



The Outlook

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church of Waynesburg

February 2013

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1

Dear Waynesburg First Family,

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus. ([1 Corinthians 1:4 RSV](#)) May God bless us, one and all, as we work together to grow God's kingdom here in Waynesburg.

As we look forward to spring, lent and then Easter I wanted to look at a very important aspect of our salvation, GRACE. Many of you are aware that I will be leading a study this Lenten season on Max Lucado's book GRACE; sub-titled: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine. My sermons on Sunday will also be based on the study.

In Genesis 6:6-8 we read: And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. underlining added

In the Gospel of John we read, concerning John the Baptist: John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:15-17, underlining added

The basic Hebrew word that is translated as grace in Genesis above has a literal meaning of, "to bend down or stoop in kindness to an inferior". The basic Greek word in John above literally means to be "cheer"ful. At first glance I find that to be quite a contrast. Yet, I know that I am inferior to a God who bent down out of kindness for me and others, as Jesus, to take away my quilt caused by sin. And because of that, I am filled with cheer! How about you?

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Pastor Gary Grau's Office Hours: Varied (see bulletin)
Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
Please join us for Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 10:45 am
F.I.S.H. Club 9:30 am — Children and Adults

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Consider this: when you and I show grace to another, it is not because they are inferior, it's because we are "cheer"ful!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Gary

Scriptures and Sermons for February

Grace

3rd "House to House" Acts 20:16-21

10th Gideons

17th "The Grace Shaped Life" Acts 9:3-9

24th "Jesus Stooped Low to Take Our Place" John 8:2-11

Sermon title and scripture beginning 2/17 taken from
Max Lucado's leader's guide on GRACE



Food for Thought

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Text: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 (Romans 5:20)

Music: Daniel B. Tower, 1910



**In this year of two thousand and thirteen,
Relate to Jesus with nothing between.**

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Sat., Feb. 2nd— Bowling @ Meadow Lanes & Sarris Ice Cream—meet at 5:00 p.m.

Sun., Feb 3rd— No Youth Group

Sun., Feb. 10th—Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 17th— Ice Cream Social with Pizza after the 10:45 worship service

**Sat., Feb. 23rd—Saturday Service; Hot Metal Bridge, Pittsburgh; feed homeless—
leave @ 10:30 a.m.**

Sun., Feb 24th— No Youth Group

United Methodist Women

The UM Women would like to let you know how we support missions in our area. Please note that a major portion of our income comes from bequests we receive annually. The following is a list of our donations for 2012.

Local

Church Budget	\$ 750.00
VB School	100.00
Projection Screen	250.00
Salvation Army	200.00
W. Waynesburg Outreach	100.00
St. Ann—Neighbor Lunch	200.00
Jumonville Tuitions	200.00
Parish House Furniture	1473.00
Memorials—FUMC	15.00
Memorials— Wash Dist. UMW	40.00
Chair cleaning—Parish House	<u>80.00</u>
	\$ 3408.00
Also—District UMW	\$ 2200.00
Prayer & Self Denial	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 2300.00

We also donated 30 pounds of soda can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

We would like to thank all the women who attend UM Women and invite the women of the church to come and attend our meetings. We have wonderful programs at each meeting and a time to share and get to know each other. Please come—you might be surprised and have an enjoyable evening! A special thank you to Carol Corwin who is our treasurer.



Walking Your Faith Graduation

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, 13 men from SCI-Greene graduated the Walking Your Faith II program. This was one of biggest classes we've had. Fourteen men started the class and the reason one man didn't finish was because he was paroled—what a good problem to have.

Rev. Jabulani Sibanda, Facility Chaplaincy Program Director, welcomed us.

Marcia Sinkovitz, Program Coordinator for Second Chance Ministries and the Walking Your Faith Program, came from Dauphin, PA. She gave a brief description of the program, especially directed to those men in attendance who are new to Walking Your Faith. She also gave a background of Jim Law, a former inmate, who was instrumental in starting this program. She gave greetings from former Governor George Leader, who turned 95 on January 19, 2013. He also helped to spearhead and continues to support Second Chance Ministries. It was great to have her here to support us.

