



First United Methodist Church
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December 15, 2019

Purple

3rd Sunday of Advent

Faith does not eliminate problems. Faith keeps you in a trusting relationship with God in the midst of your problems. ~Henry Blackaby

**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 "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Organ
 Roger C. Wilson/Based on *In Dulci Jubilo*

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: In the midst of the barren land,

P: Flowers burst into bloom.

L: In the midst of the dry desert,

P: Streams of water gush forth.

L: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

P: Joy and gladness dance together. We shall see the glory of God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH No. 211

OPENING PRAYER (L)

Lord Jesus, you know the deserts and the parched places in our lives. We seek your healing power. Lead us on this Advent journey to the place of new birth and to the place of redemption; for we ask this in your holy name. Amen.

ANTHEM "Christmas Bell Rejoicing Handbell Choir
 Based on the Hymn Tunes *Mendelssohn, Il Est Né, & Gloria*/Arr. by Michael Ryan

MORNING OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY	"There's a Song in the Air" Josiah C. Holland & Karl P. Harrington	Organ
* DOXOLOGY		UMH No. 95
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Rev. Thomas D. Carr
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH		
* RESPONSE	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	UMH No. 204
* PRAYER HYMN	"What Child Is This"	UMH No. 219
MORNING PRAYER		
LORD'S PRAYER		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 35:1-10	
SERMON	"A Song for Advent"	Rev. Thomas D. Carr
* CLOSING HYMN	"Love Came Down at Christmas"	UMH No. 242
TAKING OF THE LIGHT		
BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	"Go Tell It on the Mountain" Afro-American Spiritual	Organ

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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

Allen & Sherry Heberling

1683 Behringer Hwy.

DuBois, PA 15801



We are Keeping In Touch with Allen & Sherry Heberling. Keep in touch with a card or a note, and remember them in your prayers during the week.

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

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School 32

Communion Service 19+Morning Worship 83=102

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,119.28
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$4,385.73
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$184.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$4,570.48
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$152,844.76
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$135,916.87
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$235,085.71
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$371,002.58

Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



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

Sunday, December 15

- 8:15 am Morning Light Worship Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Grace First Youth at Grace UMC in Sykesville
- Adult Bible Study at Grace UMC in Sykesville

Monday, December 16

- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 17

- 9:00 am Knitting with Friends
- 2:00 pm Advent Bible Study*
- 7:00 pm Advent Bible Study*

Wednesday, December 18

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- Treasures for Children Distribution*

Thursday, December 19

- 2:00 pm Christmas for Seniors Distribution until 4:00 pm*
- 6:30 pm Cadet Girl Scouts

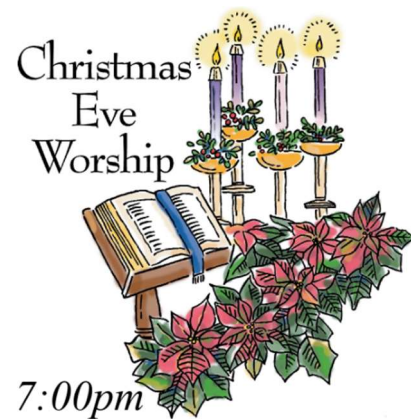
Sunday, December 22

- 8:15 am Morning Light Worship Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Grace First Youth at Grace UMC in Sykesville
- Adult Bible Study at Grace UMC in Sykesville
- 7:00 pm **Blue Christmas Service***

***Would you like to help a child from a low-income family celebrate Christmas?** This is your opportunity. Neighbor Helping Neighbors has placed tags on the Christmas Tree in the adult Sunday School room. Each tag represents a child from a low-income family, and on the back is listed several gift ideas for that child. Choose one or more items from that list to purchase, then return the *unwrapped* gifts and tag to the church no later than *today*.

*Every year Neighbors Helping Neighbors puts together **Christmas Baskets** for members who are shut-in or in nursing homes, and seniors from the community who sign up to receive them. Please contact Barb Holcombe if you would like to donate anything for these baskets.

*Once again there will be a **Blue Christmas** worship service on Sunday, December 22 at 7:00 pm. Sometimes called *Longest Night*, this is a service which recognizes that for many Christmas



is a time of grief each year. This service allows us to acknowledge our grief while hearing the hope of the gospel proclamation, yet in a quieter setting.

Volunteers are needed to **ring the bell for the Salvation Army kettle** at BiLo through December 23. The bell is usually set up from 10am to 6pm each day. You can volunteer to ring for time periods of one or two hours. The proceeds from the Salvation Army kettle each year go to help low-income people in our area with various financial needs. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

The **deadline** for the **January/February newsletter** is *December 24*. Please have all information for activities scheduled for those months to Leah by that date. Also, please let Leah know if you have a change of address. Thank you.

December 29 we will once again be having our **Fifth Sunday Hoss's Fundraiser**. Pick up a green fundraiser card at the back of the sanctuary (They are on the radiator by the entrance.) and take it with you to Hoss's on *Sunday, December 29*. Give the card to your server when you pay for your meal, and Hoss's will donate a portion of the cost of your meal to our church. You have a delicious meal and help the church, and there are no dishes to wash; sounds like a win-win!

The *Grace-First Youth Group* will hold a **Rock-a-thon** on Sunday, December 29 from 7 pm until 7 am Monday, December 30. You may support the Youth as they raise funds to attend SPARK the weekend of January 24 - 27 in Pittsburgh by pledging a donation to any of our youth. This will be a 12-hour rock-a-thon, so you might consider pledging a dollar an hour (\$12 total), or if you choose, you may make a simple donation of any amount.

The monthly **Fellowship Dinners** will be starting up again in January. Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

The **2020 Offering Envelopes** are in the Sunday School room. Find the box with your name on it and take it home with you. If you don't find your name, pick up an unmarked box and put your name & the box number on the sheet of paper. Thank you!

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



The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never to forget the presence of Christ. ~William Barclay