

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Epiphany/Baptism Sunday

January 8, 2012

GATHERING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

As Family of God's People

*Indicates those who find it comfortable may stand

**Please turn off all pagers and cell phones before worship begins

It is our hope and prayer that all who enter this place of worship will feel warmly welcomed
in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

Please use the time before worship to greet one another in the joy and gladness!

STRIKING OF THE CHIMES

When the chimes are struck, worship begins! Please end your conversations with those around you & turn your attention toward the One who sent His son into the world to be our joy and our life!

WELCOME AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Leader: A joyous good morning to you all! Welcome to the House of the Lord!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: And also to you!

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please sign the friendship pads found on the end of each row, pass them down and notice those seated around you, offering them the warmest of greetings!)

CENTERING OUR MINDS AND HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Leader: Come now! We are here to worship God! So let us turn our hearts and our minds toward Him who shines forth God's love and light among us and within us this day and always!

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH MUSIC (Prelude)

BRINGING IN THE WORD OF GOD AND THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Acolytes)

CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP IN SONG

The Chancel Choir

CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

Leader: Friends and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, hear the Good News of the Gospel:
God so loved the world...and everybody in the world...

People: That He gave us His Son...His own dear Son!

Leader: And this is the reason why:

People: That through Him we ourselves might become Children of God!

Leader: Come then! Let us celebrate the life that is ours through Christ Jesus, our Lord!

People: And to Him who is God's Son, let us sing songs of praise!

*SINGING IN PRAISE *"When Morning Gilds the Skies!"* (vss. 1, 3 & 4) Number 487

*PRAYING PRAYERS OF PRAISE/SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRAYING TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US (Contemporary)

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 daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen!

*SINGING TO THE GLORY OF GOD

"Glory Be to the Father"

Number 577

SHARING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Through Baptism, Ordination, Giving and Singing to the Glory of God

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claire Nevaeh Capehart

SINGING OUR HYMN OF BAPTISM

"Little Ones, O Lord, We Bring You"

Tune # 464

Lit-tle ones, O Lord, we bring you, Lit-tle ones whom You do love,

Lit-tle ones for grace and fav-or, Blessed by love, blessed from a-bove!

Lord, we bring them for Yo-ur mer-cy, Lord w-e trust them to Your care!

E-ven as You love them dear-ly, Help us with them love to share!

Lit-tle ones, O Lord, You give us, Lit-tle ones, with us You share!

Prec-ious in Your sight are child-ren, In our hands You place their care!

Give us guid-ance, grant u-s wis-dom, That Yo-ur child-ren we may raise,

Trust-ing al-ways in Your pres-ence, With them now and all their days! (c. 1987 Shining Light Music, CCLI#11471175)

SHARING GOD'S CALL TO SERVICE AS ELDERS AND DEACONS

Litany of Call

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God calls different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves God's purposes through us all.

Leader: Within our common calling, some are called for a particular work as officers within Christ's church – Elders and Deacons – not in order to do the work of ministry for the people, but in order to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service. In ordination and installation, we recognize these special ministries to which some among us have been called, remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ said:

People: Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever among you wants to be first must become the slave of all.

Presentation of Officers for Ordination and Installation

Deacons: Marilyn Crisler

Elders: Rebecca Crisler

Martha Lang

Kevin Harris

Becky Mast

Steve Mast

Ruth Miller

Vicky Petty

Amy Willis

Beth Powers

Questions for Elders and Deacons

Questions for the Congregation

Laying on of Hands for Ordination

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer of Ordination and Installation (Unison)

Almighty God, in every age you have called servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you especially for these women and men of faith whom you have called to serve you in this time and place. Give them special gifts to do your special work. Fill them with the power of Your Holy Spirit that they may be faithful to You, Your Church and Your people. Dedicate them now, we pray, as they begin this ministry as Deacons and Elders, that they may always minister in Your name, showing Your love and spreading Your Good News in all that they do. For we ask it in the name of Him who calls us all to faithful service, even Christ Jesus, our Lord! Amen!

