



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 10, 2016

“A place where visitors become friends.”

Christ United Methodist Church! We especially greet those who are worshiping with us for the first time and rejoice that you have chosen to spend this special time with God and us. Feel free to secure a maroon colored information packet about Christ Church found near each door. As God leads, we welcome you to become an active participant with us!! If you desire to speak with our pastor, please contact the church office.

“Good News”, please pick up a paper copy of January’s “Good News” at the back of the sanctuary or have one emailed to you, just call the church office and supply your email address. Items for the February “Good News” are due on or before January 17.

Offering counters needed. The open position is for the (1st) first Sunday of each month. Training is available, if you can spare an hour or less after church. Please contact Georgia Connelly at church or call 532-7561. Thanks!

Transportation needs: If you know of anyone in need of transportation to or from Worship service please contact Steve VanDixon – 830-9510 or Bill Morgan – 532-7519. We will make every attempt to see that this is not an obstacle for anyone wishing to worship!

Yarnspinnners will meet on January 21 in the church library at 10 AM

Dry cereal is needed for families of our community immediately and continually. Place boxes in the bin marked King’s Kettle – Thank you!

Thank you to all who visited me, sent cards and prayed for me while in the hospital and Manor Care. Your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness were appreciated. –George Connelly

We are a Safe Sanctuaries compliant church, if you wish to volunteer at any of our service opportunities, you must get state mandated background clearances. If you wish to volunteer please see Mandy Gehres, our nursery coordinator, and she will help you through the process. We thank all of our current volunteers that have completed the process and made our church a safe place for all.

Prayer Requests.

- Dave & Lori Neff
- Lois Graessle – cancer
- Anne Coons – medical test
- Cliff – personal struggles
- Randy Snider
- Our sympathy for the Gary Fishel family
- Merv Carver – hospitalization
- Ruth Gilbert - hospitalization

Susquehanna Conference churches:

Oakville, St. Johns Elimsport, Doylesburg, Faith Waynesboro, Faith Community, Six Mile Run, Mt. Zion Wyoming, Trinity County Line, McAlisterville, Fairview Altoona

In an attempt to keep our prayer list up to date, persons and situations will be listed for three consecutive Sundays. If you wish to continue the listing after this, simply call the church office and request the prayer listing continue. Thank you.

Prayer request, if you have one, call the prayer-chain, starting with Linda Miller, 532-8000.

Our church greatly appreciates the generosity of M & T Bank and Orrstown Bank for allowing us the use of their parking lots during worship services. There are four designated *parking spots* in the M&T parking lot on Sunday mornings; two are for handicap parking and two for visitor parking. Overflow parking is available in the Orrstown Bank parking lot.

GIRLS GATHERING FOR GOD February 5-6, 2016, at First UMC, Muncy. The theme for this year's overnight retreat is "Empowering Girls to Care," featuring a live concert by Riser Crew. All girls in grades 7 thru 12 are welcome to attend. Registration cost is \$25, which includes Friday night pizza, Saturday breakfast, and lunch, and 2016 GGG long sleeve T-shirt. Registration deadline is January 20, 2016. For details and registration information, contact Flo Waybright at girlsgatheringforgod@comcast.net or (717) 225-59533.

Christ United Methodist Church
Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors
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January 10, 2016
Baptism of the Lord
10:30 AM Service

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

Greeting & Welcome

Prelude:

The prelude is when we turn with others to experience God with us. It is a time of prayer, when we pray for ourselves, each other, and those leading our service.

Lighting of the Altar Candles:

The lighting of the candles on the altar serves as a visual symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us as we worship God together.

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Prelude

“Prayer”

Davis

*Call to Worship:

L: As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we are reminded that it is not the water that gives new life, but the Spirit of the Living God.

P: **Come, let us worship together as we seek the presence of that Holy**

Spirit among us.

Invitation to God **“Come, All Who Look to Christ Today”**

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** UMH #103

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, there have been times when we have ignored the voice of your Spirit, and have heeded instead the cries of the world to disregard others and look out only for one’s self. Forgive us, we pray, and as we renew the vows made by or for us, fill us again with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection & Confession and Words of Assurance

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Special Music

Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Message

*Hymn of Response **“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”** UMH #420

Personal Silent Prayer, Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering **“How Dear to Me Is thy Dwelling”** Powell

*Musical Response **“Give Thanks”**

***Offering Prayer:**

O God, with grateful hearts we bring these gifts that they may be used to go to all people with the Good News of your love, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: **“Abide with Me”** UMH #700

*Benediction

Postlude **“Rise Up, O Saints of God”** Smith



* Indicates the congregation should please stand as each person is comfortable.
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hymnal) TFWS – The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Sandy Kraft
Pastor's hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9 AM-Noon
Church office hours: Mon. – Fri. 9 AM-Noon
Secretary: Susan Hallett
Custodian: Amos Neil
Organist: Marjorie Young
Handbell Choir Director: Dorina Saul

This Week with Christ!

(Please note that all meetings will be held at Christ United Methodist Church unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, January 11

4:00 PM Ministry & Nurture Committee

Tuesday, January 12

10:00 AM Prayer Group
6:00 PM Hospitality Committee
6:30 PM Trustee Committee

Thursday, January 14

5:30 PM Community Meal

Saturday, January 16

9:00 AM Clothing Bank with breakfast and Kids Corner

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
Newsletter Items Due for the February "Good News"

Sunday School – 9:30 AM Worship Celebration – 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Vision: To be inspired by God's love to serve everyone.

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