

# Evangelical United Methodist Church

On the Corner of Water and Spruce Streets

Middletown, Pa.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 5, 2012

Moments of Gathering

Word of Welcome

Updates from our Announcement “Bench”

Greeting Our Brethren

Prelude “The Gift Of Love” Hopson

Entrance of the Light and Word

Choral Invitation “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

\* Hymn of Adoration “We Gather Together” UMH #131

\* Words of Invocation

**O Holy God, lift up our eyes this morning so we can catch a glimpse of your creation in a way that shall restore us; for there are times when we run and fall exhausted, or when we try to be faithful but we fail again and again. Oh come into our midst as we gather to worship and to be renewed! Amen**

Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 147:1-11

Morning Anthem “Be Glad In The Lord” Joseph M. Martin

Moments with the Young

*After this moment, children grades kindergarten through fifth grade remain in worship - NO Children’s church TODAY.*

Sharing of Gifts and Offerings

Recognition and Appreciation of a Great Gift

Offertory “Meditation” Chopin

*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 and the Lord’s Prayer ( *using “sins”* )

Prayer Concerns for our Brethren

*a time of updating our church family about these matters*

Choral Prayer Response “Praise You”

Reading from the Prophets: Isaiah 40:21-31

Communion Meditation “Oh, Mount Up!”

\* Hymn of Epiphany “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH #238

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Moments of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving UMH page 13

Breaking the Bread and Giving of the Cup

\* Hymn of Dedication “Victory in Jesus” UMH #370

\* Words of Benediction

\* Choral Blessing “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

\* Going Forth with the Light and Word

\* Postlude “Fanfare” Scriveyner

\*= all may stand as comfortable

## Our Sunday Prayer Partner is Helen Gruber Gassaway

The Altar Flowers today are given in memory of Husband, Dennis presented by Charlene Walters.

The special arrangement on the organ is given in recognition and honor of Glenn Diritto’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as our organist presented by The Church Family.

This week’s bulletins are given in honor of Glenn Diritto’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as our organist.

## Worship Assistants for Today

Greeters..... Joe, Tami, Louis & Alexis Hile  
Head Usher..... John Alexander  
Lay Liturgist ..... Joyce Moyer  
Nursery Caregiver.....Gloria Clouser, Vickie Hubbard

## Faithful Thoughts and Prayers

We share our heartfelt sympathy to Helen Staub and her family upon the death of her husband Jack, this past week. May the comfort and peace of God settle upon her home this week.

### Updates and Changes:

Joyce Gass - heart operation - Harrisburg Hospital  
Mike Hahn's mother – at Rehab  
Tom Long – surgery  
Mary Wood's daughter – Lara  
Charles Garman - fell

### Recent Surgery and Illness:

Dorothy Laverty – surgery completed (now home)  
Ted Martin – surgery completed (now home)  
Pai Swanger – knee surgery completed (home)  
Barb Miller's family and friends of bowling team  
Tiffany Zentmeyer's sister - hospital

### Living with Cancer:

Julie Kupp, Tami Hile, Madison Lewis, Sam Rainal, Jr.  
Karley – friend of Kayla Strohecker & family  
Bunny Prussack, Chris Miller's mother – Margie  
Dave Shellenhamer, Christy Rinker-Barb Graybill's co-worker  
Woody & Cathy Nipple –friend of Graybill family  
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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**February 5, 2012**

### TODAY:

“Red Bird Mission Sunday”  
9 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. – Worship – Holy Communion  
4:30 p.m. – Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY:

1:30 p.m. – Frey Village Communion  
4:30-6:30 p.m. – Community Dinner at Presbyterian  
– Open-faced hot roast beef sandwich

### TUESDAY:

5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting  
7 p.m. – Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY:

6:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. – Intercessory Prayer Group

### THURSDAY:

5 p.m. – Hall Rented  
5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting

### SATURDAY:

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Hall Rented

### NEXT SUNDAY:

“Food Bank Sunday/March Newsletter Deadline”  
9 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. – Worship

### 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. The following shut-in will celebrate her birthday in February: February 8 – Mrs. Lois Coleman, 153 North Catherine Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

**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. He examines how God uses the broken pieces of our lives to be transformed into a beautiful mosaic of his love. As we journey along the path Jesus walked on his way to Jerusalem, it will give us an opportunity to see how our journeys can be similar; how at times we feel rejection, or experience restlessness and regrets; and when God is given the chance, a beautiful mosaic can be created.

Our gatherings each week will center on a key word for the week, with a daily reading of the Scriptures and a reflection upon our life as human beings.

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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** The Season of Lent begins our forty-day journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. This year Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will hold a traditional evening service of worship at 7:30 in our sanctuary. The traditional focus of our time together is two-fold; the distribution of the ashes, a reminder of our own mortality and need for repentance; and the celebration of Holy Communion, a moment to recognize the great sacrifice of Christ for our benefit, not his. Take an hour of your time on this day, and begin your reflective journey to Easter Morning on Sunday, April 8.

**OUR COMMUNITY DINNER:** is on February 20; menu - chicken and waffles, whipped potatoes, peas, applesauce, dessert, and beverage. (served 4:30-6:30 p.m.; \$7 adults; \$3 under 12 years of age)

For your convenience, enclosed is a form describing the various work areas for our February 20th dinner. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these areas or donating a dessert, please complete the enclosed form and deposit it in the offering plate. You may also call Louise at 944-6518 or email [lmm32@verizon.net](mailto:lmm32@verizon.net) to volunteer.

**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.