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Last Sunday after Pentecost/Christ the King Sunday

WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Krista Brown 10:45 – Tracy Hawley

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 “Come Ye Thankful People Come”

10:45 “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name” - Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

P: We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us.

L: He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in His ministry.

P: He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation;

And bids us to die and raise with Him in the service of the healing of the world.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Your light has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others. You have marked us as your own in baptism but we have not lived as your faithful people. You have called us to be a light to the nations but we have hidden our light under a bushel. Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may live out our baptism as your new creation, forgiven and made whole by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2008 "Let All Things Now Living"**

Children come forward during the last verse.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

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

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:3-6 and 8-12, Joshua 24:14-15

ANTHEM 8:15 “Majesty Medley” – Connie Bickerstaff

10:45 “Give Thanks to the Lord” - SonShiners

RESPONSIVE READING No. 849 Psalm 132
PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

***DOXOLOGY (tune – "Lord of the Dance")**

 "For the gift of creation, for the gift of your love,
 And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
 We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
 May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give." Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

O Lord, you are the King of glory! You fulfilled your promises in the faithfulness of your Son, Jesus. Thank you for making Jesus the Christ eternal king through his resurrection and glorious ascension. The light of his throne shines like a sunrise on people in shadows and sadness. Use our gifts to spread the radiance of the good news so that more people will experience glimpses of your heavenly realm until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN No. 2244 "People Need the Lord"

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) Matthew 15:3-9**

MESSAGE "Love Your Family" – Chris Ghrist

STEWARDSHIP "LOVE YOUR FAMILY"

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2122 "The Servant Song"**

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing"**

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for the December/January issue of the Newsletter is today, Sunday, November 22nd. Please have all of your articles to the office by next Sunday. Any article not received today will not be published until the February Newsletter. Please submit your articles by email fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or drop a written copy off in the office.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



We will be decorating the church for the holiday season on Sunday, November 22, immediately after the 10:45 AM service. A pizza lunch will be provided. Many hands make light work, so please plan to come and help decorate. We are usually done by 2:00 PM.

Gingerbread Houses 2015!!! The Nurture Committee is sponsoring the 3rd annual Gingerbread House Extravaganza on December 6, 2015 from 2-4 pm! There will be a sign-up sheet coming around to pre-register for the event. As in the past you have to be pre-registered to be able to make a house. The Gingerbread pieces and “glue” will be provided all we ask is that you bring a bag of candy to decorate with and one to share; you will also need a large cookie sheet or board to use as a base. We are looking for bakers and icing makers, if you can use your talents to do either of these please see Eric or Becky Platt (412-816-1906) to volunteer your services.



LOVE YOUR FAMILY...For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach them to their children...” (Psalm 78:3) Never before has the family been in such need of a new legacy. What values are you passing down in your family or in your extended family? If you are blessed with children, do you thank God for the joy and the journey of parenthood? God delights in hearing the prayers of the “helpless parent”. If you don’t have children in your family listen to the needs of the families around you and pray for them! As Thanksgiving approaches, be thankful for the blessings of all families. The following people in your church family were interviewed. They shared some good advice on how to make a turkey this week:



- Zachary Wasielewski (Age 3) – “Just put cheese on it, and then cook it a little bit. (But I like to eat it cold.)”
- Olivia Slivka (Age 3) – “Bake it in the oven, but first you put eggs and pickles inside. Then you bake it for a week, then it’s ready!”
- Kelton O’Reilly (Age 4) – “Put a turkey in the oven for 100 minutes. You cover it with BBQ sauce and ketchup. You don’t have to check it – it will cook all by itself.”
- Charles Bryan (Age 4) – “First you take the eyes out, then you cook it. Then you put butter and pepper and sugar on it, then milk, and then cook it for one hour.”

Take time to hear the little joys around you! Make sacrifices to keep your relationship intact with your parents, your spouse and your children, encouraging them, appreciating them and making sure they know you love your family!

