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**January 11, 2015**

**Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**

**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 “Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** The voice of the Holy One flashes forth, filling the world with awe and delight.

**P:** **The God of light sits enthroned in holy splendor.**

**L:** The voice of the Holy One cries out, bathing the world in goodness and hope.

**P:** **The God of glory thunders, full of majesty.**

**L:** The voice of the Holy One calls to us from the waters, pouring out love in an endless stream.

**P:** **Let us worship the God who calls us.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**Holy Maker of all that is and ever will be, in the beginning, you breathed over primal waters: speaking light out of darkness, separating evening from morning, creating the first night and the first day. When Jesus rose from the waters of his baptism, you spoke again, calling him your holy child as the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. When Paul baptized the new believers at Corinth, your Holy Spirit came upon them, pouring out words of prophesy and story. In this day of celebration and memory, fill us with your word and bathe us in your Spirit, that we may know ourselves as beloved children, ready to give of ourselves for the sake of the world. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 209**

**“Blessed Be the God of Israel”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to “Bethany House.” Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM “Follow the Light”**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 761**

**Psalm 29**

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

**OFFERTORY 8:15 - "Variants on 'St. Anne'"**

**10:45 - "Down By the Jordan" – Chancel Choir**

**\*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**

God, our heavenly Father, you have blessed us with earthly delights. Let our life as a church community become like a watered garden. Make us radiant over the goodness of your gifts! May all who enter our midst flourish with new life. Help us to share with our neighbors generously from your bounty. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"**

*The 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 (NRSV) Mark 1:4-11**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING "Down to the River to Pray"**

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

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Today, Sunday, January 11  
Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**

**Coffee Hour**  
8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 New Member Class  
10:45 Worship  
2:00 FISH & CHIPS  
4:00 Temple Bells  
4:45 SonShiners

**Wednesday, January 14**

10:00 Women’s Bible Study  
7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, January 15**

6:15 C Bells  
7:00 Disciple  
7:00 Nurture  
7:15 Choir  
7:30 UM Men

**Saturday, January 17**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Monday, January 12**

No UM Women meeting  
in January  
7:00 Dartball - H

**Next Sunday, January 18**

**Reception of New Members**

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

**Tuesday, January 13**

12:00 District meeting  
5:30 Gym in use  
6:15 TOPS  
6:30 Witness  
7:00 Trustees  
7:30 NA

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We express our Christian sympathy to Pastor David and his family with the death of his uncle, David Hughes in Florida. May God comfort and bless them.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children’s collection will be given to Bethany House, in the impoverished community of Northview Heights in North Pittsburgh. This is one of the organizations supported by the Greensburg District. Their mission is to prepare children, youth, and adults of that community, academically, socially, economically, and spiritually for lifelong learning, achievement, health and prosperity. They work to provide quality supplemental education to children in preschool to the age of 18. Their focus is on those whose means do not allow for extra educational endeavors. <http://www.bhaweb.org/>

**“Bethany House”:** 1/4 - \$102.06

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**ALL 2014 RECEIPTS** for items that you may have bought for the church and wish to be reimbursed for or have credit for on your annual giving statement **must be turned in by today, January 11, 2015.** After today the 2014 financial records will be closed and all credits will go toward the 2015.

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**RECEPTION OF MEW MEMBERS:** Several people have expressed interest in joining our church. Pastor David will be holding New Member classes on Sundays, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. Reception of members will be held on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining our church is urged to contact Pastor David or the office.

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**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** will meet on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

1. We will begin our study of the Book of Revelation with a review and discussion of the first 3 chapters.
2. Any woman wanting to know more about the Bible is welcome to attend our informal monthly class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at 10:00 AM.

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**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2015, 4 p.m.**

Monroeville United Methodist Church  
219 Center Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146

**Keynote Speaker:** Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton  
Resident Bishop, Western Pennsylvania Conference

*There will be various musical groups from the Greensburg & Pittsburgh districts performing.*  
*This is an outreach service hosted by the Greensburg and Pittsburgh Districts.*  
Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** All articles for the February 2015 newsletter are due in the office by Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email your articles to [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) or drop a hard copy of it off in the office. Articles received after January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be printed in the March newsletter.

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**ATTENTION LADIES:** If you're a scrapbooker or crafter I am having a get together Friday evening and all day Saturday, January 16 & 17, here in the gym. It's always fun to get together with the ladies and get the creative juices flowing. I hope to pack the gym. Penny

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**FROM THE WITNESS COMMITTEE-** A big thanks to the 10 people who helped to take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

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