

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 8, 2012

11:00 A.M.

❖ Congregation please stand

1st Sunday after Epiphany *"The Baptism of the Lord"*

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: *God speaks! And new life springs forth. God speaks and wounds are healed, our fears subside.*

People: **The Lord God Almighty speaks to us. We know the voice of our Creator and Shepherd. Let us respond to God's voice with faith and obedience!**

❖HYMN "Jesus! The Name High over All" #193

INVOCATION (in unison)

Merciful Savior, you spoke a word and light appeared in the darkness. We pray that you would speak to us now, that your word may again illumine our lives and our world. May the same power that separated day and night and flung billions of stars into place, ignite within us a desire this day to hear, know and obey your word. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Courtney Riffer

MORNING PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer in unison)

ANTHEM

"The Potter's Hand"

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

"God creates all that is good and calls it good. From the goodness of God's world, let us bring our gifts that all the people may live in peace as God's beloved children."

(Genesis 1 & Mark 1)

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

❖DOXOLOGY

#95

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Spirit of power and strength, you called forth the world and pronounced it good. Spirit of life and love, you sent Jesus to bless the world. Accept these gifts that they may continue your work, creating a just world where all your children may live in peace. Amen.

❖HYMN "When Jesus Came to Jordan" #252

❖GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 page 867

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Giving Pleasure to God"

❖HYMN "Grace Greater than Our Sin" #365

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

❖BENEDICTION

❖COMMUNITY BLESSING "O How I Love Jesus" (vs.1) #170

POSTLUDE

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Next Week: "Called to Call Others" – Jesus calls disciples to follow him. Jesus' disciples then go out empowered to replicate Jesus' pattern. The Gospel comes to us on its way to someone else.

Text: John 1:43-51

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The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Our Parents by Art & Karen Eunson.

An honorarium has been given to the Renovation Fund in honor of:

♥ **Pastor Chuck & Carol for their ministry at FUMC**
by Gloria Womer

A memorial has been given to the Abiding Memorial Fund in loving memory of:

✝ **Jessie Snider**
by the Immanuel White Shrine Club

A memorial has been given to Current Expenses in loving memory of:

✝ **Jessie Snider**
by Pat Daugherty

A memorial has been given to Mission Share in loving memory of:

✝ **Jessie Snider**
by June Womer

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Thank you...

♥ To the choir, our youth, the drama players, those assisting with the "Hanging of the Greens", those who stayed last week and helped with the un-decorating of the church, and all those on our Worship Team that did so much to make Christmas so blessed by us all.

Pastor Chuck

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Happy Anniversary to:

 Bob & Marlene Schall celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on **Saturday, January 28th!**

(Address: 1513 North Avenue, West Leechburg 15656)

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THE FIDELIS CLASS will **NOT** meet on Monday, January 9, 2012. They will resume their monthly meetings in **March**.

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Martin Luther King Worship Service

When: Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: FUMC, 3916 Old Wm. Penn Hwy, Murrysville, PA 15668

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WINTER BIBLE STUDY to be offered starting in January. Members and friends are invited to participate in Bible study to be offered on Mondays next month. Two time slots will be offered: Monday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Both time slots will offer the same lesson. Thus, if you cannot make one time, perhaps the other will work. Study will be in the Fellowship Hall. Participants can use their favorite translation of scripture for the classes. Study will begin Monday, January 9th.

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SHORT TERM CLASS - Adults are invited to the study group that will meet Sundays in the fellowship hall during the church school hour beginning January 8th. We will discuss "Three Simple Questions:" Knowing the God, of love, hope, and purpose; Who is God? Who am I? Who are we together?

These are the three most basic and profound questions at the center of faith. How we answer them will, to a large degree determine how we live and how we die. These questions require our total mind, heart, and life to discover the treasures they reveal. Jesus himself faced and answered these questions, and then he taught and lived the answers. As followers of Jesus, it is now up to us to answer these profound questions for ourselves.

We will use for our text the Bible and Bishop Ruben Job's book: Three Simple Questions. Bishop Job is a retired Bishop of the church and wrote Three Simple Rules. Join us!

Pastor Chuck

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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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THE DINERS CLUB will **NOT** meet during the months of January and February. We will resume starting on Thursday, **March 22**, (weather permitting).

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THE 2011 GIVING STATEMENTS are on the table in the Narthex area. Please pick up your envelope prior to the end of the month to help minimize the cost of mailing.

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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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NOTICE

TO: Members of the Administrative Board & Members-at-Large:

At our September 7th meeting of the Administrative Board it was approved that the Board would **meet monthly** beginning at the first of the year, so that members would be more closely informed to the financial status of the church, and whatever actions needed to be taken to resolve any problems handled in a more timely manner.

We met on January 3, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall with only eight members present. The only item of business that could be taken care of that evening was that there would **not** be any meetings held during the months of June, July, and August (unless a special meeting had to be called).

Our next meeting will be February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and two of the items on the agenda that will be discussed are:

1. June through September 2, 2012 – That church school will not meet and that there be ONE service of worship held beginning at 9:30 a.m.
2. At the September board meeting have the Worship Committee bring a recommendation regarding whether or not to have two worship services each Sunday. (The average attendance for the past 5 years has been 30...half of that number now worship at another UM church).

