



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**January 17, 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Kyle Bryan**

**10:45 - Peggy Kooser**

**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**

**8:15 – “Spirit, Breathe on Me”**

**10:45 – “Simple Gifts” - Cathedral Bells**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** There are many gifts, but one Spirit.

**P:** There are many services, but one Lord.

**L:** We offer our gifts in the service of the living Christ.

**P:** We offer our gifts to the service of others and to the delight of the living God.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Spirit of God, your name is revered from mountaintop to the sea; your glory is praised in the east and in the west, in the north and in the south; your Spirit unites us through your wondrous gifts. Delight in us once more, Holy One, that the joy of your salvation may spill over into our lives and make us one with you and with one another. Guide our hearts and minds into the fullness of your grace, that we may truly be your people. Amen**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 89**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

*Children come forward during the last verse.*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for “Human Relations Day.” Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 10:45 - “I’m Not Braggin” - SonShiners**

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 771 Psalm 36**

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

**OFFERTORY      “Meditation on 'How Great Thou Art'”**

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 87, v.4**

**These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,  
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
Then grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
This song we now offer in honor and praise!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

O Lord our God, how precious is each person you created in your image! We could never give an accounting of the true worth of a human being. You alone know how highly you value every person, for the price of redeeming the world cost the life of your Son. Help us to be people who restore relationships. Use us and our offerings to fulfill the mission of your church. We pray in the name of Christ our king. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER HYMN No. 114 “Many Gifts, One Spirit”**

*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**

**\*SCRIPTURE (NRSV)      1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

**MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 558      “We Are the Church”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING      “Joyous Praise Unending”**

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

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 32      Sunday 8:15 – 42      10:45 – 91**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Dave & Kathy Pasipanki

10:45 – Bruce, Melanie, Lindsay & Caleb Smith

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin      10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser      10:45 - Josh Burger, Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. The attendant today will be Kathy & Alyssa Wagner.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers today are presented in memory of Grace Hansel by her daughter, Donna Weber, and her family.

**\*Please return the green flower vases when you are finished with them.\***

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

**Today, January 17**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Soup Luncheon**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 Sonshiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

4:00 Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration  
in Monroeville. (see announcement)

**Monday, January 18**

**Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday**

**Office Closed**

7:00 Dartball - Home

**Tuesday, January 19**

6:15 TOPS

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, January 20**

5:30 Gym in use

7:00 Women's Book Study

7:00 Yoga

**Thursday, January 21**

6:15 C Bells

7:00 Disciple

7:15 Choir

**Saturday, January 23**

6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, January 24**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Worship

12:15 Sonshiners

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

There will be a Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting with the District Superintendent on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 PM. All SPRC members are urged to attend.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children's collection will be for Human Relations Day, which is one of the Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. It encourages social justice and work with at-risk youth. It supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

*"Bethany House"* 1/3 - \$216.82 1/10 - \$90.45

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**CANCELLING SUNDAY SERVICES:** Unless state officials declare a "State of Emergency" which requires all non-emergency personnel to stay off the roads, services will be held here at FUMC. Please evaluate the roads in your area to determine if they are safely passable. If you are not comfortable traveling on the roads surrounding your house, please stay safe and stay home.

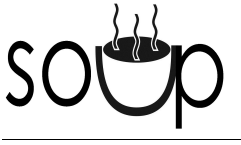
In the event that Rev. Lake does cancel services, he will contact the area TV stations, provide them with the cancellation code for our church, and give them specific information. The cancellation will then be listed with others in the area.

Please do not call the church to see if services are being held. This takes our custodian away from his tasks of preparing the building for services, clearing snow and ice and spreading salt on the sidewalks, and in every way ensuring that our property is safe for our worshipers and the community.

Winter weather is always unpredictable. All-in-all, please use your best judgment, err on the side of caution, and stay safe.

**Committee Chairs – If you cancel your meeting please remember to contact the custodian ... if possible by 4:00 PM.** They are paid to prepare the church for your meeting and stay while people are in the building. If no one is meeting, they are making a special trip, sometimes in very bad weather, to be here for no reason. **Again, if you cancel your meeting please remember to contact the custodian.**

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**SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Outreach committee will be holding a soup luncheon today. The proceeds of this soup luncheon will go to the Race For Grace. So you won't just be enjoying a sandwich and soup, you will be supporting a great cause. We will have limited soups available for dine-in or take-out after the 8:15 service and a full supply of soups after the 10:45 service. Take-out soup will also be available for \$4 per container. Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn ([annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com) or 724-744-7278).

