



First United Methodist Church  
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January 12, 2020

White

Baptism of the Lord

*God will, very likely, give you more than you can handle. He will not, however, give you more than He can handle. ~Unknown*

*\*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 Organ

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: Created in God's loving image,

**P: We gather as the children of God.**

L: Beloved by Christ, who loves us well,

**P: We gather as the beloved body of Christ.**

L: Blessed by the Spirit of God,

**P: We gather in the power of the Holy Spirit**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH No. 103

OPENING PRAYER (L)

**Beloved God, we gather as your beloved community in the name of your beloved Son, Christ Jesus. Speak to us with your love and your grace. Part the clouds of our frantic lives and our harried world, that we may recognize your Spirit moving in our very midst. Speak, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Wings of a Dove" Chancel Choir  
 Bob Ferguson

MORNING OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY Organ

\* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sheri Price

\* PRAYER HYMN "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH No. 339

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "More Than Just a Word" Rev. Thomas D. Carr

\* CLOSING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH No. 369

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE 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.

The rosebud on the Communion Table is given to the honor and glory of God and welcomes Lucas David Wells, son of Eryn and Dylan Wells, Grandson of Donna and David Wells and great-grandson of Carol (and Bob) Wells. He will be loved by a multitude of aunts, uncles, and all kinds of cousins.



*Dennis & Iola Faber  
427 Hill St.  
Reynoldsville, PA 15851*

We are Keeping In Touch with  
Dennis & Iola Faber. Send them a  
card or a note, and remember them  
in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are:	The Walk Family
Acolyte:	Gary Walk
Liturgist:	Sheri Price
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 20+Morning Worship 54=74

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,173.90
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,450.00
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$322.25
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,772.25
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$3,173.90
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$3,450.00
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$322.25
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$3,772.25

# Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



## Baptism of the LORD

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

## A Statement from Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

1/3/2020

*I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* -- John 17:21

As one of our pastors has often said to me, “Bishop, sometimes unity takes on different forms.” And sometimes to reach unity it takes time, repeated failures, love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, extended conversation, and persistence. A truly diverse group of United Methodists has reached unity.

After the 2019 Special Called Session of the General Conference, Bishop John Yambasu of the Sierra Leone Episcopal Area felt a wrestling from God. God was calling him, he said, to bring United Methodists together for conversation. Bishop Yambasu admitted that he initially resisted this prompting from God, but God would not let him rest, persistently waking him up at night. Reluctantly, but obediently, Bishop Yambasu contacted some United Methodists who he knew had different perspectives on a way forward for the church and asked them if they would be willing to have conversation. They all agreed.

This group included leadership from the Wesley Covenant Association, Reconciling Ministries Network, and more centrist movements. Bishop Yambasu also asked one of his bishop colleagues from each of the central conferences and five bishops from the U.S. Jurisdictions to join the conversation. The group enlisted the help of a mediator, who is a person of faith, but who had no allegiance to United Methodism or any of the mainline Christian denominations.

In assembling these persons together, Bishop Yambasu was clear that he wanted them to work toward reconciliation and the unity of the church. No one wanted a repeat of the vitriol and poor Christian witness that we as United Methodists from all perspectives demonstrated toward one another during the Special Called Session.

After meeting several times since February 2019, the group came to an agreement about a way, or protocol, for reconciliation. Together they

developed a document entitled “**Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation**”. This document is not the work of the Council of Bishops or the Commission on a Way Forward. It is the work of this mediation group. The members of the group are working on legislation to be presented at General Conference. This diverse group has agreed to urge their constituents to withdraw all other legislation that has been developed pertaining to homosexuality and to support legislation around this protocol, which has yet to be developed.

I urge all United Methodists in Western Pennsylvania to read the document with a prayerful spirit. We will offer opportunities for you to ask questions about the document and will provide as many answers as we can. I call on your gracious understanding of the fact that the Council of Bishops did not author or provide input into the document, so there may be some questions that neither I nor members of our delegation will be able to answer.

As with any mediation process, I am sure there are aspects of this document with which we all can find fault. There are some aspects of the protocol that are not my preference. However, this document does provide, for me, a real hope that we can, through mutual respect for our diversity, find a way toward reconciliation so that we can move forward and focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ so that the world might be transformed.

Sunday, January 12

- 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 FUMC in Reynoldsville  
Adult Bible Study at FUMC in Reynoldsville

Monday, January 13

- 9:00 am **Missions Committee**
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm **Board of Trustees**

Tuesday, January 14

- 9:00 am Knitting with Friends

Wednesday, January 15

- 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at the Foundry
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 16

- 6:30 pm Cadet Girl Scouts

Sunday, January 19

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- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Traditional Morning Worship Service
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Thank you to NHN and United Methodist Women for the Christmas Gift that was delivered to me along with a nice visit. I enjoyed looking over all the presents included and I keep remembering all my friends at church. The cards and messages you send are always welcomed and bring pleasant memories to mind. –Ruth Welsh

There is a **Comparison of Proposals to General Conference 2020** on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's study for those who are interested.

Most of the **2019 Giving Statements** are on the Welcome Table. The remainder will be added to them next week.

Our **Prayer Chain Coordinator**, Cindy Remaley, has a new cell phone & number. Her number is now 814-661-6778.

**Do you ever need to know if the social hall is available** on a particular date and Leah isn't in the office at that time to ask? Check out the church calendar online! You can find it on our web page, [www.fumcreynoldsville.org](http://www.fumcreynoldsville.org). Leah also posts the calendars for the current and next weeks on the door to her office.

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

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*Our responsibility is response to His ability. ~Unknown*

**Bring a  
Friend to  
Church**

