



The Outlook

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church of Waynesburg

February 2012

"All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies." Psalm 25-10

Dear Waynesburg First Family,

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus. ([1 Corinthians 1:4 RSV](#)) May God bless us, one and all, as we work to grow God's kingdom here in Waynesburg.

This year I have decided to present my sermons in a series format. This month my second series will be entitled, "Using Our Gifts Wisely."

God, as our creator, has given us a myriad of gifts in order to live a life of abundance and to build up God's kingdom. When we use those gifts according to God's will we are being good stewards of all that we have received. According to Merriam-Webster a steward is one who actively directs affairs.

Yes, God has entrusted us, as followers of Jesus Christ, to actively direct the affairs of the kingdom as they relate to this world. All of us are stewards of what God has given. Donald W. Joiner in his book, Stewardship, a Rainbow of Colors, gives us four principles of stewardship.

1) Creation

God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

Genesis 1:28, the Message

"But me - who am I, and who are these my people, that we should presume to be giving something to you? Everything comes from you; all we're doing is giving back what we've been given from your generous hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14, the Message

2) Partnership

I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6, the Message

Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11, the Message

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**Pastor Gary Grau's Office Hours: Tues., Thurs., and Sat.
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Please join us for Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am — Children and Adults

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3) Equipped for Ministry

Let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't. If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

Romans 12:6-8, the Message

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

1 Corinthians 12:7, the Message

And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

Ephesians 4:10-13, the Message

4) Accountability

After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them.

Matthew 25:19, the Message

The servant who knows what his master wants and ignores it, or insolently does whatever he pleases, will be thoroughly thrashed. But if he does a poor job through ignorance, he'll get off with a slap on the hand. Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!

Luke 12:47-48, the Message

Did you catch it? Everything we give to God was given to us by God in the first place. Are you directing those gifts wisely? We will be judged on how we did.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Gary



Scriptures and Sermons for February

USING GOD'S GIFTS WISELY

5th Genesis 44:1-5 "Job of a Steward"

12th Luke 16:1-13 "A Wise Steward"

19th Malachi 3:6-12 "Tithing"

26th Matthew 6:12 Kurt Gottschalk preaching



Food for Thought

The Master said, "Let me ask you: Who is the dependable manager, full of common sense, that the master puts in charge of his staff to feed them well and on time? He is a blessed man if when the master shows up he's doing his job.

Luke 12: 42-43, the Message

**Into the Word of God let us delve,
in this year of two thousand and twelve.**

Youth January Calendar

Sun., Feb. 5th at noon

Youth room clean-up and lunch

Wear old clothes

Sunday, Feb. 12th

Youth Snow tubing @ Nemaocolin Woodlands Mystic Mountain, 2-4 p.m.

Meet at the church at 12:45 p.m.

*If anyone wants to wait at the church after worship until we leave bring your warm clothes and we'll grab a quick lunch while we wait.

Sun., Feb. 19th

6-7:30 p.m.

Youth group in the youth room

Sun., Feb. 26th

6-7:30 p.m.

Youth group in the youth room

Fri.-Sat., March 9th-10th ****THIS IS A DATE CHANGE****

30 hour Famine @ First Nazarene

All Waynesburg Youth Event

30 Hour Famine 2012

The 30 Hour Famine is an event put on by World Vision every year to raise money for world hunger. The way the event works is youth and adults pledge to not eat for 30 hours (or however long the event planned lasts) and learn about the seriousness of world hunger and raise money for either World Vision or a local organization.

This year several youth leaders across Waynesburg came together and decided to hold one city-wide event. It is being held at the First Nazarene church because of its size and gym, and we are expecting about 100 youth from several of the local churches. The event will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 9th and run until 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10th. During these 24 hours, we will play games, do a service project, have worship, listen to speakers, and other activities that will teach youth about hunger and discrimination. At the end of the event, there will be a potluck dinner so the youth can pig out.

Closer to the event the youth and I will talk about how the Famine will work, the purpose of it, etc. I will also have a schedule for the Famine so everyone knows when to arrive for registration, when the service project will be, when the dinner will be, and other activities. The youth can bring any friends they would like. The only request the other youth leaders and I have made is that unless it is absolutely necessary to leave, we would want each person participating to stay for the entirety of the Famine so they really get the impact of the event.

If you have any questions about the Famine, please let me know. Otherwise, as we get closer to March 9th, I will hand out more detailed information.

