

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 29, 2012

11:00 A.M.

❖ Congregation please stand

4th Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

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.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

We welcome every person who has come to worship. Let us all rejoice in the Lord and greet one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Holy is your name, O God, greatly to be praised!*

People: Your ways are far from our ways, your thoughts high above our greatest considerations.

Leader: *In these moments of worship, we desire to draw closer to you.*

People: Grant us the wisdom to hear and understand what you say to us today. Amen.

❖ HYMN "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" #273

INVOCATION (in unison)

Father, we cannot worship you unless you put within us your praise. We cannot obey you unless the love of Christ constrains us. We confess that we are often cold in heart and ask that you kindle within us the flame of sacred love, that we may glorify your name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Courtney Riffer

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let Your Holy Presence Come Upon Us"

MORNING PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer in unison)

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

"Then he said, 'If anyone would come after me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" (Luke 9:23)

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

❖ DOXOLOGY

#95

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In response to all that you have given us gracious God, we bring our gifts to you. We pray that our money might be used to build bonds of love in the broken places. Use us to do the building, God, that through us others might know you. Let us give and give freely for the sake of Jesus, who served only you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let It Rain"

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

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Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Letting God Call the Shots"

❖ HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

#375

(During the singing of this hymn you are invited to the chancel rail for prayer. Please come.)

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ COMMUNITY BLESSING

"Shalom to You"

#666

POSTLUDE



Next Week: "Sometimes It Is Good to Get Lost" – We all need regular times of retreat and spiritual renewal.

Text: Mark 1:29-39




Our sincere thanks to Prophetic Frenzy for supplying us with our Special Music for this morning's service; and, as always, we extend our thanks and appreciation to Gail for filling in at the organ.

Thank you...

♥ To the ladies who furnished the funeral dinner on Saturday the 22nd for a member of Christ the King Parish, and to those who furnished the cakes for that dinner. Also, to those who came in and helped clean up afterward. And, as always to Chris VanDervort for setting up tables for all of these dinners & events.

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Happy Birthday to:

 Virginia Momberger celebrating her 84th birthday on Tuesday, Valentine's Day (February 14th).

(Address: 99 Byrd Street, Leechburg 15656)

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HUMAN RELATIONS DAY offering envelopes are enclosed with this bulletin. This is one of our six Special Sunday offerings approved by the administrative board.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT EVENING WITH BISHOP BICKERTON – The Bishop's Night with the Greensburg District will be held on Monday, January 30th at the McMasters United Methodist Church, 200 Church Street, Turtle Creek PA. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments followed by Bishop Bickerton's presentation.

Pat Morris, Conference Treasurer, will also be joining the bishop for a separate breakout session for church treasurers.

All clergy and laity are urged to attend. The McMaster's church is handicap accessible. McMaster Church address is 200 Church Street, Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145.

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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. Scholarships are available.



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THE 2012 BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR is posted on the Main Vestibule bulletin board. Please include your phone number. There are still MANY openings for the coming year.

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LAY SPEAKER SCHOOL – pamphlets for District Lay Speaker school are on the table in the Main Vestibule. There are five classes starting Sunday, February 26, through to Sunday, March 25. The classes will be held at Community UMC, 3483 Route 130, Irwin, PA 15642, and the time is 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This year's courses include: Basic Course, Let's Preach, Care for Those Who Grieve, Worship, Leading a Small Group Bible Study, History & Affirmations of the UMC, Spiritual Gifts, and Welcoming Ministry & Hospitality. There is a \$30.00 fee. Registration forms MUST be signed by the pastor and are due NO LATER than February 15, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact our Lay Leader, Dan Sherbondy.

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THE ART OF MARRIAGE – Community Church, a United Methodist congregation, is pleased to invite the entire community to attend The Art of Marriage February 10-11, 2012. The Art of Marriage is a new one-and-a-half day video event from Family Life that is designed to help couples communicate better, love deeper and have a better perspective on their marriages.

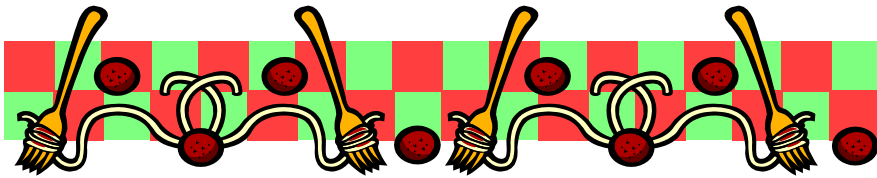


The Art of Marriage brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. It also brings a fresh approach to a video event to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage through expert teaching, engaging stories and real-life testimonies to help strengthen relationships. No matter what shape a marriage is in, this honest look at the challenges every marriage faces will offer the hope that any marriage can be a work of art.

