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**February 4, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February Memory Verse – Matthew 5:44**

*“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*

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**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Laurie Saporito**

**10:45 – Peggy Kooser**

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*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 “Your Name”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 814 “Psalm 95”**

**L:** O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**P:** ... let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**L:** Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

**P:** ...let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

**L:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods, in whose hands are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

**P:** The sea belongs to God who made it, and the dry land, because God formed it.

**L:** O come, let us worship and bow down,

**P:** ... let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**L:** For the Lord is our God,

**P:** ... we are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.

**\*HYMN No. “God, You Give Us Recreation” (Souper Bowl Hymn) (attached)**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to the Irwin VFD Ambulance Service. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 10:45 “Come to the Table of Grace” – Chancel Choir**

**WORD OF GOD Isaiah 40:27-31**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY “Andante”**

**\*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**

**\*HYMN No. 367 “He Touched Me”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”  
For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

**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**

**\*WORD OF GOD Mark 1:29-39**

**SERMON “Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing”**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (in the pews)**

**THE INVITATION  
WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
SACRAMENT**

*All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

**\*HYMN No. 333 “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “Triptych: III.Voluntary”**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit. The altar rail is always open.*

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**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. It’s better to get multiple calls than none at all. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn’t know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098.

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 20      Sunday: 8:15 - 62      10:45 – 94**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Connie Fontana & Barbara Ceresa  
10:45 – Lee Stewart & Lois Kuhn

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Men’s Group      10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John and Bernie Johnston  
10:45 – Josh Burger, Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week are presented in memory of Grace and Donald Hansel from the Weber family.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Regular Office Hours:** 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday

**Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)  
*Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.*

**Today, Sunday, February 4**

**Communion**  
**“Souper Bowl” Sunday**  
8:00 Prayer  
8:15 Worship Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship Service  
12:15 Sonshiners

**Monday, February 5**

7:00 Dartball - Home

**Tuesday, February 6**

6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Outreach  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, February 7**

1:00 Bible Study  
5:00 Youth Center  
6:30 Women’s Book Study

**Thursday, February 8**

6:15 C Bells  
6:30 Daisy Scouts Meeting  
6:30 NA  
7:15 Choir

**Friday, February 9**

9:00 Food Bank Truck  
help needed  
Gym closed

**Saturday, February 10**

9:00 Food Bank– help needed  
6:00 Contemporary Worship

**Next Sunday, February 11**

**Coffee Hour after each service**

8:00 Prayer  
8:15 Worship Service  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship Service  
12:15 Sonshiners

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/4/2018**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** The Children’s Collection today will be given to the Irwin VFD Ambulance Service. This is the ambulance service that responds to our calls to help those who are ill or injured while at our church.

Gideons International: 1/28 - \$127.50

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**THE ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT TO CAMP ALLEGHENY IS COMING UP!** It will be from **March 2-4**. The cost for the retreat is \$45. You can also opt to buy a camp t-shirt for \$10. If you would like to go, please contact Josh Burger at [joshburger92@gmail.com](mailto:joshburger92@gmail.com), or by phone at (412-613-2346). Josh will need to know who is coming by February 11th, so don't wait to long to save your spot!

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**HELP NEEDED!** Each week our Greeters, Ushers, and Worship Hosts provide much needed help to make our services run smoothly. If you are interested in taking a turn at helping in one of these areas, please contact:

- Greeters - Burnetta Green (724-863-0255)
- Ushers - Tom Lehner (724-864-0823) or Jerry Paul (724-863-2694)
- Worship Hosts - Tracy Hawley (724-863-8915)

Whether you want to help out for a month at a time or just a week here or there, your help is needed. Please give the coordinators a call, or put your name on the sign-up sheets on the clipboard, and take a turn in one of these positions.

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**“JESUS” AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER:** There are 10 spaces available to see “Jesus” at Sight and Sound Theater on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$148. Which covers the ticket, 1 meal and transportation. Bev McDonald needs to know ASAP. Please call 724-864-4093 to hold your spot.

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**NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP! "Good to Great in God's Eyes"**

Are you tired of the "status quo" Christian life? Do you dream of making an eternal impact in the Kingdom of God? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? If you're looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion, then look no further than this group study. This study is a video/discussion study with Chip Ingram, led by Pastor Stephen.

This group begins March 6th, and will take place each Tuesday night, from 6-7 pm, for 10 weeks in the youth room. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Pastor Stephen by February 20th at 412-610-3289 or [pastormannion@gmail.com](mailto:pastormannion@gmail.com)

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**LIVING LAST SUPPER:** One actor is needed to portray Thaddaeus in our annual production. Please talk to Dianne Runser or one the cast for more information. Behind the scenes help of all kinds is needed. Please see the clipboard to offer to help.

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**FROM THE MEN:**

1. **Men's Work Day** will on Tuesday February 13 at 9:00 am, we meet downstairs in the kitchen.
2. **Men's Meeting** will be on Wednesday February 21 at 7 pm, we meet in the church parlor. For February's meeting I asked the men to read the Gospel of John and we will discuss it. As usual we will have pie and coffee after the meeting. All men are invited to attend.

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**COMING SOON...**

**February 18th - "Camp Sunday"** - This is the week that you can wear your comfy camp clothes to church! Come and hear what's new for 2018 at our three Methodist camps - Jumonville, Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods! There will be camp brochures available. Any questions regarding camp registration can be answered after both services in the parlor or you can contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com). Stop in the parlor after both services and enjoy some camp snacks, coffee and hot chocolate!

***Nothing is S'more fun than Camp! It's the best week of summer!***

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**EVERYBODY LOVES EASTER CANDY!!!** The Church Easter candy sale for 2018 is starting today. We will have order forms from *Betsy Ann Chocolates* for families and members to take home to sell to their family and friends. Orders are due back to the church no later than Sunday, March 11th, to allow enough time for the orders to be fulfilled. We will still take individual orders before and after each service in the narthex.



All monies are due at the time of order. Candy will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. 35% of all sales go directly to the church. Please help to support the finances of our church by purchasing your Easter candy through our fundraiser.

Thank you, The FUMC Finance Committee

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**February 14th**

**6:00 PM - Simple Supper  
7:00 PM - Worship Service**

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Hello Church Family,

As you all are aware, we continue to have a deficit in respect to our Connectional Apportionment giving. To get to the point-- the Finance Committee may have a solution to our problem. We have put forth a plan known as the **“Two Bucks Campaign”**! We are challenging 100 members to contribute \$2.00 a week above their current giving. It's equal to a cup of coffee or soft drink at a restaurant.

Alan & Cindi Painter have already tried it at a recent trip to Kings restaurant- they ordered water instead of a soft drink (each saving \$2.29). Additionally, instead of buying donuts for the dart ball team, Alan had Cindi make a cake for the team saving at least \$2.00 for this campaign. Two examples to *gift* an extra \$2.00 a week. See how you can meet the challenge.

This idea had to be a “God Thing” to develop this campaign- it's so painless and easy. A way to solve this year after year deficit. All you need to do is be creative with your \$2.00/week commitment (above your regular giving). Your weekly envelope will soon have a designated item line for your *gift* for the **“Two Bucks Campaign”**. To monitor our progress, check out the Newsletter Financial report & the Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex.

We **are** connected together, Church Family. And we **are** going to meet our Connectional Apportionment giving in 2018 with this **“Two Bucks Campaign”**!

Thank You & Blessings to You,  
The Finance Committee

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