Extending the Right Hand of Welcome

Singing in Dedication **“Ordination Hymn”** Tune # 428

On these Your ser-vants, Lord, Your bless-ing now we pr-ay,
Give to them vis-ion, cour-age, grace, In all they do and say!

Or-dained this day by You, As ser-vants of Your Wo-rd,
Give to them faith both firm and strong, Christ’s Gos-pel to be heard! (continued)

May all they do for You, Give glor-y to Your S-on,
And through their work and ser-vice, Lord, May Your own work be done!

SHARING OUR GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Sharing
Playing to the Glory of God (Offertory)
*Singing in Grateful Praise **“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”** -H. Smith
Give thanks, with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One!
Give thanks be-cause He’s giv-en Je-sus Christ, H-is son!
And now, let the weak say, “I am strong!” Let the poor say, “I am rich!”
Be-cause of what the Lord has done fo-r us! Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!
*Praying in Thanksgiving

SHARING THE GIFT OF MUSIC The Chancel Choir

SHARING THE WORD OF THE LORD
God’s Word to Us

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD Mark 1:1-11 Pew Bible p. 1180
1 John 3:1 p. 1483

AFFIRMING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Leader: Friends, rejoice and give thanks, for this is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

SINGING IN MEDITATION **“Spirit of the Living God”** -Daniel Iverson

Spir-it of the Liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me! Spir-it of the Liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir-it of the Liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me! CCL1#11471175

PRAYING FOR THE GUIDING PRESENCE OF GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT

SHARING A NEW YEAR’S DAY MEDITATION Through the Waters of Baptism
“YOU Are My Beloved Child!”

*SINGING IN AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORD **“Wonder of Wonders”** Tune Number 426

Won-der of won-de-r-s here r-e-vealed! God’s cov-e-nant with us is sealed!
And long be-fore w-e know o-r pray, God’s love en-folds u-s ev’ry day!

Here in our bap-ti-sm now w-e see God’s grace un-bound for all, for me!
And so re-pond wi-th joy-f-ul praise In lov-ing ser-vi-ce all our days!

I am a child o-f God yo-u see! Christ’s wel-come is for you and me!
And to His ta-b-le now w-e come! To share the feast o-f Christ, God’s Son!

Now we our vows o-f faith r-e-new, in all we say and all we do,
That with our Christ w-e all m-ay be, God own be-lov-ed fam-i-ly!

INVITING ALL GOD’S CHILDREN TO THE TABLE OF GOD’S SON

BREAKING THE BREAD Prayer for the Bread: Elder Anne Brienza

POURING THE CUP Prayer for the Cup: Elder Mark Butler

PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

RECOMMITING OURSELVES THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(ALL who are worship with us this morning are invited to share in these symbols of God’s love and grace for us, God’s beloved children! The bread and cup will be served together this morning. **Please pass the tray to your neighbor first**, who will then hold as you serve yourself. As is the custom of this church family, we ask that you hold the bread and cup until all have been served that we might commune together, one with another and all with our Lord!)

*SHARING PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND JOY

*GOING FORTH WITH A CHARGE & A BLESSING (Benediction)

*GOING FORTH IN SONG (Choral Blessing) The Chancel Choir

*GOING FORTH WITH MUSIC (Postlude)

A WARM AND JOYOUS WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD’S PEOPLE is offered to **Claire Neveah Capehart**, daughter of Allison (Amey) and Stephen Capehart, who was born into God’s good world on August 19, 2011! Claire is the granddaughter of Deb and Kent Amey!

