### Stewardship of Time and Talents, January 4, 2015

General\$1,246.00	Parsonage\$105.00
Coffee Outreach\$7.00	Hall Use\$300.00
Benevolences\$5.00	
Attendance: Worship – 26	Sunday school –

#### **Schedule of Events**

Today, January 11, 2015	9:00 a.m	Worship
Monday, January 12, 2015		
Tuesday, January 13, 2015		
Wednesday, January 14, 2015	9:00 a.m	Book Club
Thursday, January 15, 2015	7:00 p.m	Blessings of the Flesh
Friday, January 15, 2015	·	_

## Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Pastor		Rev Bruce McDaniel
Organist		Linda Allen
Pianist		Kathy Bame
Liturgist		Paul Herringshaw
Greeters:	East	Tom and Alyce Roller
	North	Carole Fitzwater and Vicky Allen
	Ushers	Tom and Carolyn Keys

## **Prayer/Concerns Requests**

Sherred Adam	Jim Avery	Mary Briggs
Family of Nancy Bostdorff	Lisa Cole	Joe Colen
Family of Dennis Deters	Nydia Deutschman	Josh Earl
Dale Fry	Tom Hales	Carole Humnel
Zak Hunter	Charlotte Jones	Char Kelly
Tom Hales	Family of Tom & Char Horky	Brent Hoestetler
Virgil Krassow	Karen Landries	Roy and Vicki Lanham
David Lowe	Nancy Lowe	Kay Michaels
Marcia Moore	Luann Palmer	Robert Palmer
Joe Perez	Laura Rothhaar	Family of Bob Sabo
Family of Nicholas Salaz	Derek Stender	Family of Michael Wenig

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As he was coming up out of the water, he saw the ... Spirit descending like a dove on him.

Mark 1:10

Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Christ Church Vision Statement:
CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

## Christ United Methodist Church

January 11, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epíphany

## We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries
Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

## **Call to Worship** (Stand if you are able)

Paul Herringshaw

On that first day, when time began:

you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.

#### Hymn #252

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

## **Invocation** (Stand if you are able)

Paul Herringshaw

Beloved's Parent: grace is the gift which flows to us from your heart; joy is the seed planted deep within our souls that it might blossom into lives of service to all. And we cry: "Glory!"

Servant of sinners: you emerge from baptism's water, to embrace us in your hopes; you take our fears from us and toss them aside as you lead us into your kingdom; you shine the Light which brings us out of despair's shadows. And we cry: "Glory!"

Wind upon the water: you move among us sweeping aside our petty pride, and offering us the gifts of humility and servant hood. You whisper of your yearning for peace and reconciliation, until it silences our angry voices and unclenches our fisted hearts. And we cry: "Glory!"

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our voices as your Beloved teaches, Our Father who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our bread for the day and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. \*

#### We Proclaim God's Word

Time with the Children

A Fresh Start

**Hearing the Sacred Text** 

Mark 1:1-11, Genesis 1:1-5

Paul Herringshaw

**Interpretation of the Sacred Text** First Things First

#### We Respond to God's Word

Offering our Prayer
Sharing our Prayer
Time of Silent and Personal Prayer

Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Invitation

**Doxology and Offering Prayer** 

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Bathed in the waters of baptism, we are graced people. Graced people, we recognize the gifts which have been poured out upon us. Recognizing these gifts, we take them and give them back to you, God of the waters, so that others might be bathed in hope, graced with joy, gifted with your peace and love.

## We Are Sent Forth

**Hymn #267** "O Love, How Deep"

## **Blessing**

Go into the world as God's beloved children.

We will go to share the gift of grace which flows from God's heart.

Go into the world as baptized sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We will go to bring the light of hope to all in despair.

Go into the world as those filled with the Holy Spirit.

We will go to hear the whispered yearnings for peace and reconciliation.

<sup>\*</sup> Liturgy by Thom M. Shuman

#### **Announcements and Reminders**

- The next LEADERSHIP TEAM has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7PM, CUMC.
- Please mark your calendars, our LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY has been scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2014, from 9 AM – 4:30 PM. Details will be posted at a later date.



- The **LIONS CLUB** dates for the month of January are on Mondays, 1/12/15 and 1/26/15 at 7PM, CUMC.
- The Portage Lions Club continues to collect old reading and/or prescription
   EYEGLASSES you no longer use. The eyeglasses are cleaned and given to those in need. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex, at CUMC Thank you.
- The Outreach Committee at CUMC would appreciate receiving the following LABELS: 1) BOX TOPS for Education 2) Campbell Soup labels 3) and any current COUPONS that you are not able to use.
- The **Adult Sunday School** class is starting a new book for our class. The title is "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. From a blurb on the books back cover it says "In this important and thought-provoking work, Karen Armstrong, one of the most original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world, provides an impassioned and practical guide to helping us make the world a more compassionate place." Please come join us Sunday mornings following coffee time for good discussion and fellowship.
- The live nativity at **First United Methodist Church in Sylvania** wasn't the typical setup of church members dressed in first-century Middle Eastern costume, a stable providing the backdrop, and livestock on the side. This one had five scenes, not one, and no animals, but there were still church members providing the visuals. The nativity was designed as a drive-through display, on church pavement, and it moved the Christmas story to the present time, imagining Jesus being born today. Article posted in the Maumee Watershed E-Newsletter 1/17/2015, and obtained from the Toledo Blade issued on 12/20/2014.