

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 21, 2010

11:00 A.M.

❖ Congregation please stand

## First Sunday of Lent

### PRELUDE

"Lamb of God"

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

NOTES: - PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located in the pew racks and will be collected during the opening hymn. The NURSERY is available upstairs in the Educational Building for parents who feel the need to listen to the service from there. ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the Overflow Area for those children who wish to remain in the service.

We will use the **United Methodist Hymnal** today.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

(VISITORS – Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so that we may have a record of your visit. We hope you will join us again.)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *The season rolls around again.*

**People: Deep calls to deep.**

Leader: *Settle down. Look within.*

**People: Be quiet. Listen.**

Leader: *Are you on the right path? Are you drawing closer to God? Are you more loving?*

**People: Now is the time to reflect and pray.**

Leader: *Now is the season for silence and giving.*

**People: Thank God for Lent.**

Leader: *Thank God we journey not alone.*

#### ❖HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

#432

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Now that we are on the threshold of Lent, O God, prompt us to re-evaluate our spiritual lives. We would worship you sincerely, follow you carefully and grow in grace and holiness. May we be bold in our faith and daring in Christian service to the end that your name be honored on earth even as it is in heaven. Hear our prayer in our Savior's name. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Courtney Riffer

### MORNING PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer in unison)

#### ANTHEM

"Take Me to Higher Ground"

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-10 page 516

#### RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

"O How He Loves You and Me"

#### ❖DOXOLOGY

#95

#### ❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

#### ❖HYMN

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

#418

#### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

page 892

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

(During the cold and flu season, please feel free to extend a verbal greeting to your neighbor.)

#### SERMON

**"Until an Opportune Time"**

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### ❖HYMN

"Are Ye Able"

#530

#### ❖BENEDICTION

Leader: *Lord Jesus, Son of the living God,*

**People: Teach us to walk in your way more trustfully,**

Leader: *To accept your truth more faithfully,*

**People: And share your life more lovingly.**

Leader: *By the power of God's Spirit,*

**People: Guide us in our work for the church,**

Leader: *So that we may fully be one family*

**People: In the kingdom of God, where you and the saints live forever.**

**All: Amen.**

#### ❖BLESSING OF THE MEAL

#### ❖COMMUNITY BLESSING

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" #328

#### POSTLUDE

"Processional"



The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and celebration of my mother, Shirley Machen's, 77th birthday (today) by Jim & Judy Wright.

The BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our grandson, Bryce Jordan Hunter, on his 5th birthday (today) by Grammy and Pa.



## Thank you's...

♥ Thank you to the Worship Committee for handling our Soup & Salad Luncheon today following the service. And, as always, we thank YOU for your donations to the luncheon.

♥ Thank you for all your cards, calls, and prayers for my father over the passed few weeks during his hospitalization. We're not out of the woods yet, but he's doing much better. And a special thanks to Terry, Pastor Ron and Cindy for their support, time, and prayers.


*Colleen Morrill*

♥ Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during my recent hip surgery and rehabilitation period. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated, as was Pastor Ron's visits and prayers.


*Bob Reedy*




## Happy Birthday to:

 To Jessie Snider, celebrating her 92nd birthday on Tuesday, March 2nd.

(Address: c/o West View Manor, P.O. Box 337, Apollo, PA 15613)

 To Bill Prunty, celebrating his 80th birthday on Tuesday, March 2nd.

(Address: 808 Ice Pond Road, Leechburg, PA 15656)

 To Tom Evans, celebrating his 94th birthday on Wednesday, March 24th.

(Address: 131 Booth Road, Leechburg, PA 15656)



**OLD BIBLES** – Sharon Faletti has located several organizations that are collecting old, used Bibles. They collect them and re-distribute them around the world. They are looking for large print and children's Bibles as well. There is a receptacle in the Main Vestibule. Sharon has found a warehouse for them within 1.5 hours of here that will take them. As of Monday they had over 6,000 requests for Bibles. Now, with the tragedy in Haiti, she's sure they will receive more requests. Bring yours in and help spread God's word throughout the world.



**KEYSTONE UM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** – Celebrate the power of financial security by joining the only credit union created by United Methodists for United Methodists. Become one of the family at

Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union. Log on at [www.keystoneumfcu.org](http://www.keystoneumfcu.org) or call (800) 9886-3382 to learn more.

**THE ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH SKATING PARTY** will be held on Sunday evening, **March 7th**, 5:30–7:30 PM at the Valarena Skating Rink in North Apollo. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission and skate rental are **FREE!** Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution toward this event is welcome to do so. Please mark "Skating Party" on your check, and place it in the offering plate or give your donation to Terry Snyder. For further information, contact Paula Kalmar. **There is a signup sheet in the Main Vestibule.**



The Miracles of Jesus  
*Six In-depth Studies*  
*Connecting the Bible to Life*  
by Matt Williams, General Editor

Healer of diseases. Master of nature. Conqueror of demons and death. Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God in word, but he demonstrated it in power through his miraculous deeds. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deeper Connections DVD gives you a unique, in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus that will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched, what they reveal about God's heart, and their significance for us today.