Please join us for our FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP time! Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment, hosted by the Worship and Congregational Life Ministry Team, following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Parish Nurse Phyllis Lyons will also be conducting blood pressure screenings.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH extends a warm and joyous **“Welcome!”** to **ALL** who have joined us for worship on this joyous Lord’s Day! Our hope and prayer is that as we share together during our time of worship, we may each know more fully and completely the blessing of God’s love, grace and mercy which comes to us in Him who is God’s light and life for us all! Whether you are a first time guest, an occasional visitor, or with us every Sunday, please know you are ALWAYS welcome within the 1st UPC Community of Faith!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT 1ST UPC

Deacons "On Call": Marilyn and Jennifer Crisler

1st UPC IN FAITH AND ACTION FOR THE WEEK of Jan. 8, 2012 – Jan. 15, 2012

- Sun., Jan. 8, Pray for Clifton United Presbyterian Church / Read Mark 1:4-11**
9:30a.m. Experience the Word – Experience the Community *Baptism of the Lord*
10:45 a.m. Worship
Installation/Ordination of Officers
Monthly Fellowship Hour / Blood Pressure Check
Mid-high Youth Group meets
- Mon., Jan. 9, Pray for the Moyer Family / Read Gen. 35:1-15** *God calls and blesses Jacob*
5pm UN-Decorate Party
7pm Worship & CG/MC meetings
- Tues., Jan. 10, Pray for the Murdock Family / Read Isa. 6:1-13** *Isaiah encountered by God*
7pm CE meeting
- Wed., Jan. 11, Pray for the Myers Family / Read Jer. 1:4-10** *God commissions Jeremiah*
7pm Property meeting
- Thurs., Jan. 12, Pray for Jo Mustaine / Read 1 Sam. 3:1-20** *God calls Samuel*
Choir Practices
7pm Youth Advisors meeting
- Friday, Jan. 13, Pray for the Neff Family / Read Ps. 139:1-6,13-18** *You have searched & known me*
- Sat., Jan. 14, Pray for Tom & Caroline Notestine / Read 1 Cor. 6:12-20** *Glorify God in your body*
Middle School Winter Event
- Sun., Jan. 15, Pray for the 1st UPC Family of Faith / Read John 1:43-51** *2nd Sunday after the Epiphany*
9:30a.m. Experience the Word – Experience the Community
10:45 a.m. Worship
Senior High Soup Luncheon immediately following worship

