



Baptism of the Lord

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January 12, 2014
“Baptism of Our Lord” Sunday

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Nellie Wiancko

10:45 – Jennifer Dudik

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 “Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, servants of God.

P: God’s Spirit has called us here.

L: Come, servants of Love.

P: God’s Spirit calls us to justice and peace.

L: Come, followers of Christ.

P: God’s Spirit calls us to reconciliation and love.

*OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, descend upon us this day. Bless us with your presence, that we may know you more fully and bless others with your love and grace. Guide us on this covenant journey, that we may bring sight to the blind and release to the captives. Renew us with the breath of new life, that we may live as children of love and seekers of justice. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM 10:45 “The Lord Is My Light” - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-9

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “The Way of Peace”

***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, we are reminded this morning as we remember Christ's baptism how you stooped to meet us eye to eye in Christ, reassuring us through your presence. So now, as we give our gifts to you, help us to see the faces of those who will look to us for a touch of compassion and love: our words of kindness, our arms of comfort, and our generous gifts. Meet in us the longing we have to hear your voice speak, "This is my beloved child, with whom I am pleased!" We pray this in the name that is above all others, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 252 “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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 3:13-17

SERMON

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THANKSGIVING

L: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

P: We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 585 “This Little Light of Mine”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Light of the World”**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, 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

Monday, January 13

- No UM Women's meeting
- 7:00 Dartball -H

Tuesday, January 14

- 5:30 Gym in use
- 6:15 TOPS
- 6:30 Witness
- 7:00 Trustees
- 7:30 NA

The Contemporary Worship meeting previously scheduled for Tuesday, January 14th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 12th.

Wednesday, January 15

- Last day to submit receipts for 2013
- 6:30 Good Grief
- 6:30 Fellowship Night
- 7:00 Yoga

Thursday, January 16

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

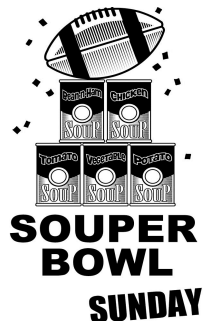
Friday, January 17

- 6:00 Gym in use

Next Sunday, January 19

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship
- 12:00 Soup Luncheon
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
- 4:00 Temple Bells
- 4:45 SonShiners



‘SOUPER BOWL’ SUNDAY: Sunday, February 2nd we will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday at our church. If you would like to donate soup, other non-perishable items, toiletries, or baby items (especially diapers) the shopping cart will be in the Narthex during both services next Sunday. Thank you in advance for you support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/>

Bethany House – 1/5/14 - \$265.14



OUTREACH WINTER SOUP LUNCHEON: The luncheon will be held Sunday, January 19, 2014 following the second service. We are asking for additional soup makers and many hearty appetites. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

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

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 15th the 2013 financial records will be closed and all credits will go toward the 2014.

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!

MEALS ON WHEELS: The January 16, 2014 Applebee's "Dining to Donate" flyers are on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance. If you are planning to dine at Applebee's on January 16th please take one of the flyers with you and give it to your server. 15% of your bill will be donated to the Norwin Area *Meals on Wheels* program. The *Meals on Wheels* program helps feed the shut-in in our area. For more information, pick up one of their brochures (located with the "Dining to Donate" flyers), call 724-861-9202, or go to their website at www.NorwinAreaMOW.org

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)

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 25th.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION SERVICE: The Greensburg and Pittsburgh Districts together will be hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service on Sunday, January 19th beginning at 4 p.m. at the Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center Road, Monroeville PA 15146. Bishop Warner H. Brown Jr. of the San Francisco Area in the California-Nevada Conference will be the guest speaker for the event.

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.

