have you come expecting?

**P:** **We want someone to tell us what to do and think.**

**L:** Is that what you really want?

**P:** **We seek knowledge and direction from one who speaks and acts with authority.**

**L:** You seek Jesus. Will you listen to him and follow where he leads?

**P:** **Yes, if God will help us.**

**L:** Come then, let us open our hearts to follow the one who speaks and acts with authority.

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**God of our lives, we come this morning seeking your wisdom and guidance. How may we truly be your people? How do we discern the true from the false prophets in our midst? How do we avoid causing another to stumble while giving others the courage to change? How do we live faithfully in covenant with you? Fill us with your wisdom, Spirit, and enliven us with your word, that we may be renewed as the people you have called us to be. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 96**

**“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for our All kids to camp! Program. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 8:15 “Jesus Is My Lord”**

**10:45 “Jesus Is My Lord”– Chancel Choir**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 922**

**Psalm 111**

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

**OFFERTORY “Seeking the Savior”**

**\*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**

Holy God, Architect of all we know and all we do not know, bless the gifts we offer up to you this day. As we are reminded this morning of the authority you have given your precious son, so we remember how, in turn, he passed it on to us. Help us to see that the authority we have is not to wield power over one another, but to stir the power of compassion, hope, and love in one another. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the source of compassion, mercy and healing. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 617 “I Come with Joy”**

*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**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV) Mark 1:21-28**

**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. 463**

**“Lord, Speak to Me”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Trumpet tune in C”**

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

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**GREETERS – Greeters are need for both services. These friendly people stand at the door greeting all who attend our services. They welcome and provide directions to visitors. This is a job for all ages.**

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, Sunday, February 1**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Communion**

**“Souper Bowl Sunday”**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
2:00 Greensburg District Youth  
    Location TBA  
4:00 Temple Bells  
4:45 SonShiners  
6:00 Combined Greensburg Youth

**Monday, February 2**

7:00 Dartball -A

**Tuesday, February 3**

9:00 Men’s Work Group  
5:30 Gym in use  
6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Outreach  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, February 4**

7:00 Women’s Book Study  
7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, February 5**

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

**Saturday, February 7**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, February 8**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Coffee Hour/Camp Sunday**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** The Children’s Collection for the next two Sundays will be used for our All kids to camp! program.

“Race for Grace”: 1/18 - \$142.63 1/25 - \$179.00

**NEXT SUNDAY – February 8<sup>th</sup> -“Camp Sunday”!** You are encouraged to wear any camp T-shirts or sweatshirts that you have! You can also share any funny camp stories that you might have. (I know there’s plenty of those out there!) Plan on being at either service next week to hear what’s new for 2015 at our three United Methodist Camps! There will be hot chocolate, s’mores and other snacks in the parlor following the services. Brochures will be available to view this year’s camp calendar or you can check out the different camps on each of their websites!

Our theme this year...**All kids to camp!** We will make sure that any child that wants to go to camp will be able to go! Please continue to donate any bagged clothing to our “Clean Closets for Campers” bins that are located in the church parking lot. Monies from this project go to our campership funding. Checks that have been received so far totaled \$535.00...Awesome!

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**THE NURSERY** is looking for volunteers for 2015. Each week we need two attendents in the nursery during the 10:45 worship service. They are normally only scheduled three or four times a year so that no one is missing the worship service every week. There are positions available for both adults and teens. (The state of Pennsylvania and the United Methodist Church do require that anyone working with children have their Act 33 & Act 34 clearances on file in the office. The forms are available in the church office and our church will pay the fees involved in obtaining the clearances.)

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**EASTER CANDY SALE!** The Finance Committee is selling Easter chocolates from Wilson Candies. Pick up a brochure and order form on the table in the narthex. Please complete your order form and place it in the church office door slot along with your payment. Catalogs can be recycled and placed back on the table for others to

use. **Orders are due by Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Candy will be available for pick up on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Proceeds from this sale will go to the church general fund.

Questions:

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**THE LIVING LAST SUPPER:** It is time to start thinking about The Living Last Supper, which is scheduled for **March 31** and **April 2**. We are in need of someone to be in charge of the costume committee, as well as more helpers. The chairperson will coordinate the efforts of the helpers. We have enough helpers to iron costumes BEFORE February 25, but we will need helpers to help with the costumes on the performance nights. They may also be called upon to alter costumes if needed. The chairperson does not need to be able to sew, although that would be helpful. People ironing costumes should pick them up in the choir room today after worship.

Men of the church – If you would like to become a cast member or an understudy, we would love to have you.

Returning cast members need to confirm their availability with Dianne ASAP.

The set is being re-built this year. We need a few people to help build the new set panels and artistic people to help paint. If you can help with this, contact Dianne Runser or Paul Reynolds.

We will need help with the reception on Tuesday night. We will need ushers for the performances. We need people to help with the table setting. We will need many hands to erect the set on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help with the production in any way, please contact Dianne Runser ([fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net), 412-372-5290) or the church office.

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**Hearts to God, Hands to Work Ministry, Hands to Work, Hearts to God Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
– we are all the same. **But did you know?**

We have dedicated stitchers who create:

Scarves for teens & young at heart

Baby Hats & Blankets for the Bladen County Hospital in Elizabethtown, NC & our congregation

Lap Quilts

Slippers

Shawls & Lap-afghans

And a few new projects in the making (UMCOR School Bags, fabric baby blankets)

Our next dedication will be February 15, 2015 at both services. Stitchers, please see Leanna, Burnetta, or Cindi for Dedication Cards before that Sunday.

Anyone who wants to stop by for a visit or wants to learn to knit or crochet, we have willing teachers – patterns, yarn & the tools you need to start. The “Comfort Room” is the 1<sup>st</sup> room on the right in the Adult Sunday School Department.

This is First UMC’s ministry and we depend on you to reach out to your loved ones in need, touch them with a scarf, slippers, hat, blanket, quilt, shawl or lap afghan ... your Church loves and cares.

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**EVENING BUILDING ATTENDANT:** Do you know anyone who is responsible, friendly, and would like to make a little money by helping out our church? FUMC - Irwin has a need for an individual to help us out for a few hours on weekday evenings. The individual has the option of working two to four evenings per week based on a mutually agreeable schedule. The job description is security, open/lockup, snow removal, lights, stairways, setup/cleanup meetings, emergencies, assistance to people in meetings & limited cleaning. Thank you!

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Hearts to God



Hands to Work

**‘SOUPER BOWL’ SUNDAY:** Today we will celebrate “*Souper Bowl Sunday*” at our church. Please place your donated items in the Foodbank shopping cart in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for you support.



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**CONFIRMATION!** It's that exciting time in our Christian journey when we offer confirmation class! If you are in sixth or seventh grade or older, would you like to confirm your Christian faith and grow in your walk with our Lord? Classes will cover discussing the Christian faith, studying the Bible, understanding how/why we worship, traditions & sacraments of the church, who we are as Methodists, and how we use our faith everyday. If you are interested, grab a s'more for Camper Sunday after the 10:45 service on February 8th, then head upstairs to the Youth room for a brief meeting. Sessions will begin on Sunday, February 15th during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor David at 724-863-6858. Hope to see you!