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Jan. 8: Dorothy Whisman

Jan. 9: Sue Albano

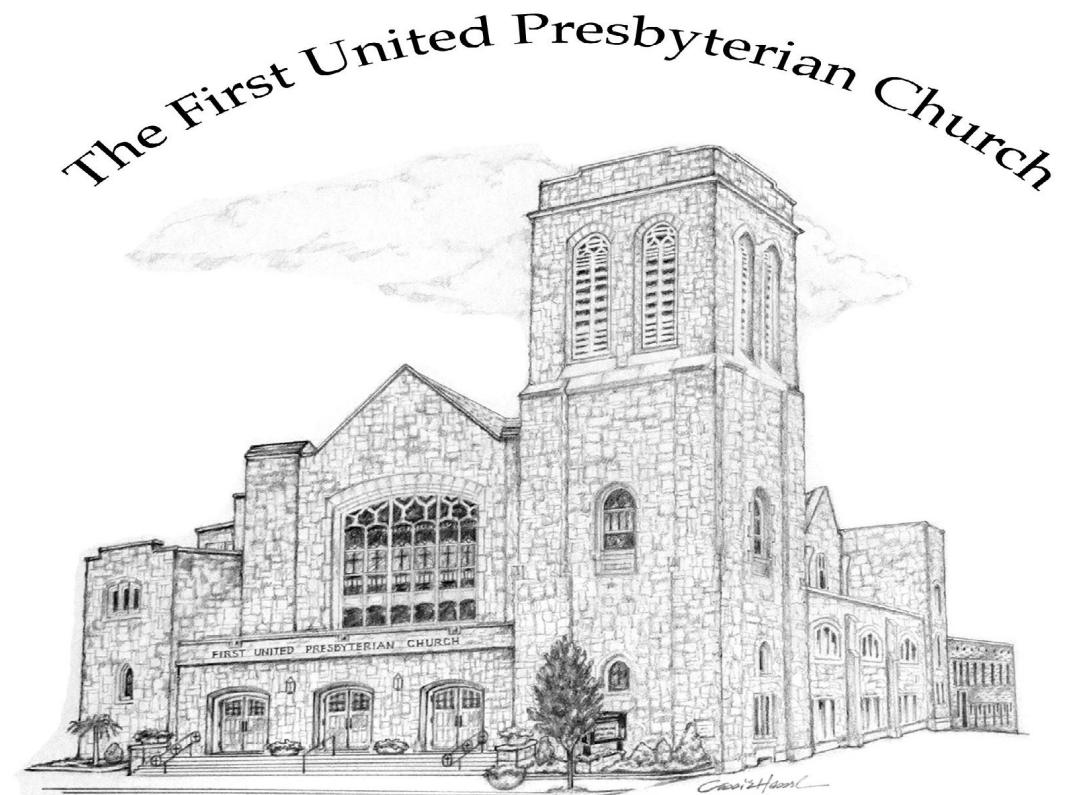
Jan. 10: T.J. Forsythe

Jan. 11: Marty Marine, Marge MacGillivray & Marissa Ritter

Jan. 12: Alyssa Elliott

Newsletter
DEADLINE

February Newsletter Deadline: Monday, January 16th



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*“Reaching Out to Nurture God’s People
With the Good News of Christ’s Love”*

SHARING IN THE MINISTRY OF 1ST UPC

Ministry Partners	Members & Friends of the Church
Coordinator of Parish Nursing	Phyllis Lyons
Coordinator of Pastoral Partners	Marty Marine
Clerk of Session	Bridgett Hawkins
Moderator of the Board of Deacons	Ryan Lane
Moderator of Presbyterian Women	Krista Adelsberger
Custodian	Ralph Morrison
Secretary	Julie McCarthy
Treasurer	Sue Dearwester
Nursery Attendants	Deb and Kent Amey
Handbell Choir Director	Cindy Jenkins
Choir Directors	Bob Day and Cindy Jenkins
Organist	Thomas Boone
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry	JoAnne Sharp
Pastor	Rob Fulton

Greeting You Before Worship: East Entrance: Vigansky Family West Entrance: the Jackson Family
Serving as Ushers: Margaret Appel, Bud Eichholtz, Jim Hilliker, Bridget Hawkins, David Ritter,
Mark & Landyn Butler, Janice Bowsher and Rose Shoemaker

Serving as Sound Tech: Rodney Willis

Serving as Acolytes: Erin Jackson & Caitlyn Shumaker

Serving in the Nursery: The Ameys

Preschool: Jill Butler

Elder Greeters After Church: East: Elder Larry McCarthy

West: Elder Mark Butler

If you are interested in learning more about faith in and discipleship to the Lord Jesus Christ, or about exploring membership within First United Presbyterian Church, please speak with Pastor Rob or one of the Elder Greeters TODAY! It would be our JOY to welcome you into the 1st UPC Family of Faith on our next New Member Sunday or at any time that is convenient for you! Please let Rob or the Elders know of your interest!

AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, we believe that worship is a time for ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY to come together to hear God's word and sing God's praise! Therefore, ALL CHILDREN OF GOD, no matter what their age, are welcomed during our service of worship! Parents are encouraged to help their children engage in QUIET ACTIVITIES during the service that will not interfere with the worship participation of those seated nearby. Also, please visit the restrooms prior to worship and pick up QUIET ACTIVITY BAGS on your way INTO the sanctuary. WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

THE CHURCH NURSERY for children birth through kindergarten is located on the lower level of the building, down the west stairs from the sanctuary. Please ask the ushers for directions. Children in 1st grade and older are encouraged and expected to worship with their families in the sanctuary.

