

Evangelical United Methodist Church

On the Corner of Water and Spruce Streets

Middletown, Pa.

Transfiguration Sunday-- February 19, 2012

Moments of Gathering

Word of Welcome

Updates from our Announcement "Bench"

Greeting Our Brethren

Prelude "O That I Had A Thousand Voices" Wilson

Entrance of the Light and Word

Choral Invitation "Awesome God"

* Hymn of Adoration "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

* Words of Invocation

O Lord Jesus, our lives encounter darkness in many forms, from the dark of night to the darkness of our souls. Oh help us to catch a glimpse of your Light; in ways that brighten your presence within our hearts, and strengthens our spirits to do your will. We ask in the name of you, O Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 50:1-6

Morning Anthem "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Joyce Eilers
with Youth Choir

Reading of the Epistles: II Corinthians 4:3-6

Moments with the Young

After this moment, children grades kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to go downstairs for Children's church.

Reading of the Old Testament: II Kings 2:1-12

Morning Message "Moments of Vulnerability"

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn of Epiphany "Carol of the Epiphany" FWS #2094

Sharing of our Gifts to God

Offertory "Pleading Savior" Paxton

As the offering plate is passed, please place the green prayer request cards and visitors cards in the plate.

* Offering Response UMH #95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Prayer of Dedication

* Lord's Prayer (*unison, using "sins"*)

Words of Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

a time of updating our church family about these matters

Choral Response "All I Need Is You"

* Hymn of Dedication "Silent Night" UMH #239

(The end of our journey of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany)

* Words of Benediction

* Choral Blessing "May The Lord Bless and Keep You"

* Carrying the Light and Word into the World

* Postlude "March" Young

* invited to stand if you desire

**Our Sunday Prayer Partner for today is
Helen Gruber Gassaway**

The Altar Flowers today are given in memory of Parents, Walter and Dorothy Hoke presented by Son, Walter Jr. and Family.

Worship Assistants for Today

Greeters..... Kelly Martin, Mary Ann Rowland, Sylvia Derr

Head Usher..... John Alexander

Lay Liturgist Donna Keller

Nursery Caregiver..... Deb Lidle, Joyce Moyer

Faithful Thoughts and Prayers

Updates and Changes:

Daisy Long's brother – surgery
Mary Wood's daughter – Lara -- waiting for surgery
Tiffany Zentmeyer – home
Allyson Witman's mother – Kat – hospital/rehab

Recent Surgery and Illness:

Joyce Gass - surgery completed (home)
Mike Hahn's mother – at Middletown Home
Ted Martin and Pai Swanger – home Charles Garman – fall
Barb Miller's family and friends of bowling team

Living with Cancer:

Julie Kupp, Tami Hile, Madison Lewis, Sam Rainal, Jr.
Dorothy Laverty, Bunny Prussack, Joe Miller
Erica – student at MAHS Chris Miller's mother – Margie
Joan Rudy's co-worker's spouse
Dave Shellenhamer, Christy Rinker-Barb Graybill's co-worker
Tina Miller – friend of Pearl Hoch's granddaughter
Heaven – friend of Joey Underdonk's sister
And Each Soul as they wait for cancer treatment

Challenges of Living:

Dauphin County Prison Ministry - Paul Alexander
Britt Strohecker - Pastor for New Beginnings Church
Jason Kester – nephew of Barb Graybill,
deployment with Ohio National Guard to Afghanistan
Adam Geschwindt – nephew of Deb Lidle
deployment with US Marines Unit 38437 to Afghanistan
Military families far and near: Logan Cassner
Jack O'Donnell – waiting on double transplant
Ben Gingrich & his Mother, Erin – childhood disease

Please inform the church office whenever a loved one is hospitalized
by calling 944-6181 or call Rev. Graybill at 731-2951

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19, 2012

TODAY:

9 a.m. – Sunday School
9-10 a.m. - Confirmation Class in Classroom #1
10:15 a.m. – Worship
11:30 a.m. – Refreshments and Fellowship Time

MONDAY:

4:30 p.m. – Community Dinner at Evan - Chicken and Waffles

TUESDAY:

8:30 a.m. – Volunteers will travel to Mission Central
5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

10 a.m. – Lenten Bible Study in Meeting Room #2
6:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service with Ashes and Communion

THURSDAY:

5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting
7 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study in Meeting Room #2

