



First United Methodist Church
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December 22, 2019

Purple

4th Sunday of Advent

Purity of heart means to love God above all things and at the same time to see him everywhere in all things. ~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

**Please stand if able.*

Morning Offering: No offering plates are passed. Instead, there are offering boxes located on the wall at each of the rear entrances of the sanctuary.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have been looking for a sign.

P: Emmanuel—God with us.

L: We have been waiting for a savior.

P: Emmanuel—God with us.

L: The time is near—can it be?

P: Emmanuel—God with us. Let us worship the God of sign, wonder, and promise.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

UMH No. 218

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in this time of worship, may we be open to your promises, your love, and your transformation. May we vision and dream. May we be surprised. May we receive the life you give us. May we encounter Emmanuel—God with us. And may we never be the same. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Thomas D. Carr

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

UMH No. 204

* PRAYER HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH No. 230

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

“Man on Trial”

Rev. Thomas D. Carr

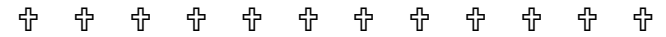
HOLY COMMUNION

* CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

UMH No. 246

* BENEDICTION



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.



Harry McLeod
 Christ-The-King Manor
 PO Box 448
 DuBois, PA 15801

This week we are Keeping In Touch with Harry McLeod. Keep in touch with a card or note, and remember him in your prayers during the week.

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

Morning Light Worship Service

8:15

Attendance Last Week:
 Sunday School 37
 Communion Service 23+Morning Worship 75=98

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,119.28
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,600.50
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$512.59
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$4,113.09
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$155,964.04
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$139,474.87
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$235,598.30
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$375,073.17



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 Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania
 Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor
 Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

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***

Monday, December 23

- 2:00 pm Advent Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, December 24

- Newsletter Deadline*
- 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Wednesday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

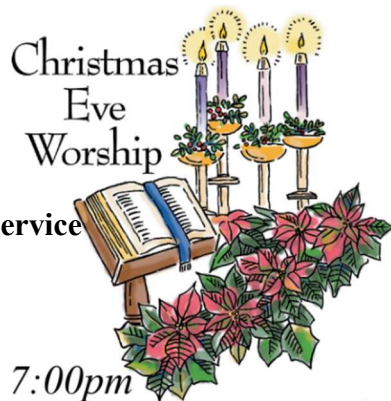
Sunday, December 29

- 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
- 11:00 am 5th Sunday Hoss's Fundraiser until 9:00 pm*
- 7:00 pm **Grace First Youth Rock-a-thon at First UMC in Reynoldsville***
- Adult Bible Study at Grace UMC in Sykesville

I would like to thank everyone at FUMC Reynoldsville for their kind thoughts, prayers, TLC meals and the many get well cards following my recent back surgery. Also, a big Thank You to Pastor Carr for his visits to Pittsburgh. Those visits meant more than you will ever know! Love to all, Holly Plummer

*Once again there will be a **Blue Christmas** worship service on *this evening* 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 *tomorrow*. 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
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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



See what Jesus would if looking through your eyes. ~Unknown