OUR "WE CARE" POSTERS today are for **CELYNN TAYLOR** who retired at the end of 2011 after 24+ years as a Bellefontaine school bus driver...for **STEVE MAST** who had gall bladder surgery on Thursday...for **BRIANNA MURDOCK** who underwent a tonsillectomy on Thursday at MRH...for **MONA EICHHOLTZ** who will have sinus surgery tomorrow in Columbus...and for **JENNI AMIDON MANN** who will undergo reconstructive surgery on Monday in Dayton. Please sign the We Care Posters in the hallway and let **Celynn, Steve, Brianna, Mona and Jenni** know they are in our thoughts and prayers and that **WE CARE** about them!

THOSE NEEDING OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

(**Bold print** indicates new additions or changes in status of those listed previously)

Fellow church members with health & family problems and employment issues

Steve Mast, following gall bladder surgery on Thursday

Brianna Murdock, following tonsillectomy on Thursday

Mona Eichholtz, scheduled for outpatient sinus surgery on Monday

Jenni Amidon Mann, reconstructive surgery on Monday in Dayton

Laurel Kunes, Holly Core's sister, following knee replacement surgery in Mentor, Ohio

Brian Murdock, schedule for 1/20 surgery to remove hip replacement due to infection

Janet Fullerton, began a new type of chemo treatment this week

Joy Delapena, BHS friend of Courtney Chervenak, diagnosed with leukemia

Ruth Irwin, moving to Green Hills Inn in the coming days

Elaine Hess Keller, daughter of Mark and Carol, high risk pregnancy with twins

Kim Wagner continuing recuperation at home following hip replacement surgery

Dave Haw, continuing recuperation at home following foot and leg surgery

Pat Opel, neighbors of Louise Gordon, following the death of her husband Joe to cancer and

Pat has liver disease

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the We Care/ Birthday Poster and the lovely poinsettia. A very special thank you to the First Friday Gang for the very first Christmas card that I received this season. A very happy New Year to everyone! Love, **Jo Mustaine**

Dear Friends, Thank you for the We Care poster, cards, and the thoughts and prayers when Dave's mother passed away just before Christmas. She enjoyed the friendships she found among members of this congregation. **Dave and Marla McCormick**

SENIOR HIGH SOUP LUNCHEON - We're having a Soup Luncheon-Sunday Jan. 15 right after Worship. Luncheon sponsored by our Sr High Youth to fund their Mission Trip to West Virginia in July. **Come enjoy a warm bowl of soup and help support our youth!**

Children (Preschool-5th grade) Sunday School Teachers Meeting-Wednesday Jan. 18 at 7:00 in the Library. Please let JoAnne know if you can't make it.

Youth Group Advisers meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 pm -Please bring your calendar also let JoAnne know if you can't make it.

Middle School Youth...Tubing at Mad River, Saturday Jan. 14th...meet at the church at 1:30...Please let JoAnne know by Thursday the 12th if you are going.

UNDECORATE THE SANCTUARY PARTY

5:00 pm, Monday January 9, 2012

Advent is such a wonderful time of the year, and then comes January! Please join us of **Monday, January 9 at 5:00 pm** (or whenever you can get there) to help pack up the greenery, the Chrismons and the trees for another year. Bring a snack to share!

FYI.....Sunday's bulletins are on our website as well as sermons, prayer list, events calendar, birthdays, pictures, newsletters, etc.

Check it out!!

www.bellefontainePRES.com

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th

The Session has set the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be Sunday, January 29th, immediately following the worship service. At that time we will receive the Annual Report and consider any other business any member of the congregation wishes to bring. All members and friends of 1st UPC are encouraged to be a part of this brief but important meeting in the life of our church. Please plan to attend.

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2012 Coffee Hour / Fellowship Time

We would like to continue our monthly fellowship time following worship. We are in need of helpers for 2012. The host is responsible for providing punch or fruit. Those who volunteer to bring cookies will need to bring 3 dozen.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

Margaret Appel

I / we are willing to help with the 2012 Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Time.

Please mark your choices:

Bake Cookies (3 dozen needed) _____ Host (provides punch or fruit) _____
Month _____

Name _____ Ph No. _____

Questions??? Call Margaret Appel 935-2872 Thank You!!

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