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January 24, 2016

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Kyle Bryan

10:45 - Peggy Kooser

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

“More Precious Than Silver”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The Spirit is calling.

P: We will listen and learn.

L: The heavens are shining.

P: We will sing and rejoice.

L: The Spirit is moving.

P: We will live the promises of God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Spirit of God, blow through our lives and through our worship. Bind us together in unity and love, that we might be one body in Christ, one body in ministry to the world. Strengthen us with your power, that we might fulfill your call in our lives – a call to love and service. Anoint us with your mysterious presence, and send us forth to be the hands and feet of Christ. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 62**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

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

ANTHEM

8:15 “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” - Deb Andrison

10:45 “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 750

Psalm 19

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “The Lily of the Valley”

***DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

**These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
Then grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Gracious God, in wisdom you provide every gift needed to build up the church. You continually guide the church in every place by your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ. During this week of prayer for Christian unity, help us to recognize each denomination as a genuine witness to the wholeness of Christ’s body. In gratitude, we offer our spiritual and financial gifts to support the ministry and mission of this congregation. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 568 “Christ for the World We Sing”

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) 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 368 “My Hope Is Built”**

MUSIC OF PARTING “Festive Piece”

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 25 Sunday 8:15 – 60 10:45 – 106

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, January 24th

GREETERS: 8:15 – Ed, Nellie, and Krista Brown

10:45 – June Johnston & Bernie Johnston

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin 10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

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 attendant today will be Amy & Emily Bergman.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in honor of Julie Wiancko’s birthday from her family.

Please return the green flower vases when you are finished with them.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, **Sunday, January 24**

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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, January 25

6:30 Grief Support
7:00 Dartball - Home

Tuesday, January 26

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Church Council
7:30 NA

Wednesday, January 27

5:30 Gym in use
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 30

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, January 31

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

There will be a Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting with the District Superintendent on Sunday, January 31st at 12:15 PM. All SPRC members are urged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this week will be given to "Race for Grace." The 9th Annual Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Norwin High School. Go to www.reflectionsofgrace.org for more information on the race or to read Grace's story.

"Human Relations Day" 1/17 - \$185.50

New Year...New Study! The Harvester Sunday School Class will be starting a new 6 week study beginning today at 9:30. It's called "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Have you ever wondered what some of the scriptures are really saying? Can you make sense of the troubling passages? Married couples and singles are welcome to join this group downstairs off the gym area. We will watch a brief video, and then have discussion over coffee! Each week will be a different topic, so no student books need to be ordered. Bring your Bible and come to class!

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

CANCELING SUNDAY SERVICES: Unless state officials declare a "State of Emergency" which requires all non-emergency personnel to stay off the roads, services will be held here at FUMC. Please evaluate the roads in your area to determine if they are safely passable. If you are not comfortable traveling on the roads surrounding your house, please stay safe and stay home.

In the event that Rev. Lake does cancel services, he will contact the area TV stations, provide them with the cancellation code for our church, and give them specific information. The cancellation will then be listed with others in the area.

Please do not call the church to see if services are being held. This takes our custodian away from his tasks of preparing the building for services, clearing snow and ice and spreading salt on the sidewalks, and in every way ensuring that our property is safe for our worshipers and the community.

Winter weather is always unpredictable. All-in-all, please use your best judgment, err on the side of caution, and stay safe.

Committee Chairs – If you cancel your meeting please remember to contact the custodian ... if possible by 4:00 PM. They are paid to prepare the church for your meeting and stay while people are in the building. If no one is meeting, they are making a special trip, sometimes in very bad weather, to be here for no reason. Again, if you cancel your meeting please remember to contact the custodian.

NURTURE: Mark your calendars for “Camp Sunday” – Sunday, February 21st! If you’ve never been to any of our three church camps or have never been to “Camp Sunday”, you need to come and hear all about what happens over the summer months at camp! Lives are changed and God’s presence is all around! Come to church in your “camp clothes” and enjoy some s’mores and hot chocolate in the parlor following both services. Brochures will be available, and registration questions can be answered. Share an experience you’ve had as a camper or counselor! Please contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com and tell me your story! I’d love to hear it, so I can tell others!

“OUR DAILY BREAD” is a 3 month devotional and can be found on the Narthex table. It is written by some well known Christian authors/pastors such as, Dr. Mart Dehaan, Dave Branon, Bill Crowder, Philip Yancey, and more. These inspirational readings include reflections/interpretations of the suggested scripture reading, a prayer, and suggestions for reading “the Bible in one year.” Take as many as you may need. If you are able to make a donation for this ministry, leave it in an envelope marked “Daily Bread” and place it in the offering plate or the church office door slot. Thank you in advance for your gift. If you have any questions, notify Alan or Cindi Painter.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: We will celebrate **Souper Bowl Sunday on February 7th**. Westmoreland County Food Bank officials announced in December that beginning in January, food packages would no longer include spaghetti sauce, and pasta. (<http://triblive.com>) Our FUMC Food Bank coordinators are requesting that you help our Food Bank by donating these items (spaghetti sauce & pasta.) The shopping cart will be available on February 7th for your donations.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: It is time to recruit workers for the 10th annual performance of The Living Last Supper.. If you would like to become involved in any way with this gift to our community, please let Dianne Runser know right away. We need volunteers for costumes, stage crew, publicity, cast and choir. PLEASE NOTE: People who have volunteered to iron costumes may pick them up in the choir room NEXT WEEK. The new wardrobe coordinator is Lisa O'Reilly.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY SCHOOL IS COMING!! Greensburg District Lay Servant Ministries and Community UMC, Harrison City will be hosting Lay School on February 14, 21, 28, and March 6, 13, 2016. Courses will be offered for personal enrichment as well as for continuing education for Lay Servant Ministries. Brochure and online registration are now available by going to <http://www.wpaumc.org/greensburg> Registration closes online on February 4, 2016.
