



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 31, 2016

4th 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 “Lily of the Valley”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: God is our refuge,

P: ... our rock and our shelter.

L: The Lord is our hope,

P: ... who rescues us from trouble.

L: God knows us from birth,

P: ... nurturing us with love and care.

L: Praise be to our God!

P: Praise God at all times!

***OPENING PRAYER**

You know us, O God; you understand our worries and fears. Open our hearts to your transforming love, that your word may grow within us – building a community that bears all things, believes all things, and hopes all things. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 110** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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 - "Sometimes We Wait" – Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 - "Sometimes We Wait" - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 794 Psalm 71

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Meditation No. 1”

***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**

O Lord our Savior, we praise you for your constant care. We are grateful that you have claimed us as your own, that we belong to you as part of your people. Thank you for drawing us to this congregation where we share in worship and study, friendship and service with others who love you. Let our lives be useful for your purposes. We gladly give our tithes and offerings as a sign of the joy you give us, to share with the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 463 “Lord, Speak to Me”

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 13:1-13**

MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 408 “The Gift of Love”**

MUSIC OF PARTING “Epilogue on 'Lobe den Herren'”

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship – 13 Sunday 8:15 – 34 10:45 – 62

SERVING YOU SUNDAY, January 31st

GREETERS: 8:15 – Mike, Anne, Philip & Charlie Osborn
10:45 – Phyllis Brickel & Burnetta Green

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 Jen Dudik and Michelle Bilinsky.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are presented in honor of Dianne Runser’s birthday by her family.

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, 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
No FISH & CHIPS

Monday, February 1

7:00 Dartball - Away

Tuesday, February 2

6:15 TOPS
7:00 Nurture
7:00 Outreach
7:30 NA

Wednesday, February 3

10:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 Gym in use
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

Gym in use

Saturday, February 6

Gym in use
6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, February 7

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion

Transfiguration Sunday

Souper Bowl Sunday

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

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.

"Race for Grace" 1/24 - \$52.54

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.

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.

“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.

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 are available on the church office half-door and online registration is now available by going to <http://www.wpaumc.org/greensburg> Registration closes online on February 4, 2016.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT UM Women ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: The Greensburg District United Methodist Women will be hosting Ash Wednesday Communion Service (4 locations) on Wednesday, February 10th beginning at 9:30 am. A continental breakfast will follow. Reservations are requested in order to plan for the breakfast and to arrange childcare. Please call the contact person for the location you choose by February 5, 2016. Everyone is welcome! A list of locations and RSVP information is on the bulletin board at our parking lot entrance.

MINISTRY TEAMS: The last 3 weeks the sermon scripture has been from 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 13. In these chapters we read about God gifting each of us with spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. We are looking for people who feel called to visit and minister with others. We are in the planning stages of reviving our ministry teams to help with visitation and serving communion to our shut-ins. If you are interested please call the church office (724-863-6858) so we may receive your contact information.

NURTURE: Change of date for "Camp Sunday"! Our Camp Sunday will be on Sunday, March 13th! Remember to wear "camp clothes" that week to church. Join us after each service in the parlor for smore's and hot chocolate and pick up a 2016 camp brochure. If you've ever camped at Jumonville, Camp Allegheny or Wesley Woods and would like to share a camp story with me, or if you have any questions regarding camp registration, please call or e-mail Laurie Saporito (Camp Steward) at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com.



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