



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 23, 2014

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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 **“The Unclouded Day”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God calls us to be holy, for God is holy.

P: **God’s precepts lead us into life.**

L: Christ calls us to be perfect, as God, our heavenly Mother and Father, is perfect.

P: **We are made perfect by loving our enemies and returning good for evil.**

L: The Spirit calls us to be holy, for we are temples of God.

P: **God’s Spirit dwells within us. In the Spirit we find our true home.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, teach us your ways of life and death. When we are wronged, help us turn the other cheek without anger or resentment. When we are asked to give to those in need, help us offer what we can without judgment or bitterness. Show us how to love our enemies and repay evil with kindness, that we might be perfect even as you are perfect. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 399** **“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM **8:15 “When God Forgives”**

10:45 “When God Forgives” - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING **“Psalm 119:33-40”**

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

P: **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

P: **Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to gain!**

L: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; and give me life in your ways.

P: **Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

L: Turn away the reproach which I dread; for your ordinances are good.

P: **Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Children of the Heavenly Father”

***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**

God of Unimaginable Love, you sent your Son into our midst that we might see his way of love, which is so different from what the world has shown us. It calls us to give with extravagant generosity and to love those who wrong us. Holy God, bless the offering we give, and may what we share this morning be used to bring your compassion and grace to those who need it the most. May people know we belong to you by the way we love and the way we give. In the name of Christ, who gave all for us. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 395

“Take Time to Be Holy”

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**

Matthew 5:38-48 *(Please Stand)*

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 569**

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING**

“Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice!”

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, February 23

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Disability Awareness 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

Monday, February 24

7:00 Dartball -A

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 Men's Work Team
5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, February 26

5:30 Gym in use
7:00 Contemporary Worship Meeting
No Yoga

Thursday, February 27

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:15 Choir

Friday, February 28

6:00 Gym in use

Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2

Youth Retreat at Camp Allegheny

Next Sunday, March 2

8th Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
No FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection for the next two Sundays will be combined for *Disability Awareness*. Designated offerings collected on *Disability Awareness Sunday* enable churches to be more welcoming, creating environments where outsiders can become insiders. Because of the generosity of United Methodists throughout the Western Pennsylvania Conference, congregations receive grants to help turn barriers into open doors. Churches install elevators, build ramps, and designate handicapped - parking areas near entrances. The entire Disability Awareness Sunday Collection remains in the conference to help churches with accessibility projects. For more information of the programs provided through the United Methodist Church go to

<http://www.umdismabilityministries.org>

Kimmi and Katie Mission Trips 2/9/14 - \$222.53

2/16/2014 - \$114.27

OFFERING ENVELOPES: A number of members did not receive envelopes this month. We are not sure why, possibly the weather played a part in it. If you did not receive envelopes, please use an old envelope you may have at home or use an envelope out of the pew pocket. Make sure your name is on the outside, especially if it contains cash. If you do not know your envelope number we will look it up in the office. Thank you.

THE UPPER ROOM daily devotion for March and April is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Lenten devotionals begin in this issue. Pick one up this morning.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NEED A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY GIFT FOR ANYONE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR? There are left over RADA black handle paring knives and black handle vegetable peelers in the church office. There are envelopes inside the box for you to put your money in and then drop it in the church door slot. Please mark it RADA Cutlery. The paring knives are \$4.50 and the vegetable peelers are \$6.00.



Monies from this sale will continue to go to our Connectional Apportionment for 2014 (Mission Share).

Think Spring...and Think Easter! The Wilson Candies brochures are in! The Finance Committee will be selling Easter candy starting today through Sunday, March 16th. Brochures and order forms are available on a table in the narthex. There are 33 irresistible items to choose from...so please encourage any family members, co-workers, neighbors and friends to order their Easter chocolates from us! After all...who doesn't love chocolate! All checks can be made payable to First United Methodist. Please deposit all money and order forms in the door slot of the church office. Return the color brochure to the Finance Mailbox in the church office so we can recycle them. We will make copies of order forms as needed. Candy orders will be available after both services on April 6th. A 30% profit will be made on this sale and all proceeds will go towards our Connectional Apportionments (Mission Share) for 2014.