Hope to see you there!

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**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY:** We will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Westmoreland County Food Bank officials announced in December that beginning in January, food packages would no longer include spaghetti sauce, and pasta. (<http://triblive.com>) Our FUMC Food Bank coordinators are requesting that you help our Food Bank by donating these items. The shopping cart will be available on February 7<sup>th</sup> for your donations.

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**From the Finance Committee:**

Thank you to anyone that ate at Bob Evans yesterday, and supported our dining out fundraiser. If you were unable to make it there, our next dining out day will be Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7AM to 9PM. New flyers will be in the narthex.

We sold 32 boxes of fruit over the past few weeks! Thank you for your support. We will be combining our order with Herminie UM Church. Oranges and grapefruit will be available for pick up on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

An Easter Candy Sale will be underway soon. This year we will be supporting a local merchant, McFeeley's Gourmet Chocolates. Order forms and samples will be available soon. Plan on ordering your chocolate bunnies and crosses

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**New Year...New Study!** The Harvester Sunday School Class will be starting a new 6 week study beginning Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. It's called "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Have you ever wondered what some of the scriptures are really saying? Can you make sense of the troubling passages? Married couples and singles are welcome to join this group downstairs off the gym area. We will watch a brief video, and then have discussion over coffee! Each week will be a different topic, so no student books need to be ordered. Bring your Bible and come to class!

Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** All articles for the February Newsletter are due in the office by Friday, January 22, 2016. Please submit your articles by email at [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) or by leaving a printed copy in the office. Articles not received by January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be published in the March newsletter.

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**THE LIVING LAST SUPPER:** It is time to recruit workers for the 10th annual performance of The Living Last Supper.. If you would like to become involved in any way with this gift to our community, please let Dianne Runser know right away. We need volunteers for costumes, stage crew, publicity, cast and choir. PLEASE NOTE: People who have volunteered to iron costumes may pick them up in the choir room NEXT WEEK. The new wardrobe coordinator is Lisa O'Reilly.

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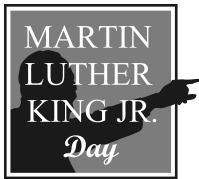
**Nurture:** Mark your calendars for “Camp Sunday” – Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>! If you’ve never been to any of our three church camps or have never been to “Camp Sunday”, you need to come and hear all about what happens over the summer months at camp! Lives are changed and God’s presence is all around! Come to church in your “camp clothes” and enjoy some s’mores and hot chocolate in the parlor following both services. Brochures will be available, and registration questions can be answered. Share an experience you’ve had as a camper or counselor! Please contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com) and tell me your story! I’d love to hear it, so I can tell others!

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**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Two attendents are needed each Sunday to look after the children, ages 0 – 5 years (some a little older), so that their parents may enjoy the 10:45 AM worship service. It is not necessary for you to be in the nursery every week. With several volunteers available, there is a rotating schedule so you may only be in the nursery a few time throughout the year unless you request to be there more often.

Volunteers working with children in our church are required by law to have clearances on file in the church office. The forms are on the desk in the office and there is no charge for volunteers. If you are interested in helping as a Nursery attendant, either on a regular basis or just to fill in when someone can’t be here, or have any further questions, please contact Kim Platt at 724-863-6838.

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"I H  ve  
a Dream ..."

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. All state and federal offices, the post office and banks are closed that day. Our church office is also closed Monday.

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**EAST END EXPRESS**



**SOJOURN TO CELEBRATION**

Ride the Bus with Us to the Annual . . . .

**Greensburg-Pittsburgh District Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service  
Sunday, January 17, 2016**

Please meet at 2:45 pm at *The Aerobic Center* parking area at *Lynch Field-*  
526 New Alexandria Rd, Greensburg PA 15601.

The bus will depart Greensburg at 3:00 pm.

After worship and fellowship time with refreshments, the bus will depart Monroeville at 6:30 pm.

The bus ride is **\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*** and will include: ***GAMES, PRIZES, and SINGING!***

Call or text Jill @ 724-420-4154 or Rhea @ 724-953-7695 to reserve your seat before the bus is full!!!

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