

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 28, 2010

11:00 A.M.

❖ Congregation please stand

Second Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

*Reflections on "Gordon"
"Sing Praise to God"*

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: *We are looking for paradise here on earth.*

People: We are searching for a love that lasts.

Leader: *We yearn for a glimpse of God.*

People: We thirst for the fountain of life.

Leader: *We hunger for lasting joy.*

People: Our hearts ache for something more.

Leader: *Bring all your hopes and longings to this place, for God is big enough to hold us all.*

People: God's love embraces us, calms us, strengthens us. God's grace surprises us and causes us to sing.

❖HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

#374

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Lord Jesus, open us to the wonder of your amazing grace, show us the fullness of your salvation, grant us the peace that passes all understanding.

We place ourselves in your care and yield our lives to your touch. Speak to us today in word and silence. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MORNING PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer in unison)

ANTHEM

"God Is So Good"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 51:1-17

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RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Whiter Than Snow"

❖DOXOLOGY

#95

❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

❖HYMN

"Rise to Greet the Sun"

#678

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SERMON

"Pray! For Your Life Depends on It"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

❖HYMN

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

#402

❖BENEDICTION

❖COMMUNITY BLESSING

"This Little Light of Mine"

#585

POSTLUDE

"Marvelous Is Thy Name"

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The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and celebration of Jessie Snider's 92nd birthday (March 2nd) by Terry L. Snyder.

The BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of June Miller on her birthday (March 2nd) by her family; and to wish a Happy Birthday to Gabby Prignon on her 5th birthday and Jessie Snider on 92nd birthday (March 2nd) by Betty Hunter.

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Memorials have been given to the Renovation Fund in loving memory of:

✠ **Don Mann, Kathie E. (Hepler) Best, and Kathleen McLaughlin**
by Terry L. Snyder


Thank you's...

♥ To all those who came out and supported our Pancake Breakfast this month during the bad weather. We were still able to donate \$410 to the Renovation Fund. And this month we give a special thanks to the Youth of our church for the terrific job they did in helping to serve as they saluted the people in our community who “serve us.” It was a great day!

Bob Stewart



Happy Birthday to:

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

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



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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.**



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; Herb West at Wesley Woods wesleywoods@verizon.net; or Dennis Tawney at Camp Allegheny Dennis@Camp Allegheny.org



WPAUMC Scholarships: Let your high school seniors and college students know that the Conference Higher Education Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for 2010-11 grants. Information is posted on the bulletin board by the water fountain in the Fellowship Hall, along with application forms. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2010.**



Easter Lily Order Forms are enclosed with this bulletin and will be available on the windowsills at the back of the Sanctuary after this Sunday. The deadline to order will be Sunday, March 21st. The lilies will be \$6.50 each and will be ordered from Harbison Nursery.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY, February 28

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

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

MONDAY, March 1

1:00 PM - Volunteers pack for Food Bank

7:00 PM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, March 2

10–11:00 AM - Food Bank Distribution

7:00 PM - Adm. Bd. / COM Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, March 3

6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, March 4

7:00 PM - Global Rhythms Community Drum Circle
(Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, March 5

9:00 AM - Assemble newsletter (Fellowship Hall)

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

SUNDAY, March 7 ~ *Third 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)

5:30–7:30 PM - Annual Skating Party (Valarena in North Apollo)

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, February 21, 2010

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| 8:30 Early Worship att.....50 | Current Exp ..... | \$ 4,584.96 |
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| 11:00 AM Worship att..... 118 | Mission Share ..... | <u>315.00</u> |
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| S.S. att ..... | 34 | \$ 4,899.96 |
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| Worship avg..... | 160 | Rec'd-to-date..... | \$ 28,636.23 |
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| S.S. avg. .... | 45 | Expenses-to-date .. | \$ 27,091.25 |
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MISSION SHARE

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| Monthly Payment..... | \$1,784.75 | Rec'd This Month..... | \$ 639.00 |
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OTHER GIVING

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| Bldg. & Repair ..... | 289.00 | Renovation Fund..... | 452.00 |
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| Skating Party..... | 200.00 | Haiti Emergency Relief... | 150.00 |
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| Collected to-date for the Renovation Fund - <b>\$198,723.59</b><br>Unpaid Balance on Loan - <b>\$ 52,051.66</b> as of 2/18/10 |
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