

Circleville Church

of North Huntingdon, PA



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

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February 11, 2024

***Our mission is to share Christ with the world through worship,
service and witness.***

THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished...
...that I might be forgiven. (Isaiah 53:4)
2. Jesus was wounded...
...that I might be healed. (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; 1Peter 2:24)
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness...
...that I might be made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Jesus died our death...
...that I might receive His life (Hebrews 2:9).
5. Jesus was made a curse...
...that I might enter into the blessing (Galatians 3:13)
6. Jesus endured our poverty...
...that I might share His abundance (2 Corinthians 8:9).
7. Jesus bore our shame...
...that I might share His glory (Hebrews 12:2)
8. Jesus endured our rejection...
... that I might have His acceptance with the Father (Ephesians 1:5-6).
9. Jesus was cut off by death...
...that I might be joined to God eternally (Isaiah 53:8)
10. Our old man was put to death in Him...
...that the new man might come to life in me (Colossians 3:9-10)

***Indicates for you to stand if able**

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude... *"More Love to Thee"* by Hayes

Mary Jane Clark, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Phyllis Dempsey, Worship Leader

* Passing of the Peace

* Ringing of the Bells

* Call to Worship:

Leader: As we live and as God lives,

People: God will not leave us.

Leader: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

People: God will not leave us.

Leader: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

People: God will not leave us.

Leader: When we long to speak but find no words,

People: God will not leave us.

Leader: When all around us is silent,

People: God will not leave us.

Leader: When faithfulness feels beyond us,

People: God will not leave us.

Leader: As we live and as God lives,

People: we worship the One who will not leave us.

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

Phyllis Dempsey

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and your message is hard to perceive, still, we can see you. Still, your presence shines—a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to speak your story, let your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect your glory, and your grace. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise #127 (Hymnal)

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer Moment:

Nancy Zerbe

Prayers and Praises of the People

After the Joys we say, "Thanks be to God"

After the Concerns we say, "In the Name of Jesus", Amen.

The Divine Exchange

Intercessory Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Nancy Zerbe

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings Phyllis Dempsey
As God has given us such a great share of blessings, let us share our gifts with God's people.

The Offertory... "*Hymn*" by Simper

* Offertory Response #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison) Phyllis Dempsey
Gracious God, you have given us a double share of your Spirit...and even more...more than we could ask for or ever repay. You have blessed us with your love and filled our lives with your grace. Take now this offering of our hearts and our lives, that they may be instruments of your love and your mercy, your justice and your grace. Amen.

Children's Message... "*God Speaks to Samuel*" (Saddleback Kids) Brandon Dempsey

* Congregational Anthem...#128 (Hymnal) *"He Leadeth Me"*

Scripture Lesson – Proverbs 20:24 (The Living Bible) Phyllis Dempsey, Worship Leader

Message... Kathy Ireys Testimony: "*Why Try to Understand?*"

* Hymn of Dedication #467 *"Trust and Obey"*

* Benediction (in unison)

**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.
(Numbers 6:24-26)**

* Postlude... "*Life Eternal*" by Peterson

Memory Verses:

This Week: "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (NIV)

Last Week: Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. John 3:5 (NIV)

Lectionary Readings:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6 (Hymnal 783)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Barb & George Petro	Cora Jean Qualey
Kathy Irey	Pat Lydon	Jessie Roycroft
Jane Jancisin	Greg Clark	Joyce & Rick Frischolz
Barb Douglas	Abbey McCoy	

Statistics: Attendance last Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 51; Sunday School, 16.

Homebound: Mr. Glenn Neubert, 714 Ellsworth Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644

Birthdays: February 14, Mary Jane Clark & Scott Goodish

Received February 4, 2024

General Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,315.45	+\$ 15.45
Year-to-date	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 11,280.55	-\$ 5,220.45
Building Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 190.00	\$ 112.00	-\$ 78.00
Year-to-date	\$ 950.00	\$ 814.50	-\$ 13.50

This Week

Sunday	Friends & Family Sunday
Monday	Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m. Dartball is home, playing Paintertown Lutheran, 7:00 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	No Morning prayers with Pastor Jun
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday service, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Memorial service for Carolyn Kalina, 11:00 a.m. at Circleville AA meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

February 18	Hoagie orders are due.
February 19	Private use of the Fellowship Hall. Head Start will be off.
February 20	SPRC meeting, 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
February 25	Making hoagies, 7:00 a.m. Pick up hoagies

Notes of Interest:

Please Note: We will be locking the front door around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you need to leave and come back in, please let someone know so they can open the door for you.

The February newsletter is on the gift table. Please take one and sign your name on the clipboard provided.

ChangeForGood collected \$106.90 for the Fisher House. Thank you to all who donated.

The Food Pantry – These are items still needed to keep the pantry full.