SATURDAY:

12-6 p.m. – Hall Rented

NEXT SUNDAY:

“Food Bank/World Hunger Fund Sunday”
9 a.m. – Sunday School
10:15 a.m. – Worship
1 p.m. – Hall Rented
7 p.m. – Lenten Service at Evan featuring Ablen

Faithful Servants in Worship:

Altar Guild Bill Neiman
Audio-Visual Engineer Steve Moyer
Flowers Mary Lehman
Organist Glenn M. Diritto
Pianist Charlene Walters
Senior Choir Director Erich Schlicher
Pastor Robert Graybill

LAY VISITATION: During February, the following persons from the Lay Visitation Committee will visit shut-in members of our church: Bill and Alberta Harris.

LENTEN SERVICE: Our first Lenten Service will be on Sunday, February 26 at 7 p.m. featuring Ablen. Ablen is a Christian, folk, indie, and acoustic duo from Grantham, PA. The duo includes, Abby Madden of Middletown, PA and Helen Furry of Harrisonburg, VA. They are both currently studying music at Messiah College and hope to be setting their first premier tour in the very near future. These services are sponsored by Evangelical Church.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP: The SENIOR FELLOWSHIP will attend the honorary senior breakfast and spring musical, "Crazy for You" at Lower Dauphin High School on February 29. You have to be 62 years old or older to attend. Registration is required; admission is free. Deadline to register is February 24. We will carpool from the church at 7:20 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please indicate if you want to carpool, can drive, or will go directly to Lower Dauphin. Remember you may have to park further away from the school if you leave at the last minute. Any questions please see Louise.

2012 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The 2012 Church Directory is now available. You may pick up a copy from the window ledges leading up to the sanctuary. Please take one per family.

FLOWER OPENING: There is an opening for altar flowers on Sunday, April 22. Please let Mary Lehman know if you are interested.

ZOOK'S PIE FUND RAISER: Help finish the basement of our church for the Youth by buying Zook's Homemade Chicken or Beef Pies. Frozen 6" or 9" pies. Costs are 6" - \$5.00 or 9" - \$10.00. Order from February 26 to March 11 after church. The church will make about \$2.00 a pie. This will help with the flooring of the Youth room. We must sell over 50 pies to get our best price. I brought some for the Men's Meeting and they liked them - but what would they know?

Happy Pie Eating, Bill Harris

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: A Lenten Bible Study will be offered on Wednesday's at 10 a.m. and Thursday's at 7 p.m. beginning on February 22 by Pastor Graybill. The study will use as a guide the book, "Mosaic", that was written by Rev. Shane Stanford, senior pastor of Christ U.M. Church in Memphis, TN.

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the day you want to attend--Wednesday morning or Thursday evening. If you will have to miss a session at your preferred time, e.g. Wednesday, you will be able to make it up on Thursday since it will be the same on both days.

OUR COMMUNITY DINNER: February 20, 2012, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Menu - Chicken and waffles, whipped potatoes, peas/carrots, applesauce, dessert, beverage

Thanks to all the persons who volunteered to help; all the areas are filled. If you missed an opportunity to sign up, let Louise know, and we'll count on you for the next dinner on March 19. Thanks again.

ATTENTION LADIES: You are invited to the United Methodist Women's Spring Luncheon, on March 10 at 11 a.m., in the Church Social Hall. Our menu: Soup, sandwich, mini desserts, and beverages. Cost: \$5.00, payable to Lori Keller. A representative from the Ronald McDonald House will present our program, "It All Started With One Child: Ronald McDonald House Charities." Our mission emphasis for March is to provide food supplies to be used by of the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their child is receiving critical care at Hershey Medical Center. As your special gift, please bring any of these SINGLE SERVING items: Cereal snack packs, breakfast bars, healthy snacks (trail mix, nuts, dried fruit, etc.), pretzels, crackers, toaster pastries, juice boxes, fresh fruit; PLUS: Boxed cake and dessert mixes, icing, slice and bake cookies. A sign up sheet has been posted. Please sign up by March 4 so we have an idea how many to expect.

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Cost of the meal is \$4.00, payable at the door. Everyone is invited – enjoy visiting with old friends and making new friends. Sign up by calling 944-6181, email to eumch@comcast.net or fill out the bottom and place in the offering plate. Deadline to register is the Sunday before each luncheon.

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