The cost of the event is just \$50.00 per couple, which includes event manuals as well as lunch & a romantic dinner on Saturday. Scholarships are available as needed.

For more information and registration, please visit Community Church's website at www.sharechristwithothers.org or call the church office at 724-744-3413.

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Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by our
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, February 11th
4:00 to 7:00 PM

Dinner includes:

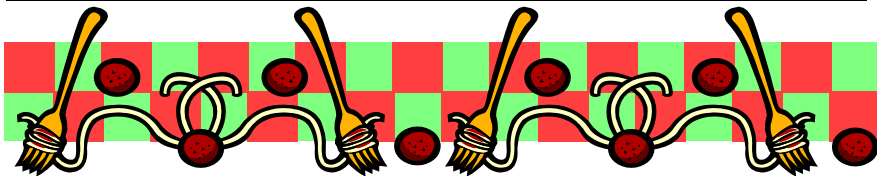
Salad, bread, spaghetti, coffee/tea/punch, and dessert.

Children have their choice of salad or applesauce.

Take-outs will be available.

Prices: \$7.00 for adults
\$4.00 children 12 & under
Children 4 & under - free

See a member of the Youth for tickets!



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TREASURERS – Please bring in your checkbooks and bank statements to be audited (make sure you have your statement for January 2012 showing your balance for December 31, 2011). Your books **MUST BE HERE prior to February 23, 2012** in order for Dennis to have the audit completed in time. See Dennis Smail. Thank you.

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THE 2012 DAILY BIBLE READINGS have arrived and on the table in the Main Vestibule. Pick up your copy today!!

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PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Please mark your calendars for the remaining meetings of 2012. The committee will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month in the upstairs Chapel classroom.

The dates are as follows: February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

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ADULT DIAPERS – If you know of anyone who is in need of adult diapers (size Large – not pull-ups), please contact the church office. The strictest of confidence will be held. There are possibly 6 unopened packages were donated to the church and are free for the asking. Please let Terry know in the new 2 weeks.

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PRAYER LIST - If you have names to be put on the printed Prayer List for the bulletin, please call the office and give the information to Terry. These names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks and then automatically removed. If continued prayer is still needed, please call and have them re-listed. Thank you.



1/8/12

Sherm Daugherty
Joe Tarella
Elsie Wright

Ian Lamison
Doug Vitale
Marge Pochiba

1/15/12

Betty Kelly
Mark VanDervort
Suzanne Myers
Rick Jankowski
Gloria Womer

Jeff Klingensmith
Don & Cecile Egger
Ryan Roberts
The Rudosky family

1/22/12

Dick & Phyllis Schaeffer
Carol Langford
Bill Salem
Josh Zelonka

Pat West
Mary Hafalsik
Gordon Garmong

1/29/12

Sarah Gatty
Joyce Goedicke

Nancy Hebrank
Tom Cramer

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY January 29

5:30 PM - Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, January 30

10:00 AM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM - Evening with Bishop Bickerton (McMaster UMC)

WEDNESDAY, February 1

- **NO** Choir Practice

SATURDAY, February 4

6:30 PM - Family Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, February 5 – *5th Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Communion*

8:30 AM - Early Service

9:30 AM - Sunday school

11:00 AM - Worship Service

5:30 PM - Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, January 22, 2012

|                             |    |                    |              |
|-----------------------------|----|--------------------|--------------|
| 8:30 Early Service at ..... | 20 | Current Exp.....   | \$ 5,432.75  |
| 11:00 AM Worship at.....    | 80 | Mission Share..... | <u>90.00</u> |
| S.S. ....                   | 41 |                    | \$ 5,522.75  |

Worship avg..... 101      S.S. avg. .... 41

Bldg. & Repair ..... 475.00      Renovation..... 162.00

Discretionary Fund ..... 35.00

Collected to-date for the Renovation Fund - **\$ 243,294.09**  
 Unpaid Balance on Loan - **\$ 13,606.89** as of 1/20/12

**NOTE:**

This week the church transferred telephone/internet service from Windstream to Comcast. We are in the process of setting up our new email system in the office. If you have an email that you need to send in this following week, please send it to [tlsnyder@windstream.net](mailto:tlsnyder@windstream.net) and I will take care of them. This change will constitute a \$75.00+ savings per month.