Thank you in advance for your support on this fundraiser!



THE GREENSBURG DISTRICT 2014 LAY SCHOOL will begin on Sunday, March 9 and run for five consecutive Sundays (2-5 pm) concluding on Sunday, April 6th at the Community United Methodist Church in Harrison City. Registration forms are available on the half door at the office. You can also register online at www.wpaumc.org/registration

All registrations are due to the District office NO LATER than February 27th.

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. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board at the parking lot entrance for more details, places, dates, and times.

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS - There will be a laundry basket in the narthex to collect gently used clothing, shoes, purses, belts and hats. **Please be sure to bag your donations.** Our Mission Partner from the conference center will be delivering a bin to our church by the end of February. This bin will be situated on the Children's Sunday School level - Preschool classroom. You can either drop items in the laundry basket, or use the bin! It's a great time to do your Spring Clean Out...and help to send some kids to camp! Thank you...from an adult camper!



CAMP NEWS

CAMP REGISTRATION PROCEDURE...So you've decided on a camp that you really want to attend, but not sure how to register? Follow these 3 Easy Steps!

The 1st step is to fill out the form located in the brochure or print one from your camp's website. Each camp has an event number, so make sure you note that on your form. It will also ask for a 2nd choice camp event number in case the camp you chose is filled. That's why it's important to get your form in early to be guaranteed a spot! (There is a \$10 discount applied if you pay

The 2nd step is to turn your form in to the church office. After Pastor David signs the form, the church financial secretary will send it to the camp along with a church check for 30% of the total cost of your camp. Once the camp receives this payment, you will be registered. The camp will then send you a statement showing the balance due. If you need additional monies, you can ask the church and your camp for a Camp Scholarship Form. There are monies available for anyone that wants to go to camp...so please, use these monies and make it happen for that camper!

The 3rd step is...start preparing for the best week of your summer!

7TH ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE 5K & 1 MILE WALK will be held Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Norwin High School. Pre-race activities begin at 7:00 AM. Become a member of our church team! To register online: Step 1-www.active.com Step 2-type **Race for Grace** on Search line. Step 3-Click on Race for Grace. Step 4- Click on the " Register Now" block. Step 5-Click on "First United Methodist Church" on drop down list. Adult 5K Run, 5K Walk, or 1 Mile Walk is \$20 prior to March 1st and \$25 after. Children (12 and under) is \$15 prior to March 1st and \$20 after. Registration forms will also be available in the church office.

NOT FOR PROFIT FOOD SAFETY CLASS: Derry First United Methodist Church is hosting a Not for Profit Food Safety Class on Wednesday, February 26th at 9am. If you are interested please contact Teri Sauers at 724-694-8333 or derry@first.comcastbiz.net by February 24th at noon.

LENTEN REFLECTION STUDY: Leanna Lake will be leading a five week Lenten Reflection on the book "*Little Pieces of Light ... Darkness and Personal Growth.*" This class will be offered Sunday mornings (9:30-10:30.) The class will begin March 9th. There is a \$6.00 offering to cover the cost of the book. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please return this from by February 23rd.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm. Join us in the gym for a simple meal of soup and bread as we begin our Lenten journeys. Then move up to the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00. We hope to see many of you there. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the office.

WOMAN'S BOOK STUDY - The next study, "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado, begins on March 12th at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. Please join us - all ladies are welcome!

FROM THE GREENSBURG DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST: Wednesday, March 5, 2014: A list of locations for the breakfast is posted on the bulletin board. All Ash Wednesday Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

Mark your calendars...

- Spring Meeting:** April 5, 2014 at Delmont: Faith UMC – Speaker: Kathy Clark
- Day Apart:** September 3, 2014 at Camp Allegheny – Speaker: Luella Krieger
- Fall Meeting:** October 16, 2014 at Murrysville: First UMC – Speaker: TBA