The R.L.W. Quartet (Paul Carlson, Jeff Cree, Connie Hart, and KC Waddel) sang "All God Gifts" and "Jesus is My Lord." They truly enhanced the graduation with their gift of music. You can tell how much the men enjoy their music and appreciate them.

Rev. Bill Sukolsky, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, was our keynote speaker. He spoke on "A Disciple Hand", using the hand as a tool to remember the Scripture from I Corinthians 16:13-14. It was meaningful and clever. He has spoken for us before, and I think he enjoys coming as much as the men enjoy hearing him speak.

The graduates were recognized and given "Healing Poetry II" books, which were written by George Leader. They were also presented with certificates of completion of the Walking Your Faith II program.

We had opportunities to share our feelings about the men in the class. We have seen a lot of spiritual growth and "hunger" for God's knowledge in these men. What a blessing to see them mature in their faith, even since the completion of the Walking Your Faith I.

The graduates shared the "12 Disciples Song" sung to the tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves", which Ms. Connie helped them learn over the 15 week class.

As a special 'treat' the SCI-Greene choir sang "When God Ran," which has become a very special song to us. It is based on the Bible story of the Prodigal Son's return and how "God Ran" to greet him, just as he runs to greet us when we turn our lives around.

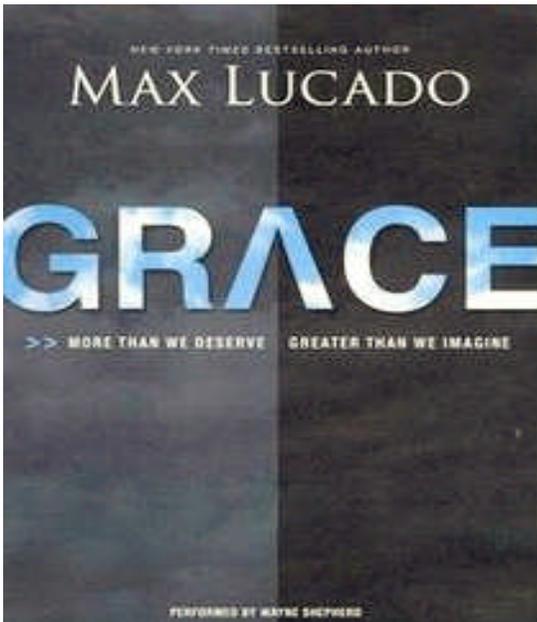
What a joy it has been to be in God's service in this ministry. We've commented many times—that even when we're tired or the weather isn't good when we arrive on Tuesdays, whenever we leave to come home, we have a different perspective on our day. We all have been blessed by this ministry.

Shirley Bailey, Janet Cree, Lori Duer, Pastor Gary Grau, Janice Gottschalk,
Connie Hart, and Marilyn Facemire—Prison Ministry

On Sun., Jan. 6th, the choir along with others from our church shared the Christmas Cantata with SCI-Greene.

There was quite a crowd in the chapel. Rev. Kathy Higgins greeted us., The evening opened with everyone singing "Let it Rise", which set the tone for the evening service. It's always special to see the expression on their faces as we share our programs with them. The choir and others did a great job, as usual.

But what followed was a new and blessed experience. Since it was the first Sunday of the month, we were able to partake in communion with them. There were 3 pews up front facing the congregation. As the men are directed (12 at a time), they come and kneel at those pews to receive the bread and juice. It was such a humbling experience. We are thankful for the opportunity to share our worship with them—their out pouring of appreciation for us is over whelming.

