



The Outlook

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church of Waynesburg

January 2013

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."
Psalm 19: 14*

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 begin our new year together I plan to look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. In my sermons we will look at our relationship to Jesus, what it costs to be in that relationship and what God's plans are for Waynesburg first.

A disciple is one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another. The other for us is Jesus. We are not disciples of the apostle Paul. We are not disciples of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement. We are not disciples of Thomas Bickerton, our resident bishop. We are not disciples of Eric Park, our district superintendent. You are not disciples of Gary Grau. For as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:13, "Can Christ be divided into pieces?" Was I, Paul, crucified for you? Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul?" (New Living Translation). We are not even disciples of the United Methodist Church.

"The mission of the [United Methodist] Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches [of which we are one] provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs." (Paragraph 120, the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2008). I believe that our congregation's mission "... for God to change lives through us" represents the essence of the General Church's mission.

In order for us to complete our mission we must become disciples of Jesus and grow in that discipleship. We cannot teach others to be disciples if we are not living and growing as one. As the old saying goes, "it takes one to know one."

One of the best ways to live and grow as a disciple is to be part of and committed to a small group of like-minded brethren. Small groups also provide an entry way into our congregation that is less intimidating for those who are new to Waynesburg First.

I look forward to the miracles God will perform through us as we commit ourselves to being and growing as disciples for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please follow me on Twitter: Gary Grau and Facebook: Gary Grau for more thoughts.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Gary

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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Scriptures and Sermons for January plus first week of February

Discipleship

6th “Not Above the Master” Matthew 10:24-25; Luke 6:39-42

13th “Count the Cost” Luke 14:25-33

20th “As You Did It” Matthew 25:31-46

27th “God’s Growth Plan” Acts 2:42-47

3rd “House to House” Acts 20:16-21



Food for Thought

Nothing between my soul and my Savior,
so that his blessed face may be seen;
nothing preventing the least of his favor;
keep the way clear! let nothing between.

Text: Charles Albert Tindley

Music: Charles Albert Tindley; arr. by F.A. Clark

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

Thank You to Erin’s church family

As we come to the close of this year, we would like to express our gratitude for all your concern and support for Erin and our family. Our world was shaken when we received the phone call about Erin’s accident. Ultimately, our life changed when she passed away.

Each of you holds a special place in our hearts for helping us to face the reality of life without our beloved Erin. Whether you sent a donation, flowers, visited us at the hospital or funeral home, called with condolences, or remembered us in your prayers, it is appreciated beyond words.

Thank you,

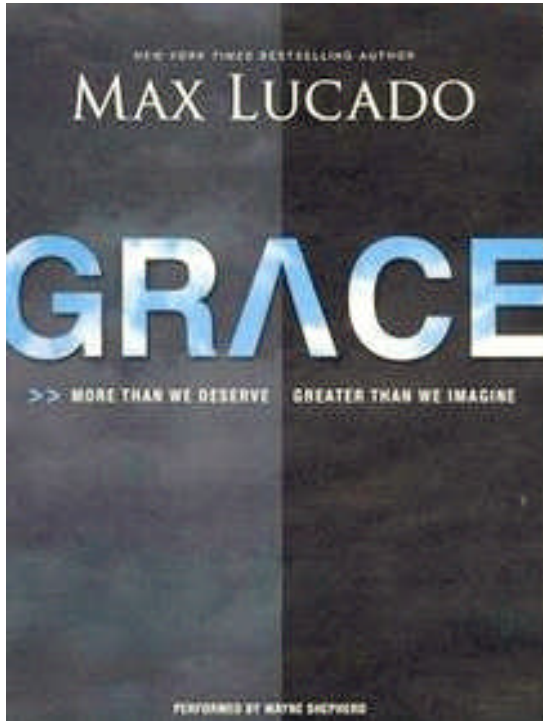
Darryl & Kim Jedlowski

Kristin, Nathan, & Brayden O’Connor

United Methodist Women

Thank You—On behalf of the UM Women, we would like to thank everyone who participated in our Christmas Family Drive. It was very much appreciated. We do have angels that walk among us.