Today...Following both services, stop by the parlor and purchase some homemade pumpkin items at “The Pumpkin Patch”. Also...RADA Cutlery orders are in and will be available for pick up in the parlor! Hanging of the Greens will follow the 10:45 service!

Stay and decorate the church for Advent Season...pizza will be served!

Next Sunday...Consecration Sunday! Pray this week about what amount you should write on your pledge card. What percentage of your income is God calling you to give?

Also, order forms will be available in the narthex for a winter fruit sale! There will be boxes of grapefruit for \$18, boxes of oranges for \$18.50, mixed boxes for \$18.50 or a half box of each for \$9.25. You will have until January 10th to place an order. Extra forms will be available for any family members, friends, neighbors or co-workers that may want to support our fruit sale!

FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER: Otterbein UMC of Greensburg will be having their Annual “Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner” at noon on Thanksgiving Day. Anyone looking for somewhere to either have dinner or to volunteer can contact them at 724-834-4060. They are also accepting monetary donations and food donations to help support this very large event.

Thanksgiving
Gift Baskets



DUE TODAY!

All donations are due back to the church by today, November 22nd. If you have any questions, or have not brought in the items you purchased, please contact Connie Phillips or Bernie Johnston.

All Operation Reindeer gifts are due back today. Please contact Mary Shupe with questions on Operation Reindeer.



HELP NEEDED FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It has been many years since we have a church directory. The last directory had many families whose pictures were not shown. We suspect that one reason might be that people did not want to be pressured into buying portrait packages. SO... we would like to try something different.

Each Sunday in Advent (beginning November 29), we would like to take family pictures in the sanctuary after both services. It will be fast (hopefully "one and done"). When you get your family home for the holidays, and everyone is dressed up for church, take advantage of the time to get a family picture. These pictures will be used to print a directory in-house. It might not be as fancy as the photo directories we have had in the past, but we will be able to put names to faces as we greet each other at church activities.

Help will be needed to make this work.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, we need photographers.

SECOND, we need people on Sundays to help collect family information on each Sunday.

THIRD, we need YOU, members of our church family to smile and say "CHEESE!"

If you can volunteer as photographer or information collector, please contact Dianne Runser. If we get sufficient volunteers, you will not need to be present every Sunday.

A sign-up list for photo times will be made available in the narthex.

**ADVENT WREATH
CANDLE LIGHTERS**



There is a sign-up list in the sanctuary for those friends and family who wish to light the candles of the advent wreath. If you would like to participate, please sign the sheet with the date and time you will be available to help.

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HARVESTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY: All Harvesters, past, present, and future are invited. The party will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 PM at the home of Tom & Sandy Lehner. We will order pizza at \$5.00/person.

Food, fellowship, and the stealing of gifts! 😊

For further details and to RSVP, please call 724-864-0823.



The remaining baskets from the Craft Show are for sale on the tables outside of the Pastor's office. Proceeds from the baskets are divided between the R. Simms Mission Trip, Outreach, and the "Multiplying Your Talents" sale. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S PLAY: On November 22nd and 29th, Lisa O'Reilly will be in the Sunday School wing after class (before the 10:45 service) and will have a sign up sheet for children to sign up for a part in the Christmas Eve children's play. There a variety of parts available this year for lots of different ages! Not all parts need a costume, however, for those that do, one will be provided. Look for more information in the bulletin and for flyers in the Sunday School wing as Christmas Eve approaches. Thank you so much again for your help and participation!





The Outreach Committee has put up the Angel Tree just in time for Black Friday shopping! Please consider being a Christmas angel for a local family by providing a child with a Christmas present. Just take an angel from the tree and shop! You are asked not to spend more than \$25.00 on the gift.

This year you will also notice cookies hanging on the tree. Instead of Christmas food baskets, we will be giving families gift cards to do their own grocery shopping and pick their family favorites.

All donations are due back to church on Sunday, December 20th. Angel tree gifts should be wrapped with the angel tag attached. Thank you for helping. Any questions, please contact Missy Davis (724-863-9758).