### Take a Deeper Look

The Deeper Connections series is unique. Unlike any other Bible study available, this visually stunning DVD series is written and taught by biblical experts—six professors with specialized areas of knowledge. Don't let the word deeper scare you. These engaging and accessible studies are for everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of God's Word and apply it more faithfully and effectively.

Join us for our six-week Lenten Bible Study starting **NEXT** Monday, February 15th, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The remaining sessions will be conducted on Monday evenings through Lent with the final evening on March 22nd. There will be a \$5.00 cost for material. Please sign up on the registration sheet on the table in the Main Vestibule.

*See Terry Snyder for a copy of your participant's guide.*  
Hope to see you on Monday evenings...

**LENTEN FOLDERS** and envelopes are available on the back windowsills by the ushers. Donations received through the Lenten folders will be used to help the youth of the church with camper registrations. The church will pay half the cost of a child's camp registration up to \$100. We don't want to refuse ANY child from attending church camp this year.



**CAMPERS!!!!** Camping brochures have been received and are in the literature rack in the MAIN vestibule. Pick up a copy and check out the events available, fill in your registration form or go online and register, and let Terry know!! Our Lenten Offering is applied toward camper scholarships. The church will pay one-half (up to \$100.00 per camper) the cost of registration. If you have any questions or need help registering for your camp, please contact Terry Snyder, Camping Steward in the church office.



**Camp Medical Help Needed!** During two summer camp weeks at Wesley Woods, Jumonville and Camp Allegheny, programs are offered for mentally challenged adults. Each of these camp weeks has a full-time, volunteer nurse taking care of the medications and emergencies for these special needs campers. A second volunteer is needed each week. Any physician, physician assistant, EMT, paramedic or pharmacist willing to help should contact Ree Enlow at Jumonville [jvilleree@yahoo.com](mailto:jvilleree@yahoo.com); Herb West at Wesley Woods [wesleywoods@verizon.net](mailto:wesleywoods@verizon.net); or Dennis Tawney at Camp Allegheny [Dennis@Camp Allegheny.org](mailto:Dennis@Camp Allegheny.org)



## **JOIN WITH US...**

Next Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, members of our choir will be traveling to West View Manor PCH in Washington Township to provide music for the residents there, along with an abbreviated service. The time will be 3:00pm. Anyone wishing to join us is MORE than welcome. The choir



will be doing a couple of "old favorites" as well as a few well-known hymns from the hymnal. Jessie Snider is looking forward to our visit and being able to sing again with the choir.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY, February 21

10 – 4:00 PM - Blood Drive for Adam Christy (Butler Elks Lodge 170)

12:00 PM - Soup & Sandwich Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 PM - Lay Speaker School (Community UMC – Harrison City)

5:15 PM - Youth Executive Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM - Youth Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, February 22

7:00 PM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, February 24

- **NO** Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, February 25

11:30 AM - Diners Club (at The Addison House)

FRIDAY, February 26

11:45 AM - Lenten Luncheon (Cross Roads Presbyterian)

FRIDAY thru SUNDAY, February 26 – 28

(District Youth Retreat at Camp Allegheny)

SUNDAY, February 14 ~ *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:30 AM - Early Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship Service

2:00 PM - Lay Speaker School (Community UMC – Harrison City)

3:00 PM - Choir at West View Manor (Washington Twp.)

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, February 14, 2010

8:30 Early Worship att.....54      Current Exp .....\$ 3,439.95

11:00 AM Worship att.....86      Mission Share..... 324.00

S.S. att.....44      \$ 3,763.95

Worship avg.....159      Rec'd-to-date.....\$ 23,341.27

S.S. avg.....46      Expenses-to-date ..\$ 23,169.71

MISSION SHARE

Monthly Payment.....\$1,784.75      Rec'd This Month.....\$ 324.00

OTHER GIVING

Bldg. & Repair.....238.00      Renovation Fund..... 1,059.00

Pledge.....5.00

Collected to-date for the Renovation Fund - **\$ 198,271.59**

Unpaid Balance on Loan - **\$ 52,753.54** as of 1/29/10

**THERE WILL BE A BLOOD DRIVE TODAY FOR ADAM CHRISTY** at the Butler Elks Lodge #170, located at 80 Kaufman Drive, Butler. This is Mike Cominos' 29-yearold stepbrother who was injured in a senseless shooting on New Year's Eve.