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**January 18, 2015**

**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 “Here I Am to Worship”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** The One who knit us together in our mother’s womb is calling us today.

**P:** **Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

**L:** The One who knows our paths, the One acquainted with all our ways, is here to lead us into life.

**P:** **Lead us, O God, for we will follow.**

**L:** The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is with us in our time of worship.

**P:** **Bless us, Holy One. Put your words in our mouths and your joy in our hearts.**

**L:** Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Wisdom of the ages, you know all things in heaven and on earth. Before we were formed in our mother’s womb, you set the length of our days. Even before a word is on our lips, you know it completely. You hem us in, before and behind, and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, it is so high we cannot attain it. Even in our humanness, you love us. Even in our weakness, you call and lead us. Call us once more, O God. Call us, that we might hear your voice and respond with expectation and joy: “Here I am.” Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 454**

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to the Outreach Committee to be used for our “Race for Grace” team. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM**

**8:15**

**“Step By Step”**

**10:45**

**“Sing a Song and Praise Jesus” SonShiners**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Samuel 3:1-20**

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

**OFFERTORY 8:15 “As the Sun Doth Daily Rise”**

**10:45 "Step by Step"**

**\*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, how precious are your thoughts! In wisdom, you teach us your way and call us to follow you. Help us to trust you in all things. Then we will be at peace, knowing that you do what is best. May these gifts advance your peace in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

*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) John 1:43-51**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 733 “Marching to Zion”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “With Praises All Unite!”**

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

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, January 18**

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 New Member Class
- 10:45 Worship
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
- 4:00 Martin Luther King Service  
@Monroeville UMC
- 4:00 Temple Bells
- 4:45 SonShiners

**Tuesday, January 20**

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

**Saturday, January 24**

- 9:00 District Meeting
- 6:00 Alternative Worship

**Wednesday, January 21**

- 7:00 Women’s Book Study
- 7:00 Yoga

**Next Sunday, January 25  
Reception of New Members**

- 8:00 Prayer Time
- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:30 New Member Class
- 10:45 Worship
- 2:00 FISH & CHIPS
- 4:00 Temple Bells
- 4:45 SonShiners
- 6:00 Gym in use

**Thursday, January 22**

**Newsletter Deadline**

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

**Monday, January 19**

**Martin Luther King, Jr’s Birthday  
Office Closed  
No Dartball**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** The Children's Collection for the next two Sundays will be given to the Outreach Committee for our "Race for Grace" team. Each team who donates at least \$500.00 gets their name printed on the "Race for Grace" t-shirts. This is a great way to advertise our church and show the community that we support local causes such as "Race for Grace." This is the *8th Annual Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk* and it will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Norwin High School stadium.

Go to: [www.reflectionsofgrace.org](http://www.reflectionsofgrace.org) to read Grace's story or  
[www.reflectionsofgrace.org/index.php/8th-annual-race-for-grace.html](http://www.reflectionsofgrace.org/index.php/8th-annual-race-for-grace.html) for more information on this years race.

**"Bethany House":** 1/4 - \$102.06 1/11 - \$220.00

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**RECEPTION OF MEW MEMBERS:** Several people have expressed interest in joining our church. Pastor David will be holding New Member classes on Sundays, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. Reception of members will be held on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining our church is urged to contact Pastor David or the office.

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**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2015, 4 p.m.**

Monroeville United Methodist Church  
219 Center Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146

**Keynote Speaker:** Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton  
Resident Bishop, Western Pennsylvania Conference

*There will be various musical groups from the Greensburg & Pittsburgh districts performing.*

*This is an outreach service hosted by the Greensburg and Pittsburgh Districts.*

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

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**THE LIVING LAST SUPPER:** It is time to start thinking about The Living Last Supper, which is scheduled for March 30 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. Helpers are needed to iron costumes BEFORE February 25 and 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.

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.

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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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** All articles for the February 2015 newsletter are due in the office by Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email your articles to [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) or drop a hard copy of it off in the office. Articles received after January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be printed in the March newsletter.

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**SOLES 4 SOULS:** Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated shoes to *Soles 4 Souls* in the shoe and boot drive in the Fall. As a church, there were **243 Pairs** of shoes which has filled 20 boxes! Thank you very much for donating to this worthy cause.

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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. If you would like to help in the nursery please contact Ed Lorenc (724-864-9988) or the church office.

(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.)