Velveeta Shells and Cheese	Idaho Potato mix	Ramen Noodles
Chef Boyardee Pastas	Gravy	Salmon
Jelly	Noodles	Canned Potatoes
Lipton Rice or Noodle mixes	Applesauce	Tuna
Regular noodles	Peanut Butter	Instant Oatmeal – packets
Regular boxes of cereal	Chicken Noodle or Rice Soup	Spaghetti Sauce
Instant or regular rice	Pop-Tarts	Cans of Fruit-
Tomato Soup	Cream of Chicken Soup	

We desperately need canned fruit and spaghetti sauce (no spaghetti noodles). If you can get the small, plastic bottles of spaghetti sauce that are available at Aldi's that would be great. Thank you.

Band Meeting Questions

Each week Methodists would meet together in groups of three to five people of the same gender (known as bands), and ask each person the following four questions:

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
2. What temptations have you met with?
3. How were you delivered?
4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

Class Meeting Questions

They also had small group meetings so-called class meeting consisted of 12 people with a series of questions.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am?
In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass onto another what was told me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
5. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
6. Did the Bible live in me today?

7. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
8. Am I enjoying prayer?
9. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?
10. Do I pray about the money I spend?
11. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
12. Do I disobey God in anything?
13. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
14. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
15. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
16. How do I spend my spare time?
17. Am I proud?
18. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisee who despised the publican?
19. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I going to do about it?
20. Do I grumble and complain constantly?
21. Is Christ real to me?

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH'S BELIEFS & GOVERNANCE

There are nine parts: Doctrine, Social Witness, Local Church, The Ministry of the Called, The Superintendency, Conferences, Connectional Organization, Judicial Administration, Property. Each week we will review one part until finished. There is more detail in each of these sections, which can be found at <https://globalmethodist.org>

PART THREE | LOCAL CHURCH

316. BAPTISMAL VOWS

In faithfulness with early Christian practice as well as the Wesleyan tradition, those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism within the Global Methodist Church shall first be asked the following questions:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and reject the evil powers of this world?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of your sin, turn to Jesus Christ, and confess Him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life by the grace and power of God?

I will.

Those who present candidates for Holy Baptism who are unable to answer for themselves will also be asked this question:

Will you nurture these children (persons) in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, profess their faith openly, and lead a Christian life?

I (We) will.

The congregation is then asked to affirm their commitment to support the baptismal candidate in the faith.

Will you who witness these vows encourage [these persons] in the faith and do all in your power to support [these persons] in [their] life in Christ?

We will.

Baptismal candidates (or those presenting candidates unable to answer for themselves) are then asked to confess their faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Message of Salvation

Are you saved?

Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you die at this moment?

Here is the good news for you.

Everyone dies because of sin, and after that ...

You will die someday because of sin. You cannot avoid death, and death is not the end, but the beginning of an eternal life. What's important is where and how you will live eternally. With eternal happiness in heaven or eternal suffering in hell? If you deal with your sin, you can enter the heaven and live there eternally. How?

Jesus Christ has redeemed your sin.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and bore the cross shedding his blood to redeem your sin and triumphed in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, Christ paid off your sin and purchased a place for you in heaven, which he offers as a free gift.

If you want for your sins to be forgiven and to be saved ...

1. Accept Christ's invitation by repenting your sins by asking,
"Lord, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive all of my iniquities I have committed, and lead me to your kingdom."
2. Confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior," by praying,
"Lord, I confess that You are my Savior who can deliver me from the eternal damnation of sin and death. Come into my heart and be my master for my entire life."
3. Rejoice, you are forgiven and given an eternal life without condemnation.
4. Congratulations! You become a child of God and a citizen of Heaven.

What's next?

1. Read the Bible, the Word of God, in which you will find Truth and Peace.
2. Join a local church where you will grow in faith
3. Do good works as much as you can. Sharing God's love for others is a form of worship.

If you, having read this, trusted Jesus for eternal salvation, please let us know. We would like to help you to grow spiritually.

Please contact Pastor Gloria Jun at 724-864-1581 or 410-302-4477.

Sermon Notes:

Scripture: Proverbs 20:24 (The Living Bible)

“Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?”

The month of February we will “focus” on praise.

Have you heard of the “ACTS prayer method”? The ACTS prayer model uses the acronym A.C.T.S. to help you remember four key topics we should have in our prayers. It closely outlines the Lord’s Prayer. This model should help you to cover these four key topics in this order.

A — Adoration. (Praise God for who He is)

C — Confession (repentance)

T — Thanksgiving (praise)

S — Supplication (needs)

January we focused on repentance. This month we will set our hearts and prayers on Praise. If you are a half full glass person this may be easier than if you are a glass half empty type of person. BUT either way God is a God who is to be praised. So let us lift our hearts and hands and praise, praise, praise.

Week of February 11

In the current song by Crowder, “God Really Loves You” he sings that God doesn’t just love you, He REALLY loves you. On the 14th we celebrate Valentine’s Day and that is supposed to equate to love. But that is the world’s love. Praise God and Praise Him again that He loves us, before we were and as we are and His love will never, ever end.

Romans 5:8. But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.