Your presence at these meetings is vital. YOU are the representatives of your fellow-church members. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you,

Terry L. Snyder, chairman

CHURCH POLICY:

At the (**January 11, 2011**) meeting of the Administrative Board a policy was adopted for the church dealing with inclement weather conditions:

CANCELLATION OF WORSHIP DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER – In the event of inclement weather such as a bad snow storm (as in the snow of February 2010), the decision to cancel the worship service shall be that of the Pastor and the Administrative Assistant. And, to the best of their ability, post notice on the local news networks, as well as the sending of a mass email to members who have made their email addresses available to the office.

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The **Youth Group** will be conducting their annual "Super Bowl Hoagie Sale" this year. Orders will be taken starting THIS Sunday. Hoagies are 12" Italian, 12" Turkey, 12" Tuna, or 12" Roast Beef (with or without onions) for **\$6.00** each. Delivery will be Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th) at the church. There are order forms on the table in the Main Vestibule. Order yours today, or see a member of our Youth Group. The **deadline to order is Wednesday, January 25.**

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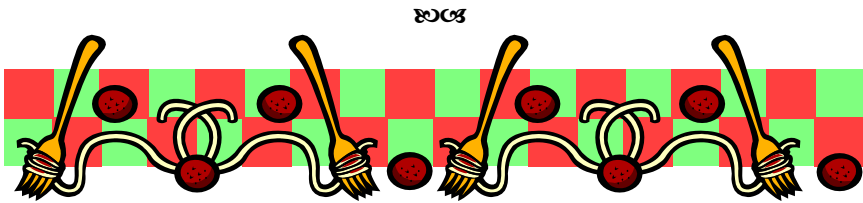
CAMPERS!!!! Camping brochures have been received and are in the literature rack in the MAIN vestibule. Pick up a copy and check out the events available, fill in your registration form or go online and register, and let Terry know!! Our Lenten Offering is applied toward camper scholarships. The church 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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LAY SPEAKER SCHOOL – pamphlets for District Lay Speaker school are also 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.

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.



Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by our
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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

Dinner includes:

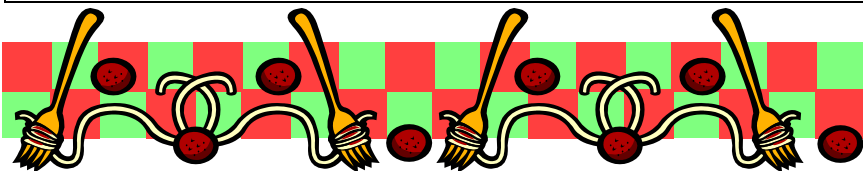
Salad, bread, spaghetti, coffee/tea/punch, and dessert.

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!



HEALTH AND WELLNESS SEMINAR

DATE: January 10, 2012
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: United Methodist Conference Center,
Cranberry Township

Hosted by Keystone UMC Federal Credit Union.
A light lunch will be provided.

Dr. Bridget Chufo, Ph.D., R.N., President & Founder of Healthy Performance, a nutritional health and weight loss company will present a seminar for members of the WPA Conference and all credit union members. Space is limited. To make a reservation, contact the Conference Center 800-886-3382, ext. 257, by January 6th.
(There may be openings).

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.



12/18/11

Betty Kelly
Mark VanDervort
Suzanne Myers

Jeff Klingensmith
Don & Cecile Egger
Ryan Roberts

12/25/11

Dick & Phyllis Schaeffer
Carol Langford
Bill Salem

Pat West
Mary Hafalsik
Gordon Garmong

1/1/12

Sarah Gatty
Joyce Goedicke

Nancy Hebrank

1/8/11

Sherm Daugherty
Joe Tarella
Elsie Wright

Ian Lamison
Doug Vitale
Marge Pochiba

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY January 8

5:30 PM - Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, January 9

10:00 AM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, January 10

9:30 AM - Ministerium Meeting

11:30 AM - Health & Wellness Seminar (Conference Center)

7:00 PM - Trustees Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, January 11

6:45 PM - Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, January 12

6:00 PM - Girl Scouts (upstairs classroom)

7:00 PM - SPRC Meeting (upstairs Chapel/Classroom)

SUNDAY, January 15 – *2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

8:30 AM - Early Service

9:30 AM - Sunday school

11:00 AM - Worship Service

2:30 PM - Choir at West Haven

4:00 PM - Martin Luther King Service (Murrysville UMC)

5:30 PM - Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, January 1, 2012

8:30 Early Service att .(cancelled)      Current Exp..... \$ 2,534.00

11:00 AM Worship att..... 86      Mission Share ..... 465.00

S.S. ....(cancelled)      \$ 2,999.00

Worship avg..... 86      S.S. avg. .... 0

Bldg. & Repair ..... 290.00      Renovation..... 202.00

Abiding Memorial..... 15.00

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| Collected to-date for the Renovation Fund - <b>\$ 242,529.09</b><br>Unpaid Balance on Loan - <b>\$ 16,552.49</b> as of 12/15/11 |  |
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