The Gathering

Upcoming dates:

Sun., Feb. 19th at 7 PM

Sun., Mar. 18th at 7PM

Sun., Apr. 15th at 7 PM

Sun., May 20th at 7 PM

At Jeremiah's in Washington

The Glory Way Quartet

At: CV: Albright UM Church

Sunday, February 19th

Covered Dish at 5:30 PM

Program at 6:30 PM

Cost: Freewill love offering and a covered dish for the dinner

Check Out www.GlorywayQuartet.org





Conference Summer Church Camp



The 2012 summer church camp brochures have arrived. Anyone who attended camp last summer should also receive one in the mail at home. There are many choices of different types of camps, in different locations, and for different age levels (children to adult.) The church and Sunday School have camperships available. Check with Joy or Bill Gensler for more details. Extra camp brochures are in the Narthex.



When you get your brochure, fill out your registration form and have Pastor Gary to sign it, then give it to either Joy or Bill Gensler, Pastor Gary, or the church secretary. **DO NOT include any funds or mail the application to the church conference yourself.**



Please remember that the sooner you get your applications in, the more apt you are to get your first choice of camps! Some camps fill up in March and early April. **The deadline to return your registration to the church is April 15, 2012.** Plan now for a time of fun and fellowship.



An Evening to Remember –

“Freud’s Last Session”

The Pittsburgh Public Theater is presenting “Freud’s Last Session” at the O’Reilly Theater and a group from church is planning on attending and we’d love for you to join us.

The play takes place in Freud’s office and it is Sept 3, 1939 – the day Britain declared war on Germany. We will listen in as Freud the atheist and C.S. Lewis the believer share in an electrifying and entertaining conversation about God, love, sex, the meaning of life and many more thought provoking subjects.

At the time of the story Freud is 83 years old and living with cancer. However, his wickedly dry wit and amazing intellect is still strong. C. S. Lewis is 41 years old and full of charm that will be seen in his future books such as The Chronicles of Narnia.

Our group from church is planning on attending the **March 24th 2pm matinee.** We will meet at the church and car pool so if you’re not comfortable with driving to Pittsburgh, that will not be a problem. Please sign up on the reservation sheet in the church narthex and give your money to Connie or Wayne Hart. **Tickets are \$31 and the money must be in by March 3rd.**

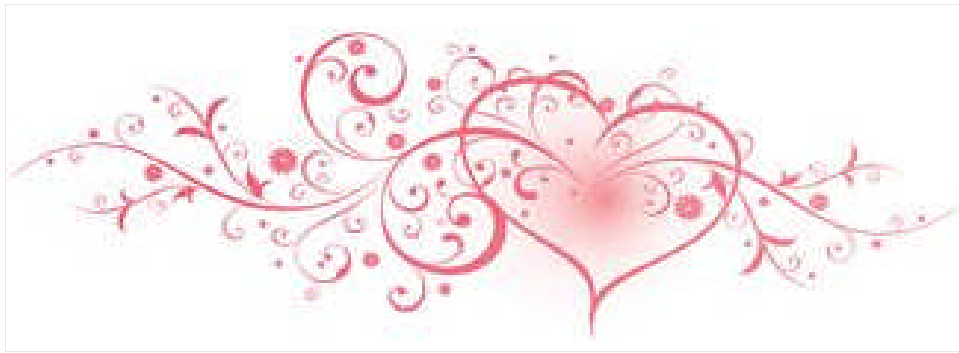
This play is sure to enlighten and help you to consider how you would respond if you were in C.S. Lewis’ shoes.



United Methodist

WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will hold a planning meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. All officers and circle leaders are asked to attend.



Give Your Just Desserts

Don't forget that Saint Ann's is in need of desserts for the Good Neighbor Lunch. The desserts can be dropped off daily at Saint Ann's or given to Wayne Hart and he will deliver them for you. Saint Ann's provides lunch for low income individuals on Mondays and Thursdays and they really appreciate our continued support. This is the only hot meal that some of these folks eat all week. Previously the desserts were provided by Shop & Save but now that they are no longer in business, this is a need that we can help to meet.



**Paws before you throw that
away.....**

Recycle and get Ca\$h for Critters

The Humane Society of Greene county is now accepting, in addition to ink cartridges and used cell phones, used digital cameras, GPS units, and IPODS. These items can be dropped off at the shelter, Radio Shack or given to Connie or Wayne Hart. They will be recycled and the money earned will be used to care for the abandoned and abused animals who find their way to our care.



