



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 31, 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.

This Week with Christ!

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

Monday, February 1

6:30 PM Education Committee

7:00 PM Worship Design Team

Tuesday, February 2

10:00 AM Prayer Group

Saturday, February 6

9:00 AM Clothing Bank with breakfast and Kids Corner

Sunday, February 7

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Flowers are in honor of Leona Hartman's 85th birthday on January 26. Given by the Gehres family.

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!

Ash Wednesday Service will be February 10 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Yarnspinnners will meet on February 17 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!

Lenten Breakfasts: Members and friends of Christ United Methodist Church will be meeting at the -- Greenville Restaurant on Wednesdays at 7.30 a.m. during Lent for breakfast and a time of devotion. The first breakfast will be on Ash Wednesday, February 10. All are encouraged to come and to invite neighbors and friends.

--The churches of the Shippensburg Cluster of the UMC will host a series of Saturday Lenten breakfasts. The first breakfast is hosted by Christ UMC on Feb. 13. The format consists of a light breakfast starting at 8 AM and a time of meditation and sharing. Although the UM Cluster does sponsor the breakfasts, they are open to all members of the community. A freewill offering will be used for local outreach needs and beyond.

Pastoral Care Course designed to teach how to minister effectively to hospitalized patients will be offered at the Chambersburg Hospital. Sessions begin in April. Please see the flyer posted or contact Beth Shetter, 262-4526 for more information. Deadline to register is Feb. 15.

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.

- Merv Carver – recovery
- Ruth Gilbert - recovery
- Dave & Lori Neff
- Lois Graessle – cancer
- Our sympathy for the George Pennsinger family
- Randy Snider – cancer, member of Messiah

Susquehanna Conference churches:

Dalton, Liberty Corners, Larryville, Union Wayne County,) Valley St. Marks, Newburg, Faith, Woolrich Community, Pleasant Gap, Wehnwood

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.

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

Christ United Methodist Church
Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors
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Phone: 532-6850, email: Revskraft@hotmail.com

January 24, 2016
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
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.

Prelude Sitting on "Slane" Sewell

*Call to Worship:

L: Let us be thankful, because we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

P: Let us be grateful and worship God in a way that will please him.

All: We will worship God with awe and reverence.

Invitation to God "Come, All Who Look to Christ Today"

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor" UMH #280

Prayer of Confession

We come before you, O God, in deep humility. We have refused to listen when you have spoken, and when we have heard your commands, we have often ignored them. Forgive us, Lord, and through your Holy Spirit enable us not only to listen but to carry out your will as well. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection & Confession and Words of Assurance

Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Special Music "He Shall Feed His Flock" –Handel/Brendlinger Sandi Davis

Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Message

*Hymn of Response "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" UMH #715

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

Offering "Sweet Peace" Sewell

*Musical Response "Give Thanks"

*Offering Prayer

Lord, we know that you do not require burnt offerings or animal sacrifices, so we bring these our gifts as tokens of our commitment to you and the building of your kingdom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** vs. 1-4 UMH #154

*Benediction

Postlude **“Trumpet March”** Frith



* 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

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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