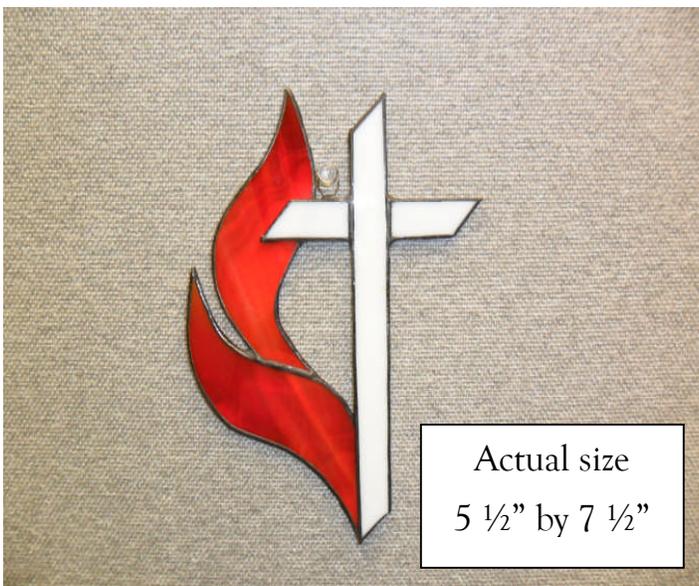


Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.,
Beginning February 20
and ending on April 4.

Cost \$15 for book and study guide.

Let God's Light Shine Thru!



Handmade Stain Glass Sun Catcher

by "Our Glass Creations"
in Waynesburg

\$25 Donation to support
missions at Waynesburg First
UMC

Call 724-627-5951 or email
firstumcpa@windstream.net

Hot Metal Bridge Church in Pittsburgh conducts a homeless ministry each Saturday from noon-3:00 p.m. going out into the community and handing out bags of toiletries and food to Pittsburgh's homeless. If you are interested in serving with Hot Metal Bridge Homeless Ministry please see Jeanette Lindsay. We are hoping to form a small group from First UMC to go and serve.

Friday Faith Café

- First Friday of the Month
- 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- Live Christian Music
- No cover charge
- Free refreshments

625 Fayette Street, Washington , PA
West Washington UMC Hall

“The Gathering” (New Time & New Place)

February 17, 2013

6:00 PM

in the Chapel of
Washington First UMC
(29 North College St.,
Washington, PA)



Greene County Hymn Sing

Sunday, February 10
at 7:00 p.m. At
Pine Bank UMC



Check us out on Facebook

The First United Methodist Church is now on Facebook. Please search for us by name and ‘Like’ us. You will then be alerted to church activities and be able to see pictures of what’s happening at the church. Feel free to add updates to the page. We want people to know that things are happening at First UMC and that we want them to be a part of it! Ask your friends to ‘Like’ us too!

Washington District Laity School

February 10, 17, 24, & March 3

2:00-5:00 PM

Courses:

Basic Lay Speaking for Youth (NEW)

Basic Lay Speaking for Adults

Evangelism for Our Generation

Accountable Disciples

Praying in Public

You Can Preach

Cost: \$15.00

Place: First United Methodist Church of Washington

29 College Street

Child care services and activities will be provided and available for attendees who wish to bring their children.

Questions or further information about registration can be made by calling Mary or Dale Dalesio at 412-418-2913 or by email to mary.dalesio@comcast.net . Registration forms are on the table in the back of the church.

Hurricane Sandy Disaster—To donate for this disaster, put a check in the offering with Hurricanes 2012, Advance #3021787 in the memo line. You can also text the word RESPONSE to 80888 to give an immediate \$10 donation.

The Mission Barn could use more cleaning buckets or supplies to put together more cleaning buckets.



Help Needed in the Nursery

The Nursery is looking for more adult workers. If you can spare one Sunday (second service) every six weeks, we would appreciate your help. Safe Sanctuary program requires two adults in the nursery and they cannot be related. We have children from babies (occasionally) to 5 years old and rarely more than 4 at a time. We clean the toys used at the end of the service and straighten up the room. You can hear the service through a wireless system in the nursery. Please consider helping in the nursery for the next year. Contact Janice Gottschalk, 724-998-1302 (cell), or 724-627-4161.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO TRANSPORT!

**URGENT: CAN YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, POSSIBLY HELP
A**

CANCER PATIENT GET TO LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT?

**For more information please contact Senior Health Initiatives Rep-
resentative, Kathleen Row at your American Cancer Society at:**

412-919-1085 or at: kathleen.row@cancer.org



Free Spaghetti Dinner

The First United Methodist Church Canonsburg will be holding a free spaghetti dinner the third Friday of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The next will be Fri., Jan. 11th. Everyone is welcome to attend. Enjoy a night out with good food and fellowship.

