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**January 7, 2018**

**Ephipany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord  
Communion**

**January Memory Verse - John 14:19 – “... because I live you also will live.”**

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**WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Kyle or Katrina Bryan**

**10:45 - Tracy Hawley**

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*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 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP Proverbs 3:5-6**

**L:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart ..

**P:** ... and lean not on your own understanding.

**L:** In all your ways submit to Him ...

**P:** ... and He will make your paths straight.

**All:** Amen.

**\*HYMN No. 2173 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to Welcome Home Shelter. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 10:45 “Let Us Be” - Chancel Choir**

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

**OFFERTORY “Give Me Jesus”**

**\* 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**

**\*HYMN No. 252 “When Jesus Came to Jordan”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”

For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”

**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

**\*WORD OF GOD Mark 1:4-11**

**SERMON “Follow the Leader”**

**ANOINTING OF CHURCH LEADERS**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT**

*All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

**\*HYMN No. 2176 “Make Me a Servant”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “The Trumpet Shall Sound”**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.*

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 20      Sunday: 8:15 - 37      10:45 – 62**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Barbara Ceresa & Connie Fontana

10:45 – Lois Kuhn & Lee Stewart

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin      10:45 – Tom Lehner

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John and Bernie Johnston

10:45 – Josh Burger, Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week are presented in honor of:

Bill & Elaine Mays’ 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from their son, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul Kingston’s birthday from the Osborn Family.

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*Thank you from Pastor Bruce and Bonnie for all of the gifts and cards.*

*God loves you and so do we.*

*A hearty thank you to everyone for the gift I received at Christmas. It is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our Lord throughout the year.      Dianne*

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Thank you from the Staff

The Staff at FUMC would like to thank everyone for the gifts we received for Christmas. We greatly appreciate your thoughts and kindness during the Christmas holiday and throughout the year. May God bless all of you.

Debbie  
Phill  
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Pastor Bruce  
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### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Regular Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday**

**8:00 AM – Noon on Friday**

**Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

#### Today, Sunday, January 7

##### Epiphany Sunday/Communion

##### Celebration of Lights

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 Sonshiners
- 12:15 Unhanging of the Greens

#### Thursday, January 11

- 6:15 C Bells
- 6:30 Daisy Scouts Meeting
- 6:30 NA
- 7:15 Choir

#### Friday, January 12

- 9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
- Gym closed

#### Saturday, January 13

- 9:00 Food Bank– help needed
- 6:00 Contemporary Worship Service

#### Next Sunday, January 14

##### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 Prayer
- 8:15 Worship Service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship Service
- 12:15 Sonshiners
- 1:00 Music Department Party at Abruzzis

#### Monday, January 8

- No UM Women meeting
- 6:30 Grief Support
- 7:00 Dartball

#### Tuesday, January 9

- 6:15 TOPS
- 7:00 Trustees
- 7:30 NA

#### Wednesday, January 10

- 10:00 Quilting
- 11:00 Staff Meeting
- Office closed until 1:00
- 1:00 Bible Study
- 5:00 Youth Center

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1/7/2018

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children’s collection will be for Welcome Home Shelter in Greensburg. Welcome Home opened its doors in October of 2002, after a significant need for an emergency shelter was identified. Through the efforts of The Bethlehem Project, Seton Hill University, Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development, the Westmoreland Coalition on Housing and other collaborative entities

Welcome Home was conceptualized and achieved. Within the first 48 hours of opening their doors, their beds were full.

Welcome Home offers 30-60 days of emergency shelter and provides temporary respite for homeless families and single women. Located in downtown Greensburg, Welcome Home can accommodate four families and ten single women at any time. In addition to providing basic needs, Welcome Home also offers life skills classes from other community providers on various topics like cooking skills, budgeting and home management. The shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, and offer case management Monday through Friday. In addition, they also offer on-site behavioral health counseling services for all interested individuals. While they offer house food for individuals without the ability to acquire their own, individuals that are able through SNAP and Foodbank assistance are encouraged to secure their own food and prepare their own meals on-site. Each year Welcome Home assists an average of 250 women, children and men who find themselves homeless in Westmoreland County. Annually they provide approximately 7,000 shelter nights.

Cold Weather Shelter: In January of 2016, Welcome Home partnered with the United Way of Westmoreland County and the Union Mission of Latrobe to provide Cold Weather Shelter to individuals displaced in cold weather in Westmoreland County when the weather drops below 25 degrees.

Funding: Welcome Home is funded by local, private and state funded grants, as well as the United Way of Westmoreland County, Private Foundations, private contributions of generous community members and fundraising efforts.

For more information on Welcome Home Shelter, visit their webiste at <http://www.welcomhomeshelter.org>

8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place: 12/30 - \$74.00

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### EPIPHANY SUNDAY/CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS



The love and light of Christ shines through each of us when we help someone else. Show Christ's light to the world! If you brought in a non-perishable grocery item for the food bank you may place it in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

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**BEGINNING TODAY, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS will be credited on your 2018 Annual Giving Statement.** Also, receipts for items that you have bought for the church in 2017 and wish to be reimbursed for or have credit for on your annual giving statement must be turned in by January 8, 2018. After January 8<sup>th</sup> the 2017 financial records will be closed and all credits will go toward the 2018.

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**FRUIT SALE:** The Finance Committee will be sponsoring a fruit sale. Ruby Red Grapefruit and Navel Oranges will be available. They will be sold by the full box or half box. Orders will be taken through January 14, 2018. Delivery will be at the church around January 27, 2018. There were many good comments about this fruit when we sold it in the past. Consider ordering some! Orders forms are in the bulletin and on the easel in the narthex.

**Ruby Red Grapefruit** - \$19.00/ full box, \$9.50/half box (20 pounds ... 16-24 per full box)

**Navel Oranges** - \$21.00/ full box, \$10.50/half box (20 pounds ... 28-40 per full box)

**Combination Box** - \$20.00/box (Half Grapefruit / Half Oranges)

For further information contact Debbie Weaver at 724-863-4236.

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**TALENT SHOW** – Sunday, January 28, 6:00 PM – Everyone is welcome to sign up for the Talent Show. It doesn't matter how good or bad you are just come and join the fun!

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**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 Pastor Bruce 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.**

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Winter can be beautiful and fun. It can also be dangerous. The guidelines below come from the American Red Cross.

As temperatures drop this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people can take to stay safe during the cold weather.

- 1. Layer up!** Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
- 2. Don't forget your furry friends.** Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
- 3. Remember the three feet rule.** If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away – things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.

- 4. Requires supervision** – Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- 5. Don't catch fire!** If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
- 6. Protect your pipes.** Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
- 7. Better safe than sorry.** Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.
- 8. The kitchen is for cooking.** Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- 9. Use generators outside.** Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.
- 10. Knowledge is power.** Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

For more information on how to stay safe during the cold weather, visit [winter storm safety](http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Top-Ten-Red-Cross-Cold-Weather-Safety-Tips).  
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*We would like to add one more tip.*

*Please check on your elderly neighbors and the shut-ins in your area. Call them to be sure they are OK, make sure their sidewalks are clear of snow and ice, make some soup or a batch of cookies to take to them. Let them know that they have not been forgotten.*

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098.

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**PRAYER QUILTS & SHAWLS** are presently in the room next to Pastor Judy's study during this Advent Season. They are dedicated and are available for those who are in need of an expression our love from our Church. If you know someone who is in need of one of these, please take it to them! Thank You! Please direct questions to Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.

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