



The Forecaster

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6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Schomer's Sermon: "The Power of a Word"

Liturgist: Rev. Nick Mager



Lectionary: II Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
I Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

Hymns: #479 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
#303 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
#379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

*Our worship will include the recognition of our newest members
and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Rev. Mager's Sermon: "Beyond the Doubt of a Shadow"

Liturgist: Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah



Lectionary: II Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
II Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Hymns: #75 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
#73 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
#263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ADULT FORUM

Sunday Morning

9:45 a.m.

**February 12 – Leader: Mr. Jim Petuch, Director of Mahoning County Solid Waste District –
ie. Green Team**

Topic: “Recycling: Go Green Locally, Nationally, and Internationally”

February 19 – Leader: Elaine Wilson, Director of Elaine's Health Services (and sister of Donna Sloan!)

Topic: “Long-term Care: Navigating Financial Challenges of Aging”

Presbyter Dr. Dan Schomer Returns to Pulpit of First Church

On Sunday morning, February 12th, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter of Eastminster Presbytery, back to our pulpit. Rev. Schomer, who is known to many of our members, was born and raised in Butler, PA. He is a graduate of Westminster College and Fuller Theological Seminary and completed his D. Min. at McCormick Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dan and his wife Joan live in Canfield and have 3 grown children and a new grandson.

Volunteers Needed - February 19th To Assist With Doctoral Study

Rev. Henry Pearce, a Doctor of Ministry Candidate at Pittsburgh Seminary, has invited our congregation to participate in his doctoral project. One of Henry's projects involves creating alternative liturgical language to be used during a regular Sunday worship service. He has asked if Rev. Mager would use his alternative language during morning worship on Sunday, February 19th, and Nick has agreed to do so.

What Rev. Pearce needs are 25 (or so) volunteers who are attending worship that Sunday to fill out a brief (one page) response form following worship on February 19th. If you would be willing to assist with this project, please contact JoEllen in the Church Office or Rev. Mager.



SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR . . .

... Bridget Benson, Rick Benson, Jeanne Blackstone, Jeff Bowen, Marty Brenner, Neita Burger, Nick Carson, Cathy Cline, Lillian Collins, Sylvia DePasqua, Charlotte Gelhaar, Sue Gomez, Eleanor Hawn, Fran Into, Carol Mossman, Susan Orr, Sue Phelan, Richard Polglase, Mary Roberts, Johanna Ruighaver, Susie Semanovich, Harriet Shasby, Robert Smith, Bunty Stone, Rev. Dale Szallai, Mozelle Tarver, and Esther Temesgen.

THE SYMPATHY AND SURROUNDING LOVE of our congregation are extended to **Donna Sloan** and her family on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Edith Sloan; **Marlin Sue Martin** and her family on the recent death of her mother, Marlin Martin, on January 29th; and to the family of **Jean Steele** who passed away February 3rd.

Women's Interfaith Tea February 7th

The 67th Annual Women's Interfaith Tea will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Youngstown. The event is hosted this year by the St. Monica Guild of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. The afternoon will begin with a short program in the church and afterwards the guests will be invited to gather in the Social Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Women of all faiths: Jewish, Orthodox, Protestant, Catholics and Muslim are invited to attend this FREE event. Reservations are requested but not required. For more information please contact Diana Leone 330-965-2165 or Angela DiFrangia 330-533-1389 or respond by email to: interfaithtea2012@zoominternet.net



MVAC Announces "SINGING THE FAITH" Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 PM St. Columba Cathedral 154 Wood St., Youngstown, OH

Many Christians who worship regularly are inspired by the music that their congregation's choir provides. The response to last year's choir festival sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches was even better than expected, so, they're doing it again! Please come and enjoy this shared way to praise our God.

There is no charge and no need for reservation. Bring anyone and everyone you like! There will be a freewill offering to cover costs and to further the work of reconciliation in the Valley. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

Come to St. Columba on Sunday, February 12 and join with others (**including our own Motet Choir!**) in praise and prayer.

*Sing joyfully to the Lord
Psalm 23:1*

SOJOURN TO THE PAST FUNDRAISER - FEBRUARY 12th

A Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for "Sojourn to the Past" will be held Sunday, February 12th, from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Richard Brown United Methodist Church on Elm Street on the Northside of Youngstown. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Funds raised will provide financial assistance for 8-9 Youngstown high school students to be able to participate in the annual "Sojourn to the Past" this spring. For more information about the Spaghetti Dinner or the "Sojourn to the Past" program, you may contact Sean Barron 330-757-3783 or Rev. Jim Ray 330-757-0848, both of whom have participated in Sojourn as chaperones.

**RON BARRON'S ART
ON DISPLAY AT BUTLER MUSEUM**

The Artworks of Ron Barron, father of our own Sean Barron, will be featured in a special exhibit at the Butler Art Museum beginning Sunday, February 12th. Those attending the Butler Art Museum on Sunday, February 12th, will also have the opportunity to "meet the artist" between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. that afternoon at the museum.

**BOOK CLUB
MEETS ON FEBRUARY 14th**

The Book Club regularly meets on the **second Tuesday** of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. All members and friends who are book enthusiasts are invited to join us at any time. The book to read for February is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* is a book about the imbalance between the needs of medical science and the individual impacts of medical ethics (or the lack thereof). At its heart is the story of a woman—whose fatal cancer led to some of the major scientific breakthroughs of the 20th century—and the family who suffered through her death, then found out 30 years later about her afterlife in a petri dish.