Give Your Just Desserts

Don't forget that Saint Ann's is in need of desserts for the Good Neighbor Lunch. The desserts can be dropped off daily at Saint Ann's or given to Wayne Hart and he will deliver them for you. Saint Ann's provides lunch for low income individuals on Mondays and Thursdays and they really appreciate our continued support. This is the only hot meal that some of these folks eat all week. Previously the desserts were provided by Shop & Save but now that they are no longer in business, this is a need that we can help to meet.



**Paws before you throw that
away.....**

Recycle and get Ca\$h for Critters

The Humane Society of Greene county is now accepting, in addition to ink cartridges and used cell phones, used digital cameras, GPS units, and IPODS. These items can be dropped off at the shelter, Radio Shack or given to Connie or Wayne Hart. They will be recycled and the money earned will be used to care for the abandoned and abused animals who find their way to our care.





February Birthdays

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. —I Peter 1:23

- 1 **Joe Olczak**
- 2 **Brooke Roberts**
- 3 **Jim Facemire**
Julie Alderson
Brandon Lindsay
- 7 **Jeff Cree**
Lee Robinson
- 8 **Audrey Greenlee**
Mary Ann Grau
- 9 **Brooke Oroez**
- 11 **Amber Duell**
- 12 **Connie Hart**
- 13 **Terry Bennett**
- 15 **Cullen McElligott**
- 16 **Caitlyn Duer**
Isabella Mariner
- 17 **Dan Corwin**
Tom Headlee
Aliza Mariner
- 18 **Gray Grau**
- 22 **Dan Ridout**
Christian Mariner
Presslie Mariner
- 25 **Clyde (Butch) Whyte**
Craig Alderson
Haley Lipscomb
Sharon Kennedy

Did we miss anyone?
Call the church office or send an e-mail to get your special day in the newsletter
(724-627-5951) or:
firstumcpa@windstream.net

The Church Website is Active

Read the monthly newsletter on the Website!

Go to www.WaynesburgFirst.org or www.WaynesburgUMC.org. Each address will take you to the same website. You will be able to get the verse for the day and an Upper Room reading. If you like, you can register to hear the verse rather than read it.

We are asking each church group, Sunday school class to submit a write-up on what their group is and does and welcoming anyone they think might be interested in joining. Send the paragraph to the church office at firstumcpa@windstream.net or drop it off. We'll get it on the website.

Offering Envelopes

We have reduced the number of offering envelopes that we purchase. **Anyone who had a number higher than 125 has been reassigned a new number for 2013. Please pick up your envelopes in the back of the church.**

Pray always ~ without ceasing!

Please call prayer requests to: the church office at
724-627-5951

If you would rather email, send them to Wayne Hart at:
wahart@windstream.net (Subject: Prayer Ministry)



February Announcement List

February 3.....	Youth
February 10.....	KC Waddel
February 17.....	Rich Waddel
February 24.....	Waynes Hart



February 2013



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 5:00 PM Youth Group Bowling
3	4 Dartball w/Sraggs UMC 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	5	6 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café	7 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8	9
<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> **Church Council: Admin. Board @ Noon on Sun., Feb. 10th </div>						
10 ** 2-5 PM Lay Speakers School 5:00 PM <u>Youth Group</u> 7:00 PM Greene Co. Hymn Sing at Pine Bank UMC	11 Dartball @ Oakview UMC #1 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	12	13 <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café	14 <u>VALENTINE'S DAY</u> 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	15	16
17 Noon Pizza & Ice Cream Social 2-5 PM Lay Speakers School	18 Dartball w/Glad Tid- ings Assem- bly of God 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	19	20 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe 7:00 PM Advent Study	21 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	22 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	23 10:30 AM Youth Group Service Saturday
24 2-5 PM Lay Speakers School	25 Dartball @ Carmi- chaels UMC 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	26	27 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café 7:00 PM Advent Study	28 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir		

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY FRIDAY, February 22nd !!!!!