



COMMUNICATOR

Holiday Park United Methodist Church

Serving Christ Through Service to Others

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Worship for the Month of February

Our Mission

"We are a Community of Believers, who Exist to Worship, Serve and Share Jesus Christ with all Peoples."

Leadership Team

Senior Pastor

Rev. Joel Garrett

Minister of Visitation

Rev. Jack Piper

Director of Programming

Ed McGinn

Youth Director

Greg Drayer

Music Director

Beth Kerschner

Church Secretary

Dee Long

Feb. 6	Sacrament of Holy Communion 8:15 Worship in Wesley Hall 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary 11:15 Worship in Sanctuary
Feb. 13	8:15 Worship in Wesley Hall 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary 11:15 Worship in Sanctuary
Feb. 20	8:15 Worship in Wesley Hall 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 Sacrament of Christian Baptism 11:15 Worship in Sanctuary
Feb. 27	8:15 Worship in Wesley Hall 9:30 Worship in Sanctuary 11:15 Worship in Sanctuary

Each Sunday Morning

9:30—Adult Sunday School

9:30—Sunday School for Children Youth

Nursery Available for Children under two



Pancake Breakfast on February 12th

By: Ed McGinn

Bring your family and friends to join us for a pancake breakfast **Saturday, Feb. 12th from 8-11:30am at Holiday Park United Methodist Church's Wesley Hall!** Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and a beverage. This event is brought to you by the HPUMC Preschool Fundraising Committee and all proceeds will aid in the purchase of classroom supplies and student enrichment activities for our preschool students.

Get your tickets early and save \$\$! We are pre-selling the tickets for the breakfast at \$5 for adults and \$4 for children ages 2 and up. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Pre-School Director Holly Cook, 724-733-7953. Tickets will also be for sale Sunday 1/30 and 2/6 before and after church services. Tickets at the door will be \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 2 and up on the day of the event.

We also need volunteers to help with the breakfast! Anyone interested in volunteering their time or resources should contact the Pre-School at 724-733-7953 or by e-mail at hpumcschool@comcast.net. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By: Kristyn and Bryan Romell

This year we decide to track two of our shoeboxes. In order to do this, the shipping charges for the two boxes were paid on-line. We were then given a tracking number that was attached to the top of the two boxes Samaritan's Purse, who sponsors Operation Christmas Child, has contacted us via e-mail to let us know that our boxes had been sent to Ecuador. Thanks for helping us to introduce the Good News of Jesus to the children of Ecuador. We hope that you are taking advantage of after Christmas Sales and stashing away small gifts for next year. Happy New Year!

UNDECORATING THANKS

By: Steve Schlauch

Just wanted to say a special "thank you" to those who helped to undecorated the church on Jan. 8th. I know everyone has very busy schedules but they found the "extra" time to come and help out. They did a great job. June and Russ Yeckley, Bill and Kathy Judge, Vera Halfhill, Dee Long, Dave Thoma Barb Clark, Scott Anderson, Jane, Marty and Greg Schlauch; you are a blessing!

PLUM FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

By: Bill Weber

Since our last report in October, the Plum Food Pantry has had a very active and rewarding season. The food distribution operation of our ministry continues to grow as shown below:

Month	Total Families Served	Total Persons Served	New Families Served **
October	152	415	22
November	158	449	26
December	169	467	23

** includes emergencies

The total number of families served in 2010 was 1,921. This represents a slight reduction from the 1,963 served in 2009.

In addition to our regular food distribution operation, the ingredients for a Thanksgiving Dinner were provided to 165 participating families.

During the Christmas season, gift cards were distributed to 138 families and toys for 200 children that were being served by the Food Pantry. Many clients expressed their gratitude for these gifts. The congregations of the supporting Plum Churches and other organizations should be glad to see that their donations brought happiness to many families who otherwise would have faced a bleak holiday season because of poverty, joblessness or illness.

We now start a new year which what appears to be a continuation of 2010. We continue to need your support whether it be financial, physical or food donations.

Thank you for your support.

To the Pastor and Congregation,

We would like to thank you and all those who participated in the 2010 Plum Food Pantry Coat Drive.

Through your support, caring and generosity, we were able to provide new coats for 154 of the clients from birth to age 18 as well as about 25 undesignated Food Pantry Clients.

Additionally, our thanks to those who donated knit items such as hats, scarves, and mittens to compliment the coats. The clients wanted to express their thanks to everyone for their kindness.

Your continues support and participation made this year's Coat Drive successful.

Again, thank you and God Bless,

Dee Long For the Plum Food Pantry



COMMUNICATOR ARTICLES

By: **Mary Lee Wetmore**

Communicator articles may be emailed to me at wet243@aol.com or placed in my mailbox outside the church office. Please include your name with your article in case I have questions. If you are emailing an article please do so as an attachment. Articles are due the 10th of each month.



DIRECTORY CHANGES

Address Changes



Keith and Katie Horner
712 Edmond Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Kitty Wiles
106 Morwood Ct.
Apt. 3302
Cabot, PA 16023

God's Blessings on the Baptism of:

- Logan Alexander Klipa son of Donna and Eric Klipa.
- Ruthie Ella Schade daughter of Kim and Jacob Schade



Our Christian Prayers & Sympathy are extended to:

- Peter Martin and Family on the death of his father Peter W. Martin Sr. on Jan. 2nd.
- Joe Utterback and Family on the death of his sister Effie May Blystone on Jan. 5th.
- Sandra (David) Allen and Robert (Beverly) Gardner on the death of their mother Helen Gardner Gyens on Jan. 10th.

LET THE CHILDREN COME

By: Pastor Joel Garrett

A most precious passage of scriptures is found in Mark 10:13-16. **13** *“One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch them and bless them, but the disciples told them not to bother him. 14 But when Jesus saw what was happening, he was very displeased with his disciples. He said to them, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 I assure you, anyone who doesn’t have their kind of faith will never get into the Kingdom of God.” 16 Then he took the children into his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.”* (New Living Translation)

Two key words in this passage are the words “touch” in verse thirteen and “blessed” in verse sixteen. To touch means more than to place one’s hands on in a formal ceremony but carries with it the process of adherence. The word bless is the word from which we get our word eulogy and is a combination of the words “good” and “word” meaning literally “good word.” The picture this passage creates for us is that people were bringing their children to Jesus in order for him to form a long relationship with them in which he might pronounce over the children “good words.” In other words the “good words” are a pronouncement to the children a vision of the best they can be through their faith in God. Imagine, Jesus is casting a vision of this nature even to little children. Jesus further challenges the adults present to live out this vision by bringing children to him because the Kingdom of God belongs to children too.

How are we at Holiday Park living into the vision Jesus cast two-thousand years ago? We have one of the best equipped nurseries a church can have but there are times we are lacking in volunteers to staff the nursery. The people who staff the nursery do so week after week but it is not fair to expect them to do so week after week after week without a break. We have an excellent opportunity and place to establish a firm foundation of faith for young children where they can begin the process of adherence to Christ. This is an opportune time for them to not only to hear but to feel the “good word” of faith spoken over them. Would you like to be part of his ministry to get the children God has entrusted to us started in a good direction? If so, call Pastor Joel or Nicole Drayer at 724-367-6552 and we will get you connected.

Peace,

Pastor Joel