**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND**



*Covered Dish Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Vesper Service - 7:00 p.m.*

Once again, our Board of Deacons will host our annual *Ash Wednesday Dinner and Vesper Service* in Helen Chapel. The Deacons will provide baked chicken, fish, and beverages for the dinner, which begins at 6:00 p.m. Members and friends, **according to the first letter of your last name**, are asked to bring something to share for our dinner: Salads (A-F), Vegetables (G-M), or Desserts (N-Z). (Please note that those attending may bring any food offering to share, regardless of alphabet, or no food offering at all.)

Our Deacons have also invited members from Butler Memorial and Hungarian Presbyterian Churches to join us for Dinner and Vespers. The Vesper Service, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will last approximately thirty minutes, and will also include the imposition of ashes for those who would like to participate.

***A Special Thank-You
To Our Church Family***

Dear Rev. Mager and Members,

It's nice to know that there are still people who take such pleasure in doing special things and making others feel good...Thank You. You're really special.

William R. Toman and Family
January 7th death of my sister, Marion Pierko

**Ministry to Gutknecht Towers
Saturday, February 11th
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Our ministry with Gutknecht Towers is co-sponsored by our Board of Deacons and Butler Memorial Church. If you would like to be a part of this ministry and help us on Saturday, February 11th, please contact Karen Cooper at 330-207-8719.

**DEACONS AND SESSION
RETREAT
FEBRUARY 18TH**

All elders and deacons who are currently serving are reminded of the joint meeting and retreat on Saturday, February 18th from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at Park Vista North in the Ground Floor Lounge. Parking is available behind the North building.

Members of the congregation are asked to remember our Church Officers in your prayers as they prepare for and participate in this annual retreat.

**PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICE
ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING -
MONDAY - FEB 20TH**

On Monday, February 20th, Protestant Family Service will have their 41st Annual Dinner Meeting at Zion Lutheran Church. Social hour begins at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased from Jeanne Monroe (330-759-1167) or any Board Member. Please contact Rev. Mager if you plan to attend so we can save a place for you at our Church's table.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
Begins Thursday, February 23rd**

Rev. Mager will once again lead a six-week Bible Study during Lent. The theme of this year's study is *"Walking the Way of the Cross With Paul,"* and we will begin on Thursday, February 23rd, at 4:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

As in the past, there are handout sheets with background reading for each week's study. Though not required, it will be helpful reading in preparation for each week's study. Copies of the background reading for the first week are available from Rev. Mager or JoEllen in the Church Office.

**Youngstown State University
Announces Six Remaining Events
For 2012 African American History Month Events**

All of these events are open to the public, and details are available through the Church Office, on flyers posted on our bulletin boards, or through the African Studies Program at YSU (330)941-3097.

The events are as follows:

- Thursday, February 9th – 5:00 p.m.**, Reception, Bliss Hall Art Gallery
6:00 p.m., Panel Discussion, The McDonough Museum of Art
 Reception and Panel Discussion on African American Artistic Display – The Art of Louis Burroughs
- Saturday, February 11th – 11:00 a.m.**, St. Andrews A.M.E. Church, 521 Earle Avenue,
 Youngstown African Fitness Dance Class
- Monday, February 13th – 7:30 p.m.**, Jones Room, Kilcawley Center
 Keynote Lecture by Heidi Duro: The Biracial/Mixed Experience
- Saturday, February 18th – 7:30 p.m.**, The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
 Entertainment by Group From New Jersey
- Tuesday, February 21st – 7:30 p.m.**, The Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center
 Lecture by Shawn Williams: “Blogging While Black”
- Sunday, February 26th – 6:00 p.m.**, The Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center
 An Evening of Gospel Jazz

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Booker T. Washington

“When I found I had crossed that line, [on her first escape from slavery, 1845] I looked at my hands to see if I was the same person. There was such a glory over everything.”

Harriet Tubman

FPC CALENDAR



- Tuesday, February 7**
 7:00 p.m. Boys Scouts
- Wednesday, February 8**
 1:30 p.m. Lectionary Study at Park Vista
- Thursday, February 9**
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, February 12**
 6:00 p.m. MVAC Choral Concert at St. Columba
- Tuesday, February 14**
 10:00 a.m. Book Club in Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, February 15**
 1:30 p.m. Lectionary Study at Park Vista
- Thursday, February 16**
 3:00 p.m. “Transitions, Tea and Talk” –
 Multipurpose Room
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, February 18**
 9:00 a.m. Officer’s Retreat at Park Vista
- Tuesday, February 21**
 6:00 p.m. BEG Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, February 22**
 1:30 p.m. Lectionary Study at Park Vista
 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday, February 23**
 4:00 p.m. Bible Study in Multipurpose Room
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday, February 28**
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, February 29**
 4:00 p.m. Mission I & S Meeting in Library
 1:30 p.m. Lectionary Study at Park Vista

SHOWCASE IDEAS

Do you have a hobby or a collection which you would like to share with our church family at FPC?

We are looking for ideas for our showcases in the hallway outside the Church Parlor and/or the Office. If you can help, please tell Pat Soller or Maria in the Church Office.

UPDATE ON OUR CLERK

“The Eyes Have It”

The Church Office has received word that Chet Cooper, G.A. Commissioner and Little League Umpire, has just recently had his eyes examined and has purchased new glasses. He has reported that indeed donations would still be welcome!

HOLD THE DATE – MARCH 27TH

Annual Schaff Lectures

Dr. Gary Dorrien

7:00 p.m. Public Lecture

***“Economic Crises, Economic Democracy,
and OccupyWallStreet”***

The next issue of The Forecaster will be mailed on Tuesday, February 21st. Articles for this issue are due to JoEllen by Thursday, February 16, 2012.