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January 25, 2015

3rd Sunday after the 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 “Jesus, What a Beautiful Name”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ calls: Drop your nets and come to God.

P: We will follow with love.

L: Christ calls: Lay your worries down and rest in the Lord.

P: We will follow with hope.

L: Christ calls: Release your sorrows and the burden of your guilt.

P: We will follow with faith.

L: The God of grace, the Christ of love, welcomes and calls us here.

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of love and grace, as you welcome us here this day, we also welcome you to be within and among us.

Breathe your love and grace into our very being, that we may look upon one another with the same equanimity that you show to all creation. Open our hearts, that we may know the truth of your presence and the glory of your love. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 398 “Jesus Calls Us”**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to the Outreach Committee to be used for our “Race for Grace” team. Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 “Lead Me, Guide Me”

10:45 “I Will Follow You” - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Someone's Praying, Lord"

***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**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

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 1:14-20

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2129**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, January 25

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

Wednesday, January 28

7:00 Yoga

Thursday, January 29

6:15 C Bells

7:00 Disciple

7:15 Choir

Friday, January 30

Youth Lock-in at Hot Shots

Saturday, January 31

6:00 Alternative Worship

Next Sunday, February 1

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Communion

"Souper Bowl Sunday"

8:00 Prayer Time

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

2:00 FISH & CHIPS

4:00 Temple Bells

Monday, January 26

6:30 Grief Support

7:00 Dartball -H

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 Men's Work Group

5:30 Gym in use

6:15 TOPS

7:00 Church Council

7:30 NA

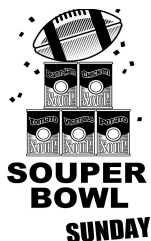
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection this Sunday will also be given to the Outreach Committee for our "Race for Grace" team. Each team who donates at least \$500.00 gets their name printed on the "Race for Grace" t-shirts. This is a great way to advertise our church and show the community that we support local causes such as "Race for Grace." This is the 8th Annual Race for Grace 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk and it will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Norwin High School stadium.

Go to: www.reflectionsofgrace.org to read Grace's story or
www.reflectionsofgrace.org/index.php/8th-annual-race-for-grace.html for more information on this years race.

"Race for Grace": 1/18 - \$142.63

RECEPTION OF MEW MEMBERS: Reception of members will be held today. Please welcome our newest members.



'SOUPER BOWL' SUNDAY: Sunday, February 1st 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 NURSERY is looking for volunteers for 2015. Each week we need two attendants in the nursery during the 10:45 worship service. They are normally only scheduled three or four times a year so that no one is missing the worship service every week. There are positions available for both adults and teens.

(The state of Pennsylvania and the United Methodist Church do require that anyone working with children have their Act 33 & Act 34 clearances on file in the office. The forms are available in the church office and our church will pay the fees involved in obtaining the clearances.)

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER: It is time to start thinking about The Living Last Supper, which is scheduled for **March 31** and **April 2**. We are in need of someone to be in charge of the costume committee, as well as more helpers. The chairperson will coordinate the efforts of the helpers. We have enough helpers to iron costumes BEFORE February 25, but we will need helpers to help with the costumes on the performance nights. They may also be called upon to alter costumes if needed. The chairperson does not need to be able to sew, although that would be helpful. People ironing costumes should pick them up in the choir room today after worship.

Men of the church – If you would like to become a cast member or an understudy, we would love to have you.

Returning cast members need to confirm their availability with Dianne ASAP.

The set is being re-built this year. We need a few people to help build the new set panels and artistic people to help paint. If you can help with this, contact Dianne Runser or Paul Reynolds.

We will need help with the reception on Tuesday night. We will need ushers for the performances. We need people to help with the table setting. We will need many hands to erect the set on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help with the production in any way, please contact Dianne Runser (fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net, 412-372-5290) or the church office.

SOLES 4 SOULS: Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated shoes to *Soles 4 Souls* in the shoe and boot drive in the Fall. As a church, there were **243 Pairs** of shoes which has filled 20 boxes! Thank you very much for donating to this worthy cause.