Prison Ministry

On Tuesday January 10, 2012 the prison ministry team began a new Walking Your Faith I session with 22 men in attendance. We bathe this ministry in prayer and covet your prayers as well. We pray that God will select the men that He wants in the session and it is obvious that He has again answered our prayers. We've only had two sessions and they have both gone very well. The men are open to learning and willing to share during the round table sessions both with discussion and reading of scriptures.

Attending a Walking Your Faith session is a commitment that each man must make. He actually signs a contract agreeing to be in attendance every week, complete and hand in his homework and participate in the group discussion. It is very common to lose a few members during the first few weeks. Some men come just to see what it's all about and then decide that they are not ready for this type of program. Some men have infractions that cause them to be placed in restricted housing for a period of time and some men decide to do something else during one of the 20 week sessions and therefore are removed from the group. During the summer/fall sessions when the weather is nice, it's extremely enticing for the men to participate in yard activities rather than spending time in the chapel with the WYF group. We are fine with losing members since we are trusting in God to bring the men that He knows should be there. If a man is removed from the group, he has the option of attending one of the future WYF sessions. And, we have had many men who have dropped out of one session and come back with fervor and graduated from a future session.

The Walking Your Faith II session is five weeks shorter than WYF I so it will begin on Tuesday February 14th. Please join with us as we pray in advance for the men who will attend that session. Our prayer is that both of these programs will change each man's life and that they will further His kingdom both inside and outside of the prison walls.





February Birthdays

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. —I Peter 1:23

- 1 **Joe Olczak**
- 2 **Brooke Roberts**
- 3 **Jim Facemire**
Julie Alderson
Brandon Lindsay
- 7 **Jeff Cree**
Lee Robinson
- 8 **Audrey Greenlee**
Mary Ann Grau
- 9 **Brooke Oroe**
- 11 **Amber Duell**
- 12 **Connie Hart**
- 13 **Terry Bennett**
- 15 **Cullen McElligott**
- 16 **Caitlyn Duer**
Isabella Mariner
- 17 **Dan Corwin**
Tom Headlee
Aliza Mariner
- 18 **Gary Grau**
- 22 **Dan Ridout**
Christian Mariner
Presslie Mariner
- 25 **Clyde (Butch) Whyte**
Craig Alderson
Haley Lipscomb
Sharon Kennedy

Did we miss anyone?
Call the church office or send an e-mail to get your special day in the newsletter
(724-627-5951) or:
firstumcpa@windstream.net

New Church Website is Active

Read the monthly newsletter on the Website!

Go to www.waynesburgfirst.org or www.waynesburgumc.org. Each address will take you to the same website. You will be able to get the verse for the day and an Upper Room reading. If you like, you can register to hear the verse rather than read it.

The church website is fully up and running with mid-week devotions, a place for prayer requests, dates to remember, a youth page, missions and regular newsletter, and more. Check out upcoming events or mission opportunities to participate in. If you have anything you wish to be put on the website, send the item to the church office at firstumcpa@windstream.net or drop it off. We'll get it on the website.

2012 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes in the back of the church. If you do not yet have envelopes and wish to have a numbered envelope assigned to you, please contact Linda in the church office. Thanks!

Pray always ~ without ceasing!

Please call prayer requests to: the church office at
724-627-5951

If you would rather email, send them to Wayne Hart at:
wahart@windstream.net (Subject: Prayer Ministry)



February Announcement List

- February 5.....Youth
- February 12.....Rich Waddel
- February 19.....Wayne Hart
- February 26.....Kurt Gottschalk



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	3	4
5 Noon Youth Group Noon Special Admin. Council Mtg.	6 Dartball with Waynesburg Nazarene	7 6:30 PM UM Women Planning Mtg.	8	9 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	10	11
12 2-4 PM Youth Group Snow tubing 7:00 PM Greene Co. Hymn Sing here @ FUMC	13 Dartball with Carmichaels Free Methodist	14 ----- 	15 6:30 PM Trustees	16 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	17	18
19 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM The Gathering	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! Dartball with Pine Bank UMC	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY	23 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	24	25
26 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group	27 Dartball @ Pine Bank UMC	28	29			

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th!!!!