

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 30

MONDAY, December 31

TUESDAY, January 1, 2019

(Church Office **CLOSED** ~ December 30th until January 2nd)

(If there is an emergency, call Terry at 724-814-1675)

THURSDAY, January 3

- 2:30 PM - Bible Study (Friendship Apts.)
- 6:30 PM - Bible Study (Upstairs Classroom)
- 7:00 PM - Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, January 4

- 10:00 AM - Make Sandwiches for Pittsburgh Homeless

SATURDAY, January 5

(Becky Blankenship will help distribute sandwiches)

SUNDAY, January 6 ~ Epiphany

- 8:30 AM - Early Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service ~ Arrival of Wisemen

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**December 23 & 24, 2018**

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| 8:30 AM Early Service .....   | 37     | Current Exp .....        | \$ 5,097.12 |
| 11:00 AM Worship Service..... | 116    | Connectional Appt .....  | 473.67      |
| Christmas Eve .....           | 199    |                          | \$ 5,570.79 |
| Sunday School att .....       | 42     |                          |             |
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| Weekly Avg. ....              | 108    | Sunday School Avg .....  | 36          |
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| Bldg. & Repair .....          | 677.00 | Renovation .....         | 135.00      |
| Food Bank .....               | 220.00 | Christmas Offering ..... | 633.00      |

**Rev. Beverly A. Spore, Pastor**  
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*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.*

- **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are in the pew racks and will be collected during the opening hymn.
- The **NURSERY** is available upstairs in the Educational Building for parents who feel the need to take their children there.
- **ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the Overflow Area for those children who wish to remain in the service.
- **EVERYONE** – Please sign the attendance pads at the end of each pew and pass to your neighbor. If the **LAST** person at the end of the row would **PLEASE** pass it back to where it originally started, it will be greatly appreciated.
- **VISITORS** – We hope you will join us again!



# Lessons and Carols

*First United Methodist Church*  
*"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"*

*December 30, 2018*  
*8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.*

# First Sunday after Christmas

❖ Congregation please stand, if able ~ ❖ Denotes for 8:30am service

## ❖ Welcome and Announcements

❖ ❖ Opening Carol # 237  
"Sing We Now of Christmas"

## ❖ Call to Worship

We are here because we have heard a promise of peace,  
**And we have faith its day will come.**  
We have heard a rumor of justice,  
**And we have faith its day will come.**  
We have heard a whisper of hope,  
**And we have faith its day will come.**  
We have heard a hint of love,  
**And we have faith its day will come.**  
We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child,  
**And we have faith his day is here.**  
Welcome to Christmas!  
**Welcome to worship!**

## ❖ Opening Prayer

You have come, Jesus,  
To a world of grief bringing joy  
To a world of darkness bringing light  
To a world of suffering bringing celebration  
To a world of sin bringing salvation  
Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Hallelujah! Amen.

**Anthem** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

## ❖ Thoughtful Sharing of Lessons and Carols

### Offering

- ❖ Doxology
- ❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving
- ❖ The Lord's Prayer

❖ ❖ Closing Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 230

## ❖ ❖ Benediction

❖ ❖ Community Blessing "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" # 204  
**Postlude**

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

#### **Tuesday, January 8**

- 10:30 am – Bible Study Resumes
- 6:15 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:15 pm – Church Council Meeting

#### **Saturday, January 12**

- 11:00 am – "Calendar Party" (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Sunday, January 13**

- 12:30 pm – A.L.I.C.E. Seminar (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Tuesday, January 15**

- 7:15 pm – Trustees Meeting

#### **Saturday, January 19**

- 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast

**Monday, January 21 ~ Office Closed** (MLK Birthday)

#### **Tuesday, January 22**

- 6:00 pm – PPSR Committee (Pastor's Office)

#### **Tuesday, January 29**

- 7:15 pm – Finance Committee Meeting

### **Regular Meetings for Month:**

- Women's Prayer Group – Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Bible Studies – Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 am
  - Thursdays 2:30 pm at Friendship Apts.
  - Thursdays 6:30 pm (upstairs)
- Al-Anon – Thursdays at 7:00 pm

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| 2018 Connectional Apportionment Asking - \$21,688<br>Amount received as of 12/24/2018 - \$12,019.57 (55.4%)<br>Amount still due Conference - \$9,668.43 |
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| Renovation Fund Phase II Loan - \$60,000<br>Amount still due Credit Union 11/30/2018 - \$33,461.19 |
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