COMING SOON: a Lenten Bible Study on

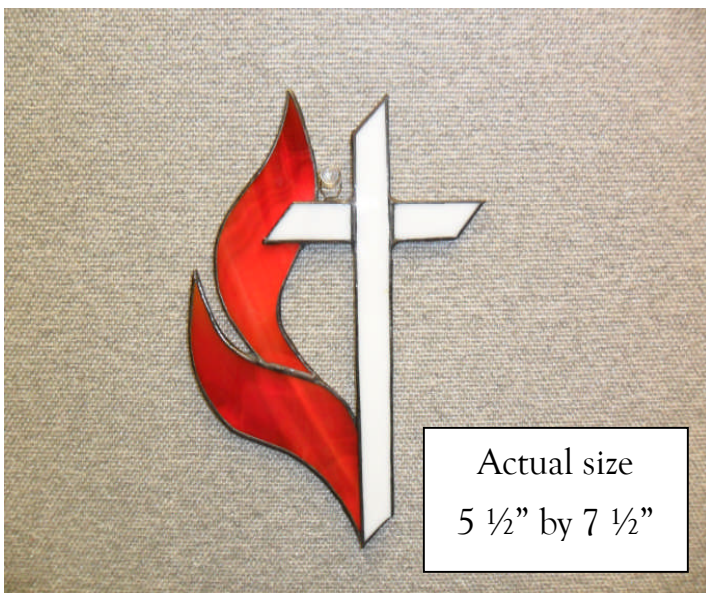


Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.,
Beginning February 20
and ending on April 4.

Cost \$15 for book and study guide.

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

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

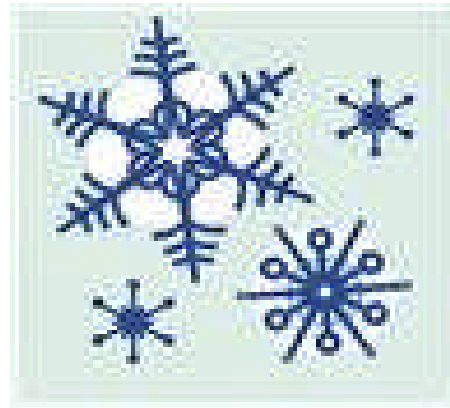
- First Friday of the Month
- 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- Live Christian Music
- No cover charge
- Free refreshments

625 Fayette Street, Washington , PA
West Washington UMC Hall

“The Gathering”
(**New Time & New Place**)

No Gathering in January!

February 17, 2013
6:00 PM
in the Chapel of
Washington First UMC
(29 North College St.,
Washington, PA)



Greene County Hymn Sing

Sunday, January 13
at 7:00 p.m. here at
Waynesburg First 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
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 .

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.

Sewing Days

for

Ugandan Children

Sat., Jan. 2 & 12

1:00-3:00 PM

in the Social Hall

All are welcome; no skill needed!

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.





January 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 David Mariner
- 3 Mike Gaston
- 4 Tessa Mariner
- 6 Nicole Roberts
- 8 Craig M. Alderson
- 9 Zachary Patton
- 12 Megan McElligott
- 13 Bill Gensler
Bill Okuley
- 15 Kevin McElligott
Devonne McCall
Quinn Stoner
- 17 Gregg Stoner
- 18 Ava Mariner
- 19 Caleb Ward
- 20 Ramonda Lipscomb
- 24 Eileen Lang
Troy Cree
- 27 Myrle Loveday
- 28 Nathan Patton
Amy Milliken
- 30 Frank Robinson
- 31 Amy Hartman

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)



January Announcement List

- January 6.....Youth
- January 13.....Lynn Bussey
- January 20.....Kurt Gottschalk
- January 27.....Jeff Cree



January 2013



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café	3 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	4	5 1-3 PM Sewing Days for Ugandan Children
6 EPIPHANY	7 Dartball w/Family Faith Minis- tries 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	8 7:00 PM Building Study Team	9 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Café 7:00 PM Advent Study (last one)	10 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11	12 1-3 PM Sewing Days for Ugandan Children
13 Noon Program Board <hr/> 7:00 PM Greene Co. Hymn Sing Here at First UMC Waynesburg	14 Dartball w/ Jefferson UMC 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	15 6:30 PM Trustees	16 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	17 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	18	19
20 Human Relations Sunday	21 Dartball w/ Fairall UMC 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	22	23 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	24 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	25 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	26
27	28 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	29	30 6:30-8:30 PM Erin's Inside Out Cafe	31 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir		

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY FRIDAY, January 25th !!!!!