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February 2, 2014

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING & WELCOME

***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 **“Morning Has Broken”**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: With what shall we come before God this day?

P: With love and justice, with compassion and kindness.

L: With what shall we worship the Lord this day?

P: With humility and mercy, with faithfulness and righteousness.

L: Come into God’s presence, not as perfect beings, but as people of hope and blessing.

P: Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the meek and the merciful. Blessed are the sorrowful and those who dream of peace and righteousness.

L: Bring your dreams. Bring your sorrows. For all are welcome here!

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Holy One, born of the assurance that our worship need not be fancy, our offerings need not be huge, and our loves need not be perfect, we come seeking your blessing. May we see your presence blessing our lives and the lives around us. Bless us all, O God, that we may walk humbly with you, seeking justice and loving kindness, every day of our lives. Bless us, Source of Blessing, that we may bless your world.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 213** **“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**
Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

ANTHEM **8:15 “Born of Grace”**
10:45 “Born of Grace” - Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE READING No. 747 **Psalm 15**

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Joy in God”

***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**

Patient God, you sent your son into our midst to teach us that the things, that are valued by the world are not the things on which you would build your Kingdom. We have heard these words time after time, throughout the centuries, and still we follow the world: valuing the bold over the meek, the wealthy over the poor, embracing vengeance over mercy. As we give our gifts this morning, may we affirm for ourselves and to the world what Christ taught us – who is truly blessed in your sight. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 465 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Altar is open during the hymn.

PASTORAL 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

***SERMON SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:1-12 *(Please Stand)*

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT – (All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Christ the Cornerstone”**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, February 2 **4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Communion

“Souper Bowl” Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:30 District Youth @ South
Greensburg UMC
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners
6:00 Irwin/Greensburg UMC Youth
Anti-Super Bowl Party @
Greensburg FUMC

Monday, February 3

7:00 Dartball -H

Tuesday, February 4

5:30 Gym in use
6:15 TOPS
7:00 Outreach
7:00 Finance
7:30 NA

Wednesday, February 5

11:00 Staff Meeting – Office closed until 1:00
6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Yoga
7:00 Women’s Book Study

Thursday, February 6

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:00 Nurture
7:15 Choir

Friday, February 8

6:00 Mystery Dinner

Next Sunday, February 9

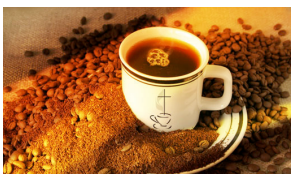
5th Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: This week our children’s collection will be for



8th Avenue Place. Christ, Coffee, and Conversation ... *8th Avenue Place* is a Christian community that confronts ignorance which perpetuates racism by living and ministering together in the name of Jesus Christ. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation and we will work to show that as Jesus, God is for us and not against us. Therefore we must be for each other.

8th Avenue Place is a Ministry Supported by churches in the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as local congregations, individuals, and local businesses. For more information you can visit their website at <http://www.eighthaveplace.com>

'SOUPER BOWL' SUNDAY: Today we will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday at our church. If you would like to donate soup, other non-perishable items (such as cake mix, icing, easy to prepare desserts & side dishes), toiletries, or baby items (especially diapers) the Foodbank shopping cart will be in the Narthex during both services next Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support.



THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON EVENT scheduled for February 3, 2014 at 7 pm at Garden City UMC has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE

FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE! - That's the theme for Fellowship Night on February 12th. Please notice that we will not be serving dinner that evening, but will be serving delicious chocolate desserts at 7:00! So eat dinner at home, and then meet us in the Gym to share dessert. Afterwards we'll be making sweet chocolate Valentine treats for our Food Bank clients. We have a great time together at Fellowship Night, so we would love to have you join us. All children and adults are welcome!



CAMP BROCHURES ARE IN! Please stop by the table in the narthex and take one home if you are considering camping at one of our three United Methodist Camps. There's a camp for everyone! Funding is available if needed and Camp Gift Certificates can be purchased as a gift for a camper. Camping is a great experience for anyone at any age! Mark your calendar to get away this summer!



"CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS" - In order to provide as many children and adults the opportunity to go to church camp this summer, we are having a fundraiser to build up our general church campership fund. I am encouraging all members of our church to participate in this! All you need to do is clean out the closets in your home! In the next few weeks, a collection bin will be placed in our church where you can donate gently used clothing, shoes, purses, belts and hats. Once collected, the Mission Partners from the Conference Center

will work with us. They will come to our church, pick up and weigh the donations, and give us a check for 50% of the current market value of the goods. Where does the donated clothing go? Most donated items stay inside the U.S. and are made into reusable rags, eco-friendly insulation for homes, or resold at thrift stores. A small percentage is sent abroad to companies that create local jobs in the resale of affordable clothing.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE: Free Income Tax Service will again be offered for taxpayers in this area who have low and moderate incomes. This assistance will come from IRS trained volunteer tax councilors who will help in the preparation of Federal and State income tax returns, and for those who qualify, PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms. Tax payers are asked to bring a copy of 2012's Federal and State returns along with all of their 2013 tax records and property tax receipts. You must also bring a photo ID and proof of Social Security numbers. This service will be offered from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at:

North Huntingdon Townhouse

Tuesday & Thursday, February 4 – April 5

St. Regis RC Church, Trafford

Alternating Mondays beginning February 3

Jeannette Senior Center (by appointment 724-527-3200)
Wednesdays, February 5 – April 9
Penn Township Library (by appointment 724-744-4414 ext 0)
Every Friday, February 7 – April 11 (excluding March 7)

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ATTENTION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS...Our next meeting will not be until Tuesday, February 4th at 7 PM in the church office. We are trying to work around the best times for Pastor David, Nellie and Debbie to be present as we review our 2013 end of year report. There are (6) new members joining our committee which I am very excited about...thank you!



NEED A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY GIFT FOR ANYONE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR? There are left over RADA black handle paring knives and black handle vegetable peelers in the church office. There are envelopes inside the box for you to put your money in and then drop it in the church door slot. Please mark it RADA Cutlery. The paring knives are \$4.50 and the vegetable peelers are \$6.00. Monies from this sale will continue to go to our Connectional Apportionment for 2014 (Mission Share).

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! MURDER? Tickets for the mystery dinner on sale today! The mystery dinner will be Saturday, February 8 at 6pm. Tickets will be sold after both services for the next two weeks. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers. Only 80 tickets available. The price of the tickets are \$12 per person. Put on your thinking caps for an evening of puzzle-solving fun.

MEALS ON WHEELS: The February 20, 2014 Applebee's "Dining to Donate" flyers are on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance. If you are planning to dine at Applebee's on February 20th please take one of the flyers with you and give it to your server. 15% of your bill will be donated to the Norwin Area *Meals on Wheels* program.

The *Meals on Wheels* program helps feed the shut-in in our area. For more information, pick up one of their brochures (located with the "Dining to Donate" flyers), call 724-861-9202, or go to their website at www.NorwinAreaMOW.org
