



First United Methodist Church
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December 10, 2017

Purple

2nd Sunday in Advent

Love God, and He will enable you to love others, even when they disappoint you. ~Francine Rivers

**Please stand if able.*

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

PRELUDE "O Come, Little Children" Organ
 Edward Broughton/Based on Tune by J. P. A. Schulz

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: The world is dark and cold.

P: *We look for signs of the coming of God.*

L: The world is hungry for righteousness.

P: *We look for signs of the coming of God.*

L: The world yearns for the love of God.

P: *We look for signs of the coming of God.*

* PRAISE HYMN (L) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH No. 196

OPENING PRAYER (L)

O God of winter and starlight, you have promised us your presence: to live among us, to right all wrongs, to bring good things to all who wait for your new day. In these dark days, we look for signs of your coming: the sounds of children at play, the music that fills our hearts with anticipation, the company of all who serve the last and the least. Make us at home with righteousness, that we may be ready to walk in your holy ways. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come, Emmanuel" Chancel Choir
 Nancy Price & Don Besig

MORNING OFFERING

(If you have a prayer card for the pastor, please hand it to an usher during the offering.)

OFFERTORY "Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*" Organ

John Schriveyner/Tune *Veni Emmanuel* Based on Plainsong Melodies

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kim Tagliaferre

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH No. 204

* PRAYER HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

UMH No. 217

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON

"Words of Love"

Rev. Thomas D. Carr

* CLOSING HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH No. 238

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Organ

Afro-American Spiritual

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Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the honor and glory of God.



*Keeping
In
Touch*



*Dan Bailey
252 Ohio St.
Reynoldsville, PA 15851*

We are Keeping In Touch with Dan Bailey. Keep in touch with a card, and remember him in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are: Candy and Ed Reighn, Cindy Remaley
 Acolyte: Orie Hannah
 Liturgist: Kim Tagliaferre
 Ministers: Every Member
 Pastor: Thomas D. Carr
 Pastor Emeritus: Leo C. Cramer
 Lay Leaders: Jenny Gordon and Kim Tagliaferre
 Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist: Mona Cramer
 Chancel Choir Director: Jackie Stitt
 Administrative Assistant: Leah Carr

Attendance Last Week:
 Sunday School 53
 Communion Service 35+Morning Worship 82=117

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,426.23
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,396.02
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$200.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,596.77
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$167,885.31
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$144,566.75
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$23,547.02
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$168,113.77

Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



The First United Methodist Church
 Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania
 Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor
 Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

* *More below.*

Today, December 10

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. **Christmas Cantata** *
- 6:00 p.m. Youth @ First

Monday, December 11

- 6:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 a.m. Knitting with Friends
- 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 a.m. Sharing Group
- 7:00 p.m. **Youth @ First SPARK Discussion** *

Thursday, December 14

- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Movements (See Insert)

Saturday, December 16

- 7:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pie delivery in Thornton Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal *
- 12:00 p.m. Stocking Hope in Thornton Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Thornton Hall Reserved

Sunday, December 17

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship w/Primary Department **Christmas Pageant**
- 6:00 p.m. Youth @ First
Bible Study (Childcare Provided)

Treasures for Children Due

Thank you to everyone for the flowers, cards and prayers to my family as we mourn the loss of my father, Larry J. Moyer. Special thanks to my TLC team for covering for me and to everyone who helped in any way for the Christmas Fellowship dinner as I could not be here. Special thanks to Pastor Tom Carr for his trip to visit my dad and family. Blessings to all, Holly Plummer and Family.

* Today at 4pm, the Handbell and Chancel Choirs will present their annual **Christmas Cantata**.

Come to Bethlehemtown tells the Christmas story through word, music, and song. There is no charge to come and enjoy this program. A free-will offering will be collected for the Reynoldsville Ministerium. A reception will follow the program.

Youth @ First will have a special meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss everything you wanted to know about **SPARK** but were afraid to ask. This year's cost is \$210 per person for youth and for adults wishing to go. We will talk about how the days will go, special events, travel plans and ideas and cost taken care of by youth funds. If you are going, you would need to attend this meeting! Any questions, call Drew at 249-2047.

* The Primary Department will present their **Christmas Pageant**, "The Not-So-Silent Night," during the 10:45 Morning Worship on Sunday, December 17. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Any child who is interested is welcome to participate.

Treasures for Children is in full swing, again. If you are able, please take a tag and return the *unwrapped* gifts no later than December 17.

Volunteers are needed to **ring the bell** for the Salvation Army kettle at BiLo, now through December 23. The bell is usually set up between 9am and 7pm each day. You can volunteer to ring for time periods from 30 minutes to an hour, or even—it's up to you. The proceeds from the Salvation Army kettle each year go to help low-income people in our area with various financial needs. Please contact Cindy Remaley at 249-2332 to schedule a time to ring.

The **Deadline** for the **January/February Newsletter** is Tuesday, December 26. Please have all information about *any* events happening in January and February to Leah by that date. Also, please notify Leah of any changes of address so your newsletter delivery will not be delayed!

The **2018 offering envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are in the large adult Sunday School room. Find the box with your name, then please mark your name off the list.

The year is drawing to a close and we still owe about \$2,000 to our United Methodist Conference for the 2017 Connectional Apportionment. Each year every church in the Conference is asked to pay a small part of the mission and operating Conference expenses. We probably need an extra \$500 or so to fulfill our commitment for the year. Every little bit helps. - Barb Holcombe, Missions Committee Chair

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 (or 9:00) until Noon (or 12:30)

Email: pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org

Administrative Assistant's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:30 until Noon and 12:30 until 3:00

Email: secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org

A hug is a great gift—one size fits all, and it's easy to exchange. ~Unknown

Spiritual Movements

Friends, come join us on December 14, 2017 at 10 a.m. to learn how to do gentle stretching. Anyone who is movement challenged, or just feel like you're becoming older and may not move like you once did is invited to come.

The reasons for gentle movement are to get your breathing more regulated and to get muscles moving a little more smoothly. Sometimes, when a body starts with gentle movement there is decreased pain, increased lung capacity and increased energy.

We will move together for 30 minutes and practice some breathing techniques.

We also will learn some gentle essential oil use for pain management due to arthritis and general body pain. It has been researched that Rosemary Essential Oil helps improve memory. We will also try that out!

Come on over to the First United Methodist Church at 10 am on 11/9/17 and bring a friend who maybe lonely and needs some community time.

The cost is \$5 per person/per class. We will meet together once a month.

I will be very happy to meet one and all. My name is Leslie Bloom. I am a Certified Clinical Master Aromatherapist, Licensed Spiritual Healer and Ordained Pastor. My heart is for people who live with pain, whether it is in a physical form or emotional pain, to find an alternative way to live a better, more balanced life.