

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**TODAY, Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday after Epiphany/Human Relations Sunday**

9:00 AM -Sunday School  
10:00 AM -Worship Service  
4:00 PM -Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Celebration  
Monroeville UMC

**WORSHIP LEADER: Don Sheaffer**

**GREETER: Sandy Ashbaugh**

**USHERS: Pat Daugherty & Janel Cibik**

**MONDAY, January 19**

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

**TUESDAY, January 20**

7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY, January 21**

6:30 PM -Worship Committee Meeting

**SUNDAY, January 25, Third Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00 AM -Sunday School  
10:00 AM -Worship Service

**WORSHIP LEADER: Elaine Brenneman**

**GREETER: Sandy Ashbaugh**

**USHERS: Don & Brentta Sheaffer**



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# First United Methodist Church

"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"

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## Second Sunday After Epiphany

### Human Relations Sunday

❖ We know that everyone is differently abled so please stand or sit as best suits your comfort level.

## Greetings & Announcements

## Prelude

*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.*

❖ Centering Chorus    "This Little Light of Mine"    #585 v. 1

❖ Call to Worship

Children of God, who has God called you to be?

**A light to all the nations!**

When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

**A light to all the nations!**

When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

**A light to all the nations!**

When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

**A light to all the nations!**

Come! Let us worship God, who gives us a light of good news to all the nations!

**We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen. ♣**

❖ Opening Hymn    "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"    #140

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen. ♣

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri

#70

Choir Anthem

"As a Little Child"

Children's Moment

Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination

Refrain (x2) #601

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Old Testament Lesson    Isaiah 49:1 - 7

#629

Message    "Given as a Light"    Pastor Sara J. Wrona

❖ Hymn    "The Summons"    TFWS #2130

Offertory

*They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

*Deuteronomy 16:16b-17*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

❖ Closing Hymn    "We Are Marching"    Video

*The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit*

❖ Benediction

❖ Community Blessing    #206 Refrain

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Postlude

❖ Unless otherwise noted, worship resources are from Discipleship Ministries of the UMC.



**Update: There will be no Messy Church in January or February.**

### **CANCELLATIONS**

If there should be a need to cancel services due to weather conditions, etc. or any evening events during the week, please tune into KDKA (Channel 2), or WPXI (Channel 11).



We have an ongoing fundraiser through Pizza Hut in Lower Burrell. On the last Tuesday of each month, the next date is **January 27**, we are asking that you help

support us by either dining in or doing carry-out at the Lower Burrell Pizza Hut. We receive 20% of the net sales for everyone that presents a coupon that night. Everyone has to eat supper so why not support your church while feeding your family. This fundraiser does not require the church to front any money or require manpower to prepare and serve the food. This will also give us an opportunity to share in a time of fellowship for those that choose to dine in. **Coupons are in the vestibule!**

### **First United Methodist Church, Leechburg Prayer List**

“...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 - 15

#### **Please be in prayer for Family and Friends:**

Ronald Anderson, Trooper Anthony, Alex Anto, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Jodie Britner, Ray Bryan, Camdyn, Dee Coleman, Dan, Lana Daugherty, Pat Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Dale Frederick, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Ruth Hyer, Phyllis Lamison, Beth Learn, Dianne LeSueur, Alexis Martin, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Niko and family, Linda Sarver, Sam Sheaffer, Gail Varine, Bohdi Ward, Clayton Ward, and Chloe Womer.

#### **Our Homebound Members:**

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Peppler, Grace Pettner, Myrtle Prunty, Dave Sherbondy, Bob & Vange Stewart, Dick & Dee Waugaman, Helen Weaver.

**Any changes please let Pam know in the office.**

#### **Our Church Leadership**

Greensburg/Pittsburgh District Superintendent Rev. Paul Ritchey

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball  
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

Our Nation

The People of the Ukraine

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

The Middle East

All those impacted by the storms

## MISSION JOURNEY INTEREST SURVEY

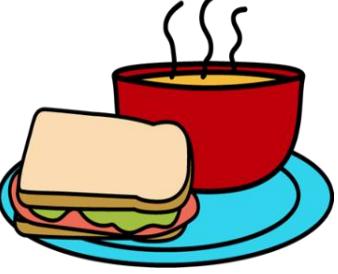
Included in your bulletin today, you will find a survey intended to discover member's preferences concerning Mission Journeys. Please give them to Elaine Brenneman by January 31, 2026. Thank you!



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

schools and for local food banks, soup kitchens and other charities for those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Sponsoring a Souper Bowl of Caring provides food and assistance to those in need and empowers people to make difference in their community.

A sign-up sheet is placed in the vestibule. Everyone is asked to bring a soup, sandwich, or dessert.

We would also ask that you bring non-perishable food items or cash donations for the Leechburg Food Bank.

Please join us for this time of food and fellowship sponsored by the Nurture Team.

<sup>SM</sup> Since it began in 1989, the [Souper Bowl of Caring](#) has provided over \$100 million worth of food and money to local hunger charities all across America. Every year people collect donations through their churches,

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

There are Christmas decorations in the overflow area that the church is no longer using. Please feel free to look through them and take what you would like.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SERVICE

Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (AVAC) is sponsoring a MLK, Jr. service on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Abundant Life Fellowship Church - 884 Kenneth Avenue in New Kensington.

## LENTEN STUDY 2026

Join us for this special Lenten study that will walk us through the 4 Gospels as we ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love. This will be a six-week study meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M.\* beginning February 24. A participant book is suggested for those who participate in order to get the most of the out of study. The price for each book is \$12.00. Please sign up no later than January 25, 2026, using the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. \*Please note that if there is enough interest, Pastor Sara will also do a daytime session.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Pastor Sara is asking for volunteers to write a devotion. Since she will write one, we will only need 12 folks from the congregation to write one of the devotions. Each week will have a theme. The devotion will give you reflective practices as well as suggestions for service projects to complete. The devotion will also include one page each week for journaling. Please prayerfully consider stepping out in faith to write a devotion based on one of the assigned scriptures that will coincide with the set theme for the week.

A sign-up sheet as well as the scriptures will be in the vestibule. Please return your devotion, preferably by email, to the church office by February 1, 2026.